



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

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday:

- ♦ 5 p.m. - Masks required for this Mass.

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.
**NO 9:30 A.M. CONFESSIONS
ON MAY 2ND**

WATCH MASS ON-LINE

Monday - Friday:

- ♦ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ♦ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Contact Information

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Congratulations on your First **COMMUNION**

Evelyn Banks	Riley Dorman	Claire Olson
Lydia Barrett	Anna Dostal	David Palmer
Katherine Bender	Jack Douglas	Ellis Pavlish
Samantha Bendon	Maura Drapa	Brooke Pogge
Benjamin Boyce	Samuel Franco	Vada Preston
Lucy Buresh	Roslyn Graziano	Aaron Richter-Egger
Grant Compton	Leo Gronewold	Peter Sciba
Vivian Compton	William Grosshans	Clare Sheedy
	Adrian Gutierrez	William Sheridan
	Alexander Gutierrez	Elsa Sinclair
	Jude Hallman	Luke Strunc
	Gretchen Hansen	Segan Sykora
	Ally Holling	Carl Troia
	Fitz Kelley	Hazel Troia
	Evan Kuehl	Vinney Troia
	Campbell Kula	Ryan Underwood
	August Lee	Sofia Vaccaro
	William Macdissi	Edward Vasko
	Stella Modra	John Walker
	Gregory Moore	Reid Walker
	Olivia O'Connor	Reed Wythers



Want to become a parishioner?

Come to our new parishioner orientation after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 16th. We will meet in the parish center, PC6, where donuts and coffee will be served.

Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin items are due 11 days before the issue date.

Please email them to Maddie Jarosik at Jarosikm@ctkomaha.org.

From Fr. Cook



First Communions Today!

First Communion is amazing! The kids are adorable in their beautiful dresses and veils and little suits. Even more inspirational is the reason for their fancy attire and earnest zeal: They're going to meet and receive the Lamb of God, the Bridegroom, the Incarnate Lord! They're going to be part of a miracle!

Assisting at Mass can sometimes become so routine that we forget what is happening before us. Thank God for the innocent faith and ardent example of our second graders. Their enthusiasm reminds us that in every Mass we are witnessing a prodigy! Blessed by the words of the priest, ordinary, unleavened bread and common wine become something else entirely: The Living Presence of Jesus Christ Himself!

I always teach the First Communicants a special little ditty, the Transubstantiation song, to understand the essence of the Eucharist:

*Transubstantiation, transubstantiation, when
the bread becomes the Body and the wine be-
comes the Blood.*

*Transubstantiation, transubstantiation, the
Body and the Blood, Soul, and Divinity!*

I am so proud of our parish children who are making their First Communion today, Sunday, May 2nd at either one of their special Masses at 12 noon and 2 p.m. Their parents, teachers, and catechists have taught them well and now they are receiving the fruit of their labors: Nothing less than union with God Himself. Congratulations, second graders! I know you little ones make Jesus very happy and He listens to your prayers in a special way. Thank you for waking us adults up and reminding us of the extraordinary graces experienced in every Mass.

Congrats to Deacon John Pflug

It's official! Fellow parishioner John Pflug is now Deacon John Pflug! John was ordained a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese at 10 a.m. in St. Cecilia Cathedral on Saturday, May 1st. In accord with tradition, we are hosting a special Mass of Thanksgiving on the day after ordinations here at Christ the King, Sunday, May 2nd, at 10 a.m. This Mass is the first time John will fully serve as a deacon at a Mass. He is also planning to offer his initial, official preaching during this Mass.

Deacon Pflug has been in formation for four years to develop his theological knowledge, delve deeper into prayer, prepare to preach the Good News, and learn ways of serving others. He has been practicing all the liturgical and sacramental rituals in which he will assist. I know he is nervous so please pray for him. He is going to do a great job. He has already been an exceptional parishioner and now he will minister to all of us in a new way.



