

A Roman Catholic Community
Christ the King & Holy Family

Byron, MN

Kasson, MN

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2nd

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00am Rosary – Christ the King
8:30am Mass – Christ the King
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30am Mass – Holy Family

Monday, December 3rd

No Mass
7:00pm Choir Ministry Rehearsal - CK
5:45pm HF Faith Formation Grades 1 - 4

Tuesday, December 4th

9:00am Mass - Christ the King

Wednesday, December 5th

9:00am Mass - Holy Family
5:45pm HF Faith Formation Grades 5 - 7
5:45pm CK Faith Formation PreK - Grade 3
7:00pm HF Faith Formation Grades 8 - 10
7:00pm CK Faith Formation Grades 6 - 10

Thursday, December 6th

9:00am Mass - Christ the King
5:30pm CK Finance Council
6:30pm CK Pastoral Council
7:00pm Prayer Hour - Holy Family

Friday, December 7th

9:00am Mass - Holy Family

Saturday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception

9:00am Mass (Holy Day) - Christ the King
10:00am 1st Reconciliation Retreat - Christ the King
3:00pm Confession – Holy Family
4:00pm Mass (Sun. Obligation) – Holy Family

Sunday, December 9th

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Rosary – Christ the King
8:30am Mass – Christ the King
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30am Mass – Holy Family



MICHAEL RUSSELL O'BRIEN CONCERT!
FREE FAMILY EVENT ~ CHRIST THE KING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

We are thrilled to welcome Michael Russell O'Brien to our community of Christ the King and Holy Family. The concert will be held on Saturday, December 15th at 7:00pm at Christ the King!

This is a Free Family Event ~ Public Welcome!

Michael will be singing Christmas songs and sharing his faith story throughout the concert, including his experience at Medjugorje.

This is a GREAT time to quiet ourselves and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We will have door prizes! Cookies, Cider & Coffee served after the concert.

*You may pick up your free tickets at Christ the King in the office or get them at the door the night of the concert. You may also reserve your tickets by contacting Pam at: 507-272-0924 or email: kuisle.pam@gmail.com Doors open at 6:30 pm. Free Will Donations welcome.



December 2, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent

IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Holy Family Classes:

Monday, December 3rd, Class

Wednesday, December 5th Class

Christ the King Classes:

Wednesday, December 5th, Class

First Reconciliation Retreat

Saturday, December 8

Christ the King

10:00am - 12:30pm

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Thursday, December 13

Christ the King

6:00pm

Advent Reconciliation

***Faith Formation students expected to attend ***

THURSDAY, December 13

Christ the King

6:00pm

Christmas Program! All are welcome!

Monday, Dec. 17th, Holy Family - 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 19th, Christ the King - 6:30pm

The Knights of Columbus Council #14460 have rolled out two of their annual contests.

K-8 Poster Contest and Essay Contest: There is still time to get your poster or essay in. Please drop off at Parish Office or Faith Formation by Wednesday, December 5th.

Peace,

Kathy Lieburn, Director of Faith Formation

December 2nd, 1st Sunday of Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

YOUTH CHOIR ~ CHRIST THE KING

Youth Choir practice for grades 6 through 12 continues on Wednesdays at 6:00pm at Christ the King. No pre-registration or experience required! Please join us!

CHOIR MINISTRY ~ CHRIST THE KING

Music Ministry rehearsals are Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. There is a place for you in our choir!

Can't make a rehearsal or Mass? We can work with you. Please contact Susan Shepard with your questions mshepard20@charter.net.

PRAISE CHOIR ~ HOLY FAMILY

Praise Choir is scheduled for:

Sunday, Dec 2nd 10:30 am

Sunday, Dec 9th 10:30 am

Saturday, Dec 22nd at 4:00pm

Monday, Dec 24th, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve

Saturday, January 5th 4:00pm

Practice begins at 9:15am for Sunday Mass, and 2:45pm for Saturday Masses. A short practice after Mass if needed for new music to learn. If you would like to join us, please contact Marilyn, 507-421-8854.

