



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026

for thus it is fitting for us
**TO FULFILL ALL
RIGHTEOUSNESS**

MATTHEW 3:15

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 January 11, 2025

Sunday—The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00 am +Berlin Dobson
Req. by Constance Dobson

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00 am +Robert Ward
Req by Elaine Ward

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

Stewardship

December 24, 2025

Offertory\$3178
Building Fund \$50
Funeral Repast\$47.50
Total \$3275.50

December 28, 2025

Offertory\$1295
Funeral Repast\$54
Total \$1349

Online Giving—December 2025

Offertory\$4501
Building Fund \$25
Poor Box\$675
Total \$5201

Please Pray For:

Rena 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
Carolyn Schannon
Barbara Seneski
Mama Sol
Barbara Staton
Velma Stewart
Ernelle Taylor

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

Well Pleased

Tom Schmidt

The first reading from Isaiah is a pretty good description of Jesus. It begins by describing the servant "with whom I am well pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus' baptism. The most significant difference is that the voice calls Jesus "beloved Son," not just servant. And Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus' mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, never sees sinners as useless. God is always ready to forgive them and give them another chance, so God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. In the Gospel, John at first refuses to baptize Jesus, because John's baptism was a sign of repentance for sin. He knew Jesus was not a sinner, so he had no need to repent. But Jesus identified himself with sinners and welcomed them back to God's love. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to him for healing.

Isaiah also says that the servant is a "covenant of the people." A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agreed to protect or defend the weaker one, while the weaker agreed to pay taxes or obey laws required by the stronger. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor. When we teach others about God's love and mercy, "we open the eyes of the blind", as Isaiah says. When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God's love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is also well pleased with us.

Super Bowl Party

February 8, 2026

Please join us once again for fellowship and football on Super Bowl Sunday! Please bring nonperishable and in-date donations for the food pantry, and \$15 for all you can eat snacks and food.



Collection Schedule Changes for 2026

In 2026, we will continue with a monthly envelope in your mailed packet for the Building Fund. The weekly second collection for the Funeral Repast fund will return to the Poor Box.

Tuition Assistance 2026-2027

The Diocese of Lansing offers tuition assistance for any of our local Catholic schools as well as scholarships. Of particular interest is the Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship, which provides \$500 for Black students at K-12 schools in the Diocese of Lansing. In addition, Powers offers a \$1000 Fr. Dukette Scholarship every year, as well as scholarships for Black students and/or Flint residents like the Concerned Citizen Grant, East Court Scholarship, Harley Scholarship, and the Jae Sook Scholarship. Interested families MUST apply for the diocesan scholarships through the FACTS portal **on or before March 2, 2026** and for the Powers scholarships through Powers on their timeline.

**GOD ANOINTED
JESUS OF NAZARETH
WITH THE HOLY
SPIRIT AND POWER.**

Acts 10:38