

The Parish of CHRISTERE KING ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass 9:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

A Baptism preparation class is required prior to the Baptism. This class takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule the Baptism date at least 3 months in advance of the desired date.

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

	February 24-25	March 2-3
Offertory	\$5,721.40	\$8,520.00
Maintenance	\$25.00	\$180.00
Easter Flowers		\$110.00
Miscellaneous	\$85.00	\$5.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$4,283.25	\$4,283.25
Collection Total	\$10,114.65	\$13,098.25
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week		

Special Collection—this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. For more info on CRS visit crs.org.

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PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 12 | 9 am Mary Rozan *Family

Wednesday, March 13 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, March 14 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Saturday, March 16 | 4 pm

Josie Vitillo *Family Jane Reid (19th Anniversary Memorial) *Daughter, Ellen & Jim Box Frances Carol Gocs *Michele Mango Jean Nelson *Cheryl Haggerty If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Saturday, March 16 | 4 pm Continued Betty Robinson *Reenie Pasquali Alan Zlomek (2nd Anniversary Memorial) *wife, Antonietta

Next Sunday, March 17 | 8 am Joel Edwards (Birthday Memorial) *Cindy Edwards

Next Sunday, March 17 | 11 am

Elizabeth Lord (20th Anniversary Memorial) *The Kasuba Family Carole Edie Smith *The Tremblay Family Thomas Joseph Russell *Kevin Smith Ken Raymond *Jim & Jean Meddleton

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, March 10 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 11 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30 **Thursday, March 14** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday, March 17 Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Reflection for the Week

Today's Gospel contains one of the most quoted sentences in Scripture and for good reason: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life."

Do I accept and embrace and cherish this statement?

Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of March 2024 has been donated in loving memory of

George Cavanaugh

requested by Sallie & Family



Our Sick

Joan Schramm, Lucille Reppenhagen, Dr. Gary Nelson, Betty Low, Tim LaFreniere, Vincent Kelder, Eileen Reis, MaryAnn Markham, Becky Hilton Heeps, Allen Jones, William Gibney, Darlene Cashin, Vera Daley, Don McCarthy, Ryan Stoeppell, Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Joshua Carpenter, 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

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 Jean Nelson, II (February 5) Elizabeth Robinson (February12) Beverly Panetta (February 26)

First Year Anniversary March 2023 Mary Tremblay (March 14)

COMMUNITY



Prayerful Peace Stations in the midst of Stress

If you're tired, overwhelmed, worried, stressed out ... Constantly on the go, with no down time in sight ... Uncertain of how you'll get everything done, with a packed schedule of continuous activities ...

> Come find peace in praying the path that Jesus walked.

> > Friday, March 15 7 p.m. in the church 14 different CTK formilies will present Stations of the Cross will present Stations of the Cross to help us focus on God's love, mercy, grace, and goodness.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for continuing to support our local food pantry. Currently the Guilderland Food Pantry is running low on cake and brownie mixes.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39) CARD-STRAVAGANZA!

Let's have fun while serving others! Join us March 23, 1-6pm at St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar for a service-focused social. Enjoy a potluck & take some time together to make & write cards for the organization "Love for Our Elders." We will also play all card-based games... Red 7, Love Letter, Fill or Bust, Catholic Card Game Apples to Apples, etc. If you have a card-based game (does not involve using a board to play) feel free to bring it! Confession & Mass will be available at 4pm & 5pm. RSVP by March 22 and sign up for the potluck. https://shorturl.at/pvHNT

LENTEN CONCERT AND RETREAT

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord" and approximately 160 other hymns, will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corp., Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30-12:30pm on March 23 at St. Vincent's. Registration is \$15 for each program or \$25 for both. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at ivcusa.org/ Schutte.

NEW SYNOD SESSIONS

Dioceses all across the U.S. are being asked to hold a new round of synod listening sessions, focusing on church structure, organization, leadership, and church life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has scheduled four sessions in the month of March. Three are in person, one is virtual. Register at rcda.org/ synod and make your voice heard.

MEMORIAL AND HEALING MASS

Those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death, are invited to come for healing, prayer, & community on March 20 at 6:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Schenectady.

2024 BLOOD DRIVES AT CHRIST THE KING Registration is Open

Drive Dates – April 26, June 22 & August 17 Let's start our 2024 blood drive season out right! Register today, all help save a life; each donation has the potential to save three! All types are needed, and Power Red Donations are being accepted at each of these drives. To see if you meet the eligibility requirements, go to www.redcrossblood.org. To register for these drives, please use sponsor code *churchchristking* Thank you in advance for considering giving the gift of life!

COME SEE THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DIFFERENCE!

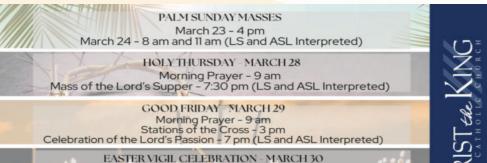
St. Thomas the Apostle School will be hosting an Open House for prospective families, PK3 through Grade 8, on Monday, March 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm. St. Thomas the Apostle is located at 42 Adams Place, Delmar. For more information, please contact MaryKate Kraus at mkraus@stthomas-school.org or (518) 439-5573.

