

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

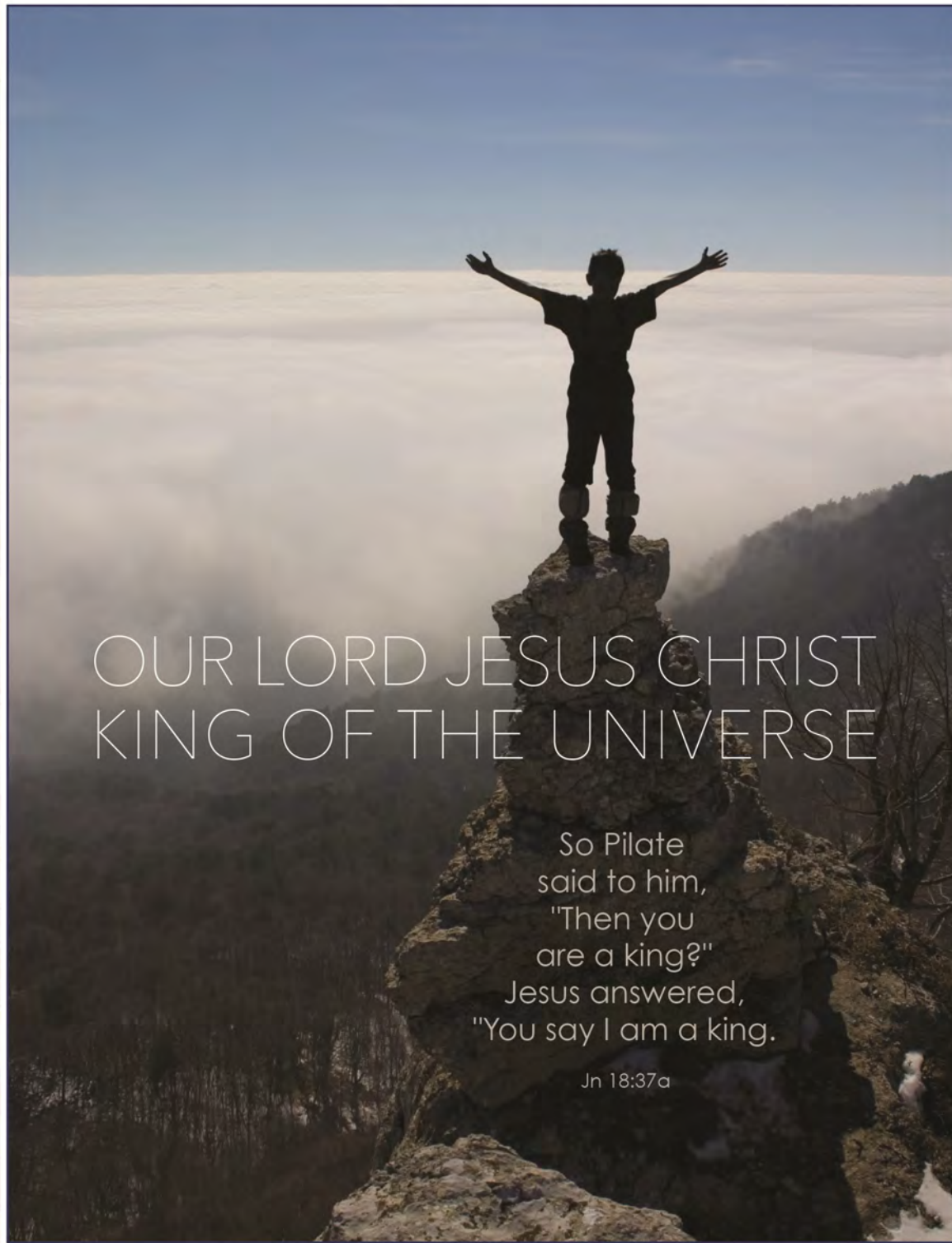


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WAUWATOSA, WI

Christ King

CATHOLIC PARISH

Proclaim Christ and make disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate
said to him,
"Then you
are a king?"
Jesus answered,
"You say I am a king."