Deacon John Pflug and his wife Sue

From Fr. Cook

A reception for all will follow the special Mass of Thanksgiving today in the Parish Center. We are so proud of John and for his "yes" to the Lord. I am grateful to God for the gift that John is. We hope you can attend the Mass of Thanksgiving and celebrate this great blessing to our parish and to the Archdiocese. It's another milestone in the history of our parish: We now have three active deacons serving at Christ the King! Congratulations to Deacon John, his wife Sue, and his family on this special occasion!

Fr. Cook's New Assignment on July 1st

I was informed recently by Archbishop Lucas that I will become the pastor of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish on July 1st and also have duties offering some spiritual care to the students of Roncalli High School. St. Philip Church is located in historic Florence, NE, on the most northeast side of Omaha, and has a Catholic school, St. Philip Neri School.

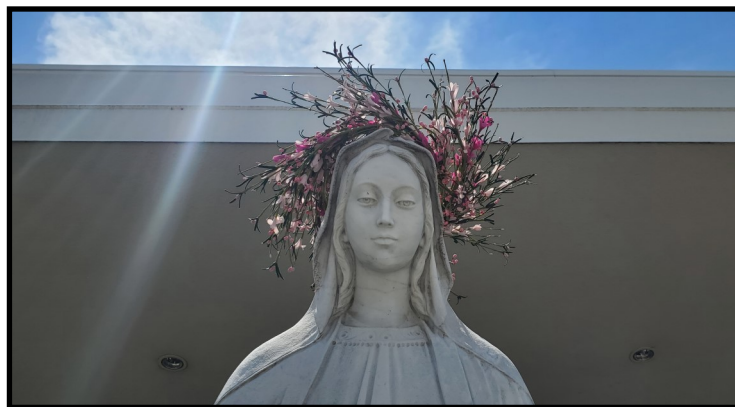
I have always had a fondness for the person of St. Philip Neri, who was known for his joy and jocularity, prayer life, bolstering of priestly fraternity, and role in revitalizing the priesthood during the Counter Reformation; and I have had a special connection to St. Philip's intercession, too, because his saintly memorial falls on the anniversary of my father's death, May 26th.

Over these next two months I remain ever dedicated to all of you, doing what I can also to pave the way for your future pastor, Fr. John Pietramale, who will begin his pastorate here on July 1st. While knowing my future assignment gives me greater peace, it is going to be very hard to say goodbye to all of you, who have become my family over the last six years; I am grateful to all of you for your kind words and support, and for your prayers for my future assignment.

Mass Attendance Numbers

Sabbath Masses over the last 5 weeks:

- **Mass with Mandatory Masks Sat. 5 p.m.:** 148 (3/13); 126 (3/21); 142 (3/28); 132 (4/10); 140 (4/17) - **AVERAGE: 138**
- **Sun. 8 a.m.:** 142 (3/14); 151 (3/22); 175 (3/29); 147 (4/11); 172 (4/18) - **AVERAGE: 157**
- **Sun. 10 a.m.:** 196 (3/14); 249 (3/22); 312 (3/29); 264 (4/11); 253 (4/18) - **AVERAGE: 255**
- **Sun. 5 p.m.:** 148 (3/14); 152 (3/29); 156 (3/29); 91 (4/11); 155 (4/18) - **AVERAGE: 140**



School & Parish May Crownings

Our school children will crown the image of Mary during their Mass on this Friday, May 7th at 8:15 a.m. During the Mass, our 8th grade girls will make their consecration to the Blessed Mother and receive blessed medals to mark the occasion.

We will also host a May Crowning ceremony on Mothers' Day during the 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 9th. Everyone is invited to bring fresh bouquets of flowers from their gardens or the store to place in the designated vases around the statue of Our Lady.

