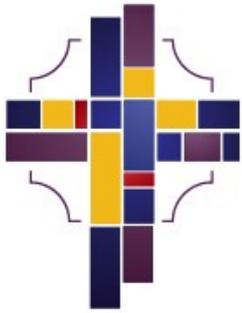


4th Sunday of Advent

December 20th 2020



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



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Eve/Day Masses

Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24th)

Vigil Masses with Masks - 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Masks to be worn throughout the entire service

Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25th)

Masses - 12 Midnight, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon

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

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From Fr. Cook



The Nativity by Petrus Christus

Blessed Christmas!

2020 has been quite a year but Christ, the Light of the World, comes to cast away the fears and fatigue of darkness and to enkindle warmth, hope, and love in our souls. On behalf of Fr. Boyd and our deacons, and our parish and school staff teams, I wish you and yours an uplifting celebration of Christmas, an increase in faith, and a joyful encounter with our Savior. Have a Merry Christmas!

Office Closure

In celebration of Christmas, the Rectory office will close at 12 noon on Dec. 24 and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 29. We regret any inconvenience. You are welcome to slide any correspondence, forms, or donations beneath the Rectory door or to utilize our make-shift mailbox and package station outside the door.

Helpful Suggestions for Christmas

Because we do not know what to expect for attendance at Christmas Masses in a COVID world, we offer the following guidance.

Consider Coming to Mass for Christmas

Though there is a current dispensation from Sabbath Masses and Masses on Holy Days of Obligation, like Christmas, we 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 normalcy.

Both Christmas Eve Masses Require Masks

We want to keep you safe. In addition to disinfecting the church between every liturgy, closing every other pew, distributing Holy Communion to people in their pews, and providing signage to facilitate social distancing, two of our Christmas Eve Masses will require masks. **Everyone attending either our 3 p.m. or 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Masses on Dec. 24 is required to wear a mask throughout the entirety of the liturgy, with the exception of children younger than 5 years of age.** Christmas Eve liturgies generally draw the largest crowds so requiring masks for everyone at these services maximizes safety and comfortability, especially if social distancing cannot be strictly maintained because of the greater numbers.

Consider Attending, Just This Year, a Mass on Dec. 25th Itself

We believe the 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve will attract the greatest attendance but there is always room for more people at any of our other, less crowded Masses, especially at the 12 midnight and 12 noon Masses on Christmas Day.

Helps for Those Unable to Attend Christmas Mass

For those who are vulnerable and need to avoid crowds this Christmas, we offer these suggestions and aids.

Viewable Mass Online at 12 Noon on Dec. 25

We will film and broadcast a Christmas Mass. It will premiere at 12 noon on Dec. 25. To participate, visit www.ckomaha.org/mass.

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.:** 98 (11/7); 75 (11/14); 94 (11/28); 145 (12/5); 112 (12/12) - **AVERAGE: 105**
- **Sun. 8 a.m.:** 162 (11/8); 135 (11/15); 168 (11/29); 142 (12/6); 120 (12/13) - **AVERAGE: 145**
- **Sun. 10 a.m.:** 216 (11/8); 185 (11/15); 224 (11/29); 212 (12/6); 218 (12/13) - **AVERAGE: 211**
- **Sun. 5 p.m.:** 135 (11/8); 116 (11/15); 112 (11/29); 111 (12/6); 116 (12/13) - **AVERAGE: 118**

From Fr. Cook

Liturgy of the Word

The video Mass is obviously not the same experience as attending the liturgy in person so we offer an alternative for those who may find watching an online Mass challenging. Consider doing something more interactive, such as conducting a short Liturgy of the Word at home.

- **STEP 1:** Make the Sign of the Cross.
- **STEP 2:** Read aloud a set of readings from one of the Christmas Masses—this includes a First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, and Gospel. Find and select the readings from our helpful “All-in-One Christmas Webpage” at www.ckomaha.org/mass.
 - **OPTIONAL STEP:** Consider watching just the homily portion from a video Christmas Mass.
- **STEP 3:** Open up discussion among you and your family/guests and share aloud what touched your heart in the readings in terms of thoughts, feelings and desires. No one should feel pressured to share but everyone should be encouraged to take part.
- **STEP 4:** After the sharing, invite everyone to pray silently for at least a minute in gratitude to God for His blessings and for what you have received.
- **STEP 5:** Invite those present into intercessory prayer, asking those who wish to participate to name aloud someone, a group of people, or some just or charitable cause for whom or for which they are praying.
- **STEP 6:** Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer (Our Father) and the Sign of the Cross.

