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MAINTENANCE

OFFICE HOURS (Except Holidays)

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

For Holy Days & Weekdays consult bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

BAPTISM

Parents, please call office for
Sacramental preparation

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at
least 4 months before your proposed
wedding.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call office (or rectory 436-4000)

For Scripture Groups, special needs, etc.

Call 436-2290

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308-672-2334

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1) For special needs, Prayer Tree,

Gina Mattley 436-2388

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2) Eucharistic Holy Hour, Fridays, 6:00 a.m.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day, First Fridays.

APOSTOLIC

Legion of Mary Mary Klemp

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY of COMMUNION

Call the Parish Office if you or someone you
know needs added to this ministry.

Call Marah ~ Shai 436-4008

CATECHUMENATE

For those interested in the Catholic Faith
or for an upgrading, September thru Easter
information call 436-2290

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16

Church Etiquette: Priest Should be last in, and first out of Church

DAILY MASSES ~ INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec. 13 7:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tuesday, Dec. 14 7:00 a.m.	Triona Bergin †
Wednesday, Dec. 15 5:15 p.m.	Chuck Martinez †
Thursday, Dec 16 7:00 a.m.	Francec Dunquez †
Friday, Dec. 17 7:00 a.m.	Barb Heywood †
~ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~	
Saturday, Dec. 18 5:00 p.m.	Raul, Mary Ellen & Taylor Magdaleno † ††
Sunday, Dec. 19 10:30 a.m.	Clarence Mohr †

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Envelopes \$5300; Plate \$259.....Total \$5559
Children \$115; Other \$432

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 pm..... Alex Flores/ Giorgianna Gamboa
10:30 a.m. Dylan Chamness & Macey Kautz

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

5:00 p.m. (H) Gina Mattley
10:30 a.m. (H) Neal Johnson

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Ron Walker
10:30 a.m. Shelly Peterson

MUSICIANS:

5:00 p.m..... Shelly M/ Casey & Renee, Shelly P
10:30 a.m. Mixed Choir

GREETERS :

5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. D'Angelo Murillo
10:30 a.m. Bob Newton

TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS FROM 3:00—4:00 P.M.

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE... Parish penance service with visiting priests will be held next week, Dec 19th at 6:00 p.m. St. Agnes will have their penance service at 3:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. Seize this opportunity to let the merciful Christ forgive and fortify you. **Bring your kids—set an example.**



3rd Sunday of Advent... "From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed?

The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters. St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price. We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr;
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME...PLEASE COME BY OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER, 436-2290 ~



The Knights of Columbus will have *Christ in Christmas* cards, magnets, and lapel pins available in the gathering area. They will be offering these as a goodwill donation. To cover the cost of these items, suggested donations are: **Cards - \$7.00; Magnets - \$2.00; Lapel Pins - \$1.00.** Contact is Neal Johnson at 308-672-0535 with any questions..

CHRISTMAS BASKETS...Please consider a donation to the Christmas Food Baskets that will be given to families in need in our community. Items needed are: **Turkeys (8-10 lbs), call Agnes 436-4994 or Brandy 436-5090. Sugar, flour, cooking oil, stuffing mix, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, powdered milk or canned milk, soups, Jell-o, pasta and sauces, dry beans, and cookies.** Monetary donations will provide fresh fruit, veggies and bread. Please write "Christmas Baskets" on your envelope and drop in the collection basket. Food items may be placed in the grocery cart in the gathering area. ~ Thank you, Christ the King Ladies Guild



Faith Formation

Elementary Grades

Today, Sunday, Dec. 12, Class Grades P-5, 9:10-10:15 a.m.

Next Sunday, Dec. 19, Class Grades P-5, 9:10-10:15a.m.

Christmas program immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Today Sunday, Dec. 12, LifeTeen/Edge, 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Wear your ugly sweaters! Prizes for the ugliest!

Next Sunday, Dec. 19, LifeTeen/Edge 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation students... please look at your list of requirements. There are several deadlines approaching before Christmas Break!

