

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

November 2023

Dear Christ King Parishioners and Friends,

God is the giver of all we are and of all we have. He asks each of us to accept His gifts with gratitude, to use them wisely and justly, and to share them generously with those in need—this is our call to Christian stewardship.

As I look back on 2023, I am blessed by the goodness of the Christ King Parish faith community, and I am grateful for your engagement and intentionality in our parish community.

While we see good news in increasing Mass attendance and stewardship participation, areas of financial need remain as we operate on a deficit budget. Your outstanding generosity in the Archdiocesan "Love One Another" Campaign will meet some major improvements to our stability, but help is needed in our daily expenses.

Last year, I outlined some of the most immediate financial needs of our parish:

- Christ King Parish School
- Child, High School, and Adult Formation
- Tuition Assistance this is an area of great demand as more and more families struggle to afford Catholic education.
- Just Compensation for Parish Personnel
- Parish Charitable Outreach costs of the All Saints meal program are increasing due to increasing numbers of guests.
- Financial Stability

Each of these areas is essential to the mission of Christ King Parish, but all need our sustained attention. As a parish, we diligently strive to be faithful stewards of your giving by spending very carefully. But just as you are experiencing, rising costs are eating away our reserves. Increasing your stewardship generosity will help Christ King live the sacred mission of our parish in a high-quality way.

In 2024, Christ King Parish will celebrate 85 years as a community of faith; we are blessed to be a living witness to God's presence in the lives of our families and community. Please continue to be a part of Christ King's history of sacrificial generosity as we proclaim Christ by making disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.

Enclosed is a Stewardship Commitment Form for 2024. Please pray about your commitment and involvement in your parish. I ask you to consider increasing your giving—everyone's gifts are necessary and accepted with gratitude. Please return your pledge online, at Mass, or to the parish office.

I am very blessed to serve here and love doing so. Thank you for your past support, sacrifices, love for each other, and example of living your Catholic faith in the world. I pray for you daily.

See you at Mass,

Rev. Phillip Bogacki

Very Reverend Phillip Bogacki, Pastor