

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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## Christ the King Staff:

Fr. Barry Saylor: Pastor  
Pam Housworth: Secretary/Finance  
Deb Mlsna: DRE & Youth Ministry  
Gary Niziolek: Maintenance  
Bonnie Jakel: Sacristan  
Sue : Church Housekeeping



## Parish office hours:

Monday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-5:00pm
Wednesday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Thursday	8:30 am- 5:00pm
Friday	8:30am-12:30pm

## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

**Monday, December 14, 2020** Nm 24:2-7,15-17 Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020** Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020** Is 45:6-8,18,21-25 Lk 7:18-23 Mass Intention: + Larry Fritsch

**Thursday, December 17, 2020** Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17 Mass Intention: + Leon Mondloch

**Friday, December 18, 2020** Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25 Mass Intention: + Jerome Hoffarth

## Saturday, December 19, 2020 \*4pm Mass

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention: + Ray & Norma Miller

Lector: Larry Schultz

Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schultz

Servers: David Eckes & Ann Eckes

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Cattanach Volunteer Needed

## Sunday, December 20, 2020 \*8am Mass

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention: + Emil & Ronald Weiland

Lector: Bob or Barb Wesle

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks

Servers: Montana Kohls

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Austyn Kohls & Jerome Lang

## Sunday, December 20, 2020 \* 10am Mass

**Readings:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention: + Christ the King Families

Lector: Rita Austin

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Bruss

Servers: Paige Bauer & Elliot Bauer

Crucifix Bearer:

Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang Volunteer Needed



*From the Pastor's Desk:*

As we've been contemplating repentance in our lives and our hearts during the first two weeks of Advent, this third week there is a shift, a new direction if you will. The third candle is lit, rose in color on this Gaudete Sunday, and there is movement of JOY and celebration for what is coming.

The theme or representation of the color change is the Shepherd candle or the candle of JOY. That of which is coming and approaching rather quickly.

Do we forget about the repentance part of Advent now? Do we look only to the JOY that Christ is about to bring through His birth? I believe it is an equal balance of both. One in which repentance brings us to that JOY the Lord gives to each of us.

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert ... make straight the way of the Lord."* Words spoken by John the Baptist who paved the way for Christ's coming.

How are we doing with that? Are we making "straight the way of the Lord"? As I reflected on that line, I look at how my time is being spent in preparation for the birth of our Lord. Daily Holy hour ✓, Office of the Liturgy ✓, daily Mass ✓, being the face of Christ to those I encounter ... hmmm. I would like to think I have been most of the time, but snapping back at someone that snapped at me...that's not being the face of Christ. Is that bringing about JOY to every person and in every circumstance I encounter?

My friends, that JOY we celebrate isn't a false smile or dull emotion, it is our hearts on fire for something amazing to come. It's done through reflection, adoration, attending Mass, **doing** and not just ignoring Advent or going through the motions.

Joy is trusting when you want to doubt. Joy is receiving what you want to reject. Joy is celebrating when you want to fear.

May the Joy of this Advent Season awaken us to the call in the desert, He is coming, He is truly coming!

Blessings for a fruitful week,

*Fr. Barry*

*With Joyful Hearts we Celebrate!*

\*\*\*Newly Baptized\*\*\*

Baptized December 19, 2020

Eliza Rebecca Frankwick

Parents: Collin & Katelyn Frankwick

## Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021:

The goal for Christ the King is \$40,215. Each family should have received a letter from the Bishop along with a pledge card. Please contact the parish office if you have not received a pledge card in the mail. It is our hope that each family in our parish will help us to complete this appeal. Each week we will list the families, in the order in which they were received at the Diocese, whether this be through prayer or financial giving. By posting names, our hope is that you are made aware that your donation has been received by the Diocese and credited to Christ the King accurately. If you do not see your name in this week's bulletin, stay tuned! If you prefer not to have your name listed, please contact the parish office. As of 12/8, we have **119** families that have donated. We are now at **72%** of our goal.

**We thank the following families at this time:** Richard & Karen Bruss, Bob & Barb Wesle, Joe & Kathy Ellefson.

Contributions that you wish to have recorded for 2020 must be received no later than Wednesday, December 30th so they can be deposited and properly recorded on your year end statements. Anything received after that date, will be recorded as 2021. Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

### Christ the King Parish \* Christmas Mass Schedule:

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve \*4 pm

No Children's Program this year

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve \* 10 pm \*Vigil Mass

**December 25th:** Christmas Day \*10 am \*Christmas Mass

Ministry participants are needed for all Masses. Sign up sheets can be found on the back table.