Crowning images of Mary is an ancient custom as the National Conference of Catholic Bishops explains in its document, *Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*:

Both in the East and in the west the practice of depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a regal crown came into use in the era of the Council of Ephesus (A.D. 431). Since then Christian artists have often portrayed the glorified Mother of the Lord seated on a throne, dressed in royal robes, and surrounded by a court of angels and saints. In many such images Christ is shown placing a crown on his Mother's head. It is especially from the end of the 16th century that in the West the practice became widespread for the faithful, both religious and laity, to crown images of the Blessed Virgin. The popes not only endorsed this devout custom but 'on many occasions, either personally or through bishop-delegates, carried out the coronation of Marian images.' By means of this rite the Church proclaims that the Blessed Virgin Mary is rightly regarded and invoked as queen... (§3, 4, 5).

Parish Team Birthday

Please pray for and wish our Rectory Housekeeper & Cook, Nancy McNulty, a Happy Birthday this Friday.

Congratulations Deacon John Pflug!

Fellow parishioner John Pflug was ordained a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese at 10 a.m. in St. Cecilia Cathedral on Saturday, May 1st. We are so proud of John and for his “yes” to the Lord. As John enters this new chapter in life please pray for him and his family as they experience the Lord's plan unfold.



Parishioners, John and Sue Pflug (pronounced “flewg”), have been registered at Christ the King since 1995 and have raised their many children in the parish and school.



John taking the penultimate step to ordination as he received the Ministry—formerly a minor order—of Acolyte at St. Leo the Great Church on Sat., Sept. 19.



John and Sue Pflug's children and grandchildren gathered for their son, Caleb's wedding here at Christ the King!



The newest Pflug grandchild Edith Therese!

Our Prayers

Weekly Prayer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

SUN 5/02	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8
MON 5/03	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
TUE 5/04	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/05	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/06	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
FRI 5/07	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/08	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/09	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Easter
Monday:	Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
Wednesday:	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday:	6 th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Prayer Intentions

Recently Deceased Parishioners:

Jan Desmet, Dr. John Grier, Dorothy Zyla, Dr. Mansoor H. Jabro and Dr. John Latenser.

Parishioner Intentions:

Peter McKeown, Alison Kunsemiller Bylsma and the Griffis Family.

Military:

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, Max deMayo and Zachary Adler.

Police, Fire and Rescue:

Steve Oseka, Ron Woitaszewski and Carl Johnson.

This current list of prayer intentions lasts for a month. This does not include the military, police, fire and rescue individuals. If you or your loved one should need to be listed for a longer period of time or you would like us to add someone, please email jarosikm@ctkomaha.org.

Mass Intentions

"†" indicates deceased "Intention of" indicates living.