HOLY FAMILY ~ COUNTERS GREATLY NEEDED



At least 4 more Counters are needed to come forward for our Holy Family Church! Counting takes place on Mondays at Holy Family. The time can be flexible and only takes approximately an hour to an hour and a half. We would like to have at least 8 volunteers come forward. You do not need to count every week. If you are able to help with this important ministry, please call the parish office. Thank you.

STAFF ~ MASS INTENTIONS ~ SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL MINISTRY

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www.ChristKingHolyFamily.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:00am–3:00pm, Friday 8:00am–Noon
* Byron Office

PASTORAL STAFF

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by noon on Friday. Mass announcements are due by noon on Wednesday. Please email to: bulletinckhf@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, December 2nd

8:30am Parishioners of our parish community
10:30am Dorothy Hoehn-Bigelow+
Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 3rd

No Mass
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4th

9:00am Ray Metzger+
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5th

9:00am In reparations of our sins
Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6th

9:00am Judy Kingsbury+
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7th

9:00am Larry Schaefer+
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8th

4:00pm Parishioners of our parish community
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9th

8:30am Ralph Russell+
10:30am Parishioners of our parish community
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL MINISTRY

Individual Reconciliation – Saturday at 3:00pm at the Church of the Holy Family or by appointment.

Baptism – A Pre-Jordan class is required and is held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Call the Parish Office to register and to schedule the date and time of the Baptism. Please call the office at least one month in advance to schedule a Baptism.

Marriage – Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage for preparation requirements.

Hospital Visits & Anointing of the Sick – Contact Father John Lasuba through the parish office to make arrangements.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – RCIA is a process for adults (un-baptized, baptized, Christian or Catholic) to come together to learn about the Catholic Faith. Call the Parish Office for information.

Prayer Chain (Christ the King) – For prayer request contact Lois Douglas at 775-6829 or email grandma_lois@msn.com

Prayer Chain (Holy Family) – For prayer request contact Jane Kreidermacher at 634-7116 or at tudl@charter.net

Funeral Arrangements – Contact Father John Lasuba through the parish office to make arrangements for a funeral.

St. Margaret's Cemetery Plots – If you would like to purchase a burial plot or if you have a burial plot and someone has died, contact the parish office. Office staff will assist you in these arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CHRIST THE KING SHARING TREE

A 'Sharing Tree' is located in the narthex at Christ the King. Tags on the tree list items needed by someone in our community. These items will go to Catholic Charities and to a few families in our area who are in need. Please note that items need to be turned in to Christ the King and placed under the tree, no later than December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY FAMILY MITTENS-HATS-SCARFS & SOCKS

As we enter into the winter season, we are reminded that there are those who have nothing to keep them warm. There will be a collection this year again for mittens, hats, scarves and yes SOCKS! For all, kids to adult. In the narthex you will find a box that will be gift wrapped by the giving tree. All donations will go to the K-M Care and Share. Please have donations to the church by Sunday, December 9th.

HOLY FAMILY SHARING TREE

The Holy Family Sharing Tree is located in the narthex. Please take a tag or two in order to help others who are less fortunate. Each tag lists an item for someone in need in our community. Please be sure tags and items purchased are returned to Holy Family no later than December 9th. Thank you for your generosity!

CARE AND SHARE COOKIE DRIVE

The annual Cookie Drive for Care needs your help! This cookie drive provides cookies to families that otherwise may not have any this holiday season. Cookies can be dropped off at 18 3rd St. Northeast in Kasson, December 10th through the 13th. Tables will be set up in the garage for ease of drop off. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

COFFEE & DONUTS EACH SUNDAY

We have had great feedback on our Sunday fellowship after Mass at Christ the King. We would love to keep this tradition of serving donuts, fruit and coffee going! We are in need of families or individuals to volunteer to serve donuts, coffee and fruit after Mass. We invite you to sign up for any of the following Sundays: December 9th, December 16th or December 23rd. Please call us in the office 775-6455 or sign-up on the Coffee and Donuts sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

The Catholic community of Byron is in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are able to take communion to homebound or those in nursing care when the need arises. Please contact the parish office to ask any questions or to be included on the list for distributing Holy Communion.