Jn 18:37a

SACRAMENTAL CALENDAR

Saturday, November 24th

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

RV 11:4-12 LK 20:27-40(502)

PB 9:00AM Reconciliation

PB 4:30PM †Erv and †Andy Blechacz (Kathy Blechacz)

Sunday, November 25th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

DN 7:13-14 RV 1:5-8 JN 18:33b-37(161)

PB 8:00AM For the People of Christ King Parish

PB 10:30AM †Jon Pavlinsky (Family)

Monday, November 26th

Weekday

RV 14:1-3, 4b-5LK 21:1-4(503)

PB 8:15AM **Mass at St. Bernard Church**

Tuesday, November 27th

Weekday

RV 14:14-19 LK 21:5-11(504)

7:30AM Daily Rosary

RT 8:00AM †Maggie Bersch (Family)

WA 5:30PM **Mass at St. Bernard Church**

7:00PM Family Rosary

Wednesday, November 28th

Weekday

RV 15:1-4 LK 21:12-19(505)

7:30AM Daily Rosary

RT 8:00AM †Margaret Ibach (Family)

Thursday, November 29th

Weekday

RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a LK 21:20-28(506)

6:00AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00AM

WA 8:00AM †Rose and †Harvey Yunker (Family)

Friday, November 30th

St. Andrew

ROM 10:9-18 MT 4:18-22(684)

6:00AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:00AM

PB 8:00AM †James Dohearty (D. Michael and Joan Schaefer)

First Saturday, December 1st

Weekday

RV 22:1-7 LK 21:34-36(508)

WA 9:00AM Reconciliation

WA 4:30PM †Kay Loomis-Peterson (Family)

Sunday, December 2nd

First Sunday of Advent

JER 33:14-16 1 THES 3:12-4:2 LK 21:25-28, 34-36(3)

WA 8:00AM For the People of Christ King Parish


WA 10:30AM †James Johnston (Family)

PB = Fr. Phillip Bogacki


WA = Fr. Will Arnold

RT = Fr. Russ Tikalsky

 **Children's Choir**

 **Adult Choir**

 **Instrumental Choir**

 **Handbell Choir**

Please welcome

Eloise Jaclyn Newman
Molly Marie Peterson
Claire Kathleen Peterson



who were baptized at Christ King this weekend.

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Adoration

Please come and spend some quiet time with the Lord on **Friday, December 7** for First Friday Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 6:00AM until 8:00AM Mass and then after Mass until 1:00PM.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please remember in your prayer the repose of the soul of †William "Billy" Landisch who God has called into eternity and was buried from our parish this past week.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray this week for those parishioners with acute health problems and those with continuing health concerns:

Maureen Ivans, Tony Berg, Jim Michalek, Sara Siriwardena, Matthew Howard, Rowan Wilcox, Jim Dries, Joan Bielefeld, Anna Bullio, Savanna Heltemes, Nan Kreitzer, Virginia Krysiak, Jim Rice, James Kasdorf, Steve Smith, Jack Denofre, Mike Drout, Mary Anne, Laine Meske, Sara Block, Steven Neitzke, Jean Dries, Cheryl Bausch, Donna Stahoviak, Amy Bilski, Diane Brulc, Jerry Inhoff, Harold Henry, Gene Bartkowski, Sr. Beth Schmitz, John Volpe, Dylan Pogodzinski and Jennie Aiello.

HAPPENINGS AT CHRIST KING

November

28 Common Meeting Night in the Parish Center

28 Northside Meal Program

December

2 First Sunday of Advent

7 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

8 Feast of Immaculate Conception—8:00AM Mass at Christ King



AT THE PARISH



Share Sunday

Sunday, **December 2** is Share Sunday. Monies collected are used to help our North and Southside Meal Programs. Please be generous!