May 3 - Monday

8:15	† Jerome Welch
12:10	† Sam Franco

May 4 - Tuesday

8:15	Intentions of Mary Finnegan
12:10	† Deceased Members of the Tomski Family

May 5 - Wednesday

8:15	Intentions of Cheryl Schanbacher
12:10	† Dr. Carl J. Troia

May 6 - Thursday

8:15	† Leo Ambrose
12:10	† Pat Dupell

May 7 - Friday

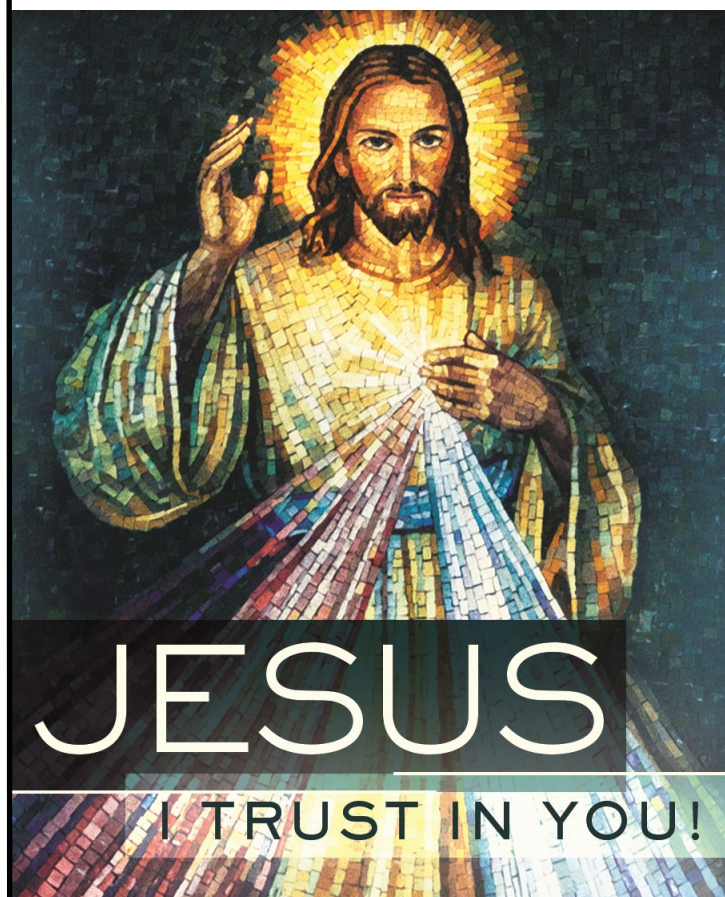
8:15	† For those enrolled in the Christ the King Masses of Perpetual Memory
12:10	† Marguerite Stejskal

May 8 - Saturday

8:15	† Lee Roberts
Masses for Sunday, May 9	
5:00	† Colleen McNamara

May 9 - Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00	† Shirley Mae Poetzel
10:00	† Gerry Haney
5:00	For the People



Parish Involvement

Father Cook's Farewell

Bid farewell to Fr. Cook and celebrate the ways he has drawn us closer to Jesus.

Join us for this event on **Sunday, June 20 2021 at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Parish Center!**

All Shall Be Well Conference

Join us on **July 9th and 10th, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Omaha** for information on Homeschooling for your family. All interested are welcome. Equip yourself to build up your Domestic Church! Visit www.chaohome.org to register!

The Return of Altar Servers

Altar servers will resume duties the weekend of **June 5/6**. There are two required training session in May. If you have not received information about servers and would like to, please contact Laura Rau at raul@ctkomaha.org or by calling the Rectory.



Rosary Repair

Check your drawers and bring in your rosaries for repair! Julie Schram will be in the **Library on May 16 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** to help you with your rosary fixing needs. Minor repairs will be done for free. Small fee for repairs if additional parts are needed.

New Wise & Wonderful Event

Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo **THE DAY BEFORE** with Happy Hour at **Fernando's (7555 Pacific Street) on May 4, 3:30 p.m.**



"Welcome" Tuition Grant

Christ the King School is so thrilled to **now offer a "Welcome" Tuition Grant to future Christ the King School families**. We know families want to provide their children with the bright future of a Christ-centered education and the Welcome Grant provides this opportunity to families. The Welcome Tuition Grant is available to any public, private (non-Catholic) or home school student who transfers into Christ the King School.

Please contact the Christ the King School Principal Chris Segrell at segrellc@ctkomaha.org for more information or visit <https://lovemyschool.com/welcome/>

Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Time: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Theme: St. Joseph The Worker

Reflection: Like St. Joseph, God created us to be creative, to be our contribution to His world. Anything that we do for the Lord will be more abundantly benefited back to us.



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

Virtus et Veritas Camp For Boys

This camp is for young men entering 6th through 9th grade in the Fall of 2021. Click the link below for more information and to sign up, take advantage of this incredible opportunity!

www.archomaha.org/campv2

KOC Mother's Day Breakfast

Join us for our Mother's Day breakfast on **Sunday, May 9th following the 10 a.m. Mass**. In Honor of Motherhood Moms Eat Free!

Cost Per Meal: 13 and up - \$8, 5 thru 12 - \$5, Under 5 - free.

Family Discounts Available & Credit Cards Accepted

Deaconate Ordination

Parishioner, John Pflug, will be ordained a deacon at **10 a.m. on Saturday, May 1st, in the Cathedral**. Due to Covid restrictions, seating will be limited but a live stream will be available with the following link <https://vimeo.com/event/848605>.



