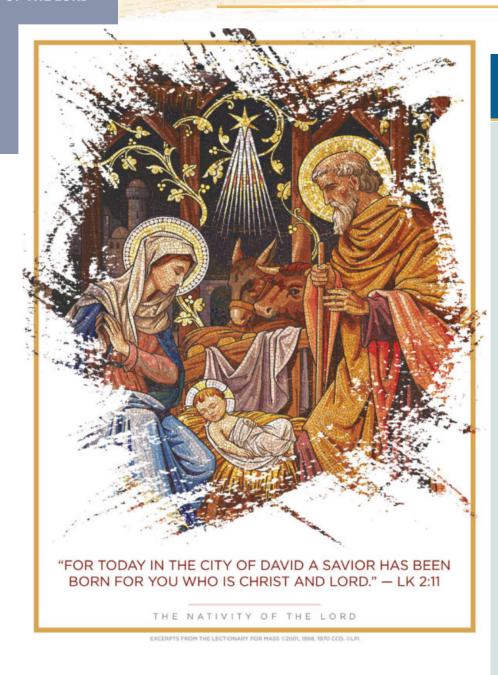
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MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Parish is called together by God as a faith sharing community to radiate, celebrate and proclaim Jesus Christ through prayer, word, worship and service as we seek to build up His one body, adapting to the diverse needs of the people in whose midst we live and witness.

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

9:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 8:00am, 11:00am Livestreamed & interpreted at 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:45-11am Saturday | 3:00pm Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday | 9:30am - 8:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday | 6:15pm

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DEADLINES

Bulletin

Bulletin announcements need to be submitted to Sarah Guerra by noon on the Friday of the week prior, 9 days before the weekend you'd like it to appear.

Mass Intentions

Please schedule Mass intentions with the Parish Office *two months prior* to your desired date.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Care of the Sick

Our Visitation Ministry Team would like to bring Communion to our homebound parishioners as well as visit those in a hospital or a nursing facility. Please call the Parish Office to let us know of those who wish to be visited.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month.
Baptisms may also be celebrated at weekend
Liturgies. A Baptismal preparation program is
expected prior to celebrating the Sacrament.
Please call the Parish Office to arrange for
your baby's Baptism or for further
information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding. A Marriage Preparation program and interviews are required.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process available for those wishing to explore becoming a member of our Catholic Christian Community. For more information, please contact Lisanne Jensen in the Faith Formation Office.



STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 16-17

Our stewardship totals for the weekend of December 16-17 will appear in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

December 25 | 12 am Midnight

Janet & Charles Murphy
*Daughter, Kathleen Fisher
Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice
*Dieb & Chard He gooth & F

*Rich & Cheryl Haggerty & Family

Monday, December 25 | 11 am

Nicole Ross *Family

Ruth & Peter Foy

*Marilyn & Jim Foy

Carolyn & Raymond McGlynn

*Marilyn & Jim Foy

For the Deceased Members of the Stanco Family

*James Stanco

In Thanksgiving for Betty & Family

*Family

Tuesday, December 26 | 9 am

Mary <mark>Sheehan</mark>

*Tom Sheehan

Wednesday, December 27 | 9 am

Paul Stelmaszyk (Birthday Memorial)

*The Luttenberger Family

Shirley Geoffroy (7th Anniversary Memorial)
*Don

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Thursday, December 28 | 9 am

Bette & Raymond Franklin

*Sherrill Redmond

Richard Jovce

Richard Joyce

*Terry Murray & Family

For the Intentions of Amy Tombank

*Mark & Megan

In Celebration of Austin Joseph Smith's 2nd Birthday

*Rosemarie Reichenbach

Saturday, December 30 | 4 pm

Jean Long

*The Sorrentino Family

Next Sunday, December 31 | 8 am

Patrick Visker

*his Mother

Next Sunday, December 31 | 11 am

Albert Huba (11th Anniversary Memorial)

*The Huba Family

Elwanda Dean Coffey

*Mary Ann & Peter Kindlon

Bindy Bearup

*Mary Ann & Peter Kindlon

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

Monday, December 25 🔘

Nativity of the Lord

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: ls 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Tuesday, December 26

Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27 O

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30 O

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday, December 31 O

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40

Reflection for the Week

We are all called by God to share our gifts. Today's Gospel tells us about the call to Mary to be the mother of God! Mary's "Yes" would change the world.

