

December 15, 2013 3rd Sunday of Advent

Church of Christ the King



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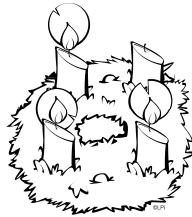
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Readings for the Week of December 15, 2013

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

"The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Jesus caps his catalogue of miracles with this unexpected statement. In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by mentioning preaching the

good news to the poor. How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? Well, in this case, the news is that the Messiah has finally come, in the most miraculous of ways, as the incarnate Son of God conceived in the womb of a virgin. This is a message of spiritual healing: he comes to "save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness-of the alienation we create between ourselves and God-can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice! On this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. God has "visited and brought redemption to his people" (Lk 1:68). He is among us, saving us even now! We need not look to the past to witness Christ's astonishing acts. His work in our souls, right here and now, is miracle enough.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., December 16

7:00 AM +Vincent Zujkowski r/b Helen & Joe Tomko
 7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30AM
 1:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy

Tues., December 17

7:00 AM +Mildred "Millie" Konkus r/b Mary Risko Hrinko

Wed., December 18

7:00 AM +Doris Konkus r/b Patrick Lucash

Thurs., December 19

7:00 AM +Doris Konkus r/b Scott Lucash & Lisa Lavenia

Fri., December 20

7:00 AM +John Tomish r/b son & daughter

Sat., December 21

4:30 PM **Peter Canisius**
 +Deceased Members of the Kocay & Niezgodna Families r/b Anne, Bernadette & MaryCarol

Sun., December 22

8:30 AM **4th Sunday of Advent**
 +Leonard Vaccarella r/b wife, Sylvia
 10:30 AM Janice Ralley r/b mother & sisters

**The Parish Office will be closed the week of 12/16 thru 12/20.*

CONTRIBUTIONS The Offertory Collection received on 12/8 was \$2690 and the children's contributions were \$51.75. Thank you for your contributions. *Fr. Stan*

STEWARDSHIP "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." *Matthew 11:4-5*

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.



For The Week The Altar Flowers are placed this week in celebration of 50 years of togetherness at the request of Gerry & Walter Klimowich. The Blessed Mother Flowers are placed in celebration for Gerry & Walter Klimowich at the request of their grandchildren & great-grandchildren. The main Altar Candles will burn this week in celebration for Gerry & Walter Klimowich at the request of their children; Debbie, Gail, Karen & Andrew.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Kenneth Deitrich at the request of his wife Joann and their children and grandchildren.

Merger Update Corner

Don't Forget! SAVE THE DATE for the new parish Christ the Redeemer celebration held **January 4, 2014**. The Inaugural Mass for Christ the Redeemer Parish will be held on Saturday, 1/4/2014 at 5PM at the Sacred Heart worship site. A dinner will follow at Christ the King Café from 7PM to 10PM. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for children under 12, children under age 5 free. Tickets go on sale today after all Masses at both worship sites and at the parish office. Watch your bulletins for more details.

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60's Plus Join us downstairs for our Christmas Party, today **Sunday, 12/15** from **2PM to 4PM**.

The Giving Tree today, **Sunday, 12/15** all "Giving Tree" gift tags must be returned. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer & Praise Group meeting held on **Monday, 12/16** at **7PM** in the parish hall. Please enter by the Louis St. side.

Holy Name Society we would like to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Christmas Toy Drive. The response was greatly appreciated. God bless you.

Vatican II: Fifty Years Later During this year of Faith, we have been challenged to learn more about the documents of Vatican II. On Thursday evening, December 19th at 7PM at the Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center located in Piscataway, join us for a presentation on **Sacrosanctum concilium: The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy**. Tony Varas, diocesan director of worship, will help us understand why liturgy is the "summit and source" of the life of the church. Please bring a friend! This is a free event. For more info. and to RSVP: call 732-562-1990 x1310 or email pmartin@diometuchen.org.

Marriage Encounter Weekend/Christmas Gift For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **Jan. 17—19, 2014**. Early registration is advised as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

*"God loves each one of us
 as if there were only one of us to love."*

St. Augustine

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2013—2014 All classes are held at Christ the King School and the schedule is as follows:

***TUESDAY**

Grades 2 & 4: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

Grades 7 & 8: 5:30 to 6:45 PM

***WEDNESDAY**

Grades 1 & 3: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

Grades 5 & 6: 5:30 to 6:45 PM

Please Note! There will be no classes held on **12/24 & 12/25; 12/31 & 1/1/2014.**

