

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29th 2020



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

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

- ◆ 8 a.m.
- ◆ 10 a.m.
- ◆ 5 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday:

- ◆ 12:10 p.m.
- ◆ 8:15 a.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

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35

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.

From Fr. Cook

Happy New Year! Ok, today isn't January 1st but it is the first day of Advent and that means it's the first day of our new liturgical year! In terms of the Sunday readings throughout 2021, we enter into Cycle B. It specifically features the Gospel of Mark.

Mark's Gospel is the action movie version of Christ's life and saving mysteries. While being the shortest of the four Gospels, Mark's Gospel doesn't dally; it moves at a breakneck speed and focuses on Jesus' works and miracles. It is easy to remember the symbol associated with the Gospel of Mark, the lion, because Mark's Gospel begins in the wilderness with the Baptism and temptations of Jesus. It starts in the dangerous, barren wilderness where there are "lions and tigers and bears, oh my!"

Our four weeks of Advent, which comes from the Latin verb "advenire" (to come towards), turns our attention toward the three comings of Christ: 1. His initial coming as the "Word made flesh", 2. His eventual return in the Second Coming at the end of time, and 3. His present coming in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist.

Advent has its own character and flavor. More joyful than Lent because of the eventual birth of Christ, Advent is still a penitential season. Violet vestments are worn to signify the call to repentance and conversion. The utilization of the organ and other instruments and the decoration of the altar with flowers are done in moderation and in a way that doesn't anticipate or usurp the festivity rightly held at Christmas.

In addition to these customary elements, here at Christ the King we will begin singing again the Lamb of God during Advent. The Lamb of God prayer proclaimed during the breaking of the Host above the chalice greatly reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ and, therefore, reflects the penitential quality of Advent. Though we continue to keep congregational singing of prayers and hymns in the Mass to a minimum because of concerns of spreading Covid, we feel that resuming congregational singing incrementally and the simple return of chanting the Lamb of God should be safe with people singing through masks.

Speaking of Covid, this year has been a doozy. There has been so much uncertainty, fear and darkness over the last nine months. In response, I am going to break with tradition—if you know me you know I don't change our Church's traditions idly. I am going to activate our outdoor lights beginning today! The purist would wait until Christmas itself and I have often settled for turning on our lights on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the midway point to Christmas, but I feel that we need some additional light and cheer in these gloomy days. May the lights outside of the church and our



Lion of St Mark by Vittore Carpaccio

homes remind us of the true Light of the World and the joy and peace that only He can give, a joy and peace that emanate from our trust and confidence in Him, His goodness, and His Divine Providence.

Special Mass for the Vulnerable:

As fears increase, I have decided for the time being to designate our Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass as a special Mass for the vulnerable. What does this mean? I ask all peoples who attend our Masses on Saturdays at 5 p.m. to wear masks throughout the entirety of the service. The Vigil Mass is already the least attended of our weekend Masses and I have noticed that around 95% of people faithfully and diligently wear masks during that Mass. So, if you are afraid, have health vulnerabilities, or are working to keep our school open and Covid free, please consider attending Mass on Saturdays at 5 p.m. where everyone will be wearing masks.

Fr. Boyd Ending Quarantine: Because of exposure to someone with Covid, Fr. Boyd started his 14 day quarantine on Nov. 18 and, barring any symptoms, he will conclude it on Dec. 1. He is almost finished but please continue to keep him in your prayers. Because of his absence, we regret that we are unable to offer our regular Sunday morning Confessions today.

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:

- Sat. 5 p.m.: AVERAGE: 87
- Sun. 8 a.m.: AVERAGE: 159
- Sun. 10 a.m.: AVERAGE: 215
- Sun. 5 p.m.: AVERAGE: 129

First Sunday of Advent



FIRST READING (IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7)

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

SECOND READING (1 COR 1:3-9)