Devotions & Activities Handout for Home

Printed copies of a helpful handout for all families that offers prayers, Scripture, and easy, creative, interactive ways to celebrate Christmas in the home is now available on the table outside of the Rectory door. Feel free to pick a copy up at a time of your choosing in the week of Christmas—the north door beneath the portico is open 24 hours a day. The handout is also available for download at www.ckomaha.org/mass.

Donate to the Less Fortunate

In the midst of opening new presents and preparing the Christmas turkey and fixings, peruse your pantries, cabinets and toy chests and donate non-perishable foods, hygienic supplies, and old or un-



Generous parishioners help to set up the Christmas trees on Dec. 13

used toys and games to one of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thrift stores. You can also donate food items and hygienic supplies for the Heart Ministry by placing them in our north hallway on the weekend of Jan. 3. Receive the joy of Christmas by generously helping others.

Bring Christmas Joy to the Homebound

Taking all necessary health precautions in the preparations, utilize your baking talents and make some cookies or desserts and deliver them to relatives, neighbors, and homebound parishioners. You can place them on the porch, talk through the closed door and give them a call. Be sure to call family and friends who you may not be able to visit like usual this year.

Visit the Church on Off Hours

For those who cannot and even should not attend any of our Christmas Masses, the church will be open throughout Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Consider coming to our majestic church on the off hours, when no one is around, to visit the Blessed Sacrament and the Baby Jesus in the crèche and to inspired by the holiday decorations.

Christmas Carols Sing-Along

While we love to listen to Christmas hymns on the radio and in the background of parties, spend some time with these time-honored songs in a direct way. Seek out your favorite ones online to listen to them, download lyrics and to sing along. Gather family, friends, roommates, and guests and praise the Lord and spread festive cheer through these wonderful melodies. Download a handout of the most popular carols at www.ckomaha.org/mass.

From Fr. Cook

Christmas Lights in a Socially Distancing World

Even if many cannot come together this Christmas because of COVID concerns, jump in the car and drive through the neighborhood and enjoy Christmas Lights. Public places and parks also abound with stunning lights and nativity scenes, such as downtown Papillion (my favorite), the Old Market, Midtown Crossing, and blocks along 24th Street near Lake Street in the north and near L Street in the south.

Plays and Skits at Home

Encourage the kids and adults in the house to prepare a makeshift Christmas Pageant at home. Use blankets, loose fabrics, stuffed animals and your imagination to dress up and reenact the Nativity story. Draw on the texts from the Gospels to provide and craft narration and spoken parts. Depict the Holy Family journey from full inn to full inn and eventually giving birth to our Savior in a humble manger, surrounded by animals, angels, and shepherds.

Color Me an Ornament

Cut out the picture below and color it, tie a string to it, and put it on your tree. Even better, use your creativity to make unique, heartfelt ornaments with your kids, spouses, and guests.

Color me below and hang me on your tree



An unusual and inspiring delivery comes to the Rectory on Dec. 11

Better to Give Than Receive

On Friday, Dec. 11, I received a most peculiar package with a return address of Warrenton, VA. This is what the letter enclosed inside read:

Dear Fr. Cook and Fr. Boyd,

We are writing to you as parishioners from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Warrenton located in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Just after the mandates for church to close due to the COVID-19 virus, our family began to faithfully attend Mass by livestream. My husband found your parish link and just after one Mass we made Christ the King Catholic Church our virtual parish!

Although we have long returned to our parish for Mass, on several occasions we've had to travel out of town and have been reticent to attend Mass in those locations. So we've happily returned to Mass again at Christ the King to celebrate with you! It was about two weeks ago when we heard your announcement for the need for little toiletry items for children in need (*our monthly Heart Ministry Donation Sack Sunday*). Our family and our children wanted to contribute a small collection of those items which our children shopped and paid for from their allowances. We hope it will help and feel connected to you and your parish in this way!