Once again, we are having a Sunday night meal after Mass for our youth. Can you take a turn to cook and serve a meal?

Thank you to the Ladies Guild for dinner last Sunday!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

LEGION OF MARY Not meeting at this time.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament this week at 6:00 a.m.. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the return of lapsed Catholics to the Church.

STATUE OF OUR LADY The statue of Our Lady in the home of: Neal & Minda Johnson, 1705 19th Str., Gering. December escorts are: Lee Trautman & Neal Johnson.

If you would like to schedule a time to have the Statue in your home, please call Neal Johnson at 672-0535

If you would like the Vocation Chalice in your home please call the office, 436-2290



Christ the King will once again be ringing the bell for Salvation Army at Fresh Foods on Friday Dec 10th from 4-6pm and Saturday Dec 11 from 9am - 6pm. Slots are 1 hour. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area. Help is still needed for the bell ringing this Saturday at Fresh Foods. Can you spare an hour of your time for this endeavor? All funds collected remain in the Scottsbluff Area to support those in need. Help is needed from 9am to 2pm, 4pm and 5pm. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Point of contact is Neal Johnson at 308-672-0535.



Advent has begun! Christ the King has lots of options to help enhance your Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Lord.

Study Groups: We are using Father Toups, *"Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story."* As Rejoice follows the four weeks of Advent, it will help us appreciate the places, people, and events that complement the story of the very first Advent. **Books are \$10 and can be picked up in the parish office. We will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** We'll start in the chapel with the Rosary and then head downstairs for our study.



Parish Wide Book: *"The True Meaning of Christmas"* by Michael Patrick Barber. Why was Jesus laid in a manger? Who are the Magi? What is the mysterious Christmas star? How did December 25 become Christmas? And how did the Christmas celebration become associated with things like Santa Claus and decorated trees? As Barber explains, only by understanding the message at the heart of Christmas can we fully enter into the joy it promises. There will be a copy for each family in the Gathering Area.

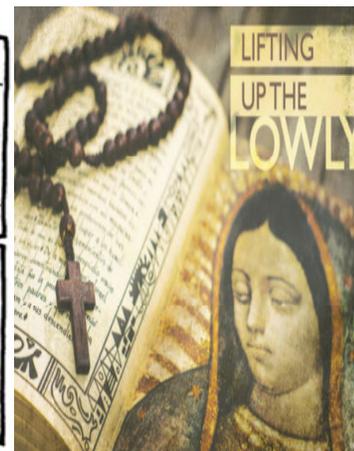


The Word Among and Little Blue Books are available in the gathering area.



THANK YOU to all who participated in the Ladies Guild fund raisers, by purchasing cinnamon rolls or a wreath. Both were a success because of all of you. Your support is so very much appreciated!

Christ the King Ladies Guild





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: The Well That Never Dries Up...

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well,

if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute." When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up. Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



THOUGHTS ~

"The Lord, your God is in your midst, a mighty savior...."

~ Zephaniah 3 ~

"Shout with exultation, O city Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!"

~ Isaiah 12 ~

"Rejoice in the Lord always."

~ Philippians 4 ~

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."

~ Luke 3 ~

"If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

"Un lock your soul to him."

~ St. Ambrose of Milan ~

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Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on weekends for special Advent programming from EWTN.

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



Blue Christmas...Is this a Blue Christmas? Christmas can be a painful time for some, it may be the first Christmas without a beloved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant re-frains about the happiness of the season or about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they've lost. The anguish of the death of a loved one can make us feel alone in the midst of celebration and joy. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone and encouragement to live the days ahead of us. If you or someone you know is in need of emotional support you may call the national suicide prevention lifeline at 800-273-8255. It is available 24/7, it is free and it is confidential. God of Mercy, hear our prayer in this Advent Season for ourselves and our families who hold painful memories of loss, grief, separation or crippling stress. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow and peace for the past. nouwen-network.com



St. Lucy |Feast Day December 13. A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung .



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