



Christ the King Parish / Parroquia de Cristo Rey

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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00AM—5:00PM,
Friday 8:00AM—Noon

Pastor: Fr. PJ McManus

Associate: Fr. George Komo

Hispanic Pastor: Fr. Jose Reynaldo

Christ the King Catholic Church
"First things first"

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Mass times: Monday—Friday 5:30PM, Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 3:15PM in Spanish.

Confession times: Monday—Friday 6:00PM—7:00PM, Saturday 4:30PM—5:30PM, Sunday 4:30PM—5:30PM

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2021

LIFE

"I will lay down my life
for the sheep."

JOHN 10:15

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Welcome to Christ the King Catholic Church

Christ the King Catholic Church Mission Statement

Christ the King is a Catholic community centered on The Risen Lord Jesus, proclaiming His Word and celebrating His presence in the Eucharist. Our commitment to spiritual growth as individuals and families is enhanced by providing opportunities for lifelong spiritual and faith formation. We are committed to becoming good stewards by sharing our time, talent, and treasure in gratitude to God for His many gifts to us. If you are interested in joining Christ the King please pick up a newcomer packet in the back of the Church, or go to our website: www.christthekingparish.org

A Letter From Father P.J.

During Eastertide the Church focuses our attention on baptism. At the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday we baptize, confirm, and communicate those joining our community, and throughout the weeks that follow we will celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion with our older children. But this week I want to draw our attention to baptism; in part because a new translation of the *rite* was released last year (though many of us have still not heard it because of the pandemic), but more because if we want to have any hope of following in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, we need first to know just what it means to be a sheep.

The first thing to note is that the rite is very *physical*: it begins at the door of the Church, moves into the nave (the part with the pews), then to the font (where the baptism itself takes place), and ends at the altar. This is because what is begun in baptism is only really completed in Confirmation and First Communion. This is also why having a Funeral Mass is so important. It is, ritually, a final reminder of baptism (meeting at the door, covering with the water, clothed with the garment, light from the Easter Candle, and ending, again, at the altar).

But words also matter, and apart from the essential words (I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit), everything else in the ritual is designed to help us understand just what these words mean—and the consequences they will have in our lives. We're anointed with oil after baptism because we've been set apart, ordered in the world for sacred service. We are clothed in white because we've been made pure—not by any merit of our own, but by Jesus' own life, death, and resurrection. And we're given light not because we're especially bright ourselves, but because we now carry the light of Christ within us—and so to the world in which we live.

Much has been made about the parents being the “first teachers” of their children in the ways of the faith. There is, of course, a way in which this is true. In virtually every tradition it is the parents who teach the children their first prayers, train them in moral behavior, and get them used to the cycle of fasts and feasts. But the new translation deliberately uses the word *witnesses* to describe what parents do to their children. Not only is this a more faithful translation of the Latin, but it articulates more clearly what actually happens: I don't have to be a Sunday School Superstar or an expert on the *Catechism* to raise good Christians; I just have to believe, and be brave enough to show my kids my own life in Christ. I have to be willing to struggle, and fail, and get back up again in front of my children so that they know they can do the same.



Fr. PJ

A Letter From Father Reynaldo

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

25 de abril de 2021

4º Domingo de Pascua

El cuarto Domingo de Pascua siempre nos recuerda la belleza del Señor Jesús como Buen Pastor. En el Evangelio, Jesús describe cómo es el trabajo de un pastor. Nos dice que, lo primero es dar la vida por sus ovejas. Segundo, cuidarlas y protegerlas de todo peligro. Y tercero, un buen pastor no cobra un salario, no trabaja a sueldo. Más, sin embargo, da la vida por su propio rebaño. Existe una acción permanente entre pastor y oveja. El Papa Francisco explicó lo que hace un Buen Pastor: “*El Buen Pastor, Jesús, está atento a cada uno de nosotros, nos busca y nos ama, dirigiéndonos su Palabra, conociendo en profundidad nuestro corazón, nuestros deseos y nuestras esperanzas, como también nuestros errores y nuestras decepciones*”. Y el continuó diciendo: “*Nos acoge y nos ama como somos, con nuestros méritos y nuestros defectos. Por cada uno de nosotros Él da la vida eterna: nos ofrece la posibilidad de vivir una vida plena, sin fin. También nos custodia y nos guía con amor, ayudándonos a atravesar los senderos inaccesibles y las rutas a veces peligrosas que se nos presentan en el camino de la vida*” (*Noticias Vaticano 12 de mayo 2019*). No tengamos miedo, continuemos firmes en este tiempo de prueba, el Señor es nuestro auténtico Pastor que camina con nosotros y es fiel a sus promesas. “*Yo Soy el Buen Pastor y conozco a los míos como los míos me conocen a mí, lo mismo que el Padre me conoce a mí y yo conozco al Padre. Y yo doy la vida por las ovejas*” (*Juan 10:14-15*). ¿Dónde, cómo y cuándo ha sido Jesús nuestro Pastor en este tiempo?

