



# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—WORSHIP AID

### AMAZING GRACE

*New Britain*

1. Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790.  
Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.



### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, ‘This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!’” “I see how stiff-necked this people is,” continued the LORD to Moses. “Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, “Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’” So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

#### Responsorial Psalm 51



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## Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then he said, “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Profession of Faith—The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, [Bow] *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## CHANGE OUR HEARTS

Rory Cooney/Jeffrey Honoré

**Refrain: Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be.**

**Change our minds this time, your life could make us free.**

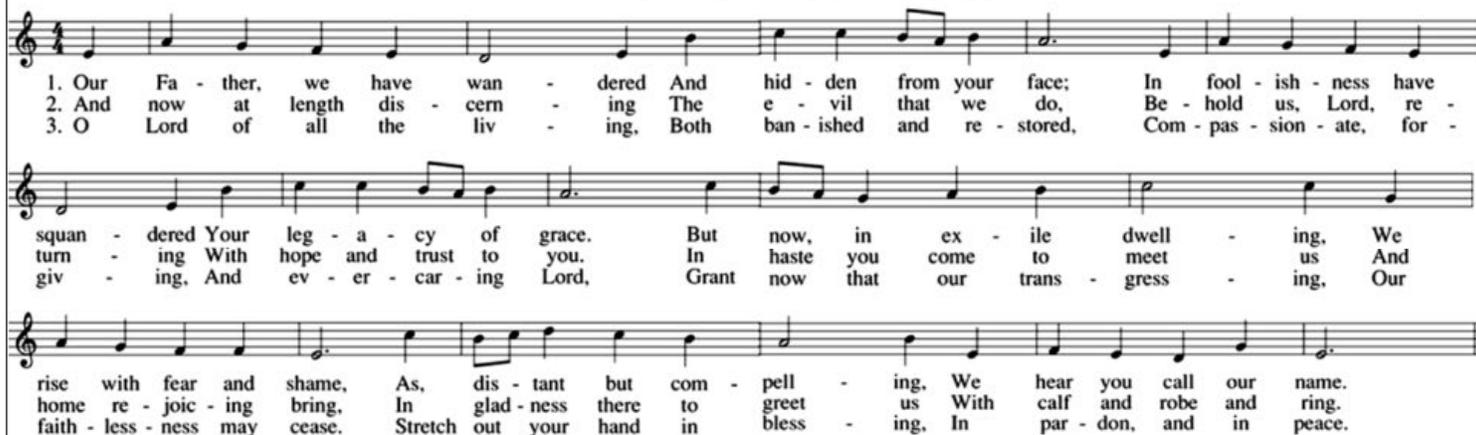
**We are the people your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.**

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams, one foot in paradise, one in the waste;  
drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.

2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, offering abundances, fullness of joy.  
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal, when we have bread and water in our hands.

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## OUR FATHER WE HAVE WANDERED



1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered And hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have  
2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The e - vil that we do, Be - hold us, Lord, re -  
3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -

squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace. But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We  
turn - ing With hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us And  
giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord, Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, Our

rise with fear and shame, As, dis - tant but com - pell - ing, We hear you call our name.  
home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to greet us With calf and robe and ring.  
faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.

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Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

## LOVING AND FORGIVING

Refrain: Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

1. All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.  
All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God.

2. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain,  
saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love.

3. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.  
God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

4. As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us.  
As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us.



Text: Based on Psalm 103:8, 1-2, 3-4, 8-10, 11-12. Text and music © 1992, OCP. All rights reserved.

## LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, brothers (fam'ly) all are we. Let me (us) walk with my brother (each other) in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally! Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Text: Jill Jackson, 1913-1995, © 1955, 1983, Jan-Lee Music



## Our Prayer for Christ the King Parish

**Heavenly Father,**  
our hearts are open to you  
as we discover the mystery of your love  
at work in our lives.  
Help us to **rediscover** each day  
the power of that same love  
through the sacred gift of our Catholic faith.

**Jesus our Lord,**  
in baptism we connect our lives with you  
as disciples.  
Help us to **reconnect** each day  
and allow our faith life  
to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament  
through the prayer  
of our weekly attendance at Mass.

**Holy Spirit,**  
breathe into us faith, hope and love  
as we commit ourselves  
to a new and bold Pentecost.  
Help us to **recommit** each day  
through our energy and resources  
to the life of our parish community.

