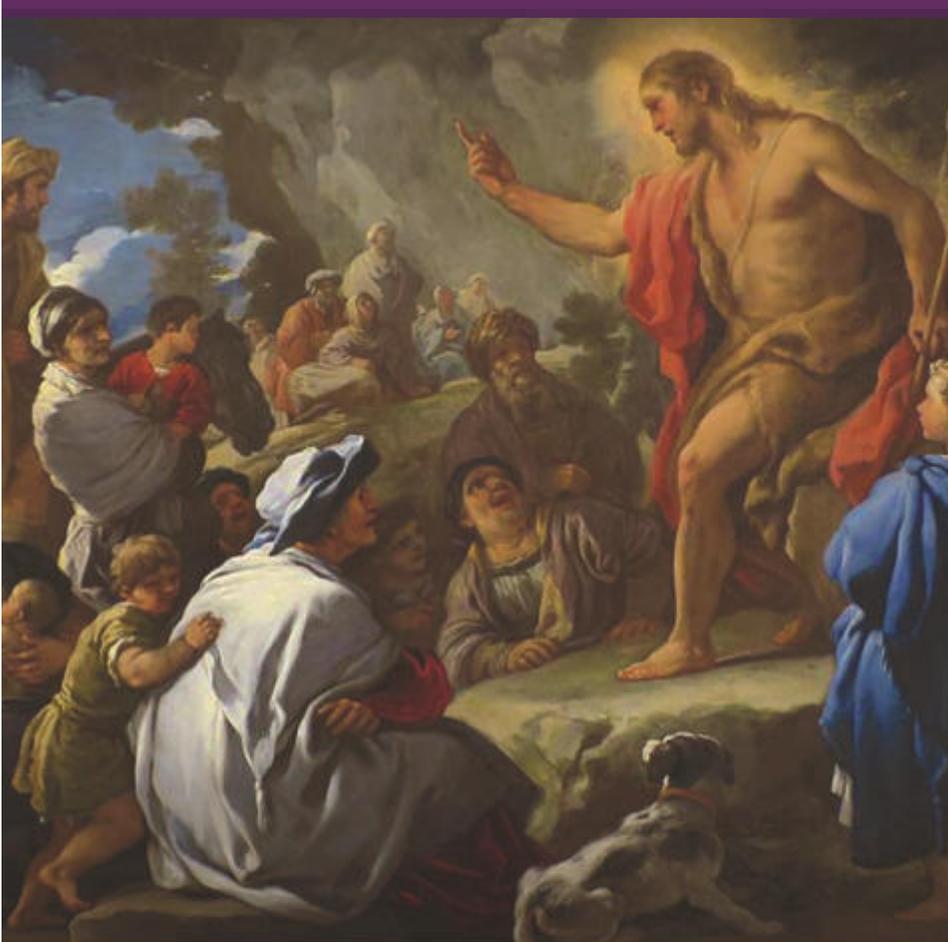


CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
to be known, loved, and sent



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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Want to become a parishioner?

Stay tuned for the next New Parishioner Orientation. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Bulletin Submissions

Due by end of day Thursday the week prior. Email a brief description to ctkparish@ctkomaha.org.

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday:

- ◆ 5 p.m. –Vulnerable Mass
masks required.

Sunday:

- ◆ 8 a.m.
- ◆ 10 a.m.
- ◆ 5 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday:

- ◆ 8:15 a.m.
- ◆ 12:10 p.m.

Saturday:

- ◆ 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

- ◆ 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday:

- ◆ 30 minutes before the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass

WATCH MASS ON-LINE

Monday - Friday:

- ◆ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Contact Information

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Phone: (402) 391-3606
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(402) 391-6205

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prayers@ctkomaha.org

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School:

Phone: (402) 391-0977
Fax: (402) 391-2418

From Fr. Cook

Special Mass for the Vulnerable

For the time being, we have designated our Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass as a special Mass for the vulnerable and we ask all people who attend it to wear masks throughout the entirety of the service. If you are afraid, have health worries, or are working to keep our school open, please consider attending Mass on Saturdays at 5 p.m. where everyone will be wearing masks.