Called to Serve Christ King Parish Ministry & Service Guide

Service to God's Church and to others is an essential component of discipleship. God generously gifts each of us with talents and abilities to help others.

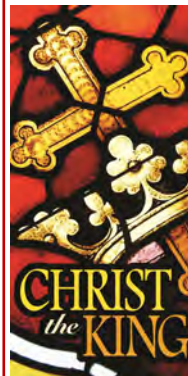


How are you using your God-given gifts?
Are you using God's gifts to serve God by serving others?

The 2018 **Christ King Parish Ministry & Service Guide**, listing all ministry, committee and service opportunities offered at Christ King Parish, will be distributed at Mass to all parish households this weekend. Please take your copy to prayerfully discern your call to serve God by serving others.

Sunday, November 25 Feast of Christ the King

Join fellow parishioners to celebrate Christ King on our feast day after both Masses.



Christ the King

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?



Look for "Ticket Trees" at Church Entrances!

Beginning THIS week through December, you'll see "Ticket Trees" at the church entrances – 91st Street and Swan Blvd. and the school office. These provide a great way for all parishioners to easily donate to our upcoming Parish Auction. Simply grab a ticket, purchase the gift card listed, and drop it off at the Parish Office. Please consider donating. These gift cards support the Auction in many ways – from silent auction baskets to decorations, and so much more!

Boy Scout Troop 117 Wreath Lot Sales



Saturday, November 24 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 25 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Please support our Christ King Boy Scouts.

Northside Meal Program

The monthly Northside meal is this Wednesday, **November 28** at All Peoples Church, 2600 N. 2nd Street from 5:00PM-6:30PM. We are consistently short on helpful hands for a few hours of service. Please prayerfully consider taking time out of your weekly schedule to help others.



Contact Mary Anderson at 414-550-2063;

andersml@sbcglobal.net or

Julie Frank at 414-326-6115; julief Frank50@gmail.com

Please consider a donation of the following items to be delivered to:

- Buns and Sweet Breads.....Murtha, 2643 N. 89th St.**
- Large cans of Baked Beans..... Giese, 2441 N. 83rdSt.**
- Cut carrots and Cucumbers..... Blaha, 2810 N. 72ndSt.**
- Jello.....Anderson, 9515 W. HadleySt.**

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR NORTHSIDE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEAL PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 28, will be the **last** meal served at All People's Church in 2018.

The church will be closed on Wednesday, December 26.

Beginning in January, 2019, the meal will move from the 4th Wednesday of the month to the 4th Monday.

The first meal we serve at All People's Church in 2019 will be on Monday, January 28.

Watch the bulletin in December for more information as we are in process of sorting out details.

Questions? Contact Mary Anderson at (414) 550-2063 or andersml@sbcglobal.net.



LIVING THE CALL

Sharing God's Gifts



of their *time* and *talent*

Contributions of time and talent began on the capital appeal last December when all parishioners were invited to participate in focus groups to solicit input on the need. Since those first meetings, so many of you, along with those serving in committee and ministry roles, as well as staff, faculty and students have dedicated countless hours in the planning and executing of this campaign. From leadership and development teams to those making phone calls, copies and stuffing bulletins - your dedication to the parish, your willingness to give sacrificially of your time and talent is evidence of your love of God, Church and your parish community. We, along with the next generation, will surely benefit from your discipleship and commitment. May God bless each of you!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN

