

A painting of a woman in a dark dress standing in a landscape with trees and a distant city skyline. The scene is rendered in a dark, moody style with a blue and brown color palette. The woman is positioned in the lower right foreground, looking towards the left. The background features a large, dark tree on the left and a smaller tree on the right. In the distance, a city skyline is visible across a body of water. The overall atmosphere is contemplative and serene.

The Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

**Lord, strengthen
our spirits as we
await your promises**

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 November 16, 2025

Sunday-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Monday-Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1

Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday—Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday—Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

*By your perseverance
you will secure your lives*

Luke 21:19

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, November 16, 2025

9:00 am +Patricia Jackson

Req. by Johnnie M. Metcalfe

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

11:00 am +Vicki Lynn Mille & +Alice Grissom

Req. by Thetis Watson

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00 am +Lucille Hawkins

Req. by Bill and Colleen Seymour

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

11:00 am Thelma Watson

Req. by Thetis Watson

The Mass Intention book is open for 2026. Please stop by the office to have your intention noted.

Stewardship

Your Gifts to God & Parish

November 2, 2025

Offertory.....\$4162

Building Fund.....\$55

Poor Box.....\$67

Funeral Repast.....\$137

Total \$4421

Please Pray For:

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

Alex Chan
Lorene Ferguson
James Harrison
Dave Kronner
Aurelia LaValley
Sue Martinus
Thaddeus McCain

Johnnie Metcalfe
Curtis Mitchell
Anita Myles
Wanda Nichols
Nina Poole
John Prince
Roberta Rouse

Joe Rowley
Ruth Schmitter
Carolyn Schannon
Barbara Seneski
Mama Sol
Barbara Staton
Velma Stewart

Camille Turner
Savanna Vaughn
Troy Vaughn
Darlene Verdun
Loretta Washburn
Nancy White

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

Tom Schmidt

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. You won't have to learn about it on the evening news. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars. Wars, epidemics, earthquakes, and the rest happen throughout history and will happen again.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. You may choose to give at a blood drive or donate to one of the charities that help disaster victims. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He presents it as an opportunity to give testimony, or witness, to our faith. His advice sounds strange at first. Unlike a modern lawyer, who practices with a witness before they go into the courtroom, Jesus tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

KPCLA Thanksgiving Baskets

November 19, 2025

The Ladies are collecting the names of people who might need a Thanksgiving basket. Please submit the name and number in household to Doris Henry no later than noon on November 19. Basket recipients must be present on Sunday, November 23 to collect their baskets. Please see Doris Henry or Margaret Hudspeth with questions or to submit a name.

6th Annual Blankets of Love Benefit Campaign & Concert

Life Line Church of Clio - 9515 N. Clio Rd, Clio

November 21, 2025 6:30-8:30

Free2B Music Ministries is teaming up with Life Line Church- Clio, and you! To help lift spirits of residents at area nursing facilities with a small gift of a wrapped NEW lap blanket. These gifts will be distributed during the month of December as they perform Christmas concert for them. Our goal is to give to these fine nursing homes this year: Maple Woods Manor - Clio, Willowbrook Manor, Flint Suncrest- Lapeer & Briarwood, Flint. If you are unable to attend the benefit concert and would like to make a tax deductible monetary contribution, please send a check to: Free2B Music Ministries, Inc, Blankets of Love, 6142 N. Linden Rd, Mount Morris, MI 48458

Annual Christmas Bazaar

November 29, 2025

The altar Society of St. Mary's Church Mt. Morris invites you to attend our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 9:00am-3:00pm at 11110 N. Saginaw St., Mt Morris. For more information or to rent a table for \$25, please call Cathy Moore at (810)845-0184.



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