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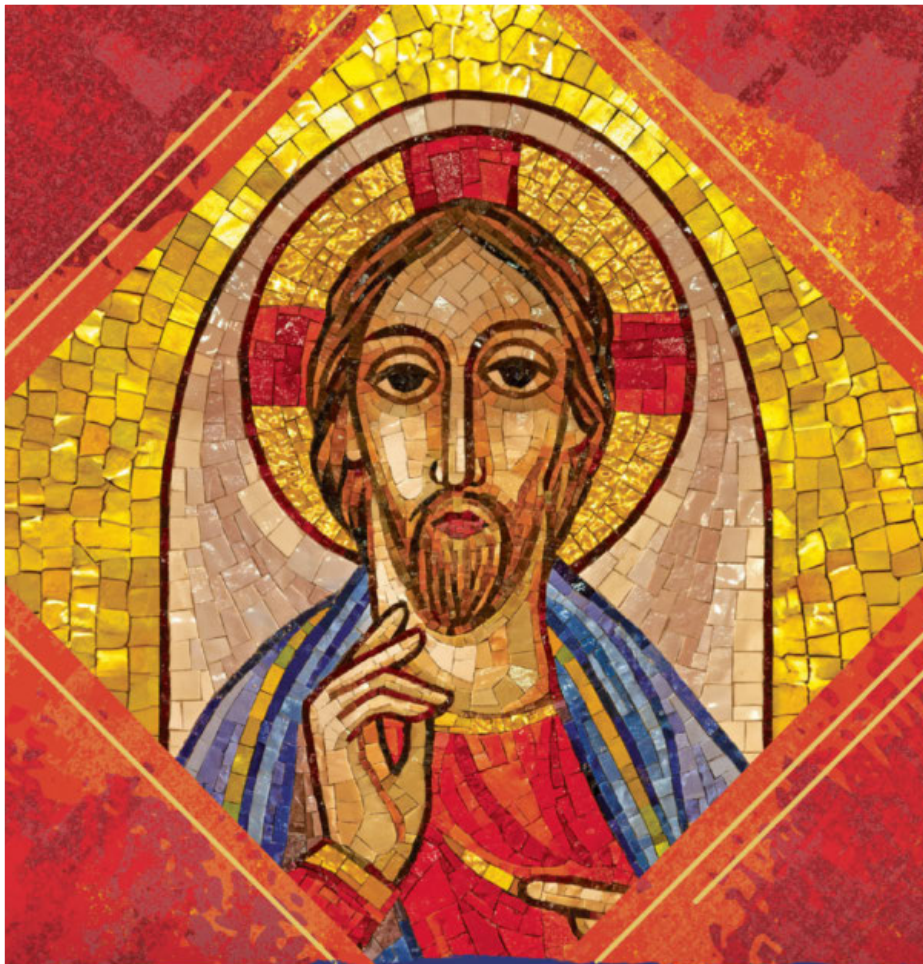
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2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

The Parish of

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## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”  
- Mk 13:36

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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 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.

### 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.

### 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

	November 18-19	November 25-26
Offertory.....	\$5,185.00	\$7,569.00
Maintenance.....	\$95.00	\$310.00
Coffee Donation .....	\$141.00	
Miscellaneous.....	\$120.00	\$448.00
E-Giving Faith Direct .....	\$3,262.50	\$3,844.50
Collection Total .....	\$8,803.50	\$12,171.50
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week .....	\$12,782.00	\$12,782.00

# PRAYER AND READINGS



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 5 | 9 am**

Marge Phinney  
\*Lucille Reppenhagen

**Wednesday, December 6 | 9 am**

Victoria Govers  
\*Family

**Thursday, December 7 | 9 am**

George Govers  
\*Family

**Friday, December 8 | 9 am**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Peter George Smith, Jr.  
\*Karl & Stacie Boelkins

**Saturday, December 9 | 4 pm**

Fr. William Pape  
\*Barbara Palumbo  
Antonia & Orlando Raponi  
\*The Raponi & Hubicki Family  
Susanne Hull Frenette  
\*Liza Frenette

