

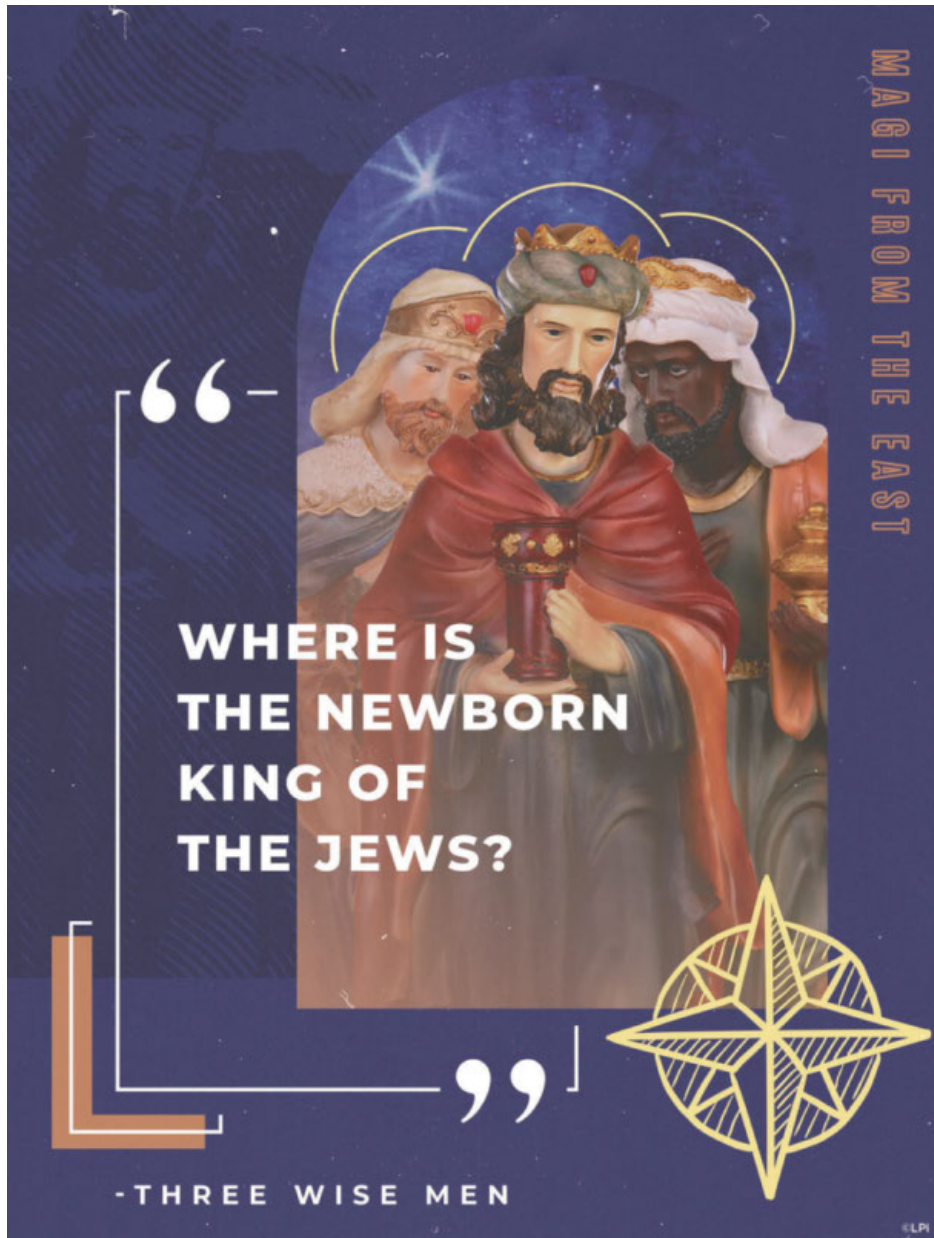
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 & 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 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

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for your baby's Baptism and 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 23-24

December 24-25

Offertory.....	\$5,175.00\$16,172.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$4,544.50\$4,544.50
Collection Total	\$9,719.50\$20,716.50
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$12,782.00.....	\$12,782.00

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 9 | 9 am

George Govere
*Family

Wednesday, January 10 | 9 am

Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, January 11 | 9 am

Courtney Rosencrans
*Rita & Bill

Saturday, January 13 | 4 pm

Mass for Parishioners

Next Sunday, January 14 | 8 am

Donald Noakes
*Ed & MaryAnn Pierce

Next Sunday, January 14 | 11 am

John Krug
*Friends
Mary & Rocco DePremis
*Children
Mary Sheehan
*Tom Sheehan
Regina Ziolkowski
*The Jankowski Family
Felix Ziolkowski
*The Jankowski Family
Witold Jankowski
*Jankowski Family

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

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

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

Monday, January 8 ○

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9 ●

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10 ●

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11 ●

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12 ●

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13 ●

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday, January 14 ●

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Reflection for the Week

Today we celebrate the Epiphany when, through the wise men, the world would eventually become aware of God becoming human. As we now know, Jesus was born to die—the sacrificial Lamb of God, so that each of us might be redeemed.

Do I appreciate how much God loves me, willing as He was to sacrifice His only Son for me?

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

Darlene Cashin, Vera Daley, Don McCarthy, Ryan Stoeppell, Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Joshua Carpenter, Jorge Montiel, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gellay, 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 Slatery, 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.

