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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 DECEMBER 16-17

Offertory.....	\$8,141.00
Maintenance.....	\$50.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$315.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$3,844.50
Collection Total	\$12,350.50
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$12,782.00

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1 | 11 am

James O'Grady
*his Friends
Janet Plouman-Stanco
*James & Josephine Stanco
Frank Pellerin (Birthday Memorial)
*his Wife

Tuesday, January 2 | 9 am

Mass for Parishioners

Wednesday, January 3 | 9 am

Veronica Governs
*Family

Thursday, January 4 | 9 am

Stephanie McLean
*Claire Neugebauer
Anthony & Angela Giminiani
*Tom Giminiani
Marianne Giminiani
*Tom Giminiani

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

Saturday, January 6 | 4 pm

Jason Brown (14th Anniversary Memorial)
*Mom, Dad & Eddie

Next Sunday, January 7 | 8 am

Donald Noakes
*Rick & Alyce Gelley

Next Sunday, January 7 | 11 am

Ernesto Roldan-Diaz
*Family
John Krug
*Friends
Antoinette Durante
*Ernesto & Josie Roldan
Bernie Callendar
*The Esmay & Taylor Family
Sadie Perrino
*The Greco Family
Anna & Felix Florio
*The Greco Family

Altar Bread & Wine

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

Joseph Fisher

requested by
his wife, Kathleen Fisher

Pray for...

Our Sick

Vera Daly, 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 January 2023

Lillian (Linda) Lia (January 4)
Alice Wyld (January 25)
Anita Goutos (January 26)
Valerie Riviello-Drew (January 26)
Barbara Hans (January 30)
Janet Gaumond (January 31)

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 31 ○

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

Monday, January 1 ○

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2 ○

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3 ○

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4 ○

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 ○

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6 ○

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday, January 7 ○

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Reflection for the Week

On this Feast of the Holy Family, our Gospel relates how Jesus was presented to the Lord by His parents. We won't hear anything more about Jesus until He is about twelve years old, but we're told that, "the grace of God was with Him."

Am I aware of the fact that the grace of God is upon me also and am I appropriately grateful?

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



GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

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

The Food Pantry Drop Box has moved! 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.

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.

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

Have you ever wanted to make a spiritual pilgrimage to Italy? Imagine visiting St. Peter's Basilica or walking the cobblestone streets of Assisi, eating fresh pasta under a Tuscan sun or maybe sitting in a gondola and watching Venice slide by. 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 selectinternationaltours.com/mary-deturris-poust/



Some of our CYO players assisted at a youth led Mass in December

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 31

8 am Feast of the Holy Family Mass
11 am Feast of the Holy Family Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

Monday, January 1

Parish Offices Closed

11 am Mass for the Holy Day Mary Mother of God

Tuesday, January 2

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

Wednesday, January 3

9 am Mass
6:15 pm Rosary

Thursday, January 4

9 am Mass including Anointing Service
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Chapel

Saturday, January 6

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym
4 pm Mass

Sunday, January 7

8 am Mass
8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)
12:30 pm Baptism
1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel
5:30 pm Baptism Preparation | Church

PARISH NEWS

A PRAYER FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace. All make the sign of the cross.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest!

R/. And peace to his people on earth!

Leader: Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer.

Leader: Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,

blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year

and fill the months ahead with the bright hope

that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-new-year>



MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mass will be held at 11 am on Monday, January 1 for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY - THANK YOU!

A very special thanks to our music ministry—the youth choir, the adult choir, cantors, and instrumentalists—for their many hours of preparation and rehearsal this Advent/Christmas Season. The liturgies were beautiful, & your music helped to make our celebrations especially meaningful! Your talents & dedication to our parish are so important and truly appreciated. Please keep in mind that all are welcome to join the music ministry any time of year! Just contact Melinda or speak to her after Mass.

Confirmation session featured two wonderful guest speakers: Connor Kasuba and David Stagliano

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!

CHRISTMAS PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT WRAP UP

35 children participated in the festivities. We enjoyed Christmas cookie decorating, holiday music, a beautiful Christmas ornament craft, pizza from Pizza Gram, popcorn, hot cocoa, Christmas bingo with prizes, and the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." We are so grateful to our teen volunteers for making the experience so fun for everyone. Also, sincere thanks to the adults who helped that night and with preparations.

YOUTH LED MASS

Our next Youth-Led Mass is scheduled for Saturday, January 20 at 4 pm. Would your child like to participate as a greeter, cross bearer, lector, gift bearer, or bulletin helper? Please let our Faith Formation office know!

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



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