John will celebrate his first Mass as a deacon **at Christ the King Sunday at 10 a.m. Mass the following day, May 2nd; a reception will follow in our Parish Center**. Please save the date to attend John's special Mass and function this first Sunday in May and to mark a historic first for Christ the King: a third deacon for the parish!

SPICE Date

SPICE will take place on **Friday, June 4th**. Your SPICE chairs, Katie and Cleve Blakeman and Amy Cannella and Tony Griess, will be bringing you "SPICE TOGETHER." Please stay tuned for more information regarding this year's virtual event.

Parish Resources

Parish Support

Budgeted for the week ending April 25th*	\$29,333
Support received	\$34,382
Variance-positive/(negative)	\$5,049
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 — 6/30/2021	
Year to date Budget Giving	\$1,643,000
Year to date Support	\$1,605,811
Variance—positive /(negative)	(\$37,189)

(Through June 30th, 2021)

*Includes Online Giving from the parish website of \$8,754.

THANK YOU!

Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please contact Christina Sanchez at 391-3624 to begin the process for wedding preparation at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date. The actual date of your wedding will be set at the initial meeting with your Priest/Deacon. Please visit our website for more information, including our wedding and music policies.

www.ctkomaha.org/marriage

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact Christina Sanchez at 391-3624 to begin the process for your little one's baptism. If you would like to baptize your baby soon after birth, please attend a baptism preparation class during your pregnancy. Baptism preparation classes are normally held on the 4th Sunday of every month. Please visit our website for more information

www.ctkomaha.org/baptism

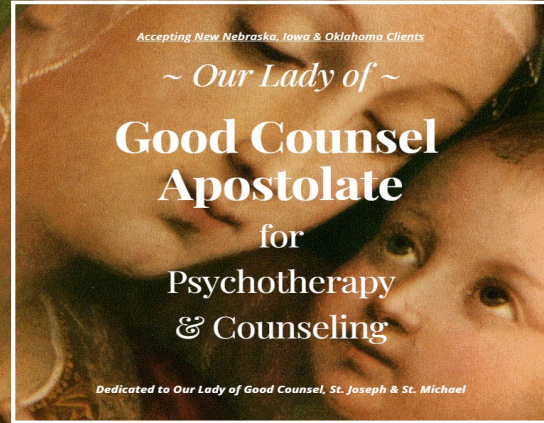
Sacrament of Holy Orders:

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.

Good Counsel Apostolate



Email: frfrank@goodcounsel.us Website: www.goodcounsel.us

Staff Information

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 Family Faith Formation:

Christina Sanchez - 402-391-3624

Athletic Director:

Tod Kellen - 402-392-1052

Family Faith Formation

Family of Faith

Registration is OPEN for the 2021-2022 school year for Family of Faith! Please visit the A Family of Faith on our website for more information and for registration. <https://www.ckomaha.org/familyfaith>

May Community Meeting:

Sunday, May 16th,
at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center

***This is our very last community meeting of this school year! If you are able, please join us at the 10 a.m. Mass before we come together for the Community Meeting at 11:15 a.m.**

***Primary communication is through Flocknote. Please check your Flocknote account to make sure your information is up to date.**

High School Youth Group



If your high school student is interested in joining in please sign up here:

<https://www.ckomaha.org/youthgroup>

Schedule: 6:30-8 p.m. in the Parish Center (unless otherwise instructed)

May 2 & 16

Steubenville Update: Christ the King as a parish will not be participating in Steubenville this summer. If you have any questions, contact Christina Sanchez. Thank you for your understanding!

Contact Maddie Jarosik or Christina Sanchez with any questions.

Totus Tuus

Registration is open! You will find information and the registration form on our website: <https://www.ckomaha.org/totustuus>.

Middle/High School:

Sunday, June 6, 7-9 p.m.

Monday, June 7, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, June 10, 7-9 p.m.