Give us the grace  
to **rediscover,**  
to **reconnect**  
and to **recommit**  
to all that is good and holy.  
You are God forever and ever.  
Amen.



### DAILY MASSES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church <i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple
9:00 am	Saint Edward Church <i>Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	Fr. Dale DeNinno
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Tuesday and Thursday</i>	Fr. Bill Siple
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Wednesday</i>	Fr. Dale DeNinno

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—SEPTEMBER 17

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple

### SUNDAY MASSES—SEPTEMBER 18

8:00 am	Saint Edward Church	Fr. Bill Siple
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church	Fr. Bill Siple
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church	Fr. Dale DeNinno
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church	Fr. Bill Siple

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### Every Thursday

6:30-7:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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#### Every Friday

9:30-10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
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#### Every Saturday

11:30-Noon	Saint Joseph Church
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### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday—September 11

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14    1 Timothy 1:12-17    Luke 15:1-32

#### Monday—September 12

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33    Luke 7:1-10

#### Tuesday—September 13

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a    Luke 7:11-17

#### Wednesday—September 14

Numbers 21:4b-9    Philippians 2:6-11    John 3:13-17

#### Thursday—September 15

1 Corinthians 15:1-11    John 19:25-27

#### Friday—September 16

1 Corinthians 15:12-20    Luke 8:1-3

#### Saturday—September 17

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49    Luke 8:4-15

#### Sunday—September 18

Amos 8:4-7    1 Timothy 2:1-8    Luke 16:1-13

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 11—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 am Special Intention (M.B.) The people of Christ the King Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 13—Saint John Chrysostom</b> 9:00 am † Ursula M. Ostrowski (John S. Ostrowski) † The Ganster & Elbicki Families (Marilyn)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 9:00 am Nick & Mary Hlesta (Joan McKay) † Nancy Lazan DeSimone (Frank & Mitzi Merigliano)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 16—Saints Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b> 9:00 am † Susan DiGirolamo (The DiGirolamo Family)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 17—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2:00 pm Wedding of Hailey Balog & Tyler Igo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 18—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 am † Leo Chini (Wife, Carole) † Edward Divers (Wife)

## SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 10—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4:00 pm † Antoinette Pilarski (Rose Stegman)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 11—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am † James Celender (Janice & Dan Kerr) 11:00 am † Vince & Betty Louise Sodini (Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> A Special Intention (MB) † Helen Fassio (Bob & Rosanne Lisowski)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> 8:00 am † Val & Martha Sikon (Richard & Lisa Sikon)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 16—Saints Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b> 8:00 am For the Health of Frank Walters (Dr & Mrs Hartsock)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 17—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 4:00 pm † Jeff Marmarella (Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 18—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am † The Durkin Family (Mary Lou Walsh) 11:00 am The people of Christ the King Parish



## SAINT MARY CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 11—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11:30 am † Rosetta Poli (Christian Mothers & Rosary Society) † Antonio Lista (Mr. & Mrs. Carlo Lista)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 18—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11:30 am † John & Emma Posa (The Panza & Posa Families) † Richard Hudak (Ken, Lisa, Stephanie Ceh)

## SAINT SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 10—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm † Nancie D'Amico (Tish Marsico)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 11—24<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:30 am † David Gartner (Wife, Mary Lou)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 13—Saint John Chrysostom</b> 10:00 am Dom Chrysostom (The VanDemark Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> 10:00 am † John "Jack" Nicolette (Kathleen Cecil)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows</b> 10:00 am † Natalie Certo (Jo Certo)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 17—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00 pm † Fr. Paul Merkovsky (Members of Christ the King Parish)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 18—25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:30 am † Nicholas Mattivi (Grandma, Mary Lou)

## REST IN PEACE

Mary Grace Miller • August 15, 2022

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

**Week of September 11**  
**Saint Scholastica:** Bishop Zubik, health & wellness  
(Kathleen McAndrews)

# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

## JESUS SEES NO LIMITS

We call the story “The Prodigal Son.” Some refer to it as “The Prodigal Father.” Whatever the title, Jesus’ Jewish companions knew that tales about siblings were classics—think of Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Moses and Aaron, or Martha and Mary. Their stories all depict a divine upending of “how it’s supposed to be.”