Children's Stewardship I am donating my dolls & toys to my friend to bring to Peru for children who really need them, **Cora**; cleaning up after my new puppy, **Julia**; helping my dad, **Raymond**; served at Mass & Mission, helped babysit & decorate, **Rachael**; helped with laundry, **Jade**; to take care of my family, **Melanie**; helping mom around the house, **Jacob**; I helped mommy make breakfast, **Victoria**; to help my mom put the silverware away, **Steven**; made my mom a bracelet, **Olivia**; help others, **Evzen**; shared my fries, **Robert**; helped my brother, **Rebecca**; I cleaned my room, **George**; I gave my Santa hat to Ryan to keep, **Jillian**; helping my mom by cleaning the living room while she was in the shower, **Justin**; helping my family decorate our Christmas tree, **Emily Ann**; attended, donated; **Amanda, Noah, Anthony, Cristabelle, Cole, Melissa, Shane, Matthew, Katie, Andrew & Joseph.**

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME, GRADE & CLASS ON YOUR ENVELOPES!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—"THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS"

We will be celebrating the gift of God's children with our Children's Liturgy Christmas Eve Mass at **4:00 PM**. Please join us as we prepare this special celebration of the "The Mystery of Christmas" in anticipation of Christ's birth. If you would like to participate please contact Sarina Urban at 908-429-1584. *Practice for all Christmas pageant participants will be held on Thursday, December 19th, at 3:15PM in the church.*

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LISTS: Please pray for all of the family, friends & members of our parish, especially those who have requested our prayers: Toni Antonelli, Cecelia Bok, Joseph Brickley, Shawn Brickley, Margaret Cebula, Mark & Luke Chartowich, Bill Clifford, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, John Dombey, Dorothy Dinsmore, Joseph Fallon, Cathy Iarkowski, Joanna Jasontek, Joe Matisak, Mark Matisak, Marie Krachan, Cheyenne Licardi, Joan McKelvey, Gerry McCormick, Quaid Mobus, Skip Picciano, John Polites, Destiny Poulino, Janice Rivard, Normand Rivard, Jenny Rodgers, Robert Roman, Pat Sherwood, Victoria Soika, Andy Soltis, Rose Tabbitt, Virginia Tamburini, William Tomaszfski, Joe Tomko, Marilyn Trilone, Pauline Vantaggi, Helen Vrabel, Raymond Wisniewski, Joann Zielinski, Anne Zydallis, Regina Zydalis

ARMED FORCES: Captain Christopher Bartok, PFC Joshua Hussey, PFC Joshua Rivard, CMDR, Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule: Prayer assignments for the coming week are as follows; **Sun.**, Helen Tomko & Barb D. **Mon.**, The Drury's **Tues.**, Becky Dinsmore & Laurie Lukacs **Wed.**, Alyson Cyr & Brett Wood **Thurs.**, Kelly Baccarini & Sharon L. **Fri.**, Pedro Diaz & Rachael Lukacs **Sat.**, Roger & Diana Sieberg

Cemetery News

With the Christmas Season just ahead of us, it's time to remind everyone of the policies pertaining to grave decorations. Wreaths are the preferred decoration; they should be tied to the monument. If you wish to use a grave spray, be sure that it is placed against the monument and tied to it. **Do not use grave blankets** that span the entire length of the grave. **Above all, do not use metal stakes to fasten decorations to the ground.** Vigil lights should be removed for the winter months. Breakage can result from the freeze-thaw action. The cemetery is not responsible for vigil lights for any reason.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS



Please Note There will be no school from **Dec. 23** through **Jan. 2, 2014** due to Christmas vacation.

CTK School Basket Auction Christ the King School will host its annual "Pot of Gold" Basket Auction on **March 7, 2014**. Admission tickets will go on sale during the early part of February. **Right now**, the school is collecting items for the basket auction. We are in need of the following donations: themed baskets, cash or checks made payable to Christ the King School, gift cards, gift certificates, new items & large empty baskets.

***Saturdays-** Admission is \$2.00; doors open at **6pm**, Early Bird at **7:15pm**, Games begin at **7:30pm**, *delicious* food always available for purchase.



***Bingo will not be played on December 28th.**

Great Lakes Scrip Cards

Great way to support the CTK School with your everyday shopping needs. Purchasing gift cards for Shop-rite, Kohls, Home Depot and so many more at no additional cost to you. A list of retailers is available online. Gift cards are ordered online at www.glscrip.com. Enrollment code is F48E622816389. Orders are placed online. **Print out your receipt** and send in your check made payable to **CTK H.S.A.**, Attn: Christy LoMedico c/o Marissa Grade K/Mrs. Grecco. Orders will be sent home with your student the following week. Questions or concerns? Call Suzanne Hanlon 908-812-2275 or Christy LoMedico 908-966-5373. Great Gift Idea!

Calendar Raffle Tickets @ \$20 each

There will be a drawing every Saturday from January 4th through March 29th at 7:15pm each week prior to the start of Bingo. Winner need not be present. Weekly prize amounts will range from \$400 - \$450, with the final weekly winner at \$500. Tickets can be purchased at the school office. Please call 908-526-1339.