

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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| 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 |

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 *8am Communion Service 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 *8am Mass 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10 Intention: + Rodney & Dean Kerksieck
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 *8am Mass 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Lk 19:11-28 Intention: + Allan Wolf
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44 Intention: + Tom Quinlan
Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 Lk 19:45-48 Intention: + The Scheppler family

Saturday, November 20, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Rev 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37
Mass Intention: + Bob Endreas
Lector: Anita Ruger
Eucharistic Minister: Joan Meyer
Servers: Cooper Rueth **Volunteer needed**
Ministers of Welcome: Jim & Laurie Doepke

Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:00am Mass

Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Rev 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37
Mass Intention: + Richard Esselman
Lector: Viv Gamble
Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks
Servers: Montanna Kohls & Ellie Davel
Ministers of Welcome: Jerome Lang & Austyn Kohls

Sunday, November 21, 2021 10:00am Mass

Readings: Dn 7:13-14 Rev 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37
Mass Intention: Christ the King families
Lector: Mary Buss
Eucharistic Minister: Richard Bruss
Servers: Elliot, Paige or Weston Bauer
Ministers of Welcome: Todd Schesel & Nancy Kautza



From the Pastor's Desk

We all want to know when something comes to end, don't we? Some mysteries of life we do know. The delivery date of a new baby, liturgical days of the year (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc), Sacramental dates (First Communion in 2nd grade, Confirmation in the sophomore year), drivers license after our sixteenth birthday's. But the big question goes unanswered, when will we die? There seems to be no rhyme or reason to this date. Some at birth, some tragically, well before their time should have been, some at a ripe old age. Why? The truthful answer is we don't know. *"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

What we do know, is that tomorrow is not a promise, at least in life as we know it. Tomorrow could look completely different than it does today. The question isn't when, but rather, am I ready?

Our first reading from Daniel says this, *"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace."*

The questions I ask myself are these; am I ready if this is my last day? Have I done enough? Do my actions line up with my heart and soul? And the big one, living forever, is it in total peace or everlasting horror and disgrace?

Remember, the Book of Daniel was written hundreds of years prior to Jesus being born, and the story isn't written by Daniel, but rather about him. Daniel is a hero who was allegedly among the first Jews deported to Babylon. Through visions, Daniel strengthens and comforts the Jewish people against temptation and allows them to conquer adversity.

So three thousand years later, how are we doing with that? Has the coming of Jesus enlightened us? Has it changed us for better or worse? Have we heeded His call to holiness, or do we see it differently?

My friends, it is throughout scripture that God has tried to reveal himself to us. Prophets, Jesus, the disciples have all told us how we should be living out our lives. At the heart of these teachings is love. Love for God, love for Church, love for one another. When we do that, life begins to look different on this earth, all in preparation for what is to come. We begin to have a community of believers that serve; first God, then through the Church, and ultimately each other.

In all, this helps us prepare for what is to come. We will all be face to face with God at the end. The questions He will pose to each of us aren't meant to make us squirm, but rather are meant to make us aware of our fate into eternity. Help us better understand why our actions meant so much here on earth.

Let's not waste another day of ignoring the inevitable, lets take his words to heart. Become more active, allow your hearts to pull you into the direction He is asking, seek that quiet time He so desires to spend with each of us...in scripture or prayer.

If we do that, there will be no concern as to when it will happen. It won't matter, because we will all be ready.

Have a blessed week, and remember, as a community we are all in this thing called life together. I hope to see each of you at the cake social celebrating newcomers, birthdays, and anniversaries after the 10am Mass.

Fr. Barry

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021-2022

By now you should have received your Annual Appeal pledge card in the mail. Consider sending your donations directly to the Diocese as soon as possible. Our new goal is \$39,665.00

If you have not received a pledge card in the mail, or if you are a new member at Christ the King, this was not an oversight from God, but rather a computer error on our part, please pick up a pledge card in the sacristy or from the parish office.

Through your continued support we as members of the Diocese can help make a difference in our Diocesan communities.

From Bishop Callahan: "Thank you for your generosity to our Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for keeping the faith. Thank you for inspiring hope."

Upcoming Parish Meeting

Finance Council-Tuesday, November 16

Meeting at **6:00pm** in the Seton Center.

Feast of Christ the King Celebration

As we celebrate our patronal Feast Day next weekend for Christ the King, please make time to gather in the basement after all Masses for Pizza on Saturday and donuts on Sunday! What better way to get to know each other and share fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.



Christ the King Stewardship November 6 & November 7, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$4,841.00

Amount needed for November: \$18,197.75

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

FRANCISCAN AT HOME

New online learning opportunity

Have you wanted to learn more about your faith but were unsure where to start? Check out Franciscan at Home! Franciscan at Home is an online learning system that may be used individually or in groups (or both)! Just create a login and start watching! If you would like to preview this system, come to an introductory session to learn more, and see what is offered! Bring your laptop, if you wish, and you can create your login during the session!

The last Franciscan at Home introduction session will be held in the church basement on: Sunday, November 14 from 5pm-6pm

Franciscan at Home is paid for through the diocese from a special initiative which makes it free to our parish! The system is organized as a series of workshops. While you are welcomed to work through the program independently, it is also perfect for small group study. Opportunities to view and discuss a workshop will be held periodically. The first opportunity will be from the Adult Study tract, meeting in the church basement, with the workshop on:

The Father: Origin and Desire of All

Monday, November 15 from 6-7:30pm

Monday, November 22 from 6-7:30pm

Registration is not required to attend this workshop.

Please watch your email for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Mlsna.

March For Life

We are asking if there is any interest in honoring the March for Life either by attending the March in Washington DC (multiple day trip) or by attending something more local (one day or a few hours, location tbd). Please let Deb know with a call (715-659-4480 ext 3) or an email (dre@ctkspencer.net) or by responding to the email that was sent.

Catholic Charities

Help Catholic Charities assist Afghan Refugees Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is doing incredible work assisting thousands of Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy, near Tomah.

Find out how you can help by volunteering or donating – Visit www.cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance.



Religious Education

What are you most thankful for? What is your favorite Thanksgiving memory? This is what our students were asked this week as we recorded their answers for the Community Thanksgiving program which will be shown on our Facebook page Wednesday, November 24. The students gave many good answers, including 'I am thankful for my brothers', 'my family' and 'pumpkin pie'!

We are also thankful for all the donations for the Operation Christmas Child. The students will pack the boxes on Wednesday!

On the schedule for Religious Education:

November 17: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet

November 24: NO Class - NO Youth Group

December 1: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet

December 8: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet
Immaculate Conception Mass

Children's Christmas Program

Practice will begin Sunday, November 14 from 1pm to 3pm. All children from Pre-K to 8th grade are welcome to come.

Additional practice times:



Nov. 21 from 1pm to 3pm

Dec. 12 from 1pm to 3pm

Dec. 19 from 1pm to 3pm

The children's performance will take place at 3:30, December 24, before the Christmas Eve Mass



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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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