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

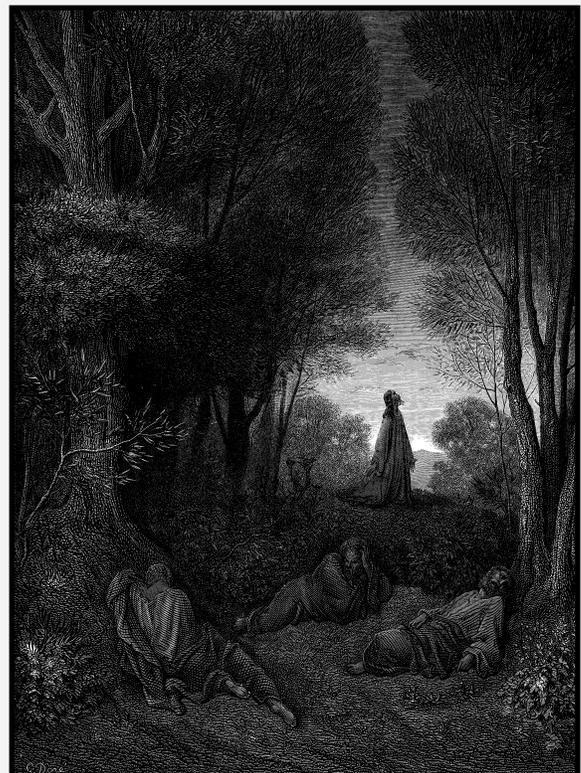
He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL (MK 13:33-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"



Jesus Praying in the Garden by Gustave Doré

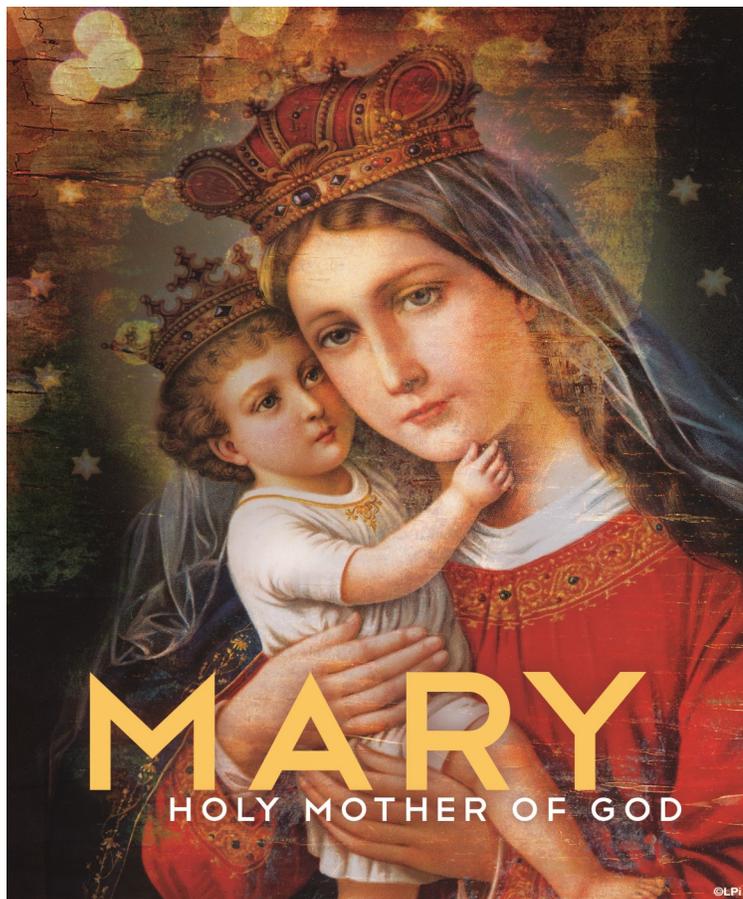
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

- SUN 11/29** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- MON 11/30** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- TUE 12/1** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- WED 12/2** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- THR 12/3** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- FRI 12/4** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- SAT 12/5** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- SUN 12/6** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

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

November 30 - Monday

- 8:15 † Deceased Members of the J.H. Pence Family
12:10 † Andrew Abrahamsen

December 1 - Tuesday

- 8:15 † John Farrell
12:10 † Neal Grummert

December 2 - Wednesday

- 8:15 † Maureen “Mo” Miloni
12:10 Intentions of Jim Korff

December 3 - Thursday

- 8:15 † Kim Witherspoon
12:10 † Fern and Joe Delere

December 4 - Friday

- 8:15 Intentions of James Pieper
12:10 † For those enrolled in the Masses of Perpetual Memory at Christ the King Parish

December 5 - Saturday

- 8:15 Intentions of Justin Chang
Masses for Sunday, December 6
5:00 † Margaret Hanson

December 6 - Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 † Marlene Kelly
10:00 † Judy Wellendorf
5:00 For the People

Prayer Intentions



Recently Deceased Parishioners:

Dr. Patrick Adley, Michael Wiese, Elizabeth Cihal, Jean Korff, Richard Page, Salvator Franco, Judy Brunner, Helen Hiykel, Patricia McKeown, Judith Ann Weinfurtner, Linda and Bill Nodes.