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¡Felices Pascuas!

Aunque el clima se niega a cooperar, la energía positiva en el edificio está trayendo luz y calidez a Cristo Rey! De alguna manera, solo nos quedan cinco semanas de clases y todos estamos trabajando duro para asegurarnos de que nuestros estudiantes reciban una experiencia óptima hasta el último día.

ESPERE MÁS - EXPLORE LA EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA

En Cristo Rey, creemos que la educación católica debe estar arraigada en la fe, enfocada en la excelencia y apoyada por una comunidad solidaria al mismo tiempo que brinda el mejor valor a nuestras familias. CKS ofrece más para todos y cada uno de los estudiantes porque creemos que debe esperar más de la educación de su hijo. Esperar más. Explore la educación católica en Cristo Rey. Programe su visita hoy mismo enviando un correo electrónico a dthole@cksdesmoines.com o llamando al 515-285-3349.

Dios los bendiga,

Daniel



Going On In Our Parish

Library News

Parish Library Opportunities:

We are looking forward to the time we can reopen our parish library. Would you like to join our great group of library volunteers? You do not have to have any special skills, just a desire to make faith-filled books, movies, and activities available for parishioners of all ages. There are many ways you can help. **Please call Betty McGehee at 515-240-2751 or email**

library@christthekingparish.org We would love to have you!



PICK OF THE WEEK

April 25, 2021

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all

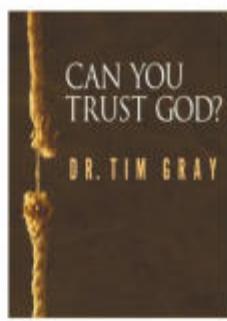


FORMED LIVE!
Who is St. Catherine of Siena?
Apr 29, 2021

LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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Mass Intentions

Starting on March 20th the 8:30am Mass intentions will be held privately in the rectory:

Saturday April 24th

8:30am– Our Clergy, 5:30pm– Dr. John Heffernan+

Sunday April 25th

7am– Claudette Wagner+, 9am– Our Parish, 11am– Our Sister Parish Tanzania

Monday April 26th

8:30am– Martha Hinds+, 5:30pm– Our Clergy

Tuesday April 27th

8:30am– Our Parish School, 5:30pm– Ed & Marjorie Putbrese+

Wednesday April 28th

8:30am– Our School Staff, 5:30pm– Camryn Storbeck+

Thursday April 29th

8:30am– Our Parish Staff, 5:30pm– Alfredo Vignaroli+

Friday April 30th

8:30am– Our Deceased Sisters+, 5:30pm– Our Deceased Priests+

Saturday May 1st

8:30am– Our Clergy, 5:30pm– Mary Jane Harper+

Sunday May 2nd

7am– Colleen Black+, 9am– Russ Bair+, 11am– Our Parish



Going On In Our Parish

Magnificat's

The May Magnificat is now available to be picked up at the parish office. Please call ahead at 515-285-2888

Lectors And Host Ministers

If you are interested in being a Lector or Host Minister, we are looking for help at all the Masses. If you are interested please give the office a call at **515-285-2888**. If I have missed scheduling anyone for Lector or Host Minister please let me know so I can make sure you are put on the schedule.

Mass Intentions

If you have someone you would like to have a Mass said for please contact Julie Lang at **515-285-2580**. She will get you put on the schedule for a Mass to be said for your loved one.

Prayer Chain

For prayer requests, please call one of the Prayer Chain Leaders listed below. We are always praying for you and for each other, God Bless.