Today’s scene opens up with some goodie-two-shoes complaining that Jesus ate with unworthy people. It probably wouldn’t have bothered them had they not also eaten with him. In their religious culture, eating with someone was a sign of spiritual union. Thus, if one night Jesus ate with the local clergy and the next night with the riffraff, he was equating the two. While both crowds might have taken that as an insult, the religious types got vocal about their disapproval.

In reply, Jesus prepped the crowd for one of his most famous stories with a couple of outlandish prequels. First, he suggested that a shepherd might leave a flock of 99 sheep to wander off the nearest cliff while he went chasing after one that had wandered away from the crowd. Then he tells the story of a woman so distraught about losing one coin that she wore down a broom and used up the oil in her lamp to search for it—and then, threw a party that surely cost more than the lost-and-found drachma. (Let yourself imagine those two scenes before you think about the next story.)

With the audience well warmed up for the clincher, Jesus opened with the line, “**A man had two sons.**” From there, we know the story.

It’s hard to imagine how the bad boy could have been worse. First, he liquidated the inheritance that was meant to allow him to raise a family and care for his father in his old age. Then, once he had squandered his future, he lowered himself to work as a farmhand—and that, not as a merely disreputable shepherd, but in the most disgusting occupation conceivable, a hog herder so hungry that he hankered to dine with the pigs.

While Luke says that he “**came to his senses,**” big brother would probably have explained it like this: “*He couldn’t possibly have gone any lower, unless it was by manipulating our overly sentimental father - so, that’s what he did.*”

We might ask ourselves why Jesus told this story to his critics. Did he think it might move them to greater understanding? Was he defending or explaining his actions?

Most likely, Jesus was doing narrative theology; his story offered a counterpoint to biblical accounts depicting a God who punishes out of wrath or as discipline.

Today’s reading from Exodus describes Moses as the one who acts merciful when God is ready to destroy the people. Even Hosea, who depicted God as a rejected but faithful lover, portrays God luring sinful Israel into the desert to learn from deprivation. In contrast to that tradition, the father in Jesus’ story expressed no wrath and imposed no disciplinary measures. He did nothing except to throw a feast to celebrate his reprehensible son’s return.

Jesus’ life and teaching are absolutely consistent with this story. Instead of promoting penitence and sorrow as preludes to experiencing God’s presence, Jesus inevitably started with celebration. When it comes to enticing people into joy with God, Jesus sees no limits. Unlike people who carefully measure out their fortunes and hold something back for a rainy day, Jesus acts as if there’s no end to his treasure and rain makes it sprout all the more.

What of the recipients of such largess? They are like Paul, who we hear today telling Timothy that God approaches sinners with grace in abundance. Like the penitent woman of Luke 7: 36-50, the returned son’s ventures and misadventure hallowed out hitherto unexplored space in his soul that could now be filled with the love he and his father had for each other.

The son who came home really came home. In coming home, he learned that his father loved him for no good reason, and thus he could neither earn nor lose that love.

What are we to take away here? Jesus used all his storytelling arts to redraw people’s image of God. Jesus’ lifestyle illustrated his preaching and his table communion with everyone reflected how God longs to relate to humanity. Jesus gives us the motley picture of the reign of God as a banquet hall populated by male and female, clergy and riffraff, ins and outs, all equally beloved.

Ultimately, that summarizes our challenge. Whichever group we belong to, Jesus tells us that God loves us and them so much that, if we believe it, we’ll lose touch with the differences between us. That, according to Jesus, is how it’s supposed to be.

**Editor’s Note:** This article was written by Sister Mary McGlone, a Sister of Saint Joseph who lives in Los Angeles.

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Front Doors of Saint Mary Church** in Sharpsburg have now been refurbished. With significant sanding and repainting they add a new luster to the front entrance. Open and pass through those doors and you will enter into a magnificent house of worship. It has all the markings of a traditional Catholic Church that reflects the architecture and style of a church that was erected in 1916.

It is probably safe to say that there are many parishioners of Christ the King Parish who have never been inside of Saint Mary Church. It is truly one of the gems in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Come and see for yourself. Join us any Sunday at the 11 30 Mass.

**The Repair Work on Madonna Church** is progressing at a slower pace than expected. Interior ceiling work must be addressed before the exterior problems can be corrected.

