

Welcome to Christ the King Parish January 2, 2022



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New Family Registration

Parish Office or available on parish website:
www.myparish.com

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 7:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary prayed after Mass.

Weekend Mass

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday - 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., in Reconciliation room 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Weddings by appointment, please notify Father Steve at least four months prior.

Baptism every month - please call parish office.

Bulletin – Announcements will be placed as time and space permit.

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Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

- Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22
- Friday: 1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:30 †Jim Bottorff
- 10:30 Members of Our Parish

Monday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 No Mass

Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 †John Felder

Wednesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann

8:00 †Kevin Guznowski

Thursday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

8:00 †Mary Erickson

Friday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 †Burford Bottorff

Saturday, January 8

11:00 †Mary Bottorff

Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:30 †Eugene Holzmann
- 10:30 Members of Our Parish

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The staff would like to thank everyone who remembered us during the holiday season with your gift cards, monetary gifts, candy, cards, etc. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is deeply appreciated!

Happy New Year!



Mass Intentions for 2022

Mass intentions can now be reserved on a first come basis for the calendar year 2022.

The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass. Please call the parish office at 608-838-9797 with any questions.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of prayers or know someone who is sick and need our prayer warriors to pray for them, feel free to send a prayer request to us. Please send an email to: mary@myparish.com

The Light of the Moon



If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Many Thanks!

Many thanks to our workers and customers who participated at the Men's Club pancake breakfast on 12-12-21.

We made \$532.00 on the breakfast and \$210.00 in donations for a total of \$742.00. The funds were donated to Christ the King-St. Vincent de Paul.

Epiphany

Epiphany means "appearance or manifestation." Throughout the world, Christians celebrate it on January 6 - 12 days after Christmas Day. Many countries refer to it as "Three Kings Day." On this day, Western Christianity recognizes Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles. The Gentiles, represented when The Magi visited the child Jesus and showed how God's gift of the Good News is for all people. In the third century, the early Church leaders established Epiphany. This holiday celebrates and recognizes Christ's birth, baptism, the adoration of magi, and the first miracle at Cana. It wasn't until the end of the fourth century that early Christians began observing Christmas and Advent. Christmas became the time to celebrate Jesus' birth. Advent is the four-week period of time before Christmas. It is used to prepare hearts to receive Jesus.

As we can see, Epiphany originated from the earliest Church leaders and has a spiritual meaning. The Church Year begins at Advent. From then, through Pentecost, Christians concentrate on the life and work of Christ. For the rest of the year—Pentecost to Advent—the church year focuses on the teachings of Christ and the applications to the Christian life. The ultimate purpose of the church calendar ensured that Christians covered the entire breadth and depth of the Gospel in the course of a year. The six-month period from Advent to Pentecost covers all six major events: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Since epiphany means manifestation, early celebrations honored any of the four manifestations of Christ. His birth, the adoration of the Magi, Jesus' baptism, and the first miracle at Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. These four manifestations reveal God to mankind. At his birth, the angels bore witness and the shepherds, representing Israel, bowed before Jesus. The visit of the Magi revealed Jesus' to Gentiles. At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended, and God declared Jesus' identity. And the first miracle at the Wedding in Cana, revealed Jesus' divinity over nature. God disclosed himself to humankind through the person of Jesus. He made himself known so we might know him.

Jessica Van Roekel

Prayer Shawl Ministry

YOU GAVE ME COMFORT



Our Christ the King Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank those who have supported our ministry by your donations of yarn and gift cards. The kind words and feedback from the recipients of these shawls confirms to us that the Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue throughout this parish and beyond with your continued support!

Our ministry meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 in the parish hall. All are welcome to join us! Donation of funds or yarn are deeply appreciated. At this time we are looking to purchase printable cloth tags that we can sew on the shawls with our parish name and address. If you know someone who is in need of a prayer shawl or for more information regarding this ministry, please contact Mary at mary@myparish.com. Happy New Year!

The Chosen Season 2 Concludes in January

This Christian-based series offers participants a small hint into what could have possibly been taking place during the astonishing life of Jesus Christ and his disciples, and what situations they may have encountered over 2,000 years ago.

Father will continue to meet with the group again in the New Year. We will meet on Mondays, January 3, 17, 24, and 31.

We look forward to having you share your thoughts and join for season two! If you have any questions, please call (608) 838-9797.

New Members Welcome!

New members or returning members are always welcome to join our Christ the King parish family! We are a vibrant and growing parish that is active within our local community as well as the greater Madison area.

Adults who are 18 years and older are welcome to register with us. You may visit or call the parish office at 838-9797 or register online at www.myparish.com. **Welcome!**



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All Are Welcome! Bring a Friend!



Change of Address



If you are planning to change your address or leave the parish, please call the parish office at 838-9797 or email: mary@myparish.com, so we can update our parish records.

Our parish office must notify the Catholic Herald office of any address changes. They do not forward the newspaper or cancel the paper without notification. The paper continues to be sent to the old address.

Thank you for your help in controlling our parish costs!



Food Pantry Donations

Every month we collect food for the McFarland Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Please place food in the labeled bins in the vestibule in the church.

McFarland Food Pantry - 2nd & 3rd weekend
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry - 4th & 5th weekend

Please check the expiration dates of donated food items.

Thank you to all who have been so generous with your contributions to both these food pantries.



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The Men's Club Pancake Breakfast!



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