

Christ the King Catholic Church

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#### Mission Statement

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.

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If you have an emergency after the office is closed, please call (810)235-1812 and someone will return your call.

Please call the office to make appointments for sacraments, funerals, parish registration, marriage preparation (9 months in advance), jail visits, house blessings, homebound ministry, and for information about the Church.

# Scripture Readings For the Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday—Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Office Hours—By Appointment

Tuesday—Thursday 10:00am-2:00 pm

**Administrator** Fr. Tom Firestone **Office Manager** Stephanie Murphy

Sunday Mass 9:00 am

**Confession** after Mass Wednesday **Daily Mass** Wednesday 11:00 am

The deadline for bulletin submission is 10:00am on Tuesdays. Email parish events to the office.

### Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

Sunday, May 11, 2025

9:00 am For the people of the parish

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

11:00 am For the people of the parish

Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:00 am + George Watson, Sr.

Req. by Thetis Watson

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

11:00 am For the people of the parish

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:00 am + Raymond Reaves

Req. by Roxie Reaves

The Mass Intention book is open for 2025. Please stop by the office to have your intention noted.

# Stewardship

**Your Gifts to God & Parish** 

April 27, 2025

 Offertory
 \$1976

 Funeral Repasts
 \$93

 Building Fund
 \$50

 Total
 \$2119

Online Giving April 2025

 Offertory
 \$3975

 Poor Box
 \$25

 Building Fund
 \$25

Total \$4025

#### Please Pray For:

Renae Banks-Rowser Christopher Boehm Preston Boehm Ollie Brown Annalynn C. Ashley Cae Alex Chan
James Harrison
Aurelia LaValley
Ramona Loar
Sue Martinus
Thaddeus McCain
Johnnie Metcalfe

Curtis Mitchell Hilda Mitchell Anita Myles Wanda Nichols Nina Poole John Prince Roberta Rouse Joe Rowlery Thomas Rowser Ruth Schmitter Carolyn Schannon Mama Sol Barbara Staton Velma Stewart Camille Turner
Savanna Vaughn
Troy Vaughn
Darlene Verdun
Loretta Washburn
Nancy White
Charlotte Woods

#### A Lot of Nerve

#### Tom Schmidt

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50–52). Rejected by their own people, they are happy that the pagans not only listen to them, but also spread the word of the Lord. What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. That took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, wondering if they looked holy enough to impress people, or afraid that someone might make fun of them (or do a background check: "Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them."). None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them, as our second reading says, "to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17). They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? When people reject us, do we give up, or do we trust God to help them? Are we ashamed of our past sins, or grateful for God's forgiveness?

Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

#### Baby Bottle Fundraiser

#### Mother's Day Through Father's Day

As we look forward to celebrating our mothers and fathers in the months of May and June, we also want to celebrate and save the lives of the unborn! The Answer Center for Women is a non-profit pregnancy resource center in Burton, serving Genesee County. We minister to pregnant mothers and young families. Our mission is to provide material, educational and emotional support, to parents, to empower them to concentrate solely on the well-being of their children. If you would like to participate, please take a bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with your spare change, and return it on Father's Day.

# The Glamourous Girls Group

#### May 31, 2025 2:00pm ● McCree Theater

Christ the King will be selling tickets to this matinee for \$20 each as a fundraiser for the parish. The more tickets we pre-sale, the more money CTK earns. Please contact Karen Johnson (810)814-6720 or Kathy White (810)287-0013 for more information or to buy tickets.

# Memorial Day Mass

#### Monday, May 26, 2025—noon

Please join us for a Memorial. Day Mass at Old Calvary Cemetery on Ballenger Road, Flint with luncheon immediately after. Bring your own lawn chair. In the event of severe weather, we will be at St. John Vianney Church – 2415 Bagley Street.

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