**Payment of Taxes:** People mistakenly think that the Church does not pay taxes. Wrong! Each of our properties of Christ the King Parish does pay taxes to the communities in which they are located. Here is a current breakdown for your review:

**Saint Joseph Property in O'Hara**

\$5,195.79

**Saint Scholastica Property in Aspinwall**

\$12,296.11

**Madonna, Saint Mary and Saint John Cantius Properties in Sharpsburg**

\$8,529.36

**Saint Edward and Saint Francis Properties in Blawnox/Harmar**

\$8,930.02

A total of \$34,951.28 is paid in current annual taxes. While the actual church building is non-taxable, all other buildings, property and parking lots are taxed.

**ATTENTION MEN OF CHRIST THE KING PARISH!**

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? It's not too late to join That Man Is You! Friday mornings 6:00 to 7:30 in St. Scholastica Parish Hall. Please contact Jim Fanning at [jim.fanning@nm.com](mailto:jim.fanning@nm.com) 412-680-7419 or John Kolonich at [jgkolonich@gmail.com](mailto:jgkolonich@gmail.com) 412-848-6549 for more information and registration. *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."* Proverbs 27:17

**Genesis Baby Bottle Collection:** MANY, MANY THANKS to all who participated in this collection. You gave an astonishing amount of \$8,501! This money will go far to help the women and children that Genesis serves. They are VERY grateful. Genesis and other organizations like them do a lot to help moms choose life for their babies, and to support them afterwards.

**Christ the King Respect Life:** The PA March for Life will be held in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19. There is a bus from Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in Northside. We encourage everyone who can to attend. If you would like to go please call Cathy at 412-784-9403, or call the church at 412-761-1508 for more information.

**"When I was hungry you gave me to eat":** Our parish provides a meal to both a men's and a women's homeless shelter once a month. We are beyond grateful to the parishioners who consistently sign up to provide a portion of the meal. Thank you! We are looking for more volunteers to help ease the burden on these selfless individuals. Please consider signing up, one time, or as many as you can. The links are on our website at [www.christthekingpgh.org/shelter-meals](http://www.christthekingpgh.org/shelter-meals). Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in need!



**Do you have extra pairs of tennis shoes hanging around the house?**

The Fox Chapel Garden Club will be collecting tennis shoes for recycling the weekends of September 4, 11, and 18. Look for collection bins in Saint Joseph, Saint Scholastica, Saint Mary, and Saint

Edward Churches. All brands of athletic shoes are accepted—no cleats. Once collected, the shoes will be sorted into usable and not usable groups. The usable shoes will be given to local charities. The unusable, worn-out shoes will be packed and shipped to Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program where they will be ground and reused in playground mats, running tracks, carpet underlayment, basketball courts and more.

## Parish Support

**Collection for:**

September 3 & 4— \$27,114

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Thank you for your generosity!*

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The 2022-2023 Faith Formation Year** will kick off with Catechetical Sunday on September 18 at the 11:00 am Mass at Saint Joseph Church. Following Mass, families will have a chance to meet their teachers, pick up materials, and learn about our new curriculum. All Faith Formation Families are encouraged to join us!

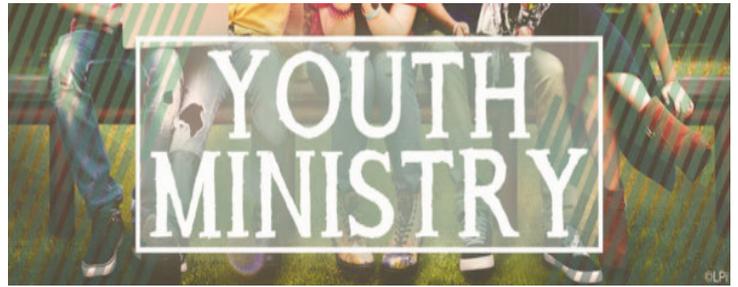
**If you have not yet registered** for Family Faith Formation, go to <https://christthekingpgh.org/faith-formation> We hope your family can join us for a faith-filled journey!

**If you are interested in volunteering** to help with our Faith Formation program, you can do so on our website. Go to <https://christthekingpgh.org/support-faith-formation-at-christ-the-king-parish>.

**Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:** In addition to registering for Family Faith Formation, you must also complete the registration form for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please visit <https://christthekingpgh.org/sacramental-preparation> to complete this additional registration.

**If your child needs to prepare** for First Reconciliation and First Communion and is NOT in the second grade, or your child needs to prepare for Confirmation and is NOT in eighth grade, please contact Sara Octave at [soctave@christthekingpgh.org](mailto:soctave@christthekingpgh.org)/412-676-7211 as soon as possible to discuss preparation options.

