

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 *8am Communion Service Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 *8am Mass Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45 Intention: + Rodney & Dean Kerksieck

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56 Intention: + Lorraine Meyer

Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 *8am Mass Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Lk 1:57-66 Intention: + James Ciesielski

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 *The Nativity of The Lord Vigil Mass

4pm: Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 Intention: + David & Esther Bauer

10pm: Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Intention: + The McHugh family

Saturday, December 25, 2021 *Christmas Day Mass

10am: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 Intention: + Bob Endreas

Saturday, December 25, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-28 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intention: + Connie & Helen Schmidt

Lector: Earl Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Sue Kalepp

Servers: David, Ann or Emily Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: John & Sue Cattanaich

Sunday, December 26, 2021 8:00am Mass

Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-28 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intention: Christ the King families

Lector: Catherine Wojcik

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks

Servers: James Wojcik & Abigail Wojcik

Ministers of Welcome: Nathan Derks & Ray Housworth

Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:00am Mass

Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-28 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intention: + Emil & Ronald Weiland

Lector: Sue Mews

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Bruss

Servers: Hailey Rucker & Dex Schiller

Ministers of Welcome: Steven Fleischmann & Janelle Rucker



*The fourth candle is lit,
of "Peace and Purity"*

From the Pastor's Desk

The fourth candle is lit on the Advent wreath and Christmas draws near. Christmas trees will go up in the church and all the waiting and excitement is about to be upon us.

I know what you're thinking. "Easy for him to say, he lives, eats and sleeps Christ. What else does he have to do, he's called to that...he's a priest. I, on the other hand, still have gifts to buy and wrap, cards to get out, Christmas dinner to plan and buy, along with a million other things to take care of. Who has time to think about anything else!"

And I get it. Christmas has turned into being very commercialized. You see on the news that billions of dollars are flooding the economy these past few weeks. We have a lot of pressure on us to get things done. And while we are doing them hastily, we tend to forget what the Season of Advent was all about.

In our Gospel passage this weekend we hear Mary set out to visit Elizabeth hastily (with excessive speed or urgency). In Mary's case it was done to help, she was so focused on Elizabeth, nothing else mattered. But for us, everything else seems to matter.

How did your Advent journey go? Was it fruitful? Did it bring you closer to the great gift we will receive next week? If the answer is yes, you made the most of the Advent Season and your rewards will be great and help influence your 2022! If your answer was no, I didn't have the time, that's ok...Jesus will patiently wait for you. Unfortunately for many, He will continue to wait, and wait and wait. Lets face it, life is full of unexpected opportunities, and we never seem to get a break. It's one thing after another. So what has to happen? Well just like all those other activities that are going on, we have to set aside time. Not when it's convenient for us, but when we know we can do it. Taking time for God isn't about convenience, it's about a relationship. Look at relationships that have fallen apart, what was the main cause? We just drifted apart some may say. We stopped talking, others will say. We realized we didn't have that much in common after all. So what would have happened if we spent more time together? Time we could just talk, not text, not be in the same room, car or restaurant...but talked!

That's what Christ is asking each of us. To get to know Him through scripture, through His sacraments, through bible-study. To talk to Him about the good and the bad going on in our lives. To voice our frustration, but in turn, give thanks for when things go well.

My friends, the birth of Christ is celebrated year after year because we each need the reminder of just what exactly God gave us through His Son, Jesus Christ. An infant that will change the world each time we give thanks to God for the gift of Him. A chance for us to recognize that through the person of Jesus, we were given an opportunity beyond anything we had seen before. Seize that opportunity, give to God what is God's; our love, our friendship and our dedication to His will.

Fr. Barry

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm & 10:00pm

The 4pm Mass is the Children's Mass as they will be performing at 3:30pm.

Come early to the 10pm Mass and join the Choir in singing Christmas Carols, beginning at 9:30pm

Christmas Day: 10:00am

Parish Office Updates

- Deadline for parish bulletin items is Tuesday at noon.
- Please use the new rectory address when mailing items to us: 306 S LaSalle St. Spencer
- NEW ministry schedules are now available
- The parish office will close at 12:30 Thursday, December 23rd and all day December 24th. We will return on Monday, December 27th.

• *Merry Christmas!*



In Memory of

John Hutter

December 9, 2021

May the soul of John and all the faithful departed,
Rest in Peace

Christ the King Stewardship December 11 & December 12, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$4,401.25

Month to Date:\$7,591.25

Amount needed for December: \$24,863.00

"Where your treasure is there will your heart be also"

Mt 6:21

Televised Mass Schedule for Christmas

- Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 990, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, and 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 and Channel 3, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, and Noon and 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Wausau, Channel 12, at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3, at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, and 9 a.m. Christmas Day.
- Livestream from the Cathedral at Midnight on Christmas Eve (with Bishop Callahan), and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning diolc.org/live.
- The Mass for Christmas is also available any time on the Diocesan Facebook page and website, diolc.org.

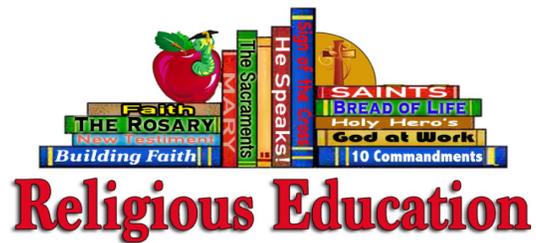
Retirement Fund for Religious

"Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection!

Due to your generosity, we will send \$1,383.00 to the Diocese. Envelopes are still available in the church if you would like to make a donation. Please place envelopes in the collection basket and 1 check will be sent to the Diocese of LaCrosse.

2021 Parish Contributions

Contributions you wish to have recorded for 2021 must be received no later than Thursday, December 30th so they can be deposited and properly recorded on your year end statements. Anything received after that date will be recorded as 2022.



Please pray for First Reconciliation students - Our second grade students will be celebrating their First Confession on January 19, 2022. Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare.

On the schedule for Religious Education:

December 22: NO Class - NO Youth Group

Merry Christmas!

December 29: NO Class - NO Youth Group

Happy New Year!

January 6: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet



Kitchen Angel

Do you know anyone in the parish who is temporarily in need, recovering from a surgery or an illness and would like **A** home cooked meal? If so, please leave a message at 715-659-4480 option 6 and our Kitchen Angel will be in contact!

Christmas Blessings from Mary's Place

Thanks to the generosity of so many, Mary's Place in Marshfield, was able to pay off a \$35,000.00 mortgage to assure that they will be able to continue to assist low income and homeless individuals in getting a new start in life. Special thanks to the Heiman Family & Nasonville Dairy for partnering with them. Mary's Place beat their goal and additional funds will be used to pay for heating expenses this winter.

Thank you to those who sponsor our parish bulletin!

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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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