



*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021**





## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>December 6</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, Bishop</b>
8:15am	† Desch & Parry Families
<b>December 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor</b>
8:15am	† Joseph Eakes
<b>December 8</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
6:30am	† Linda Meals
8:15am	† Lou Eisenbarth
12pm	† Don Wilson
6pm	† Sara Appelhanz
<b>December 9</b>	<b>St. Juan Diego</b>
8:15am	† William Roggenkamp Jr.
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
8:15am	† Frank Elliott
<b>December 11</b>	<b>St. Damasus I, Pope</b>
8:15am	† Terry Ehrhart
4:30pm	† Larry John Callahan Jr.
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30am	† Sara Appelhanz
9:30am	† John & Mildred Lachowsky
11:30am	† Mary Swinney

## HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
	4:00pm
	6:00pm
	8:00pm
	10:00pm
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
	9:00am



## BUDGET & FINANCE

Receipts for November 17, 2021 to November 23, 2021  
Collection Report for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

	Weekly Total	FY To Date
Envelope (white)	\$45,915.58	\$773,131.03
Plate (non-envelope)	\$1,386.17	\$29,812.18
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$47,301.75</b>	<b>\$802,943.21</b>
<b>Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$44,350.00</b>	<b>\$915,350.00</b>
<b>Income Over/(Under) Budget</b>	<b>\$2,951.75</b>	<b>(\$112,406.79)</b>

<b>Catholic Charities Christmas Collection</b>	Total Donations: \$20	Total Needed: \$15,614
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### Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

During the Advent & Christmas season parishioners will notice an additional donation line in our financial information in the bulletin for the CTK Catholic Charities Christmas Assessment. CTK's FY22 assessment for this item is \$15,614.



For those parishioners that receive envelopes, please use this envelope for your donation. If you do not use envelopes, please put Catholic Charities Christmas Collection in the memo line of your check.

*How is this collection/assessment different from the monthly food drives for Catholic Charities here at CTK?*

The food and cash collected monthly at Christ the King is dedicated to the Topeka Catholic Charities location for the sole purpose of food and toiletry items the Topeka location is in need of at the time. The Catholic Charities Christmas Assessment/Collection supports Catholic Charities as a whole and helps cover the costs of the building, staff, and other items, as well as program related costs Catholic Charities provides.

*What happens if all the \$15,614 assessment is not collected?*

Any shortfall in collections must be made up from the Christ the King general operating budget.

Thank you in advance for your support of Catholic Charities & Christ the King!



**Prepare the Way of the Lord**

St. John the Baptist's call to prepare the way of the Lord echoes throughout the Advent season. Our sins, our pride, our stubbornness, our attitudes, thoughts, and values which are at odds with our Catholic faith all hinder the Lord's coming in our lives. St. John the Baptist calls us to clear all these away so that Jesus will have a straight highway to come to us.

One of the best ways to do this is through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. God's grace is what actually brings about transformation and conversion in our lives and regularly making a good Confession is a powerful way to cooperate with this work of grace.

In preparing for Confession, I encourage you to look at what you have done wrong but also to consider the good you have failed to do. It is also helpful to ask God to reveal the thoughts and attitudes which fuel our sins. We should bring all of this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The week of December 12 the parishes in Topeka will be offering communal penance services for you to take advantage of this wonderful sacrament. The times and locations are listed in this bulletin.

As St. Paul reminds us today, God has a good work He wants to bring to completion in each of us, but He needs our cooperation. Repenting of our sins and seeking conversion is a great place to start.

Until next time, God bless you,  
Fr. Matthew

**Parish Office Contacts: 785-273-0710**

**Please call the office (before traveling to the church) to ensure that staff will be available to meet your needs.**

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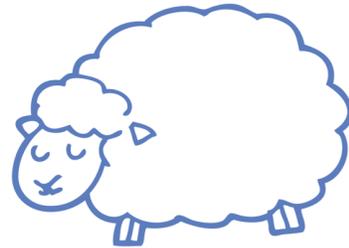
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Visit [christtheking44.flocknote.com/](http://christtheking44.flocknote.com/) to sign up for FlockNote emails. Mass times, upcoming events, weather cancellations, ministry news & more

You can also sign up for text messages by sending the word "ctktopeka" to **84576** on your mobile phone.

A weekly email with news & upcoming events is sent every Monday at noon.



# Christ the King Elementary School

## A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY

We are so grateful for the opportunity to live out our faith as a school family, including sharing a Thanksgiving Mass the last day of school before holiday break. We truly love that we get to share our faith together in an environment that welcomes gratitude and joy for Jesus and His holy sacraments.