**The Bishop's Education Fund** began in 1995 with the purpose of keeping Catholic education affordable and available to the children of the diocese. Through scholarship support, families with demonstrated financial need will be provided an opportunity to give their sons and daughters a quality education, focused on Christian values and character formation at Catholic elementary schools located throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Your generosity will help ensure that all families who wish to send their children to Catholic school can do so despite their financial situation. *A collection will be taken this weekend, September 10-11.*



**Fire Pit Friday:** High School students, come hang out with us at Saint Joseph Church after the Fox Chapel football game on Friday, September 15. Chic-fil-A nuggets and other snacks provided. Bring your friends for a night of fellowship and a spike ball competition.

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**There's still time to register** for the CDTCA Golf Outing. Whether you want play as a foursome, an individual, sponsor a hole or just come for dinner, we want you to be there! The outing is on Monday, October 10, at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. Please call the school office at 412-781-7927 for details.

**SAVE THE DATE!** CDTCA's first BINGO of the school year is Friday, October 21. More details to come!

## A Prayer for Peace

O God of selfless love,  
we are a blest people to have a God like you.  
You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures.  
Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you,  
your love for us still shines through.  
We ask your blessing upon all first responders today  
and ask you to protect them and their families.  
Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds,  
which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism.  
We ask all this in your peace.

Amen.



# SOCIAL OUTREACH



**Members of our community** who are in need of short-term assistance can contact the CTK Saint Vincent de Paul Society at [svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org](mailto:svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org) or 412-254-4446.

**Your food donations go far for families:** Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry welcomes recurring donations of non-perishable food items, including baking ingredients, gravy, pancake mix, pasta and small packages of cookies and crackers, along with toiletries like toothpaste and paper products. We appreciate all donations, which may be placed in the bins found in our church vestibules or brought in-person Tuesday mornings to St. Mary's Church in Sharpsburg (6th St. and Altmayer Way). Volunteers are always needed and most welcome. You are invited to join us as we improve our community—come see how we sustain more than 50 families with food every month. Call 412-781-2866 for details.

**The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry** is not currently accepting donations of clothing. *However, they are very much in need of 4-packs of pudding, jello or fruit cups, foil packs of tuna or chicken, canned soup, and large bags of chips or salty snacks.* Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bins at the Saint Scholastica church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are always gratefully accepted. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica church office.



### Exaltation of the Cross

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death. ©LPI

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**A Holy Hour and Benediction** will be held on Sunday, September 11, from 1:30-2:30 pm in St. Francis Church.

**Father Michael will be giving a reflection** at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Monday, September 19, at 1:00 pm. The topic of the reflection is, "Being Called and Loved in our Brokenness" based on Mark 2:13-17 (The Call of Levi). All are welcome to attend in person or by viewing a livestream on our Facebook page, Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh.

**Recovery is to be celebrated!** September is Recovery Celebration Month. Come join us on Sunday, September 18, from 7-9 pm at Atithi Studios, 1020 North Canal Street in Sharpsburg, for a celebration of recovery—a promise of hope and healing. The evening will feature speakers, music, art, and food. All are welcome!

**BINGO:** Stay tuned form more details on our upcoming Bingo on Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 pm.



### Creation Care Corner: Faith Reflections

Are you among those who believe in God who creates all things and renews all things? Who loves the web of life in which we live and all creation of which it is a part?

Are you among those who believe in God who dwells in us and among us with loving forgiveness, inviting us to the mission of healing and renewing the Earth?

Are you among those who believe in Jesus, God become flesh and blood, a human part of Earth, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, who listened to the teachings of seeds and soils, learning how to bring forth much greater fruitfulness from the sowing of God's Word?

Are you among those who believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, who invites us to join him in the mission of the New Creation and who challenges us to embrace the serious costs of this discipleship?

Are you among those who believe in the Holy Spirit who renews life in creation, who hears the voices of all creatures when they are suffering and when they are thriving, and who waits, working with us, for the rebirth of creation?