Rachel Abbott
Casey Allen
Fabi Allen
Charlie Anguil
Joe Anguil
Avery Axley
Andy Axt
Emily Axt
Ann Bachar
Ann Baker
Dan Baker
Carol Bannen
John Bannen
Bref Barczak
Kathy Barczak
Rebecca Bark
Diana Barkow
Michele Bernau
Brian Besler
Kristin Besler
Steve Blaha
Karen Bleach
Tim Bleach
Heather Brandt
Robert Brandt
Lily Brandt
Michael Breiner
Karen Bressanelli
Mike Bressanelli
Joe Briener
Maureen Briener
Brian Brown
Gina Brown
Michael Brown
Hannah Bruskiewicz
Jenny Bultman
Amy Burris
Nick Burris
Brian Callahan
Shana Callahan
Mike Canfield
Dan Cantanese
Julie Cantanese
Katie Cary
Jennifer Chang
Chad Chrisbaum
Dana Cichy
David Cichy
Sara Clements
Claire Czajkowski
Ed Dahm
Katie Dahm
Toby Dahm
Charise Dawson-Rave

Jim deGuzman
Sharon deGuzman
Carolyn Dettmann
Steven Dettmann
Frank DiCastr
Iva DiCastr
Gretchen Dodgion
Chris Dodgion
Brian Dorrington
Dan Dorrington
Katie Dorrington
Kerry Dorrington
Bonnie Drezek
Kurt Drezek
Kathy Driscoll
Lynn Dziadulewicz
Neil Dziadulewicz
Jen Fazio
Sarah Feltig
Sheila Finnegan
Kristin Fischer
Kevin Forward
Kevin Forward
Natalie Forward
Celia Fossett
Jacquie Fossett
Jim Fossett
Kelsey Fossett
Lisa Freund
Kristy Fritz
Tim Garczynski
Terry Garrett
Dan Garvey
TimGa rzinski
Thomas Geronime
Jodi Glunz
Thomas Glunz
Caroline Guccardi
Jack Guccardi
Jeffrey Gundersen
Julie Gundersen
Jane Guralski
Shelley Harrington
Paula Harris
Adam Hartung
Judy Hartung
Mary Heitkemper
Peter Heltemes
Kelly Hemauer
Ken Hemauer
Kelly Hodges
Matt Hodges
John Horky
Lauretta Hren
Pat Hutchinson

Amy Janiszewski
Phil Janowski
Jack Johnson
Ava Johnson
Jeff Johnson
Mary Johnson
Stephanie Johnson
Andrea Jonas
Paul Jonas
Kelsey Kasmerchak
Dr. Mark Kenfield
Maureen Kenfield
Ami Klaus
Anne Klaus
Emmett Klaus
Jim Klaus
Maggie Klaus
Katie Kleier
Caron Kloser
Ken Kloser
Andreas Klotz
Michelle Klotz
Chuck Koehler
Kathryn Koutnik
Steven Koutnik
Luke Kovoichich
Karen Krebs
Michael Krebs
Bill Krill
Olivia Krocek
John Krupka
Mia Kurth
Jen Lancaster
Jan Landisch
John Lane
Robin Lane
Colleen Leffer
Danny Lenz
Meg Lenz
Lynn Lesko
Kristina Lesner-Snyder
Amanda Lewis
Addie Lough
Nora Lough
Annamaria Luna
Marcello Luna
Tonia Luna
Shawn Lundie
Carol Machulak
Zan Martenson
Pat Masterson
Sarah Masterson
Bethanne Mazurczak
Kelly McQuilan

Greg McQuillan
Brian Meehan
Henry Merz
Liam Merz
Mark Merz
Stephanie Merz
Phil Micech
Simon Michel
Melissa Miller
Jeff Monday
Andrew Morton
Cindy Morton
Tim Morton
Jessica Mott
Theran Mott
Tommy Mount
Gracie Mount
Josh Mount
Kathleen Mount
Stephanie Nass
Jerry Neugent
Kate Neugent
Stephanie Niederjohn
Ellie Novolny
Bella O'Brien
Bridget O'Brien
Jim O'Connell
Judy O'Connell
John O'Shea
Kelly O'Shea
Faith O'Toole
Jenna Oimoen
Kirk Pelikan
Mary Pelikan
Katy Peterson
Jane Pfaff
Mary Phillips
Joe Pickart
Katie Pickart
Mary Piehl
Steve Piehl
Brian Pierce
Molly Pierce
Jim Pittlekow
Maryann Radowski
Antoine Ray
Julie Rebholz
Peter Rebholz
Julie Rettko
William Rettko
Nicole Richard
Tracy Richburg
Lucy Richburg
Margaret Richburg