Am I aware of the times God calls me and do I accept those calls?

Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of December 2023 has been donated in loving memory of

Michael and Wallace Diehl

requested by Maria Diehl

Pray for...

Our Sick

Don McCarthy, Ryan Stoeppell, Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Joshua Carpenter, Jorge Montiel, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gelley, David Latina, Judi McGinn Michela, Marie Luce, Liz Stewart, Patricia Bruno, David Birkun, Rick Rodino, Luke Danker, Roman Hunt, Marylou Flanagan, Nicholas Smith, Ken Fitzpatrick, Mary Elaine, Sue Patterson, Robert K., Michael Tebaldi, Donna Johnson, Paul Pierce, Mary Ann Pierce, Christine Slattery, Dana Hesch, Mary Kehn, Betty Canape, Betty Low If you or someone you know are in need of our prayers, or if you had asked for prayer and your prayers were answered, please call the parish office. Names will be removed from the list periodically.

Our Beloved Deceased

Timothy Gray (November 10) Susan Maynard (November 23)

First Year Anniversary December 2022

Vincent Tomeo (December 5) Antonia Raponi (December 7) Elda Macri (December 18) Nuala DeSacia (December 28)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

Altamont: St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's 518-861-8770 Sunday - 9:30 am

Delmar: St. Thomas the Apostle 518-439-4951 Saturday - 5 pm | Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Voorheesville: St. Matthew's 518-765-2805 Saturday - 5pm | Sunday - 9 am

In Loving Memory of...

The Cardin & Lala Family Requested by Ann & Gar Lala

George Cavanaugh *Requested by His Family*

Vincent & Sophie Cordi Fran (Cordi) O'Keefe Requested by Bob O'Keefe

Eddie Cotugno
Raffaella Viscusi
Albert & Nancy Piersante
Joseph & Rita Palmiotto
Requested by Thomas & Carmela Palmiotto

Louis & Eda DeStefano Requested by Karmel A. DeStefano

Joel Edwards *Requested by Cindy Edwards*

Angela Fish Jeannette Davis Requested by Pete & Brenda Fish

Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice Requested by Barbara Palumbo

Bette & Raymond Franklin
Valerie Ryan
Lillian Lemmo
Jane Dreves
Harriet Rodwell
Requested by Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Deceased Members of the Flemma and Donato Families

Requested by Renato & Patricia Donato

Victor & Catharine Garbarino Requested by Bill, Marie, Matt & Jillian Creighton

The Gelley and Lulis Families Requested by Rick & Alyce Gelley The Deceased Members of the Geoffroy and Dusablon Families

Requested by Don Geoffroy

Thomas & Patricia Gorman Requested by Janet Gorman

The Gosch Family *Requested by John & Linda*

Giuseppe Greco Requested by Family

Louis E. Greco
Louis M. Greco
Requested by Cathy Greco & Family

The Deceased Members of the Judge and Swanson Families

Requested by Ellen Judge Swanson

Jane & John Kingsbury
Requested by their daughter Sue

The Knapp and Jablonski Families
Requested by Shirley & Ron Jablonski

The Deceased Members of the Lord, Kasuba & Zuber Families

Requested by the Kasuba Family

For Loved ones that have passed Requested by Jeff & Mary LaPorte

Ed & Margaret Lynn Judith Mara & Ned Lynn Requested by Stephen Lynn

Thomas Patrick Morrison
Requested by The Family

Deceased Members of the Murdick & Haggerty Families

Requested by Richard & Cheryl Haggerty & Family

For the Parents, Grandparents & Other Deceased Members of the Murphy and Follett Families