Birthday

Our Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Eric Brink, celebrates his birthday on Dec. 15. Please say a prayer for him and wish him well this Tuesday.

Volunteers Needed Today

We need some strong individuals to help carry and set up the various Christmas trees in our church sanctuary **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 13 beginning at 1 p.m.** Please initially report to the church for instructions.

Fr. Boyd Turns 40!

Fr. Boyd turns 40 on December 26. We are celebrating his milestone birthday at an open house next Sunday, Dec. 20 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish Center, **observing all Covid health rules.** All are invited to stop in and to pay a visit.

Christ the King School Receives Stellar Recommendation

We are committed to our wonderful school and to her vibrant future. That ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for our school can be seen in recent years as we have

- Made it a priority to give respectable salaries and raises for our teachers to retain and reward them;
- Initiated a year-long School Visioning Committee to understand and set a course for our school and increase engagement;
- Planned and built a modest but much needed Pre-school Center to help our parish families and to recruit new ones;
- Erected a security fence around the school play areas and field for greater safety;
- Created a Teacher Advisory Committee composed of representative teachers that meet monthly with our school administrator, Mr. Segrell, and me, Fr. Cook, to listen regularly to teachers' insights and

to meet their needs;

- Worked and continue to work vigorously to make in-person education possible and to keep our school open during the time of Covid;
- Supported our school through the constant tithing and donations of those in the larger parish that make up for the annual deficit in operating our school, kind gifts given by many of you, generous parishioners, who do not even utilize our school. And our Christ the King Educational Trust has boldly sustained our school for many years.

We are committed to our Nebraska Rule 10 five-day school that receives further accreditation through COGNIA, and we see a bright future for her and desire to share her with more families; that is why we are embarking on enhanced marketing for our school in the months to come.

Every five years our school undergoes a rigorous evaluation to maintain her accreditation status. We are proud to report that the COGNIA visitation, originally slated last March and rescheduled to September because of the Covid lockdown, gave our school a superior and phenomenal assessment and recommendation. COGNIA is one of the highest accreditation classifications an institution can receive. All public schools must have COGNIA accreditation but Catholic Schools do not. We, at Christ the King, seeking excellence, choose to participate in this advanced accredi-



Reopening Congregation Numbers

To help you plan the best experience for yourself, here are the attendance totals and trends of our Sabbath Masses over the last 5 weeks:

- **Mass for the Vulnerable Sat. 5 p.m.:** 80 (10/17); 79 (10/31); 98 (11/7); 75 (11/14) 94 (11/28) - **AVERAGE: 85**
- **Sun. 8 a.m.:** 160 (10/18); 164 (11/1); 162 (11/8); 135 (11/15); 168 (11/29) - **AVERAGE: 158**
- **Sun. 10 a.m.:** 248 (10/18); 210 (11/1); 216 (11/8); 185 (11/15); 224 (11/29) - **AVERAGE: 217**
- **Sun. 5 p.m.:** 115 (10/18); 158 (11/1); 135 (11/8); 116 (11/15); 112 (11/29) - **AVERAGE: 127**

From Fr. Cook

tation. The final report received from the COGNIA September visitation is the most outstanding evaluation we have ever received.

Cleaning/Decorating the Church

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate our beautiful church for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 23, beginning at 1 p.m. Christmas cookies and snacks will be provided. Please bring vacuums, attachments, extension cords, dusting or polishing cloths or towels, and gloves, if possible.

Looking Ahead—Christmas Masses

Speaking of Covid's affect on our experience of Mass, we are already looking ahead to Christmas scenarios. Every Christmas we offer 5 Masses at Christ the King: One on Christmas Eve and four on Christmas day. With the size of our church and the varying size of crowds, these Masses have always covered our needs in normal years. Even the Mass with our greatest attendance, the 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, comfortably holds the thousand people that attend it. With coronavirus concerns, however, we cannot accommodate such an enormous crowd and preserve social distancing.

I think the only way to attend to this unprecedented state of affairs is with a three-pronged approach.