Diane Roethe
Emily Roethe
Kelly Ruzicka
Dave Salter
Raully Sandoval
Cathy Schaefer
Cindy Schmidt
Liz Schmidt
Luigi Schmitt
Katie Schmitz
Sr. Beth Schmitz
Tony Schmitz
Bonnie Scholz
Dan Scholz
Nicolle Schroeder
Tom Schroeder
Sue Schueller
Sarah Schulz
Mariann Schuster
Rick Schuster
Chris Schwake
Jamie Schwake
Paige Seehawer
Lola Sgrignuoli
Laura Shears
Peter Shears
Linda Simko
Jon Sisulak
Molly Sisulak
Erin Stanek
Mary Ellen Stanek
Peter Stanek
Scott Stanek
James Stern
Maureen Stern
Daniel Tanty
Amy Tarpey
Tim Tarpey
Colleen Valkoun
Scott Valkoun
Linda Van Groll
Mark Van Groll
Kylie Vanchena
Karin Vetrano
Rebecca Von Stockhausen
Mary Wagy
Charlie Webb
Mattie Weiner
Makayla Westfall
Jennifer Wiostko
Rosemary Wirth



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the season of Advent, join in on our offerings to help you watch, prepare, share and believe!

Advent Giving Tree Outreach

In the spirit of giving during this holy season, we will be collecting items to help the poor who are served by these three charitable organizations that help men, women, children and families in crisis in the Greater Milwaukee Area. We ask that you once again support this mission by picking up an ornament/s on the Advent Giving trees located at either entrance to the church starting the weekend of December 1/2. Each ornament lists the organization and the specific items that they need. You may choose any or all of the items listed on the ornament. Drop off your gifts (unwrapped) on December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. Please donate NEW items.

Catholic Charities

- Bundle: Bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, and bar of soap
- Dental Bundle: Toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, and dental floss
- Stationary Bundle: Notecards with env., #10 business env., lined pad of writing paper and "Forever" stamps
- Family Fun Bundle: Board game, 2 decks of cards, box of microwave popcorn
- Baby Bundles for Pregnant Support Clients:
 - Baby clothes, baby toys • Baby wipes, baby lotion, shampoo • Diapers (Any size)
- Gift Cards: \$25 Pick N' Save grocery cards, Target, Walgreens, or CVS

St. Vincent de Paul Society

- Bedding: single and double sheets, mattress pads, blankets, and pillows
- All sizes: Children's winter jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, and boots

Kids Matter

- For Older Children and Teens: sleepwear, diary or journal, markers, colored pencils, age appropriate book, baseball hat, jewelry or accessories, socks and underwear (all sizes)
- For Younger Children: cuddly stuffed animals, sleepwear, children's blankets, games/toys/puzzles, coloring books, crayons and drawing paper, socks and underwear, night light, age appropriate books (all sizes)

Again, THANK YOU for your generosity in helping those in need and making their Christmas a happy one. God Bless you! Christ King Human Concerns

Between the Masses | Sundays 9:15-10:15 AM

Together with the leadership and guidance of Daniel Scholz, Ph.D., we will discuss how the Sunday readings for the season of Advent 2018 (Year C) invite us to a spiritual inventory – an examination of conscience as we anticipate the upcoming birth of Jesus and Christ's future return. Child care, refreshments and good discussion!