**Next Sunday, December 10 | 8 am**

Thomas Riedy, MD (Birthday Memorial)  
\*Daughter, Patricia

**Next Sunday, December 10 | 11 am**

Luigi & Antonietta Altobelli  
\*their daughter, Filomena Armstrong  
George Cavanaugh (Birthday Memorial)  
\*his wife, Sallie & Family  
Allan Hannaford (Birthday Memorial)  
\*his wife, Kathie Hannaford  
Mary Sheehan  
\*Tom Sheehan  
Deceased Members of the Pietrosanto & Quadrini Family  
\*their children  
Norman Swanson  
\*Lois & Michael Keefrider

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

## 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

Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Valerie Zboroski, Joshua Carpenter, Jorge Montiel, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gelley, David Latina, Lelia Danker, 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

John Elling (October 9)  
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)

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, December 3** ●

**First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
(4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday, December 4** ●

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5** ●

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 6** ●

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7** ○

**Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 8** ○

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 9** ●

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday, December 10** ●

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

## Reflection for the Week

As we begin a new Church year, the Gospel gives us a very clear message, "Be constantly on watch!" "Stay awake. Be on guard." "You don't know when the appointed time will come."

If I should be called home unexpectedly, will I be ready?

# COMMUNITY



## 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

Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, & beverages. Registration - \$45 Dec. 1 - 8, On-site "Day of Registration" - \$50. Info & Registration at [rcda.org/UnleashingLove](http://rcda.org/UnleashingLove)

### GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

We are once again in need of cake mix, frosting, brownie mix and muffin mix.

The Food Pantry Drop Box is moving! The Food Pantry drop off is now located in the closet off of the Gathering Space. We have beautiful shelves where we can easily access your donations. Each shelf is labeled for easy drop off. We appreciate all you do.

Also, the Guilderland Food Pantry is participating in Toys for Tots this year. If you'd like to drop off an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots, you can leave it in the food pantry closet off of the Gathering Space. Otherwise, you can leave your unwrapped gift at the GFP between 9-11:30 am Mon-Fri.

### ONE WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER! RED CROSS DRIVE - DECEMBER 9

Please help us fill our last drive of 2023! Register today. All types are needed, and Power Red

Donations are being accepted at this drive. What better way to celebrate the holiday season than with the gift of life! Our gift to you for coming in to donate is a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email. Hope to see you on December 9th! Every unit has the potential to save three lives. There are still spots open for our upcoming drive. If there are only Power Red spots available, please do not hesitate to fill that spot...a single donation is better than an empty spot! To see if you meet the eligibility requirements, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) To register for this drive, please use sponsor code *churchchristking* Thank you in advance for considering giving the gift of life.

### SENIOR CIRCLE

Arrangements have been made for a Christmas senior luncheon at Martell's restaurant on Wednesday, December 13 at 12 pm. You may choose from a \$22 or \$25 menu. Both will include one drink each and tip and taxes. Extra drinks will be ordered and paid for at the bar. Come one and all and share a fun time! Call Tina Bosco at 518-456-8030 to reserve your spot and for any questions. Hope to see you there!

### \*UPDATED LOCATION\* UNLEASHING LOVE 2023 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join other women from around the diocese at [St. Pius X Church](#) on December 9, from 8:30-4 pm for presentations by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC & Mrs. Anne Costa, Reconciliation, Adoration,

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 3

8 am Mass  
8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory  
9 am Advent Wreath Making  
10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal  
11 am Advent Wreath Making  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
4 pm Lessons & Carols Guilderland Interfaith Advent Service | Church

### Tuesday, December 5

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass  
9:45 am Adoration  
7 pm Evening Prayer | Church

### Wednesday, December 6

9 am Mass  
6:15 pm Rosary  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal | Church

### Thursday, December 7

9 am Mass including Anointing Service  
10 am All Day Confession  
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room  
1 pm Alzheimer Caregiver Support | Music Room  
6 pm Coffee & Conversation Advent Series | Gathering Space  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Chapel  
7 pm Penance Service with Individual Confessions | Church

### Friday, December 8

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
9 am Feast Day Mass (Livestreamed)

### Saturday, December 9

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym  
9 am American Red Cross Blood Drive | Knights Chapel  
4 pm Mass

### Next Sunday, December 3

8 am Mass  
8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel  
5:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class | Church

# PARISH NEWS

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

CTK will celebrate the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, on December 8 at 9 am.