### Christ the King Stewardship Dec. 5 & 6, 2020

Adult/Plate/Youth \$3,143.00

Plate to Parish Improvement: \$89.00

Month to date: \$3,232.00

Amount needed for December: \$18,053.09

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

Parishioner envelopes for 2021 are available on the tables near the Sacristy. Please pick them up after Mass. If you know someone who is not able to attend Mass due to Covid, please assist us by taking their envelopes to them. Anyone that is unable to pick up their envelopes, please contact the parish office and arrangements can be made to get them to you.

**The Giving Tree** selection has now taken place, please return wrapped gifts as soon as possible, but no later than **December 20th**. Don't forget the gift tag. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Attention Engaged Couples:** *Two Becoming One* class in Marshfield. Registration is now open. Available dates are: Feb 13 and April 10, 2021 Please be aware that these classes fill quickly, **so register as soon as possible to be assured of a spot**. Couples should first contact their priest and then plan to attend a class at least six months before their wedding. For questions or to register please contact, Alanna Hart at [hart\\_alanna@yahoo.com](mailto:hart_alanna@yahoo.com) or 715-650-7310.

#### Parish Office Updates

- Deadline for Parish bulletin items is Tuesday at noon.
- If you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one, there are dates available for 2021.
- The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24th & 25th for the Christmas Holiday

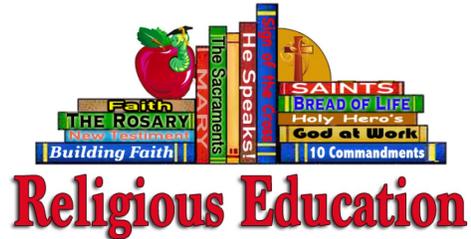
#### **Maintenance Position Opening**

After 6 years of dedicated and grateful service, Gary Niziolek has decided to retire from his position as maintenance at Christ the King. We thank Gary and Val for all they have done to help support our parish. This position is part-time, approximately 12-14 hours a week. Flexible days, currently it is Tuesday and Thursday.

Duties included are, but not limited to:

- Lawn care during summer months
- Monthly inspections/check list of Church property and equipment
- Repairs and replacement on property
- Snow removal on sidewalks (we also have a service hired for this)
- Other duties assigned by the Pastor.

An application and background check will be required. Please contact the parish office if you have an interest in this maintenance position.



In honor of Advent, our students in grades 3-10 will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Fr. Barry will have some assistance from other priests in the deanery, but our schedule is very tight with only one night open for confessions. Therefore we ask that parishioners attend confession during one of the other times made available. Thank you for understanding!

Grade 9 students will attend confession on their own as they will be performing a work of service by collecting donations at the Winter Wonderland in Marshfield.

More about our program... Grades 9 & 10

**Grade 9:** Students in grade 9 work through a video based program by Ascension Press called Chosen. This program is a great, teen based overview of the faith. It may be used as either a catechetical program or as a confirmation prep program. Since we use it for catechesis, we are able to also use another program for confirmation preparation and this gives our students both opportunities to grow in faith.

**Grade 10:** In addition to confirmation preparation\*, our 10th grade students use the program, Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly) and YOU, which is a video based program on the Theology of the Body. YOU is different than the middle school program we use, since students face different challenges in high school than they do in Middle school.

\* it is worth noting that students typically prepare for Confirmation in 10th grade, but they may be older. Confirmation preparation is separate from our Religious Education classes and preparing for the sacrament is based on readiness and not age.

*On the schedule:*

December 16: confession (students only)

December 23: No classes or Youth Group

*Merry Christmas*

December 30: No classes or Youth Group

No Sunday School on December 27 or January 3

January 6, 2021: classes resume

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**THANK YOU**

To those who have supported our  
parish bulletin!

**Parish Council of Catholic Women**

**PCCW**

Ladies: You are invited to attend our meetings, which are held during the months of: Feb / May / Sept / Dec\* \*Dec is the annual Christmas party

***Mother Mary, guide us each day ...***

**Holy Name Society**

Men of the parish: As members of the Holy Name Society, there are events throughout the year in which your time & talent is much needed and appreciated. Please watch the bulletin for these opportunities to assist our parish family.

Contact the parish office to  
include your advertisement  
here! Thank you for support-  
ing our parish!

**PCCW Christmas Card Sale**



Check out the beautiful Christmas Cards located in the vestibule of the ramp entrance. Cards are available as singles or packs of ten. The PCCW wishes everyone a Blessed Holiday!