- **Dec. 2:** Knowing the End is Near: Resolutions & Spiritual Dispositions Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
- **Dec. 9:** Seeing the Signs of the Times: God's Presence in the Here & Now Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6
- **Dec. 16:** Living a Life of Joy & Expectations: an Intentional Spiritual Exercise Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

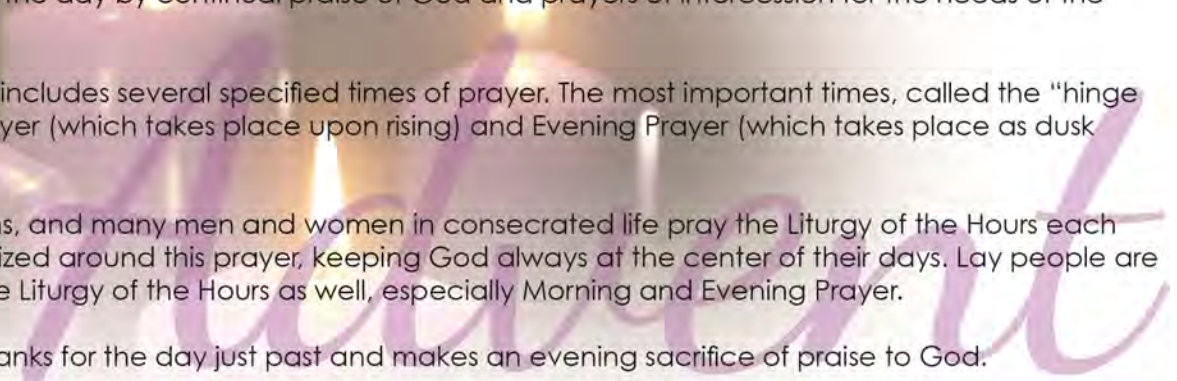
Evening Vespers | Weds. Dec 5, 12 & 19 | 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times, called the "hinge hours," are Morning Prayer (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer (which takes place as dusk begins to fall).

Bishops, priests, deacons, and many men and women in consecrated life pray the Liturgy of the Hours each day. Their work is organized around this prayer, keeping God always at the center of their days. Lay people are encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as well, especially Morning and Evening Prayer.

Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.



AT THE PARISH

CYM Basketball

The 2019 CYM Basketball season is rapidly approaching. Any 9th-12th grade girls and boys interested in playing, parents interested in coaching and forming a team, and returning players and coaches from last year's 9th-11th grade teams, please contact CYM Basketball Coordinator Todd Morris at (414) 443-1596 or tmorris@bredanmech.com. DEADLINE is NOVEMBER 28 for submitting all player registration forms, rosters, and fees to the league office.



Men's Hoops

The men of Christ king parish have been playing hoops for several years and we'll be "tipping off" our new season. Simply show up at the gym at 7:30pm on most/any Sunday. You can come as often or as little as you wish and

players of all skill levels are welcome. Just bring a white and dark t-shirt, gym shoes (not street shoes) and a good attitude. All we ask is that you have fun and contribute a little something to Christ King. For more details contact John Horky at thehorkys@mac.com.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

CKC's holiday food drive is ending this weekend, Nov. 24-25th. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated at the Tosa Community Food Pantry, which serves those in need in our immediate area. Low to moderate income residents of zip codes 53213, 53222, 53225 and 53226 can visit the pantry once each month and are able to choose their own food.

The pantry provides meat, eggs, margarine, an assortment of canned items, and fresh produce in season from Hunger Task Force's 70-acre farm located in Franklin. Items always needed include: canned chicken and tuna, low salt vegetables and low sugar fruits, whole grain pasta and cereals, pancake mix and syrup.

The pantry also provides opportunities for confirmation candidates to earn service hours and benefit from helping others. Thank you in advance for thinking of those in need and for your ongoing support.