Students also enjoyed delicious meals in their classrooms for lunch. We hope you had a BLESSED Thanksgiving with family and friends.



## Christ the King Early Education Center



## OUR LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEFS

Our Combination Prekindergarten students completed a fun activity for the holiday season! They prepared pies of their very own for our Thanksgiving dinner. They love playing “chef” and creating unique desserts with their favorite toppings. They did a wonderful job with lots of smiles!





With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Bob Foster, husband of Sally Foster and father of Karen Anderson, Mary Heffern and Anita Sidesinger.

May the Angels carry Bob to his heavenly home and comfort his family during this difficult time.

# Peace

Second Week  
of Advent

God who is peace,  
We walk this advent journey  
with our sisters and brothers of the world.

When their paths become clouded,  
move us to bring them light.

When their ways become rough,  
move us to offer mercy.

When their valleys become deep,  
move us to lift them in grace.

When their tears become overwhelming,  
move us to bring embraces of comfort.

One day may all Your children,  
gathered from every place,  
rejoice because You remember us.  
For it is only You  
who can fill our hearts with peace.

Amen



# Prayer REQUESTS

## THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

Christ the King Prayer Ministry is comprised of over 100 of your fellow parishioners, who are ready to respond to the prayerful needs of the parish. Let us pray for your loved one, friend, relative or anyone in need of prayers! We are here for you.

If you have someone needing prayers, call Annie Lackey at 554-7875 or email her at [lackeyannie12@gmail.com](mailto:lackeyannie12@gmail.com). If you have questions, you may also contact the church office at 273-0710.

A weekly recap of the prayer needs of the parish is compiled and emailed out to the Prayer Warriors each Thursday evening.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*



Ezra Fellers, Bill Martin, Alan Muckenthaler, Lee Lobmeyer, Rose Mary Whitford, Char Brazil, Rita Bates, Martin Chidalek, Pat Harman, Gerva Sunneberg, James Sampson, Jr., Luke Spitler, Brent Trueblood, Trudy Horting, Kelli Breer, Dan Lykins, Eleanor Strecker, Ruth Baldridge, Owen Burns, Bryson Andrew Baum, Dorothy Herbert, Neil Manke, Eileen Miller, Gary Slover, Hudson Gartner, Lois Conklin, Vincent Woodfield, Sarah Sachs-Jepson, Janet Sparling, Janet Matute, Robert Goupil, Jr., John Shellenberg, Ethel Jenkins, Jennifer Bloom, Bob Grochowsky, W.B. Bennett, Mary Martin, Maxwell Kelly, Emmett Flinn, Regina Bennett, Tonya Campbell, James Nunley, Richard Moran, Donald Von Feldt, Debby (Rottinghaus) Clifford, Katie Fritton, Adam Clark, Jamie Ireland, Judith Macdonald, Allie Shump, Joe Sapata, Mary Kirk, Dennis Johnson, Joseph Matthew Stevens, Dorothy Stevens, Eugene Ralston, Roy Macdonald, Ed Aldrine, Leah Deihl, Buena Enriquez, Sarah Lundry, Troy Slusser, Jim Billinger, Mike Dalrymple, Betty Duermeier.

# EVENTS THIS WEEK



**VALUE THEM BOTH**

Vote **YES** Vote

AUGUST 2, 2022

Come learn about the amendment!



Paid for by VALUE THEM BOTH • Julie Samaniego, Treasurer

## SPECIAL DINNER PRESENTATION

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 5:30PM

#### YADRICH HALL

What is the Value Them Both Amendment? What impact does this have on me and the state of Kansas? How does this effect the Pro-Life movement? Learn this and more Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm in Yadrich Hall. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, food and drinks provided. Presented by Lucrecia Nold with Kansas Catholic Conference.



## FIRE YOUTH GROUP

### EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:00PM-9:00PM

#### YOUTH GROUP ROOM

FIRE Youth Group (grades 9-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays. Anyone interested in youth group activities, please visit our website at [www.cktopeka.org/youth-group](http://www.cktopeka.org/youth-group) or reach out to Joanna at 316-641-8971.