Firstly, please consider coming to Mass for Christmas. Though there is a current dispensation from Mass that will probably last at least until the end of this year, I invite all non-vulnerable people to make the effort. Christ is worth it and you're worth it! I know Christ will uplift you and give you hope and joy and a taste of normality. For those who are vulnerable and need to stay home, we will film and broadcast our



Some of our 8th grade girls gather and celebrate their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Christmas Mass. We'll also provide a helpful handout for all families that will offer prayers, Scripture, and easy, creative, interactive ways to celebrate Christmas in the home. We will make this available for digital download on our website and have printed copies outside of the Rectory door in the hallway that can be picked up at a time of your choosing in the week of Christmas.

For those who cannot attend any of these Masses, the church will be open throughout Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day so consider coming to the church on the off hours, when no one is around, to visit the Blessed Sacrament and Baby Jesus in the crèche and be uplifted by the decorations.

Secondly, with permission of the Archbishop, we are adding a one-time, additional Christmas Eve Mass at 3 p.m. Hopefully this new Mass and unique time will attract many from the usual 5 p.m.



Youth of our parish receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on Sunday, Nov. 22

From Fr. Cook

Christmas Eve crowd and split the numbers between these two vigil Masses.

The third element is an invitation for those who normally participate in the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass to consider attending, just this year, a Mass on Dec. 25th itself. There is always room for more at any of these other Masses, especially at the 12 midnight and 12 noon Masses on Christmas Day.

We hope you will come and consider an alternate Mass time. It will work out for everyone and we can celebrate the Light of the World.

Christmas Masses at Christ the King 2020

- **Thursday, Dec. 24:** 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 25:** 12 midnight, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Toward the East

About five years ago our neighboring bishop in Nebraska wrote a beautiful explanation of the practice of celebrating Mass *ad orientem*, i.e., toward the east. In his article “Looking to the East,” Bishop Conley of the Diocese of Lincoln, NE wrote

The Mass is rich with symbolism. The vestments of the priest remind us of the dignity of Christ the King. We strike our breasts, and bow our heads, and bend our knees to remember our sinfulness, God’s mercy, and his glory. In the Mass, the ways we stand, and sit, and kneel, remind us of God’s eternal plan for us. Since ancient times, Christians have faced the east during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to remember to keep watch for Christ. Together, the priest and the people faced the east, waiting and watching for Christ. Even in Churches that did not face the east, the priest and people stood together in the Mass, gazing at Christ on the crucifix, on the altar, and in the tabernacle, to recall the importance of watching for his return. The symbolism of the priest and people facing *ad orientem*—to the east—is an ancient reminder of the coming of Christ.

More recently, it has become common for the priest and the people to face one another during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The priest stands behind the altar as he consecrates the Eucharist, facing the people. The people see the face of the priest as he prays, and he sees their faces. These positions can have important symbolism too. They can remind us that we are a community—one body in Christ.

And they can remind us that the Eucharist, at the center of the assembly, should also be at the center of our families, and our lives.

But the symbolism of facing together, and awaiting Christ, is rich, time-honored and important. Especially during Advent, as we await the coming of the Lord, facing the east together—even symbolically facing Christ together at the altar and on the crucifix—is a powerful witness to Christ’s imminent return. Today, at a time when it is easy to forget that Christ is coming—and easy to be complacent in our spiritual lives and in the work of evangelization—we need reminders that Christ will come... (Southern Nebraska Register; November 21, 2014).

In 2016, Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, invited priests and bishops to

implement this [*ad orientem*] practice wherever possible, with prudence and with the necessary catechesis, certainly, but also with a pastor’s confidence that this is something good for the Church, something good for our people... perhaps beginning this on the first Sunday of Advent this year, when we attend “the Lord who will come” and “who will not delay,” (Conference to the Sacra Liturgia; July 5, 2016).

Inspired by and building upon the words of Cardinal Sarah and Bishop Conley, we at Christ the King have celebrated all of our Sabbath Masses on Gaudete Sunday over the last few years symbolically *ad orientem*. We have done this annually on the third Sunday of Advent, which is Dec. 12/13 this year. I say “symbolically” *ad orientem* because our church actually faces north as a result of zoning and geography but this spiritual attention towards the east is approximated when we priests stand with you, the People of God, facing the altar, the tabernacle, and the crucifix.