We will remember you and Christ the King Catholic Church in our prayers. God bless you abundantly.

My goodness! What unexpected kindness from afar! What a manifestation of the heart of Christmas! As you might see from the photo above, the box was

From Fr. Cook

filled with hygienic items and toiletries, donations for the Heart Ministry. I am always amazed at the generosity and thoughtfulness of people and especially for your support to the poor and disenfranchised in our community and to the parish itself.

To wherever the spirit of generosity inspires you and leads you, **I thank you for your outstanding support to Christ the King through volunteerism and financial contributions this year.** I know 2020 has been an unforgiving experience but through your generosity you have continued to lift up our parish, our school, and our many apostolates. We cannot operate without you. We cannot provide a Catholic education in our school and Family Faith Formation without you. We cannot provide for the needs of our poor and little ones without you.

That is why I humbly ask you to give to our parish. Our school runs an enormous deficit each year and for that we ask your assistance and participation. Our 2020-2021 "REAL GAP" Fund materials have been mailed to you and we are counting on your exceptional largess to help us bridge this "gap." Our school cannot operate on tuition alone; it needs the additional help of tithing parishioners, both school families and non-school families.

What is tithing? Tithing comes from the word "ten" or "tenth." In Genesis 14:18-20, Abraham, after rescuing Lot, meets with the King of Salem and priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek. Melchizedek is a pre-figurement of Jesus Christ Himself, for Jesus is the true Prince of Peace ("saalem" in Hebrew means "peace") and the High Priest. Melchizedek brings out bread and wine, a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, and blesses Abraham. Afterwards, Abraham gives Melchizedek a tenth of everything he received from the spoils of battle.

As the year draws to a close, please consider your blessings, look over your income for the year, and give at least 10% of it away to Christ the King. That's a bold request, I know, and very direct but we survive only because of your kind donations and we thrive because of your largess. Without everyone giving something, we cannot fulfill our mission. What's more, school tuition does not count as tithing. For such fees a service is rendered, and tuition itself doesn't cover but half of the actual cost it requires to educate a student in our five-day school. Tithing is what we give to the parish in the Sunday offering, without strings attached, because we are all one family and need each other.

If my suggestion is too bold, consider giving at least 5% of your annual income to the parish, 4% to charities, and 1% to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. If that, too, seems too difficult, perhaps you can give at least \$10 every week of the year to the collection



Adoration of the Shepherds by Andrea Mantegna

plate; that's the cost of just two gourmet coffees a week.

Many of you stay up at night, worrying over finances. As a spiritual father and pastor to this parish, I have the same anxieties. Cash fluidity is tight at Christ the King in this time of year yet we need to pay our employee's salaries, cover our utilities, and maintain and even improve our facilities. God provides but only through your loving response. Thank you for your generosity over this last year and thank you in advance for your generous Christmas donations. May generosity reign in our hearts and in our world.

Fr. Boyd Turns 40!

Fr. Boyd turns 40 on December 26! We are celebrating his milestone birthday early at an open house TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 20 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish Center, **observing all COVID health rules.** As an "open house" format, we hope people might feel more comfortable in attending, knowing guests will be just making short visits. It is certainly understandable if you think it best not to attend during these times; in such cases, please consider sending some prayers and a card, an email or a phone call to encourage him.

Cleaning/Decorating the Church

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate our beautiful church for Christmas this 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



FIRST READING (2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16)

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29)

R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

GOSPEL (LK 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



The Annunciation by Gustave Doré

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- 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
- MON 12/21** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- TUE 12/22** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- WED 12/23** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- THR 12/24** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- FRI 12/25** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- SAT 12/26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Thursday:** Christmas Eve
- Friday:** The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
- Saturday:** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The reason for
the season.



