

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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Parish office hours:

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 *8am Communion Service 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022 *8am Mass 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28 Intention: + Paul Sobie

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 *8am Mass 1 Sm 17:32-51 Mk 3:1-6 Intention: + All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 *8am Mass 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12 Intention: + Margaret Fox

Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 *8am Mass 1Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19 Intention: + The Scheppler family

Saturday, January 22, 2022 4:00pm Mass

Readings: Neh 8:2-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intention: + Hox Saylor

Lector: Larry Schultz

Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schultz

Servers: Julia Varsho & Ann or David Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Sue & John Cattanaach

Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:00am Mass

Readings: Neh 8:2-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intention: Christ the King families

Lector: Dan McNeely

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Pankratz

Servers: Montanna Kohls & James Wojcik

Ministers of Welcome: Austyn Kohls & Jerome Lang

Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:00am Mass

Readings: Neh 8:2-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intention: + Richard Esselman

Lector: Sue Mews

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Mews

Servers: Paige Bauer & Weston Bauer

Ministers of Welcome: Diane Lang & Todd Schesel



From the Pastor's Desk

I often wonder if Mary hadn't prompted Jesus to perform the miracle of water to wine at the wedding in Cana, when would have his first miracle happened? Would he have overturned tables in the temple area, or met the Samaritan woman at the well (two stories that immediately follow the Cana trip)?

Then my studies and past spiritual direction kicks in, and I whole heartedly know, that everything that happens is according to God's plan. It happened exactly the way it was suppose to.

As with all of our lives, looking back we can see that through all the worrying, the doubt, the anguish, and even the heartbreak, God's plan is at work in our lives.

I may have said this before, so bear with me if it's a repeat...but when I was going to enter the seminary I had a lot of things to take care of. Sell my house, motorcycle, second car, and a lot of other things that accumulate over living in a house for 16 years. My house went up for sale and the realtor was optimistic that the house would sell quickly. I made the recommended upgrades, rocker switches, new lighting in kitchen and entry. Replaced gold faucets with chrome, refinished the wood floors. I was set. Then time started to go by, one month to two, two to four, four to eight, eight to eighteen. I started to ask my spiritual director to pray for me to have more patience. He immediately said don't ask for patience, ask for understanding, you don't want or need the trials of patience.

How true that was. Looking back now, I see that all the extra time I had allowed me to pay off my debt. Without that extra time, I wouldn't have been able to go into the seminary anyway. The cut in pay going to \$175 a month is pretty dramatic. Phone and insurance are about all that covers.

Putting our trust in Jesus is never an easy task. We have to be able to let go, to not be in control, and often times (I'd say 99% of the time) we don't like to do that. Even when we think we can, something inside us doubts it will happen. This is the doubt that prevents many from being able to have the true relationship with Jesus. You see, when we doubt something we put that unrest in our hearts and allow the evil one to take root. And when that happens he is a master manipulator in convincing us that "God doesn't have time for us" or that "Why would God want to help us" or "Are we even worthy of His love?" ALL LIES.

My friends, Mary's example of Jesus' first miracle is the perfect way to start His ministry. He shows obedience to His mother while also showing the importance of the wedding feast. Mary's belief in Him is so evident, "do whatever he tells you". She knew without a doubt that Jesus would save the hour. May we have that same faith in our own lives. Questioning our beliefs is a good thing, it shows we have interest in the truth. But doubting that God is listening, well that's just not possible. God hears us all, but sometimes we get in the way of our own faith journey's.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Barry

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022

Our Parish goal is \$39,665.00. As of 1/12/2022, a total of \$31,015.00 has been pledged and received by 125 parishioners verses, 166 this time last year, bringing our goal down to \$8,650.00. If you have not sent in your donation, please do so at this time. Extra envelopes are available in the sacristy and at the parish office.

We thank the following families:

Aaron & Donna Staab, Jim & Janice Kilty, Diane Lang, Steve & Dolores Sternweis, Susan Beil, Charles & Charmaine Drews, Jim & Pat Reckner, Larry & Shelly Schultz, Richard & Karen Bruss, Carol Sallee

Holy Name Society

Sunday, March 6 is the date of our Annual Pancake Breakfast from 8am to noon. Keep this date in your calendar and support our Holy Name Men's Society who do so much for our parish and community.



Council Meeting

Finance Council: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Meeting is at 6:00pm in the Seton Center

Christ the King Stewardship January 8 & January 9, 2022

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$2,126.00

Month to Date: \$4,958.25

Amount needed for January: \$15,024.85

Christmas: \$5,450.00

Christmas Flowers: \$930.00

From the Diocese of La Crosse

World Day for Consecrated Life

(celebrated in Parishes February 5-6)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential.

The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Safe Environment

The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for, and a commitment to, reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families. * **Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse** * are posted on the church bulletin boards.



Religious Education

Please pray for First Reconciliation students

Our second grade students will be celebrating their First Confession this Wednesday, on January 19, 2022. Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare to celebrate this sacrament.

Operation Christmas Child! The shoeboxes from our parish landed in four countries: Malawi (located in East Africa), Columbia, the Philippines and a 'secure country' meaning the location is not shared due to political or cultural reasons. The collection box has been placed in the gathering room during January to collect any items purchased from after Christmas clearance sales. Thank you for your support.

On the schedule for Religious Education:

January 19: Religious Ed *First Reconciliation *
(NO Class for Grades 9 & 10 only)
NO Youth group tonight

January 26: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet

February 2: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet

Check out the Lighthouse Kiosk!

Located in the Gathering Room of church

New selections have been added

High School Seniors of Christ the King Parish

Two scholarships, which are sponsored by the parish P.C.C.W. and Holy Name Society, are available. If you are interested, please see your guidance counselor at the high school or stop by the parish office for an application.

Completed applications are due to the parish office by Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 5 pm.

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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.



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