## THAT MAN IS YOU

### EVERY SATURDAY 6:30AM-8:00AM

#### YADRICH HALL

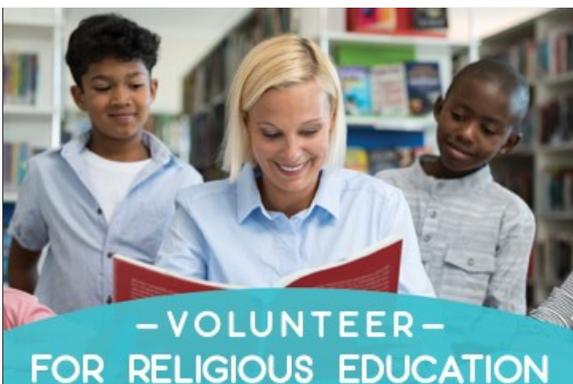
Join our men’s group at Christ the King Church. That Man is You is an interactive, multimedia men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD DRIVE

### FOOD COLLECTION

Please bring back your food donations for our “Shop for the Hungry” monthly food collection on **December 11th-12th**. You can also make monetary donations by leaving cash or checks (made out to Christ the King) in our moneybox in the gym if you’d like us to go shopping for needed food items on your behalf. Thank you & God bless!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our religious education program on Wednesday nights **6:15pm-7:30pm** by supporting teachers and students in the classrooms. Contact Religious Education Director, Deb Frost, at [dfrost@cktopeka.org](mailto:dfrost@cktopeka.org) or call our Church office at **785-273-0710** to volunteer.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

The Archdiocese is inviting parishes to offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour in thanksgiving for Archbishop Naumann's service as chair the USCCB Pro-Life Committee. We will offer ours here at Christ the King on December 12, 2021 from 4-5 pm. Please join us for this special time of prayer.



## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Parishes in Topeka will be offering communal penance services the week of Dec. 12th. Communal Penance Services or Reconciliation Services are a form of sacramental confession that mixes public prayer and individual confession to a priest, followed by absolution. Here is a schedule for our area:

- 12/12 Mother Theresa @ 2 PM
- 12/13 St. Matthew @ 7 PM
- 12/14 Christ the King @ 7 PM
- 12/15 Our Lady of Guadalupe & Sacred Heart/St. Joseph (SH site) @ 7 PM
- 12/16 Mater Dei (HN site) @ 7 PM
- 12/18 Most Pure Heart of Mary @ 9:30 AM



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

Forest Park Retreat Center

Do you want to start the New Year off with a bang? The youth office is offering four retreats, on four different days in January, with four different themes. It isn't necessary to attend each one, but they will build off each other to allow for a deeper encounter. For more information and to register, visit [www.archkckyouth.org](http://www.archkckyouth.org) under retreats.

## Ladies' Lenten Retreat

Join us for a ladies' Lenten retreat at Prairie Star Ranch, **March 18 - 20, 2022.**

The theme is Magnifying the Lord - in our own souls and also to others in the same way that the Blessed Virgin Mary models for us in her Immaculate Heart.

Featured speakers include Fr. Edward Ahn, Kelsey Skoch and Fr. Andrew Mattingly, along with Katie Burton and Kaylene Brown.

Take time to let the Lord speak to your head and fill your heart at this retreat that is for women thirsting for a deeper union with God while shutting out distractions of the current culture! More details and registration at [mag90.com](http://mag90.com) or email [kaylene@mag90.com](mailto:kaylene@mag90.com)

MARCH 18 - 20, 2022 | WILLIAMSBURG KS



MAGNIFY RETREAT 2022

A LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN

CONFESION | ADORATION  
HOLY MASS

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FR ANDREW  
MATTINGLY



FR EDWARD  
AHN



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KAYLENE BROWN



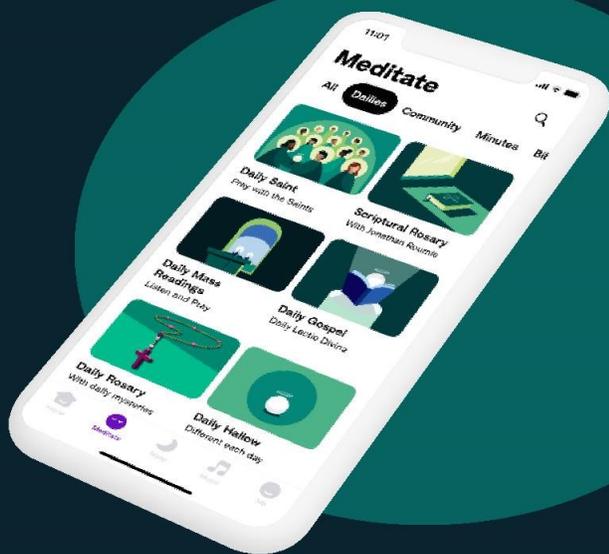
SPEAKER & AUTHOR  
KELSEY SKOCH



MAGNIFY the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt His  
name together

PSALM 34: 1-3

Hallow is a Catholic prayer & meditation app that helps us all find peace in God. Join the Advent #Pray25 challenge today!



