

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 31, 2025**

*The one who humbles himself*

**WILL BE EXALTED**

**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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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 August 31, 2025

**Sunday—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday—Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church** Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday—Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



**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.

## Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

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

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

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**  
9:00 am Deceased members of the Dolehanty family  
*Req. by the Frankie Dolehanty*

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025**  
11:00 am Áine Murphy  
*Req. by the Murphy family*

*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 17, 2025**  
Offertory..... \$2246.75  
Funeral Repast ..... \$218  
**Total \$2464.75**

## 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

## Partying with Angels

**Tom Schmidt**

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility (“Humble yourself . . . and you will find favor with God” [Sirach 3:18] and “go and take the lowest place” [Luke 14:10], with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted), the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts—images that may remind you of an erupting volcano: something you want to view from very far away. Even God’s words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn’t want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let’s look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home—not just our parish church building but the whole community of faith. How “at home” are you with your fellow parishioners? Do you regularly gather with that family for prayer? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God’s love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The “firstborn” and “spirits of the just” could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, to remember the real meaning of life, and to look forward to eternal life with hope.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God’s people. So we no longer have to accomplish our salvation; it has already been offered to us by Jesus’ death and resurrection. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

## Friends and Family and Wellness Sunday

**September 7**

On the first Sunday of each month, bring a friend or family member to celebrate Mass with us. There’s plenty good room.

For this Wellness Sunday, blood pressures will be taken after Mass in the hall. Please know your numbers.

## St. Luke Catholic School Alumni

**September 28, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00.**

We are hosting a Pay It Forward Fund-raiser and Tour of the “old” St. Luke School Building on Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00. This event includes a tour of the building, reminiscing, barbecue and updating all in attendance of the Mission of the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center (new name of the “old” St. Luke School). We are proud to tell you that the building is well used and is in the process of being updated. It has been a source of education and assistance in the north end of Flint for twenty-three years.

Come and share your memories of attending St. Luke School and see what is happening today. Tickets for the event are \$25.00. We invite you to meet other students from St. Luke School and support your place of education.

## 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.