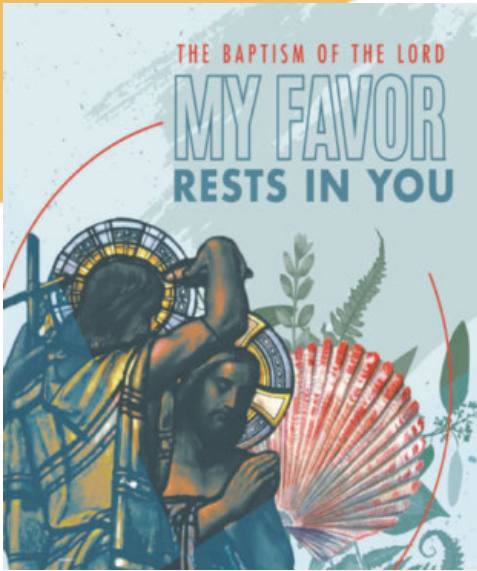
Our Beloved Deceased

Matilda Duncan (December 15)
Donald Noakes (December 16)
Ashley Duncan (December 16)
Elizabeth Koster (December 28)

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)

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

Executive Director

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/

NEW CREATION IN CHRIST AFTERNOON

Capital Region Catholic is hosting a young adult (ages 21-39) afternoon of journaling, collaging, & conversation around what it

means to be "a new creation in Christ." at St. Thomas the Apostle, on January 20 from 1-4:30pm with the opportunity to celebrate Mass at 5pm. Click on the sign up form to learn more or register <https://shorturl.at/amDM9> Invite a friend!

CATHOLIC MOM'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Join us for a meeting on Thursday, January 18th from 10am-noon in the Mom's Room located in the Church Basement of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. You may also check out our Catholic Moms Delmar NY Facebook Page for more information. All Moms are welcome!

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BY HOWARD THURMAN

As we return to Ordinary Time, let us reflect on the work of Christmas. To hear a sung version of this poem, visit CTK's Facebook page.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is requesting Tomato Soup and medium size containers of cooking oil. Thanks for your help in keeping pantry shelves stocked.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GFP

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself we wanted to extend our thanks to the CTK Community for hosting the annual Advent Service again this year. Your willingness to devote the time and effort to making this service possible is a blessing to all who attended.

Also, thank you so much for the donation to the food pantry, it was very generous and much appreciated during the holiday season. Your continued support throughout the year is truly a blessing to us here at the pantry, to the families we serve and to the community.
John 'Mac' McDonnell

Parish Calendar

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

Monday, January 8

7 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly | Music Room

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am Eddy Alzheimer Care Team Meeting | Music Room
9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy
Chaplet will follow Mass
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | Rectory
9:45 am Adoration

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

9 am Mass
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room
6:30 pm Liturgy Team Meeting | Rectory

Saturday, January 13

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

Next Sunday, January 14

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

PARISH NEWS

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.

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our newest parishioner Ms. Chinwe Karen-Frances Egboh. We are blessed to have you here.

SAVE THE DATE

On March 3rd at 6 pm, the Mystery Players, a group of young people from the Immaculate Heart Central School will present "The Way of the Cross." Through the use of para-liturgical readings, music, special lighting and pantomime the Mystery Players will bring the story of Jesus' Passion to your mind and heart. This is a great way to deepen your Lenten experience. Mark your calendars. This is not to be missed! See you there!

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, they are available in the parish office during office hours. They are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and represent a way to share God's love and compassion to those in need of comfort and solace.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

Chalk 20+C+M+B+24 on your doorway. They are the initials of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words: Christus mansionem benedicat, which translates to, may Christ bless this house. A full blessing prayer can be found at <https://shorturl.at/bjwRU>



GIVING TREE THANK YOU

The Giving Tree is a special effort by our parish to reach out to those less fortunate and show them kindness at Christmas. Thanks to our generous parishioners, we were able to fulfill over 450 tags for the Giving Tree this year. Thank you, from all of the refugees and graduates of the Bridges Out of Poverty program for the wonderful gifts you donated via the Giving Tree. Almost all of the presents were thoughtfully chosen, good quality and generous. It would be wonderful if you all could experience the joy of the families receiving such lovely things, especially by newly arriving refugees. Some of you even gave ornaments so that they could decorate a tree! Some of you adopted families and generously provided such needed items, and there are many stories of you all going out of your way to find help. And if there was nothing extra for you to do at that time, your care was so evident. Christ the King is filled with the finest! Thank you to all who helped, make this a success. A special thanks to Joanne and Beth, who created the beautiful ornament tags for the tree, and to Diane for jumping in to be a great help. A very special thank you to Margaret Carle and her dearest family and assistance for organizing the Christmas Tree. I doubt that any of us could possibly appreciate the endless work entailed in making this event happen so seamlessly! She even was trying to personally purchase gifts to replace those that that were not returned to the tree. Bless her and her family and her assistant.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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!

WOULD ANY FAMILIES BE INTERESTED IN A "DROP-IN" EVENT DURING FEBRUARY BREAK?

Ms. Jensen is thinking about offering either a morning or an afternoon of faith-themed arts and crafts projects, perhaps some cupcake decorating, a service project of some sort, maybe some games ... for those families who will be around that week and are looking for something fun to do. Come for 30 minutes if you want, an hour, or stay the entire time! It's up to you! Let our office know ... and if you have any ideas for activities we could do, suggestions are welcome!

SACRAMENT DATES FOR OUR GRADE 2 YOUNG PEOPLE

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is scheduled for Thursday, February 1st at 6 pm in the church. First Communion weekend will be held May 4th and 5th at all Masses.

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



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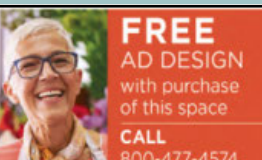
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