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 Maides, Wyatt Musgrave, Caleb Pflug, Will Spellman, Jonathan Yerby, Harold Sorrell, Jamila Jahic, Nick*

Parish Support

Budgeted for the week ending November 22nd*	\$33,000
Support received	\$34,499
Variance-positive/(negative)	\$1,499
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 — 6/30/2021	
Year to date Budget Giving	\$626,000
Year to date Support	\$626,308
Variance—positive /(negative)	\$308

(Through June 30th, 2021)

*Includes Online Giving from the parish website of \$2,724.



New Parishioner Orientation

Join us on December 6th, 2020 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a Parish Orientation Session. Coffee and donuts will be served. Masks required and there will be social distancing.



All Souls Day

Please remember that all photos should be picked up from the table the weekend of December 5th!



First Reconciliation

Congratulations to those who Celebrated First Reconciliation!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And the little children will come to Jesus to meet Him in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 1st.

Now their journey to receive Him in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May continues. Please keep them in your prayers!

Family of Faith & Sacraments Corner

Family of Faith

December Adult Meeting:

Sunday, November 29th, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: Parish Center

December Community Meeting:

Sunday, December 13th, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: TBD!

**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

First Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the church

Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, November 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Masses

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Visit the church website for the full calendar

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

RCIA Candidates

At the 10:00 Mass on November 29th we welcome three candidates to the Faith. Rebecca Swanson, Sean Murphy and Seth Woodke have been in RCIA class since late August. They are on a journey to learn more about the Catholic Church and all the treasures. We want to introduce you to introduce you to these



Rebecca Swanson

fine individuals. We ask for you to pray for each one of them as they discern their entrance into the Church. If you see one at Mass or at school, please welcome them and let them know your praying for them.

God bless Rebecca, Sean and Seth.



Seth Woodke



Sean Murphy

YouTube Mass

Mass will continue to be offered on our YouTube channel, Christ the King Omaha, as well as the listed public mass times until further notice. You can tune in at youtube.com/user/CTKOmaha



Monday - Friday:

- ◆ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

I again ask you to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you.

Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools and ministries.

Thank you for your faithful support!



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

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).



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2020 Census

This month, we are asking all of our parishioners to complete a Parish census. This simply means we are asking you as a registered parishioner to provide us with your updated contact and family information. It is important for us to be able to give you the tools you need to thrive in your faith. Without this information its simply not possible.

Below you will find a QR code that will take you to our data base. All you have to do is scan the code with your phone camera and it will bring you there! Update your information and submit it for review. If you find that this method doesn't work for you, please fill out the form that was mailed to you and return it back to the Parish Rectory. We do ask that you only pick **ONE** method when turning your information in.

Thank you for your help in making our Parish more efficient! Please follow the link provided if you are in need of more information. <https://www.ctkomaha.org/moc>



God Bless,
Parish Staff

20-21 School Year Schedule

Christ the King
High School
Youth Group

JANUARY

- 10 6:30p.m. First Life Night / Parish Center
- 24 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center

FEBRUARY

- 7 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center
- 21 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center

MARCH

- 7 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center
- 21 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center

APRIL

- 18 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center

MAY

- 2 6:30p.m. Life Night / Parish Center
- 16 6:30p.m. Last Life Night! / Parish Center