ADVENT ENRICHMENT

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Advent devotionals and activity items are located in the gathering space at Holy Family and Christ the King for adults and children. We hope you enjoy these items and that they help you and your family prepare for the coming of Christ. An offering basket is available; suggested donation: \$1.00 per item.



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE ADVENT MEANINGFUL?

Best Advent Ever is an email program by Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas. Register at dynamiccatholic.com.

Receive daily emails and videos

IN THE COMMUNITY

NAMI SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

NAMI is a support group for those with a mental illness, including depression and anxiety. The support group meets at the Presbyterian church in Kasson every Tuesday at 7:00pm. Please call (507) 287-1692 if you have questions or you may call JoAnn O'Neill at (507) 634-7650.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are February 8th - 10th, 2019 in Windom, MN and April 26th - 28th, 2019 in Hutchinson, MN. For more information, please call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ~ STEWARDSHIP

HOLY FAMILY Saturday, December 8th 4:00pm	CHRIST THE KING Saturday, December 8th 9:00am Immaculate Conception	CHRIST THE KING Sunday, December 9th 8:30am	HOLY FAMILY Sunday, December 2nd 10:30am
Sacristan Elaine Noble Lector Nancy Hackenmiller Servers Noelle Archer Jillian Archer Eucharistic Ministers (* = lead) Annette O'Donnell* Dan Archer Colleen Johnson Ushers Al O'Donnell Paul Pongratz Jared Smith NEED 1 Greeter(s) NEED	Sacristan Kay Lorentz Lector Lois Douglas Servers Thomas Lambrecht Conrad Tuinstra Eucharistic Ministers (* = lead) Lonny Lambrecht* Nichole Lambrecht Tim Tuinstra Ushers Steve Bronk Need 1 Greeters Need	Sacristan Pam Kuisle Lector Lillian Russell Servers Isaac Sharpman Victor Sharpman Eucharistic Ministers (* = lead) Mike Jensen Don Kuisle Becky Pries* Carolyn Severson Jim Severson Beth Sharpman Jan Zamzow Ushers Tim Buckingham Bob Brown Nick Brown NEED 1 Greeters Crawford Family Counters (Mon. 12/10) Wayne Courtney Carmen Schatzel	Sacristan Doreen Coleman Lector Lynn Sturgis Servers Natalie Willette Erin Carter Eucharistic Ministers (* = lead) Marcie Bordelon* Carol Malecha Joyce Threinen Linda McGuire AJ Moosbrugger Tim Schmerbeck Reva Harfman Ushers Chuck Willette Kent Harfman Matthew Harfman Marty Currie Greeter Marcie Bordelon Counters (Mon. 12/10) NEED 2 Please

CHRIST THE KING STEWARDSHIP November 18th and 25th, 2018		
Operating Fund	Nov 18th	Nov. 25
Envelopes	\$1,176.00	\$1,369.00
Loose	265.00	502.25
Youth	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 1,441.00	\$1,875.25
Holy Day Offering		
N/A	00.00	
Special Collections		
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	320.00	105.00
Christmas Flowers		35.00
Building Fund		
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 389.00	
Electronic Transfer Contribution Totals		
October 2018		
Operating Fund	\$2,535	
Mortgage Fund	<u>885</u>	
Total	\$3,420	

HOLY FAMILY STEWARDSHIP November 17th, 18th & 24th, 25th 2018		
Operating Fund	Nov. 17 & 18	Nov. 24 & 25
Envelopes	\$ 1,951.00	\$1,179.00
Loose	235.00	155.00
Youth	<u>33.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 2,219.00	\$1,343.00
Holy Day Offering		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00	
Special Collections		
St. Margaret Cemetery	.00	
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	749.49	
Building Fund		
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 00.00	
Electronic Transfer Contribution Totals		
October 2018		
Operating Fund	\$ 740	
Mortgage Fund	<u>.00</u>	
Total	\$ 740	

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