Grade School (entering grades 1-6):

Monday, June 7, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 10, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 11, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Volunteer information will be out soon. Please contact Christina Sanchez with any questions!

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Sacraments

First Communion

First Communion Rehearsal:

Friday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. for ALL First Communicants

First Communion Masses:

Sunday, May 2nd at 12 p.m. and Sunday, May 2nd at 2 p.m.

****Photos for the 12 pm Mass will start at 11 am in the Parish Center hallway.**

****Photos for the 2 pm Mass will start at 1 pm in the Parish Center hallway.**

Please bring your photo order form and payment on May 2nd.

Confirmation Spring 2021 & Fall 2021

7-Week Confirmation Formation Schedule:

May 5 and May 12

All in the Parish Center from 6 p.m. -8 p.m.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Saturday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Mass: Saturday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

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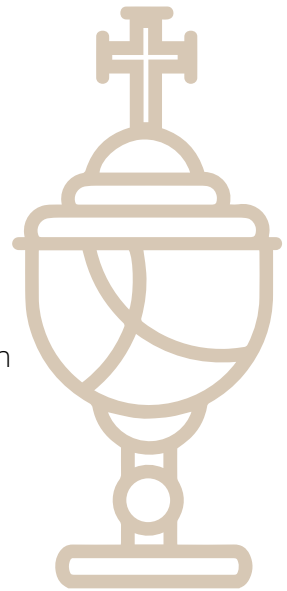
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Celebrating A Beautiful First! What First Holy Communion means to our Second Graders.

When thinking about writing a focus article on First Communion I shared some initial questions and ideas with the 2nd-grade teachers. In that conversation they added an idea, 'Why not ask the students!' Sharing the words of our students is always popular and who better to tell us how they feel than the students themselves. Here are their replies!

What about your first communion excites you the most?

It just really excites me! - William
To have Jesus in my heart! - Grant
I love Jesus and I want to receive him. I can't wait to get him.- Anna
It is going to be so fun! I can't wait! - Vivian
I get blessed by Jesus Christ! Aaron
I get to have the Body of Christ and receive Jesus! - Lucy
I get to receive Jesus Christ! - Carl
I wonder what First Communion will taste like. I will be happy! - Fitz
I am excited to go to the First Communion Mass and to receive the Eucharist. - Sagan
I am so excited to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. - Sam
I am excited to receive Jesus! - Adrian
I get to receive Jesus with my whole family there! - Elsa
Receiving the body and blood of Christ with my friends and family - Reid
I am excited to walk down that aisle and think, "I'm about to receive Jesus!" - Brooke



What was your favorite activity in class that helped prepare you for first communion?

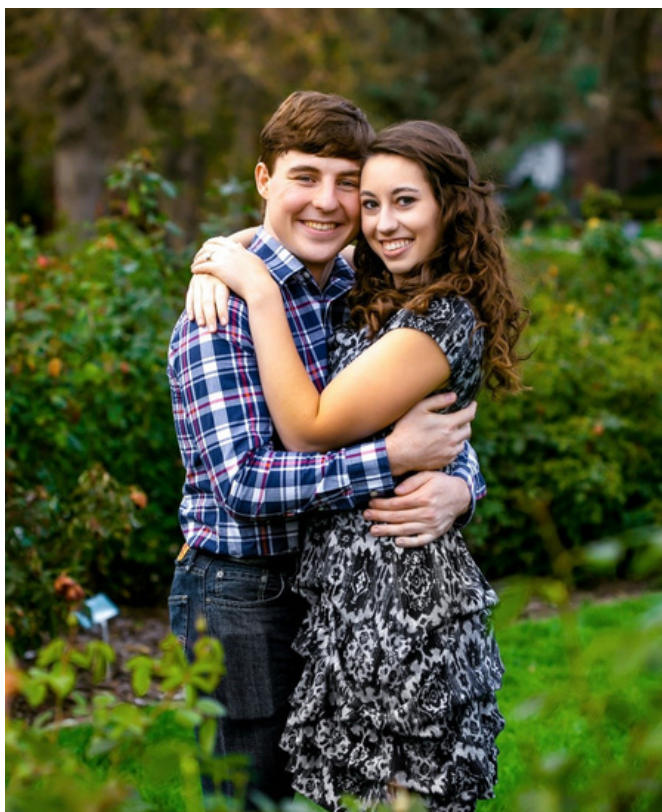
Learning the actions and prayers you need for First Communion - Campbell
All my religion classes because it talks about the body and blood of Jesus. - Evan
Listening to Fr. Cook in the 2nd-grade classrooms is the best. He can really teach about God! - Riley
Singing the transubstantiation song that Fr. Cook taught us! - Stella
I liked acting out 'The Last Supper.' - Will
I liked the 'Last Supper' kids' addition because we ate cinnamon bread and washed each other's feet. - Ryan
We made an art project out of the host and chalice. - Augie
My favorite is singing the song 'Transubstantiation!' - Johnnie
Doing the First Communion artwork. - Lydia