JUNE

- 5th -11th Totus Tuus *Tentatively*

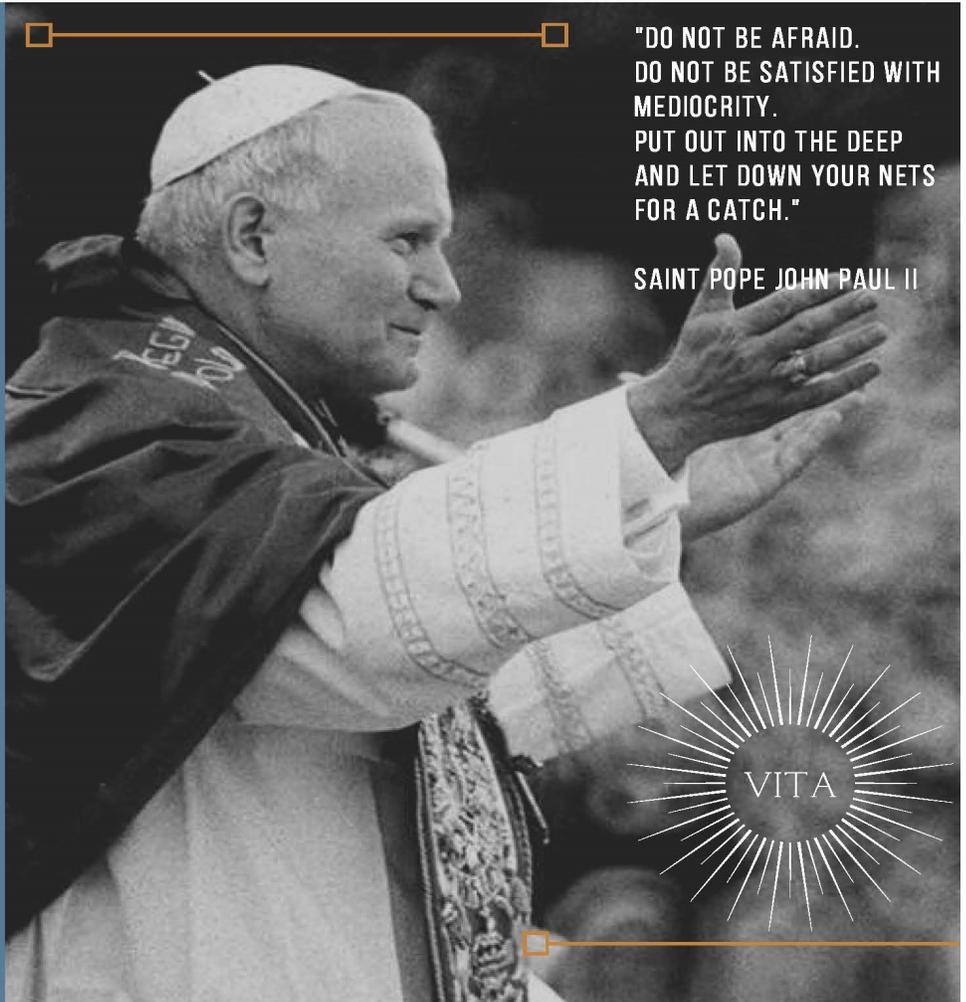
JULY

- 16th -18th Steubenville Youth Conference
Tentatively

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.ctkomaha.org/hsvg-registration>
to register!

Director of Family Faith Formation Christina Sanchez Sanchezc@ctkomaha.org	Youth Minister Madeline Jarosik Jarosikm@ctkomaha.org
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"DO NOT BE AFRAID.
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SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II



2020 Advent & Christmas at Christ the King Church

(All events take place in the church unless otherwise indicated. Please note that all events will be following CDC guidelines.)



First Reconciliation

The children of our parish receive the holy Sacrament of Confession for the first time! Please pray for them and their families.

- **December 1st**
 - **6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.**

Pancake Breakfast

Feast upon delicious breakfast fare. Sponsored by the Christ the King Knights of Columbus.

- **December 6th**
 - **8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. in the Parish Center**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Ann.

- **December 7th**
 - **6:00p.m. Mass**
- **December 8th**
 - **6:30a.m., 8:15a.m. and 12:00 noon Mass**

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

Come for an hour or a visit and take part in the National Night of Prayer to build the culture of life through Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. The rosary and prayers will begin every hour on the hour.

- **December 8th**
 - **8:00p.m. - 12 midnight**

Gaudete Sunday: Christmas Tree Assembly

Strong individuals are invited to help carry up and set up the various Christmas trees in our church sanctuary.

- **December 13th**
 - **1:00p.m. until finished**

Cookie Caper

Help support the good works of our parish's Ladies Guild and enjoy delicious cookies and treats. Seek bulletin for more details.

- **December 19th & 20th**
 - **Before and after Masses in the Parish Center hallway.**

Father Boyd's 40th Birthday Celebration!

Come and help us celebrate the life of our very own Father Boyd in the Parish Center!

- **December 20th**
 - **After the 10a.m. Mass**

Cleaning and Decorating of the Church

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate our beautiful church for Christmas. Christmas cookies and snacks will be provided. Please bring vacuums, attachments, extension cords, dusting or polishing cloths or towels, and gloves, if possible. Cleaning solutions and polishes will be provided.