HOST A STUDY ABROAD STUDENT!

The Aspect Foundation is seeking individuals or families to host high school students from several countries abroad. If you are interested in investigating this enriching experience, please contact Bess Arden at arden4bess@gmail.com.

ARE YOU CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

An informational meeting for men & their wives (if applicable) in various stages of inquiry about the diaconate or who may be interested in finding out more about the diaconate will be held March 23 at 10am, St. John the Evangelist, Schenectady.



Morning Prayer followed by the Blessing of the Easter Food - 9 am Easter Vigil - 8 pm (LS)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES March 31 - 8 am and 11 am (LS and ASL Interpreted)

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 10

8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Chapel 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel 5:30 pm Baptism Prep Session | Church

Monday, March 11

7 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly | Music Room

Tuesday, March 12

9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | Rectory 9:45 am Adoration

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Wednesday, March 13 9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary | Church 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

9 am Mass 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Coffee & Conversation with Fr. Gary Gelfenbien | Knights Chapel 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room

Friday, March 15

7 pm Stations of the Cross | Church

Saturday, March 16

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 4 pm Mass 5 pm Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Dinner | Parish Center Gym

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PARISH NEWS

SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, Saint Joseph is honored with a feast on March 19. Here at CTK this year, we ask each parishioner to bring a food item and place it on the tables in the Gathering Space the weekend of March 16-17. All the food collected will be blessed after the 10:30 Mass on March 20th and then will be distributed to the Guilderland food pantry and to Saint John's/ St. Anne's food pantry. This is a wonderful way for each member of our parish (children too) to give Alms to those in need during this Lenten Season.

EASTER FIRE WATCHERS

Fire is one of the most frequently used symbols in our faith with a number of different meanings; the Holy Spirit, purification, or the light of Christ who brings us out of the darkness with His resurrection. Each year, CTK lights our Easter fire at the conclusion of our Holy Thursday service and keeps it burning until



service and keeps it burning until the start of the Easter Vigil. We ask that you volunteer to help keep the fire burning, and we pray that the shared experience keeps the light of Christ burning within you. Sign up here! https://shorturl.at/mpD14

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on March 16 from 5 - 7 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are on sale after all Masses in the Gathering Space. \$20 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers - men, women and young adults, to be a "Knight for the Night" during the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Volunteers would assist in the kitchen as food-runners, clean-up and other assorted tasks. We also need people to help set up the room, serve food and desserts as well as general dining room duties, and clean-up after the dinner. If you are able to volunteer for this event, please reach out to John Risler at 518-944-0204 or jrisler61@ gmail.com Every penny raised by the Knights is donated back to the community. Hope to see you there...Hands to work, Hearts to God!

VISITATION MINISTRY

...to our homebound parishioners, please pick up prepared packages of Easter plants, prayer booklets, Easter sweet breads and blessed palms the weekend of March 16/17. Please deliver the fresh breads and plants as soon as possible. We thank the families whose children will soon receive their First Communion, under the leadership of Faith Formation, for the decorated pots containing mustard seed plants. They are truly beautiful and your kindness and fine efforts will be so appreciated at Easter by our parishioners who are homebound or living in nearby adult facilities.



The expressions of sculpture, Eastern mosaic, stained glass and painting highlight the familiar aspects of Lenten texts and bring to life the transcendent elements of these touching stories.

CTK SENIOR CIRCLE

...is planning a lunch to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 20 at Buca di Beppo on Wolf Road. They will serve mostly Italian food family style and of course we will have fun! The cost will be in the low \$20.00's and will include a non-alcoholic drink, desert, tip and taxes. Drinks can be ordered & paid for at the bar. RSVP to Tina Bosco at 518-456-8030.

BOTTLE DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate your donations of bottles & cans! When dropping off your bags, please be sure that your bag is tightly closed. We have found many loose bottles/ cans on the floor and the company who picks up does not have the time to put them all in bags and has asked us to make sure bags are secure.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH-LED MASS

Our next liturgy will be Sunday, March 17 at 11 am. If you know a young person who would like to serve as a greeter, cross bearer, lector, or gift bearer, please email Ms. Jensen. (Confirmation candidates: you will be at this Mass as part of your regular Confirmation class, so please consider taking on a ministry role while you're there!)

ADORATION, PRAYER & PRAYER PRETZELS

High Schoolers and FF families are invited on March 25 to experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Pretzels with Fr. Charles Onyeneke from 7-8 pm. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Ministry and Faith Formation.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a freewill donation towards the Easter flowers that will decorate the altar & surrounding areas of the church in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend, <u>please fill out the</u> <u>form below in its entirety</u> and return to the parish office. You can do this via the collection basket or by mailing to the parish office.

DEADLINE IS THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 14

for names to appear in the Easter bulletin. Names received after the deadline will appear in the bulletin following Easter.

If you have made a free will donation for flowers through Faith Direct and would like your loved one's name to appear in the bulletin, please send this form to the parish office and indicate that a donation was made through Faith Direct.

In Memory of	(Please	print):
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Email/Phone Number ___

- ☐ Freewill donation enclosed
- Freewill donation made through Faith Direct

