



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

*Strive to
enter through the*
**NARROW
GATE**

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.

Office Hours—By Appointment
Tuesday—Wednesday 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.

Scripture Readings For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday—Memorial of Saint Monica
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday—Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

*Praise the
LORD, all
you nations!*

PSALM 117:1

Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

Sunday, August 24, 2025
9:00 am Andrew Roberts
Req. by the Murphy family

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
11:00 am Living and Deceased members of the
Sharron Bellamy family
Req. by Thelma Watson

Sunday, August 31, 2025
9:00 am Tubicza Crawford
Req. by the Murphy family

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
11:00 am +Fr. Terrance Dumas

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

Stewardship

Your Gifts to God & Parish

August 10, 2025

Offertory..... \$1328
Funeral Repast \$104
Building Fund \$55
Total **\$1487**

Please Pray For:

Renae Banks-Rowser
Christopher Boehm
Preston Boehm
Ollie Brown
Annalynn C.

Alex Chan
Lorene Ferguson
James Harrison
Aurelia LaValley
Sue Martinus
Thaddeus McCain
Johnnie Metcalfe

Curtis Mitchell
Anita Myles
Wanda Nichols
Nina Poole
John Prince
Roberta Rouse
Joe Rowler

Thomas Rowser
Ruth Schmitter
Carolyn Schannon
Mama Sol
Barbara Staton
Velma Stewart
Camille Turner

Savanna Vaughn
Troy Vaughn
Darlene Verdun
Loretta Washburn
Nancy White

Looking Good

Tom Schmidt

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Anniversary Mass

September 27, 2025 4:30pm at St Thomas Aquinas

You're invited! Join Bishop Boyea on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing for a special evening celebrating marriage.

Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries or a significant year in their marriage are warmly invited to attend with their guests.

Bishop Boyea will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. A cake and punch reception will follow in the school gym. Registration is required by September 21st. Please see Stephanie in the office to get your invitation with instructions on how to RSVP.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Holy Redeemer Church
1227 East Bristol Road
Burton, MI 48529



ADORATION FOR OUR ENTIRE COUNTY

- 24/7 access with key fob
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