Mass Intentions

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

December 21 - Monday

- 8:15 † Andrew Woodard
12:10 Intentions of Alena Moore

December 22 - Tuesday

- 8:15 † Mary Patricia McGuire
12:10 Living and Deceased Members of the Mike Mooney Family

December 23 - Wednesday

- 8:15 † Leo Ambrose
12:10 † Marguerite Stejskal

December 24 - Thursday

- 8:15 † Lyle L. Latimer, Sr.
Masses for Christmas, December 25
3:00 † Patricia McKeown
5:00 † Jovencio Politico

December 25 - Friday The Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 For the People
8:00 † Michaline Groller
10:00 Living and Deceased Members of the David and Joseph Kaplan Families
12:00 † Deceased Members of the Cuadrado Family

December 26 - Saturday

- 8:15 † Daniel Peters
Masses for Sunday, December 27
5:00 † LaVern Bush

December 27 - Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 8:00 For the People
10:00 † David Abboud
5:00 † Mary Catherine Oberst

Prayer Intentions

Recently Deceased Parishioners:

Jerome Welchj, 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 Maides, 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 December 13th*	\$75,000
Support received	\$63,650
Variance-positive/(negative)	(\$11,350)
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 — 6/30/2021	
Year to date Budget Giving	\$789,000
Year to date Support	\$766,089
Variance—positive /(negative)	(\$22,911)

(Through June 30th, 2021)

*Includes Online Giving from the parish website of \$1,214.

*Includes giving on Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of \$718.



Prayer and Praise Group

Come join us at our Prayer and Praise Group at Christ the King!

We meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Christ the King Parish Center. CDC guidelines are strictly observed. We invite you to join us for prayer and praise and inspiration. All are welcome!

For questions or information, call Barb Nabity at 402-391-1474.



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!



Family of Faith

December Community Meeting:

**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

February Adult Meeting:

Sunday, January 31st, 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>

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



Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Sunday, January 3rd, 2021

Theme: Mary's Life Giving Role

Reflection: Mary's acceptance of God's plan for life is not always followed by us because of our weakness or fears. Experience how to cope and seek forgiveness for our failings. This hour includes the recitation of the Rosary and availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when a Confessor is present.



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/ctkomaha



Monday - Friday:

- ◆ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society hours are the weekend of January 9th-10th.

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

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 taking 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.

<https://ctkomaha.mid.as/request>

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



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).

Eyes on Education



Waiting with Joy! Advent in our school.



The first Sunday of Advent marks a special time for Catholics and Christians. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus we often prepare our environment and those around us too. Advent in a Catholic school is truly special. Beginning with the first signs of the season in the form of handmade advent wreaths and building throughout the season with more and more prayers, activities and décor, Advent is alive and joyful in school.

Preschool is where our youngest students first get a taste of the season of waiting. Angels on the bulletin board, handprint Christmas trees decorated together and their own personal nativity art are all brightening our halls and showing the results of lessons on Bible stories.

A project I look forward to each year is the Kindergarten 'My gift to Jesus' project. They decorate lovely packages and write what they would give Jesus for Christmas. Heart felt and earnest responses include: a blanket, good food, gold, my love, a nicer bed, my teddy...on and on.

First Grade embraces the tradition of the Jesse Tree. Little evergreens line the bulletin board and each day students carefully create a new ornament for their tree. Teacher Mrs. Keenan shares the Bible story and symbolism of the ornaments each day. The trees share much in common and yet each child's personal touch is apparent.

Second & Third grade have beautiful advent wreaths on display in the classroom and are learning about the candle colors and the words symbolized by each new flame.

Fourth Grade has a beautiful display where each child has made a public declaration of how they will use a God given talent more fully in honor of the gift of Jesus. They also created acrostics using the word Advent to share what it means to them.

Middle School approaches Advent with an academic focus on the symbols and gospels. However, more intentional prayer and a renewed focus on the gift that is Jesus drive classroom discussions and experiences.



This year grades 4th-8th are following Fr. Mark Toups "Rejoice! A Journey with the Holy Family" Advent prayer book. We focus on a word each day, along with a short accompanying reading and prayer. Classes are contributing 'stones' for a bulletin board as we build a path to the manger.

The faculty is using a resource by Fr. Mark Toups as well. "Theotokos" is an Advent journey with Mary. The words of the day and daily prayers are posted in the faculty work area as a reminder.

In this time of uncertainty we are all leaning on what we know to be certain: Advent can fill our hearts, Jesus comes on Christmas and living our faith together is one of the biggest gifts in our lives.