Your Human Concerns Committee



Everyday Stewardship

When I was growing up, my parents told me about Elvis Presley,

the King of Rock 'n' Roll. He received that title from fans due to the huge effect he had on rock music. When I was a teenager, people called Michael Jackson the King of Pop. The designation was based on the fact that he had so many hits for so many years and because of his power as a live performer. The title of king carries with it a lot of weight and communicates to people that the one bearing the title is at the pinnacle of something, some people, or some reality. I sometimes even like to say that I am King of the House, but my wife can easily remind me that a true king would have servants and would not have to take out the trash by themselves. Touché! There are many kings of many things, but only one King of the Universe. If you were the king of a kingdom, all would be your subjects. In the universe, all creation bows down to this king. No other king stands above him. All belongs to Him, although much is given to each of us as gift. He gives out of love and our love for Him should cause us to use those gifts for His glory, for we are more than simple subjects. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are royalty due to the mark of Baptism.

Elvis and Michael are gone. Monarchs from different eras and places have vanished. However, our King is alive and well, calling us to have full membership in His Kingdom. His name is Jesus. His Kingdom is at hand.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Are you a registered member of Christ King Parish?

Thank you for joining our community to celebrate Mass. We'd love for you to make it official and register. You can go to our website under About and click on Welcome to find the Become a Member link. You can also

stop by the Parish Office and register there. Email our ladies at the front desk if you have any questions at parish@christkingparish.org



New episodes every Wednesday.
<https://www.archmil.org/TwoGuys>



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ONGOING MINISTRIES & FORMATION

- Men's Ministry Group**
 Morning Meetings on Thursdays at 6AM in the Parish Center. Questions, please contact Pat Masterson 414-732-3361
- Mom's Playgroup**
 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9-11AM
- Parish Library**
 Open after Masses on Saturday and Sunday
- Prayer Shawl Ministry**
 1st Wednesday of each month 9-10:30AM
 Parish Center Library
- SPRED—Special Religious Development**
 Faith formation for children with intellectual disabilities ages 6-10. Sunday Mornings 10-11:30AM
 Sessions Sept.—May
Chairperson: Eileen Wingenter Leeniewing@aol.com
- SVDP Meal Programs**
 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
 2nd Wednesday: julie.wendelberger@sodexo.com
 4th Wednesday: juliefrank50@gmail.com
- Simply the Word— Starting October 4**
 Thursdays 9:15AM -11:00AM (morning session)
 6:30PM - 8:15PM (evening session)
- Small Discipleship Groups**
 Groups meet at various days and times. For more info., see Small Groups under Adult and Family/Formation on the website or contact Kristin Fischer smallgroups@christkingparish.org
- Women's Prayer Circle**
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:00AM-10:30AM
carolynzschaefer@hotmail.com

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 Saturday 9:00AM-5:30PM Sunday 7:30AM-noon

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TRI-PARISH COLLABORATION

Christ King is fortunate to work in collaboration with two other Wauwatosa parishes to coordinate our activities and maximize our resources. They are:

St. Pius X, www.stpiusparish.org

2506 Wauwatosa Ave., 414-453-3875

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM; Sunday 8:00 & 10:15AM

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00-4:30PM

St. Bernard, www.stbernardparish.org

7474 Harwood Ave., 414-258-4320

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00PM; Sun. 8:00 & 10:00AM

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:15AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM with Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00PM

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

www.christkingparish.org

- Sacraments:** Call the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with the right person.
- House/Hospital/Care Facility Calls:** Call the Parish Office - if after hours, leave a message for Fr. Phillip or Fr. Will.
- Looking to Become Catholic?** Give the Parish Office a call and we will put you in touch with Deacon John Ebel.
- Want to become a Parishioner of Christ King?** Stop by the Parish Office and visit us to pick up a new member folder and registration form or go online and start the process.



FORMED.ORG - Parish Code: **DCZQ7T**

Try it out!