This change today won’t alter any of the actions for our EMHC – they will still go to the west side of the altar as usual. In the *ad orientem* posture at Mass, we priests will NOT be facing away from you, the people. We will be WITH you, among you, leading you, and facing Christ in the tabernacle together. All of us will await His triumphant return. As the traditional Advent hymn says

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

From Fr. Cook

Year of St. Joseph

One hundred and fifty years ago, Pope Pius IX officially declared St. Joseph to be the patron of the Universal Church in the decree *Quemadmodum Deus*. Commemorating the anniversary of that proclamation, Pope Francis has announced a Year of St. Joseph. It began on Dec. 8, 2020, and will conclude next year on Dec. 8. It is the Pope's intention that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

In the decree of Dec. 8, Pope Francis granted special indulgences to mark the year. A plenary indulgence is granted to Catholic Christians who pray any approved prayer or act of pious devotion in honor of St. Joseph, especially on the Saint's major feast days, the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 and the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Other significant dates for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29, the 19th of each month, and every Wednesday, a day traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph in the Western Church.

The decree explains:

In the current context of health emergency, the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment keeps them, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death, offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life.

The three conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence remain the same: 1. Sacramental confession, 2. the reception of Holy Communion, and 3. prayer for the pope's intentions.

Along with the decree, His Holiness composed *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, a letter to the faithful regarding devotion to the foster father of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis writes

Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble... St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis exhorts the goodness and modesty of St. Joseph, and the importance of fatherhood:



"St. Nicholas" makes an impromptu visit to our parish Pancake Breakfast on his feast day, December 6th

Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs... It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction...

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care...

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who 'makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust' (Matthew 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

Pope Francis concludes his letter, encouraging us all to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

Third Sunday of Advent



FIRST READING (IS 61:1-2A, 10-11)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54)

R. (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

SECOND READING (1 THES 5:16-24)

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

GOSPEL (JN 1:6-8, 19-28)

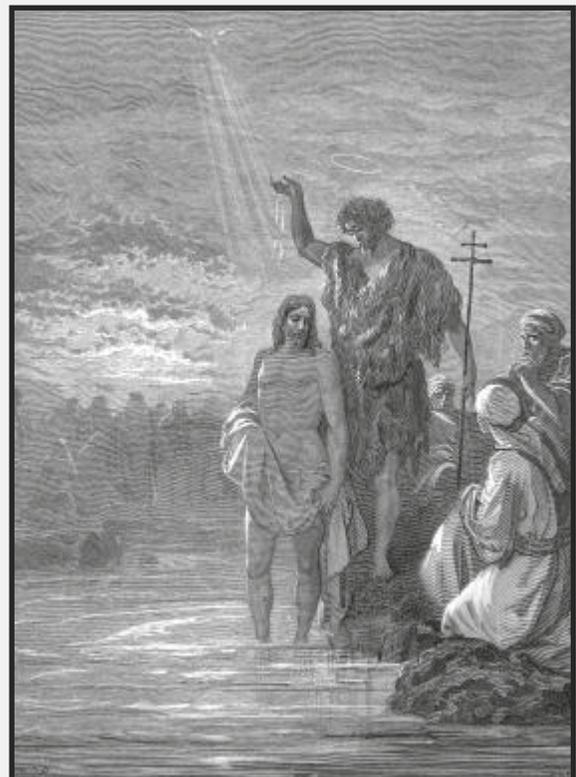
A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



The Baptist of Jesus by Gustave Doré

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- MON 12/14** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- TUE 12/15** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- WED 12/16** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- THR 12/17** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- FRI 12/18** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- SAT 12/19** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

KOC Christmas Card Sales

Visit the north hallway to purchase or order Christmas Cards for your loved ones!

The Knights of Columbus Council is selling cards for their Keep Christ in Christmas campaign now through December 20th!