Julie Bruner: 515-256-0216

Mara Camacho: 515-865-8093

Darlene Hiatt: 515-244-9205

Evelyn Shaw: 515-201-0280

We all need to take time out of our day to say an extra prayer for vocations, for our young men and women discerning what path to take, whether it is becoming a priest or a nun. In this world today we need prayers more than ever, let us all pray: Dear God, may you lead more to the Catholic Church, may you lead more to You, and for a clear understanding of what Your teachings mean. Amen.

Faith Formation

Jason Feeney, our director of Faith Formation is looking for volunteers to join in the mission of providing faith formation to the children and youth of the parish.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the normal Faith Formation Program for grades PreK-8, our Middle School Youth Ministry Program for grades 6-8, and our High School Youth Ministry Program for grades 9-12.

Sacramental prep for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. We are also looking for folks to help with this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email Jason at the parish office and let him know how you can help and where you would be interested in serving.

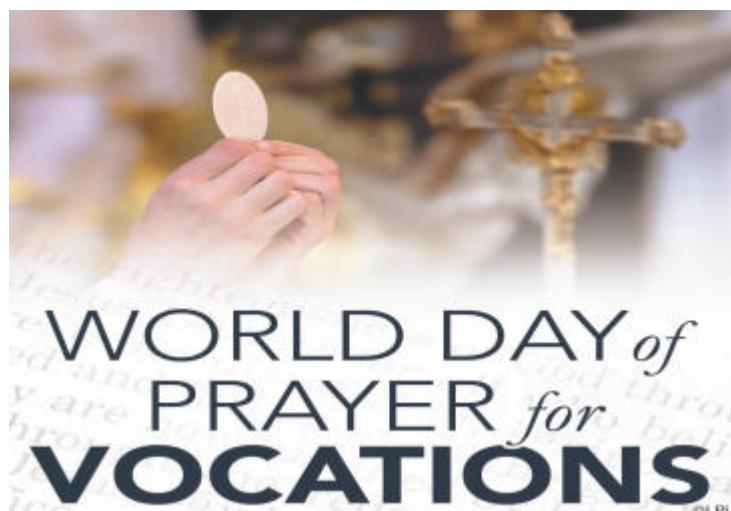
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First Communions

**Will be on Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd
All Masses**

Confirmation

Saturday May 9th at 6pm



Going On In Our Parish

St. Joseph Consecration

Join me Deacon Tony Valdez to begin our journey to consecrate our lives to St. Joseph, the next meeting will be on April 28th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Based on Fr. Donald Calloway's best selling book
"Consecration to St. Joseph"

Get your copy of the book now to get started, you can order the book from Divine Treasures or [Amazon.com](#) also available on Kindle download instantly.

Call the parish office at 515-285-2888 to register!

Deacon Tony.

A Message From The School

EXPECT MORE - EXPLORE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

At Christ the King, we believe Catholic education should be rooted in **faith**, focused on **excellence** and supported by a caring **community** while also providing the best **value** to our families.

CKS delivers more for each and every student because we believe you should expect more from your child's education. Expect more. Explore Catholic education at Christ the King. Schedule your visit today by emailing dthole@cksdesmoines.com or calling 515-285-3349.

God bless,
Daniel

Rosary For The Unborn

If you cherish all life born or unborn, please join us in saying the Rosary to help save the unborn each Saturday at 10am. In front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 E Army Post Rd on the public sidewalk.

Everyone is welcomed to join us.

If you have any questions contact: Kathy 515-953-6330

Cheesecake Sale

April 24th and 25th

The Cheesecakes are being freshly made all by hand in our parish kitchen!

Whole Cheesecakes:

Plain \$10.00

Nutella or Strawberry \$12.00

St. Vincent de Paul Reflection

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining Christ the King St. Vincent de Paul. Contact Kathy at kahiatt67@gmail.com for more information.

Divorced Or Separated Classes

Divorced or separated and wondering what your next step is?

Join us Tuesdays starting May 11, at 6pm at the Christ the King Pastoral Center in the Blessed Virgin Mary room.

We'll help untangle the knots from a Catholic perspective in our 12 week program. \$35 for the materials.

Call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301 or the church office 515-285-2888 to pre-register.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

GOSPEL:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Wednesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Joseph the Worker
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

SECOND READING

John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

GOSPEL READING

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?

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