

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

Monday, August 23, 2021 *8am Communion Service 1 Thes 1:1-15,8-10 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 *8am Mass Rv 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51 Intention: + James Metzke

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32 Intention: + James Metzke

Thursday, August 26, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51 Intention: + Herb Stanloski

Friday, August 27, 2021 *8am Mass 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13 Intention: + Bob Endreas

Saturday, August 28, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Readings: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Kobiske family

Lector: Larry Schultz

Eucharistic Minister: Shelly Schultz

Servers: David Eckes & Ann Eckes

Ministers of Welcome: Sharon Rollins & Marlene Cherney

Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:00am Mass

Readings: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mass Intention: Christ the King Families

Lector: Viv Gamble

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Derks

Servers: Montana Kohls *Volunteer needed*

Ministers of Welcome: Austyn Kohls & Jerome Lang

Sunday, August 29, 2021 10:00am Mass

Readings: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mass Intention: + Deceased members of the Loss/Weiland families

Lector: Pauline Frome

Eucharistic Minister: Stacy Wolf

Servers: Alex, Trevin or Mason Wolf

Ministers of Welcome: Ed & Ann Marie Wolf



From the Pastor's Desk:

Our Gospel begins with Jesus' disciples saying "this saying is hard; who can accept it?" And of course just prior to this Jesus is telling them that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Very confusing words to hear for the first time, to say the least. Can you imagine what was going through their minds. We have to eat his flesh? We have to drink his blood?

It has taken almost two thousand years, but today we have a much better understanding of just what Jesus did for us at the Last Supper. He has given us the gift of Himself through the bread and wine that we consecrate into his Body and Blood at each Mass. "...so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven." (John 6:57-58)

Because of what Jesus said, many disciples who had been following Jesus left him. Peter, as the leader he is, speaks up and says "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The community of believers followed Jesus until it became too hard to understand, and then, they went on with their former way of life. Do we ever do the same thing? Some of our Catholic teachings are hard to follow, to practice, to be a part of. Often times we simply choose to ignore those difficult ones and say we are practicing Catholics...but are we? This teaching from Jesus is a reminder to each of us that what He says has true meaning, the ONLY meaning. It's not meant for the faint of heart. It's going to take trust, a developed understanding, and yes, a commitment on our part. This reminds me of Mark 8:38. Jesus says – "if you are ashamed of me and my words in front of sinful people, then I'll be ashamed of you in front of God the Father and the angels."

The Eucharist given so freely by Christ is a true gift that nourishes us in Christ. We become what we eat. If we believe it is just bread or wine then we get just that out of it. But when we believe, as the Church teaches, the words of Christ Himself...then the body and blood He gives us strengthens us, gives us courage to do the right thing, and unites us to Himself in a way that we can not ever explain.

I felt that way this past weekend at the parish picnic. The Body of Christ was so present with all who attended. Sitting and chatting, partaking in the raffles, 50/50, gift cards, playing games, and eating as a community. We were blessed with a beautiful day of fun and being together. I witnessed Christ the King families uniting and sharing in the beauty that was around us. That my friends, is partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ, and allowing Him to work through us. He is at the center of all our activities and when we gather as we did, we glorify Him and strengthen our Catholic relationships and values with each other...the community of believers!

A very special thank you for all your hard work in organizing, fund raising, and tear down for the picnic. You are truly appreciated and our Parish is truly blessed for your dedication. Have a blessed week everyone, and remember, be whom you eat!

Fr. Barry

*We Warmly Welcome This New Family to
Christ the King*

Nicholas & Rebecca Bauer and their daughter
Adalynn

Parish Pictorial Update

Our on-line Parish Pictorial registration is active. You can choose times listed on October 4 thru October 7 from (1:45pm - 7:45pm) and on Friday the 8th (11:45am – 5:45pm). Please go to:

https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?&e_id=5179.

If you do not have a computer, we will be helping with registration after Masses the last two weeks of September. Or you may call the parish office to register.

Note: once a time is selected it no longer appears on the appointment screen. Pictures will be taken at the Seton Center

Parish Picnic Prize Winners

Basket Raffle:

Bonnie Dietsche, Margaret Johnson, Deacon Jeff & Rita, Axel Wolf, Mandy Mlsna, Mary Schellinger, Jeannine Saylor, Noel Felix, Barb Beining, Donna Weber, Pauline Frome, Deb Mlsna.

Kwik Trip gas cards:

Ken Jicinsky

50/50:

Winner donated \$434.00 back to the parish

Congratulations to all our winners!

**Christ the King Stewardship August 14 &
August 15, 2021**

Adult/Plate/Youth: \$2,724.00

ACH August 16: \$1,960.00

Month to Date: \$11,035.60

Amount needed for August: \$14,260.50

Your continued support is so greatly appreciated.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

A Call to Serve

There are few things in life are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Consider Lay Formation Class

Dive Deeper into your Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI). We have one participant from Christ the King going [to LFI] this fall, I still have hope I'll find one more..."sending them in two's!" Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) as part of a faith-filled class that prays and learns together. Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details. Speak to Father Barry about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

Men of the Cross Conference

"Walking with St. Joseph" We are very excited to announce this conference will be held in person on *Saturday, October 23, 2021* at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI. More details will be coming out very soon!

Thank you from Fr. Robertson: It was humbling to receive so many kind cards, notes, letters, gifts, telephone calls, emails, and text messages, and to celebrate in person with those who were able to be present at the celebration of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Most of all, I appreciate the prayers you offered for me on this happy occasion.



Religious Education

Where has the summer gone? It is already time to start activities for this next school year! We are so blessed to have all of our catechists returning this year!

Letters for Religious Education registration have been mailed out. An email has also been sent out to families so if you have not received a letter and/or email, please contact Deb to ensure your child is included. This year registration will be an 'open registration' meaning you come in, complete your paperwork and pick up your materials. There is no parent meeting this year.

On the schedule for Religious Education:

September 1: Registration (no meeting this year)

9am - 7pm @ the Seton Center

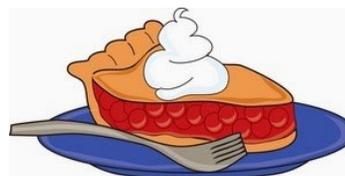
September 8: Catechist In-Service

6:30pm @ the Seton Center

September 15:

6:30pm - 7:45pm: First night of RE class

8:00pm - 9:00pm: Youth Group begins!



Thanks to all who supported St Ann & St Theresa's circles by coming to our "Pie in the Park".

It was a beautiful day and many joined us for pie, ice cream & BBQ lunch.

If you are on St Ann or St Theresa circle and did not help or donate, please put your \$10.00 donation in the weekend collection or send to the parish office. Make sure to put your name, Pie in the Park and your circle on the envelope. Thanks again for your support!

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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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