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King: Continued Reflections on the Church

I last wrote to you on August 26 with thoughts on our confrontation with the evil that some have committed in the Church. Since then, that awful reality has impacted nearly every homily and all aspects of pastoral ministry. This weekend is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, which presents an opportunity to continue the conversation. This celebration challenges us to look at Jesus Christ as our only true king, particularly when struggles threaten to pull our focus from Him.

Last weekend, Archbishop ListECKI sent a strongly worded letter to express his dissatisfaction and impatience with the Church's response to the Church's continuing sexual abuse crisis. His words convey a frustration I share, particularly that we are not more united in confronting the root causes of these sins and focusing on immediate healing. The link to the Archbishop's comments is at the top of this page, <https://www.archmil.org/Reflections-on-Our-Church.htm>, and I put copies in the back of the church.

Right now, the world is watching the dysfunction of the humanity of the Church as we engage in a painful internal fight. This fight has included, sadly, a lack of charity and unhelpfulness to a better path forward. As we look at the crisis right now, we are reminded of the truth that none of our sins are ever isolated; committing sin comes with a broad and ugly web.

Sadly, I must remind myself, and you, that the darkness of this crisis will get more painful before its hurt and sin is alleviated. The best road forward is not yet clear for many individuals and for the Church collectively. Unfortunately, this will continue to be a time when many people have trouble understanding their Church and its leaders. But this pain is needed, and it will be redemptive, because the path to more faithful discipleship will become clear only through a full, unvarnished confrontation with difficult truths.

As we engage in a renewal in the life of our parish, trust that the necessary updating of our infrastructure is not a substitute for the spiritual healing that comes through right relationship with God. The purpose of our parish renewal is to provide stability so that we may more effectively reach out to those who have been hurt in life in any way, and to those who are on the margins of society. Our parish renewal is demanding a special kind of generosity, and I am grateful many of you have taken the challenge.

I have been more intensely praying about and discussing with parishioners our parish's role in healing the sinful ills within our Church. The most effective healing is individual to one's background and the nature of one's struggles. Our staff and I are always available to anyone seeking a path to healing.

We would be remiss to overlook the good that is happening. Many of you have shared moving stories of trust and re-engagement in the Church through the capital appeal. I grow in hope as I meet many new individuals who continue to join our two parishes despite the terrible news within our Church. Recently, I have asked new parishioners in detail about the reasons they intentionally join the Catholic Church, given its human sins. Their focus on Jesus Christ is beautiful and is gracing our Church with new life. These are precisely the times in the Church when saints are called forth. Continue to be present as a beacon of sanctity.

Many of you are suffering and hurting. In your kindness, many have asked me how I've been impacted by the sex abuse scandal and other pain caused by Church ministers. Like many of you, I too am hurting. I never anticipated the need to minister to such unique wounds. I never planned that this would be the context in which I would be reminding people that Jesus Christ will continue to pave the way towards a more hopeful, faithful, and loving future. I know that my fellow priests, our bishops, parish employees, and all who minister in the Church are also hurt and wounded because of the suffering of the people we serve and love. Please keep us in your prayers, as we keep you in ours. Together we have a special solidarity as we are carrying Jesus' Cross as fellow brothers and sisters.

I am so truly sorry to anyone who has been harmed in the Church in any way. On a more personal note, I am sorry to anyone I may have unknowingly hurt over the years. Know that I appreciate the love and support you have shown me, and our fellow parishioners, in intangible and tangible ways, such as your involvement in the sacramental life of our parish and your exceptional generosity in the parish's capital appeal. We have a bright future because of your strength and focus during a period when our Church must be held accountable for the pain it has allowed.

Trust in my continued prayers, fasting, and reparation for you, the Church, and all people. Thank you for your continued movement forward following Jesus as intentional disciples, which is the goal of all we do at our parishes. The Collect (Opening Prayer) for this Solemnity may be an appropriate prayer to take as personal prayer at this moment:

*Almighty ever-living God,
Whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of the universe,
Grant, we pray,
That the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

See you at Mass,

Fr. Phillip