How will you celebrate your First Communion?

My grandparents are coming from St. Louis! We are having a party and a cookie cake! - Alexander
I'll have a big cake with flowers just for my family and me! - Olivia
I will have brunch with my grandparents and family is coming to have cake and coffee! - Sofia
I am celebrating with my cousins and whole family! - Jack
We will have our whole family come over and might have cake! - Gretchen
I get to pick what we have for dinner. - Roz
We are going to have a party with all of my family and it will be fun! - Samantha

The Christ the King School Community is so excited for our Second Grade Students and proud of them for their hard work to prepare for this day. A big thank you Mrs. West and Mrs. Siedlik. for guiding them here!

SEAN MURPHY



Meet our newest Catholic parishioner, Sean Murphy.

Sean is originally from Grand Forks, ND. He attended UNL where he met his fiancé, Holly, on a costuming Facebook group. They spent their dates jitterbugging and going to the Catholic church. "She was unapologetically Catholic, and I liked that. She would ask me to go to Mass with her, and I would. Then I would ask her to go to church with me, but she wouldn't." They will be married June 12, 2021 at Christ the King Church. Sean grew up in the Lutheran ELCA church. It was during his time at UNL that his faith grew. As a college wrestler, he was invited to be part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He would also attend the Lutheran Center on campus. He was struck by the Lutheran pastor who would sit at the Union with a sign that read, "Rant with Me About Religion." He would spend Tuesdays with FCA, Wednesdays at the Lutheran Center,

Thursdays at bible study, and Sunday worship. Then he went on a pilgrimage to Taizé, France with a Lutheran Center group where he encountered the light of Christ in a profound way. It was there that he had a turning toward Catholicism through the more traditional prayer from the Taizé brothers. "I met a lot of great people and faith perspectives. I had an overwhelming experience praying at the cross. We were hanging out with a bunch of students from a Catholic university and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. I just wanted to be in the Light of Christ, and it got me wanting more."

Grace of RCIA: "Mary was the number one roadblock, then the canon of scripture and tradition. RCIA helped me understand these issues better. I had been going to Mass with Holly and talking about the church. I wanted that fullness, and this is where I can get it. I decided I wanted to be Catholic, and then I proposed," Sean recalls.

Gifts to Share: Sean is a natural evangelist. He cannot help but share the joy of the Gospel that he has experienced personally. He is also a musician playing the viola and hopes to join an adult ensemble. He would also like to share his gift of faith with a small young adult group.

Hope for the future: "We wanted Fr. Cook to marry us and loved the architecture of the church. We loved the traditional nature of it and two very strong priests to support us in our faith. It will be a sad day when they leave, but they will be able to bless other people who may need them more than we do," declares Sean. We hope Sean knows of our prayers for him from his new parish family. We welcome him as he joins Holly as a full member of Christ the King Parish.

'He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?..."'*

Mark 2:23-28

'I wanted that fullness, and this is where I can get it.'