Open the camera app on your phone and point it at this QR code to activate your **free** parish subscription!



### CTK ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our CTK Advent Giving Trees are located on the west wall of our gym. We are working with 14 agencies that have requested specific items for the people they serve in our community.

Each ornament includes an agency and which item to help provide. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift, and then attach the ornament to the item to be returned beneath the trees.

We ask that you do not wrap the gifts and that you bring your donations back by Dec. 13th. All gifts will be distributed Dec. 14th. We look forward to joining together as a parish family to help those in need.



### JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or are you taking your first steps in exploring the Catholic Faith? Are you already Catholic and want to learn more about our faith? Wherever you are in your journey, you are most welcome here. Classes meet once a week at **10:00am to 11:15am** on Sunday in our Saint John XXIII Room upstairs. If you have any questions, contact Angela at [hermana@haydencatholic.net](mailto:hermana@haydencatholic.net).



# TIMETALENTTREASURE



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

Learn More &  
Pledge Online!

Please prayerfully consider how you will share your time, talent and treasure with our parish in 2022! We are in great need of both volunteers and financial support. Please respond by submitting your stewardship pledge by December 15, 2021. You can pledge online by scanning the QR code above ([ctktopeka.org/my2022pledge](http://ctktopeka.org/my2022pledge)) or mail back your physical pledge form to our church office.

We look forward to being back in our main church before the end of this year, and are highlighting upcoming volunteer needs including liturgical and perpetual adoration opportunities. The QR code above also gives you details on those ministries.

As always, we appreciate your support and the generosity you share with our parish as we come together to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

## Volunteer Opportunity: Meals for Our Priests

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Would you be interested in bringing a meal to our priests or delivering groceries to their home?

Every Wednesday, a member or two of the parish brings a meal to the rectory. We also deliver groceries a couple times a month. We would love for you to join our team of volunteers.

If this is something you think you would like to be a part of, contact: Kathy Tramp @ 785-273-1109 (please leave a message if no answer) or send an e-mail to [kathytramp@gmail.com](mailto:kathytramp@gmail.com) for more information and to get on our list of helpers. Thank you!



## CHURCH RENOVATION INFORMATION



### MASS INSTRUCTIONS

Masses are being held in our gym.

### CHURCH OFFICE

To visit our church office, please go to the entrance of the school.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our chapel is closed during the renovation.

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions are held in the two rooms on the northeast corner of our gym.

# ACTIVITY CORNER

## PUZZLE

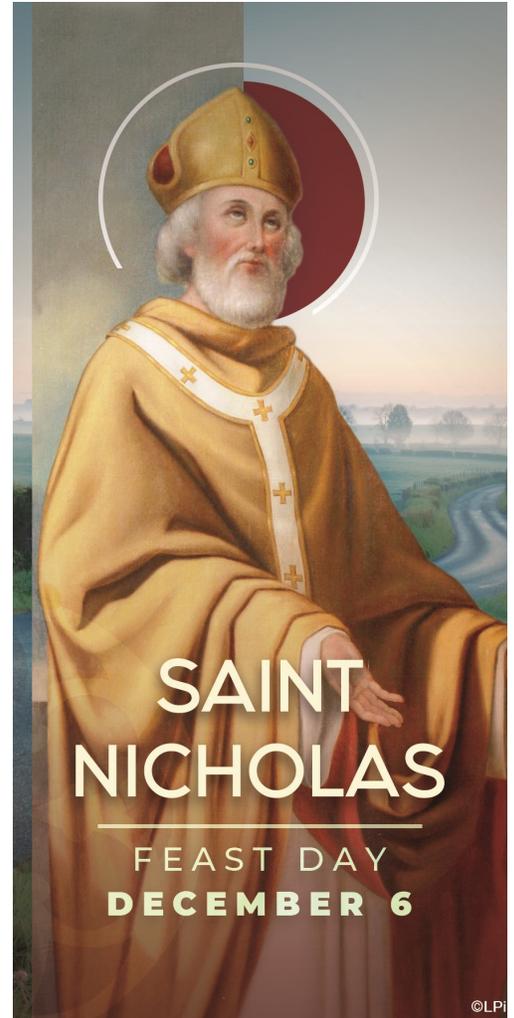
Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED  
FORGIVEN  
ISAIAH

JOHN  
DESERT  
STRAIGHT

CROOKED  
SMOOTH  
ROUGH

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*Saint Nicholas,  
pray for us!*

## CATHOLIC HUMOR

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