*Adapted from "Listen to the Voice of Creation," a Catholic liturgical guide for the Season of Creation 2022.*

# PARISH INFORMATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, September 13	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Saint Scholastica Hall
Tuesday, September 13	7:30pm	Creation Care Team Meeting	ABechman@ChristtheKingpgh.org for virtual link
Thursday, September 15	7:30pm	Respect Life Meeting	Saint Scholastica Hall
Friday, September 16	6:00am	TMIY Men's Group	Saint Scholastica Hall
Friday, September 16	8:30pm	High School Friday Fire Pit	Saint Joseph Pavilion
Sunday, September 18	11:00am	Family Faith Formation—Catechetical Sunday	Saint Joseph Church



September 11: Bishop's Education Fund  
October 2: Parish Share

## Around the Diocese . . .

**Does a troubled marriage spoil your holidays?** Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Perhaps Retrouvaille will enable you to appreciate future holidays together as you once did. The next Pittsburgh program begins on September 30. Please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or [3041R@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3041R@helpourmarriage.org). More information is available at [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Each year the diocese recognizes the crowning achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by a cookie reception. If you are celebrating your golden anniversary this year, please contact the parish office to provide the following information: Husband's name, Wife's name, Couple's mailing address, Couple's phone. The deadline to RSVP is September 30. Participants will receive a personal invitation with instructions after the parish submits the names of those who will attend. Should any COVID restrictions be required, couples will be notified prior to the event.

**Come for a retreat with Immaculée Ilibagiza,** Rwandan American author and survivor of the Rwandan genocide. This retreat includes Immaculée's witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. No one will leave this retreat the same as when they came. The retreat takes place November 4-5 at St. Alexis Church of St Aidan Parish. The cost to attend is \$57. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats/products/wexford-pa-retreat-november-4-5-2022-with-immaculee>.

**57<sup>th</sup> Annual Peru Mission Dinner:** Join us on Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 pm at the Sheraton Station Square. This annual night of celebration strengthens the Center of Social Works in Chimbote. More than 100,000 babies have been born at the Center's maternity hospital and its health clinic serves 1,000 patients per day. By your presence at this dinner, you help the church of Pittsburgh extend our hospitality to the poor of Chimbote, affirming their dignity and providing the opportunity for them to experience God's gracious love through the life-giving work at the Center. For more information or to register, visit [www.chimbotefoundation.org](http://www.chimbotefoundation.org).



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**14th Gathering of Men Conference—Created Anew:** Join the Catholic Men's Fellowship to rediscover your relationship with God through the Eucharist and receive God's refreshing mercy and endless forgiveness. The conference will take place on September 24 from 11:30am to 5:30 pm at Gateway High School in Monroeville. To register or for details go to [www.cmf pitt.org](http://www.cmf pitt.org).

# PARISH INFORMATION

## Mass Request Form for 2022

1. The \$10 stipend for each Mass must be attached to this form. Please bring or mail the form to one of our church offices.
2. Masses are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. If your first or second choice of date and time is not available, you will be given the closest day.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Church Requested \_\_\_\_\_

### FIRST MASS INTENTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? (Y /N)

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

#### Date and Time of Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

### SECOND MASS INTENTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased? (Y /N)

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

#### Date and Time of Mass

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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## SACRAMENTS and MORE

**BAPTISMS:** Celebrated **during** any of the weekend liturgies or immediately **after** the following liturgies: 4:00pm or 11:00am at Saint Joseph, 11:30am at Saint Mary, 5:00pm at Saint Scholastica. First-time parents must complete a baptism preparation class. Contact the parish office for details.

**WEDDINGS:** Celebrated at 2:00pm on Saturdays. Contact the parish office to set up a meeting with a priest at least six months before the desired date.

**FUNERALS:** Offered at 10:00 or 10:30am, Monday through Saturday. The funeral home will contact the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Available to those who are chronically ill. Please contact the parish office to request an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** See the bulletin schedule for times and locations.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Offered at each Mass for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule or visit our website at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/forms-and-downloads](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/forms-and-downloads).

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** Offered for grades K-8 on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at Saint Joseph Church, September through April. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-963-8885 for details or to register.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** All parishioners are encouraged to contribute their time and talents to the church. We have opportunities to serve at Mass as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, ushers, music ministers and altar servers. Please contact the parish office for information on all our volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy. See [diopitt.org/compliance](http://diopitt.org/compliance) or contact the parish office for details.

**MEMBERSHIP:** To register at Christ the King Parish, update your contact information, or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please use the form below, contact the parish office, or visit our website at: [ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish).

## Christ the King Parish Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Requesting Envelopes

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