## THE CHOSEN

Viewing of The Chosen will happen at 1 pm on: December 10 and 17. Stay tuned for upcoming January dates. \*Note corrected date!\*

## ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Our annual event returns this Sunday, December 3, at 4 pm at Christ the King Church, sponsored by the Guilderland Interfaith Council. Join us for adult, youth, and handbell choirs and readings by clergy from local Guilderland churches. There will be an offering to benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry.

## VISITATION AND MARTHA'S MINISTRY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Please join us for an evening of enrichment on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm at home of Kathy Kavanaugh, 616 Bedford Square, Albany, call 518-869-6520 to RSVP. Fran Schmidt will present "The Love You Bring," focusing on the Eucharist and its loving power as our source and summit of our pastoral care visits. Following the presentation, we will have our annual Christmas Gathering! Hope to see you on Dec. 5!

## GIVING TREE- A FEW TAGS LEFT!

The Giving Tree in the Gathering Space has a few gift wishes left from several different charities that support those in need throughout our community. Feel free to take a tag to fulfill someone's Christmas wish. Please return the tag and wrapped gift by December 10 so that we can get the gift to the recipient by Christmas. These charities are always so grateful for our participation & appreciate your generosity.

## PARISH MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Family Life Ministry has been a staple at CTK for 20 years. We minister and support our families with Catholic traditions and faith experiences by offering activities and resources that support families and build our CTK community. You are probably familiar with our monthly tables in the Gathering Space, such as journeying with our Saints on All Saints Day, honoring our veterans and Pro-Life information (Walking with Moms). Our Mother's Day Baby Shower (supporting the Christ Child Society) and "Sweet Somethings" Bake Event (helping families-in-need) are always favorites and we've brought back our Advent Gathering! Dec. 3, we will be making Advent wreaths and offering our Advent shop. For more information on this ministry please contact Vicky Myers at [cvmyers9@gmail.com](mailto:cvmyers9@gmail.com).



Fr. Rick offered a special "teaching Mass" for parishioners that was well attended. Thank you for the deep dive into the intricacies of the Mass.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH LED MASS

Thank you to our fantastic young people, spanning grades 3-7, who participated in ministry roles at our Youth-Led Mass on November 12 - Paige Mazzotta, Brendan Van Woert, James Ray, Ryan McDonald, Anna Ray, Tessa Jackstadt, and Caitlyn McDonald. Our next Youth-Led Mass will be on Sunday, December 10th at our 11 am Mass. Please let our Faith Formation office know if you'd like to participate!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT

On December 15 from 5:30-8 pm at the Rectory, while you have dinner and/or do some Christmas shopping, your K-5th student will have some fun with Christmas crafts, cookie decorating, food, hot cocoa, popcorn, and a Christmas movie. Kids can come dressed in their pajamas if they'd like! Please RSVP to [ljensen@ctkparishny.org](mailto:ljensen@ctkparishny.org) or text (518) 965-9199. Event presented by CTK's Youth Ministry.

### LYNCH CREEK FUNDRAISER

Lynch Creek offers gorgeous, fragrant, & long-lasting wreaths, table centerpieces, tabletop trees, garland, & more. Shop here through December 10th [lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/301621](https://lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/301621) A portion of all earnings will go directly toward supporting our FF and YM programs, from purchasing classroom supplies and retreat materials to funding upcoming YM events & catechist opportunities.

Don't forget to check us out on socials and our website: [www.ctkffym.org](http://www.ctkffym.org)



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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

**DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7** for names to appear in the bulletin of **December 24, 2023**. Names received after the deadline will appear in the bulletin of **December 31, 2023**.

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.

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