Retirement Fund for Religious

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

You will find a separate envelop in your weekly/monthly offering books. Or, if you don't use envelopes, we have these special offering envelopes placed on the tables outside the church.

Please be generous.



Mass Intentions

“†” indicates deceased “Intention of” indicates living.

December 14 - Monday

- 8:15 † John J, Berlino, Sr.
12:10 † Daniel Manning

December 15 - Tuesday

- 8:15 † Dolores Ancona
12:10 Living and Deceased Members of the Albert F. Sueper Family

December 16 - Wednesday

- 8:15 † Leo and Frances Ambrose
12:10 † Dr. James R. Dunlap

December 17 - Thursday

- 8:15 † Deceased Members of the Thomas Fraher Family
12:10 † Fr. Ted Richling

December 18 - Friday

- 8:15 Intentions of James E. Schanbacher
12:10 † Clarence and Helen Matya

December 19 - Saturday

- 8:15 Intentions of Richard LeFerla
Masses for Sunday, December 20
5:00 † Margaret and John Didik

December 20 - Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 † Mary JoEllen Pence
10:00 † Dr. and Mrs. H. W. McFadden, Sr.
5:00 For the People

Prayer Intentions

Recently Deceased Parishioners:

Jerome Welch, Mia Taylor, Dr. Patrick Adley, Michael Wiese, Elizabeth Cihal, Jean Korff, Richard Page, Salvator Franco, Judy Brunner, Helen Hiykel, Patricia McKeown and Judith Ann Weinfurter.

Parishioner Intentions: Georgette Tadros

This current list of prayer intentions lasts for a month. If you or your loved one should need to be listed for a longer period of time, please contact the Rectory.

Military

Let us pray for peace and for all service men and women; especially for those family members of our parishioners who are serving in the Armed Forces: Andrew Armstrong, James Carl, Alex Dworak, Madelin L, Jonathan L, Joo Lee, Michael Maidens, Wyatt Musgrave, Caleb Pflug, Will Spellman, Jonathan Yerby, Harold Sorrell, Jamila Jahic, Nick Shanahan, William Kelly and Zachary Adler.

Parish Support

Family of Faith & Sacraments Corner

Budgeted for the week ending November 29th*	\$55,000
Support received	\$43,176
Variance-positive/(negative)	(\$11,824)
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 — 6/30/2021	
Year to date Budget Giving	\$714,000
Year to date Support	\$702,439
Variance—positive /(negative)	(\$11,561)

(Through June 30th, 2021)

*Includes Online Giving from the parish website of \$3,294.

* Includes giving by Automatic Withdrawal of \$5,327 on 1st.

The Heart Ministry

While many things have come to a pause, the Heart Ministry continues its mission of helping those in need. Below is a list of items that are most needed. Remember the drop off is the first Sunday of each month in the north hallway of the church building.

- Shampoo (adults and kids)
- Soap (bar/body/hand)
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes



Parish Team

Pastor: Fr. Damien Cook

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Benjamin Boyd

Permanent Deacon: Jon Fulcher

Permanent Deacon: Randy Park

Parish Receptionist:

Madeline Jarosik - ext. 200

Business/Finance Director:

Rick Kucirek - ext. 212

Bookkeeper:

Mary Drake - ext. 201

Mass Intentions Coordinator:

Gretchen Mack - ext. 202

Stewardship & Mission

Development Coordinator:

Lori Dvorak - ext. 214

Parish Center Manager:

Rebecca Pietramale-Hazel - ext. 207

Director of Sacred Music &

Liturgical Ministries:

Laura Rau - ext. 210

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor:

Eric Brink - ext. 221

Technology Administrator:

Brandon Odom - ext. 313

Principal of Christ the King School:

Chris Segrell - 402-391-0977

Director of Religious Education &

Sacramental Life:

Christina Sanchez - 402-391-3624

Athletic Director:

Tod Kellen - 402-392-1052

Family of Faith

December Community Meeting:

Our December Community Meeting is TODAY!

**There is NO in-person Adult Meeting for January at the end of December.

Please be on the lookout for the recording in your email!**

January Community Meeting:

Sunday, January 17th, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: Parish Center

Sacraments

First Communion

Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2020, at 6:30p.m. in the Church

The make-up meeting for November 18, will be next semester. More info to come.

