

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 of Advent December 5, 2021

Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 *8am Communion Service Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 *8am Mass Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14 Intention: + Paul Staeven

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

***8am Mass** + Intention: Samantha Sternweis ***6:40pm Mass** Intention: The Youth of our Parish

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 *8am Mass Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15 Intention: + Bob Endreas

Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 *8am Mass Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19 Intention: + Rodney & Dean Kerksieck

Saturday, December 11, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Readings: Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intention: + Harriet & Vicky Huber

Lector: Larry Schultz

Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schultz

Servers: David, Ann or Emily Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Sue Beil & Sue Kappel

Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:00am Mass

Readings: Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intention: + Sylvia Pickett

Lector: Deb Mlsna

Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Bauer

Servers: Becca Mlsna & Alexis Mlsna

Ministers of Welcome: Jim Bauer & Nathan Derks

Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:00am Mass

Readings: Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intention: Christ the King families

Lector: Pauline Frome

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Kobs

Servers: Alex, Mason or Trevin Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Stacy Wolf & Diane Lang



*The Second candle is lit,
the "Bethlehem candle" of
Love*

From the Pastor's Desk

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. These words at first sound a lot like something that would come out of the mouth of every pastor, but today we hear it from Paul in our second reading to the Philippians. It might surprise you that Paul writes this letter from prison, uncertain of his own fate. He strives to stay in touch with this community and encourages them in the name of Christ to remain close followers of Jesus' teachings.

As I was preparing for this weekend, this letter really stood out to me as we enter into the second week of Advent. "To discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..."

These words from Paul resonate ever so dearly even today. What do we discern that is of value in our lives. Family? Money? Good health? More friends? Where does God fit in there? Ultimately, He should be at the top of our list, for everything we have is because of Him. Is life perfect, well it depends on our perception of perfect. For example, if you've ever been blessed enough to visit our orphanage in Peru, Casa Hogar, you would have noticed how much joy there is among the 72 orphaned children who are there. Regardless of all the tragedy they have endured, their faces are full of JOY. Christ is at the center of their lives, as Mass starts each of their days. The focus of that small community is to give each of them the confidence to change their futures through Christ's guidance.

What does a bad day look like for these kids? Well for most, it's missing their parents, whether by death, court ordered separation, or abandonment. But with a life lived through Christ on a daily basis they do overcome this and become active members of Peruvian society when they leave at the age of eighteen. Their source of joy comes from celebrating all that they have been given, not what has been taken away. So many times in life we have the attitude of "why me". The answer is simple, why not you. Again, it's looking at our lives in a different way. Seeing that we give thanks for all that God has given us. In reality, there is far more good than there is bad. Day's like Thanksgiving should have had the Church packed, but sadly, it was not. There is no better way to give thanks than by attending a Mass of Thanksgiving.

May each of us see that we have a faithful God who wants to dwell within us. May we also see all the times we have not given Him that opportunity.

Let's change that this Advent Season!

Fr. Barry



Church Decorating

Your help is needed to set up trees, place the lights and help as needed for decorating our church for Christmas. When?

Sunday, December 19 after 10:00am Mass

Please consider offering your time and talents as many hands make short work! All are welcome!

Parish Pictorial

The orders for pictures will be shipped out at the beginning of next week. We will let you know when they will be available for pick up.

December 8, Immaculate Conception

The parish office is closed Wednesday, December 8 in honor of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary .

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are at

8:00am and 6:40pm

Religious Education students will be attending the Mass at 6:40

Giving Tree Reminder

For those who took a tag, please remember to bring your gifts by **December 19th**. Gifts may be placed under the tree.



Thank you for sharing the Christmas Spirit.

Christ the King Stewardship November 27 & November 28, 2021

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$4,158.05

Month to Date: \$17,154.36

Amount needed for November: \$18,197.75

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

Mt 6:21

Annual P.C.C.W. Christmas Party

Monday, December 6 at 6:00pm

The festivities begin with a reception and appetizers in the parish hall, followed by dinner at 6:30. The P.C.C.W. will provide hot beef and rolls, bring a dish to pass, if you wish. A sign up sheet is in the gathering room so we know how many to plan for.

Bring a white elephant gift, something that will make us all laugh or a little gift of some kind. For ladies who have a "Secret Prayer Pal" they will do their gift exchange that night.



Come and share in the fun and fellowship! Covid protocols will be followed.

P.C.C.W. Christmas Card Sale

There are many beautiful cards to choose from and are available for purchase in the main entrance.

Box of 10 cards \$4.50

Single cards 50 cents

The P.C.C.W. wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas.

Ministry Schedules

The new schedules for January, February, March and April 2022 will be completed soon. Please notify the parish office if you need to make changes or updates no later than **December 12, 2021**.

If you are new to the parish and would like to assist with the Masses, please see Father Barry.

Newly trained servers will be added to this schedule.

Support Aging Religious

Our second collection on December 11 & 12 is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.



Religious Education

Our students celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation on December 1. Thank you to their catechists and parents for preparing them. It is a wonderful way to start Advent!

THANK YOU!! We had a tremendous response for Operation Christmas Child! We had **46** boxes this year! Next year I will be periodically setting out the collection tote and the full assembling of boxes will be in October.

On the schedule for Religious Education:

December 8: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet
Immaculate Conception Mass 6:40

December 15: Religious Ed and Youth Group meet

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

Ideas for Advent reflection:

Chris Stefanick – Living Joy. Sign up for a free 26-day Advent retreat with Chris Stefanick. With 26 days of joy-filled videos and daily reflections, made specifically to fit your busy schedule, we know that you can unlock the secret to Living Joy today. Visit reallifecatholic.com to register or text Joy to 44144.

Bishop Robert Barron – Daily Gospel Reflections Sign up for free daily reflections by Bishop Barron by clicking here: dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel

Matthew Kelley – Dynamic Catholic with Daily Gospel Reflections Sign up for free video meditations on the Gospel Reading for each day of Advent. Visit dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html

Praying with Scripture: A beautiful way to prepare for the Birth of our Savior is to take a few minutes each day reflecting on a Scripture passage that describes the events leading up to Christmas. Go to diolc.org/deeper and click "Praying with Scripture" for a Prayer Card with 7 Scriptures or click on "Mysteries of the Rosary" for a Prayer Card with the five Joyful Mysteries.

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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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