- **December 23rd**
 - **1:00p.m. until finished**

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Give thanks for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

- **December 24th Masses**
 - **3:00p.m. Vigil**
 - **5:00p.m. Vigil**
 - **12:00 midnight**
- **December 25th Masses**
 - **8:00a.m.**
 - **10:00a.m.**
 - **12:00 noon**

Please take note that the Archbishop is only allowing the 3p.m. Mass time for 2020 due to COVID.



Christmas Program

Parish Choirs will present a short program of music.

- **December 27th immediately after the 10a.m. Mass.**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Pray through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and usher in the New Year!

- **December 31st**
 - **6:00p.m. Vigil Mass**
- **January 1st**
 - **8:15a.m. Mass & 12:10p.m. Mass**

Eyes on Education



Out of the Mouths of Babes...and Their Parents

One day early in my administration career I happened to be in a first grade classroom covering for a teacher. Later I was seen by the same students helping in the office. The next day a student gave me a piece of advice, "You help a lot of people with their jobs. Maybe you should try to get one of your own." Mic drop. Ouch. Seriously though, I chuckle every time I think of that earnest little person.

When thinking of an article topic for this week I was taken back to the theme of gratitude. And part way through a draft, I had another humorous encounter with one of our young students. I realized I was grateful for the smiles that came with the work I do. I have often advertised that volunteering in our school will give a person comic material for days!

Hopefully this article will give you a glimpse into the joy adults get when working with children. Here are some 'seen and heard's' from this strange fall at Christ the King.

From a parent volunteer- About a month into school and after several times of volunteering, a certain young man in second grade asked, "**Mrs. _____, do you work here now?**" After telling him that I didn't work here, but just come to help over the lunch hour, I asked him if he was tired of seeing me. He answered honestly, "**Kind of!**"

A first grade student asked the parent volunteer for a second butter. He said, "**I need one for back up.**" (I need more people in my life who need a backup butter)

Upon asking 1st grade students if they liked having their parents volunteer.

"I used to. But then my mom learned the rules."



"I still like when my Dad volunteers. I think he knows the rules, but he doesn't make us follow them."

"Your mom is so cool!" -8th grade girl to an 8th grade boy. **"She is? Yeah, I guess she is."**

The third grade girls told Mrs. Becker she was their second favorite volunteer. Fr. Cook is their first favorite. But they added, **'we don't mind having you.'**

Third grade boys to Mrs. Becker, **"Are you our volunteer today or do we get a real volunteer?"**

A parent on his experience at middle school recess: **I had lunch and recess duty with 5C today. For recess we were on the playground and the kids played kickball. It was the best recess experience I've had this year by far. There were no arguments over teams, rules, or safe/out calls. And, I didn't see anyone get after a teammate for making a bad play.** (See everyone, middle school is not scary!)

Second grade students in a discussion in front of the volunteer. **"We probably shouldn't talk about crushes. We might embarrass someone."** And they all looked at the volunteer.

Fourth grade student at lunch. **"Do you know how sad I was when I first learned that the milk in the pink cartons wasn't pink?"**

A parent on supervising 8th grade lunch, **"I don't know why but it feels like there are A LOT of students in that room."**

8th grade parent observation, **"Supervising 8th grade lunch is like driving in the car with your child and their friends. They talk and talk. And you get to hear every word."**

The most common comment from students? "I love when my mom comes to lunch!" And so do we!

Thank you volunteers!



Amy Becker, Assistant Principal



PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES

**SAINT
FRANCIS
XAVIER**

Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Sunday, November 29th, 2020

Theme:

Knowledge of Jesus -
Consecration Novena

Reflection:

Ignorance of Scripture reflects
ignorance of Jesus. We begin
to know Jesus by experiencing
his heart and love and then living as a disciple of
Him.



This hour includes the recitation of the Rosary and
availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
when a Confessor is present.

Room Request System Update

To use any of our facilities at
Christ the King, we ask that
any participants fill out a
room request. Christ the
King uses MIDAS to book
and keep track



of events and activities tak-
ing place in the parish building.

If you wish to request a room for your group or
committee, click on the link below to fill out an online
form. The request will be sent directly to the Rectory
office to be reviewed and processed.

Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society hours for
September are the weekend of December 5th-6th.

All are welcome to attend any of the eight hours
starting at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday night and
continuing until 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

This liturgy is very profound and we encourage all
to join.

For more information please contact George
Wanek, 402-391-1827