Visit the church website for the full calendar

<https://www.ctkomaha.org/confirmation>

Other Information

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Registered parishioners, call 402-391-3624 at least six months in advance to start marriage instructions. Wedding dates are set at the initial meeting with your Priest/Deacon.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Especially before your baby's birth, please sign up and take our baptismal class by calling 402-391-3624.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Those discerning a call to the priesthood should contact the parish priest or Rev. Andrew Roza, Vocations Director: 402-558-3100.

Anointing of the Sick:

A healing sacrament for the aged, children seven and over, the seriously or terminally ill. Call the Rectory (402-391-3606).

Eyes on Education



"It Ain't Braggin' if You Can Do It"

Our accreditation report is in!



Growing up with three younger brothers who loved sports meant a lot of trash talking and one upmanship. My step father handled it all pretty calmly, even when dinner got a little rambunctious. One night things really heated up and one brother declared he could accomplish some crazy sports task and the other brothers immediately declared

he was bragging and bragging wasn't nice. My step father asked my brother, "Can you do _____?" And he replied, "Well, yes I can." My step father said, "Well it ain't braggin' if you can do it." And that was the end of that!

Anyone who knows me (in or out of our Christ the King community) knows that if you get me talking about my job you are going to have to hear 100 stories about how great we are. And it strikes me that some might feel like all those stories are bragging on my part, which wouldn't be nice.

BUT! Our engagement review final report came over Thanksgiving break and now I can call on those words from the dinner table! If you read the whole report you will find 100 or more ways that our school is amazing... I'm not bragging; I'm just telling the truth about our great school!

In September the Cognia engagement review team 'visited' our school community by zoom. This was the culmination of a process five years in the making. Things really heated up in preparation during the 2019-2020 school year. Meetings, reports, interviews done by our teachers and administrators, fall was a busy time. With all hands on deck we showed the Cognia team our school. Parents, board members, teachers, Fr. Cook, the academic readiness committee and our amazing students all zoomed in to talk about our school.

The result? A good school hopes to land in a range from 278- 283 on a scale of 400. This grants accreditation and indicates a school is working hard and beginning to reach the 'impacting' level in all they do. Our score? 363! We are so great we outgrew their scale!

What did they love about us? Let me highlight a few:

- we are mission guided and the whole community is dedicated to that mission
- "We are a close knit community"
- student responses like "My favorite thing is how close we are and how we welcome new people"
- students reporting they had an opportunity to grow and be challenged, but could always find support
- a "student centric culture"
- a faculty that uses data AND relationships to teach and guide young people
- a parent comment "I know my kids are going to do great long term and be men and women for others"
- the Team recommends the school celebrate the great unity between internal and external parts of the community

WOW! So pardon me if I keep you listening to more great stories about our school the next time we meet. We are pretty awesome and I don't mind saying so! The proof of what we knew in our hearts is now in the print. Special thanks to everyone, EVERYONE! Want to share about your great kid, class, lesson, program, school? Go ahead...we all earned the right to brag a little.

Amy Becker, Assistant Principal





Ladies Guild

COOKIE CAPER

December 19, 2020

COOKIE CAPER 2020 COMMITMENT

**Bake your best cookies for the Christ the
King Ladies Guild "Cookie Caper"**

I will donate _____ dozen (5, 7, 10 dozen)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

*Help us reach our goal of 500+ dozen cookies. Please drop off cookies
Friday, December 18th, 2020 3:30 pm - 6 pm.
Be sure to include recipe card for future Recipe Book.*

Online Baker Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/LGCookies2020>

COOKIE CAPER 2020 PRE-ORDER

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please Reserve: ___ boxes @ \$20.00 ea. (3 dozen/box)

___ boxes @ \$10.00 ea. (1.5 dozen/box)

Please return paper commitments to box by parish office.

Order Online: <http://www.ctkomaha.org/cookiecaper>

For more information please call

Molly: 402.680.5567,

Jenn: 402.709.3110



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