Requested by Bob & Paula Murphy

Dr. Thomas Oram

Requested by Joanne, Cara, Kiley, and Kateri

Todd, Kyle & Robert Pianowski Requested by Ron Pianowski & Sandy Engett

Jane & Edward Reid
Requested by daughter Ellen & Jim Box

Thomas, Elizabeth & Christopher Riedy Margaret DellaRocco Requested by Daughter & Sister

Eleanor Schaadt
Eric Meyette
Requested by Donna Heald

Roland & Annette Schirch
Robert F. Hurley
Requested by Bob & Marianne Hurley

Deceased Members of the Simon, Hahn & Uellenberg Families
Requested by Fred & Marianne Simon

The Smith and Boyer Families
Requested by Wayne & Ellen Boyer

Paul Stelmaszyk

Requested by Mariann Stelmaszyk and Children

Requested by Lunch Bunch teammate Bill & Nancy Tyrrell

Mary & Joseph Susi Requested by Marilyn Weisburgh

Paul Stelmaszyk

Anthony & Anna Tommell
Requested by Carol & Tom Tommell

Daniel Weidman *Requested by his wife Mary*

Alan R. Zlomek Requested by his wife Antonietta

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world. Let us pray... God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith.

May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas season.

~ Fr. Rick and the Staff at CTK

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on December 25 & 26 to celebrate Christmas. Merry Christmas!

SACRAMENT ORNAMENTS

All the tags on our giving tree have been replaced with ornaments for those who have received a sacrament this past year. Please take yours home for your Christmas Tree. Baptisms are Angels, 1st Communicants are a cross, Confirmation is a dove and Wedding is a heart. Each should have a name on it. If for some reason your ornament is not there, please let the parish office know.

THE CHOSEN

Viewing of The Chosen will happen at 1 pm in the Knights Chapel on: January 7, 14, 21, & 28. Stay tuned for upcoming February dates.

HELP WANTED: ADVANCEMENT AND MARKETING ASSOCIATE POSITION

St. Thomas the Apostle School has an opening for an Advancement and Marketing Associate to develop and implement engaging and successful fundraising strategies that will help support their mission. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends. Interested candidates should contact Mr. Biggs, Principal at abiggs@stthomas-school.org.



GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is requesting canned fruit and crackers at this time. Thank you for your continued generosity.

2024 ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. MATT DUCLOS AND MARY DETURRIS POUST

Have you ever wanted to make a spiritual pilgrimage to Italy? Fr. Matt Duclos and Mary DeTurris Poust invite you to join them on the journey of a lifetime Sept. 30 to Oct. 11, 2024, when they take a pilgrim group to Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, and Venice for 12 amazing days. Mary will serve as tour leader and Fr. Matt as priest chaplain on this pilgrimage operated by Select International Tours & Cruises. If you'd like more info, visit the Select website select internationaltours.com/mary-deturris-poust/

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Will be held on Saturday, January 6th from 9:45 am- noon in the church. At least one parent must participate in this retreat along with their child. We'll enjoy different activity stations as well as a special story from professional storyteller and CTK parishioner Barbara Palumbo! Grade 2 families, save the date!

Don't forget to check us out on socials and our website: www.ctkffym.org





Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 24

10 am Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 7 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 11:30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass (Livestreamed and beginning with carols)

Monday, December 25
Parish Office Closed

11 am Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26 Parish Office Closed

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:45 am Adoration

Wednesday, December 27

9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary

Thursday, December 28

9 am Mass

Thursday, December 28 Continued

6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room 6:30 pm Jubilee Faith Sharing | Rectory

Saturday, December 30

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 4 pm Vigil Feast of the Holy Family Mass

Sunday, December 31

8 am Feast of the Holy Family Mass 11 am Feast of the Holy Family Mass (ASL Interpreted) When Trust & Experience Matter Call Michael Keefrider

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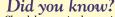




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