

December 22, 2013 4th Sunday of Advent

# Church of Christ the King



## Christ the King School

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### PARISH STAFF:

*Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, C.Ss.R., Pastor*

*Rev. Slawomir Romanowski, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Mariusz Mazurkiewicz, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor*

*Thomas J. Giacobbe, Permanent Deacon*

*Karen Koloski, Parish Secretary*

*Brett Wood, Bulletin Editor*

- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
**Tuesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Lk 1:67-79  
**Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-  
14Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-  
20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn  
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-  
17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" No other religion makes such a radical claim. To be Christian is to believe that God is truly with us, in the most personal, intimate way imaginable; he is one of us! What a remarkable reality. Through the Incarnation, God became human and lived among us to love us, to guide us, to heal

us, and to strengthen us. Three days from now, we will celebrate this extraordinary gift that came to us on the first Christmas Day. All other Christmas gifts, no matter how exquisite or precious, pale in comparison to the gift of Jesus Christ. All the joys and festivities of the season, all the love and generosity that go into our beautiful holiday traditions, can be all the more meaningful when we keep this in mind. Although secular celebrations of Christmas ignore the significance of the holy day, the church gives us Advent to help us keep our focus. In these weeks of yuletide preparation, we stop to remind ourselves what it means to be Christian, in case we have begun taking it for granted. We reorient our hearts and minds to recall, once again, the mysterious glory of the Incarnation. We have been praying throughout this season of anticipation, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The real magic of Christmas is that we get exactly what we prayed for! Jesus has come. God has answered our prayers and given us what we truly desire in the depths of our hearts: himself, Emmanuel, God with us.

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., December 23** **John of Kanty**  
7:00 AM +Gene Golaszewski r/b wife, Irene  
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed  
1:30 PM Sacrament until 8:30AM  
Rosary & Divine Mercy

**\*Tues., December 24** **Vigil of Christmas**  
4:00PM People of the Parish/Childrens  
Liturgy  
10:00PM People of the Parish

**\*\*Wed., December 25** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
8:30AM People of the Parish  
10:30AM People of the Parish

**Thurs., December 26** **Stephen**  
7:00 AM +Betty & George Tomko r/b  
daughter, Marge

**Fri., December 27** **John**  
7:00 AM +John T. Granahan Jr. r/b the  
Granahan Family

**Sat., December 29** **The Holy Innocents**  
4:30 PM +Deceased Members of the Kocay  
& Niezgodia Families r/b Anne,  
Bernadette & MaryCarol

**Sun., December 29** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**  
8:30 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM +Gus Shelcusky r/b daughter, Lisa  
Libonati & family

**\*There will be no Exposition on Tuesday, December 24**  
**\*\*Holy Day of Obligation**

*The Parish Office will be closed until Monday, January 6,  
2014. A Priest is available for Sacramental emergencies  
as always.*

**CONTRIBUTIONS** The Offertory Collection received  
on 12/15 was \$1904 and the children's contributions were  
\$20. Thank you for your contributions. *Fr. Stan*

**STEWARDSHIP** *"The Lord's are the earth and its full-  
ness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded  
it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." Psalm  
24:1-2*

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives  
when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely  
everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have  
an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the  
Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

**For The Week** The Altar Bread & Wine will be conse-  
crated this week in memory of deceased members of the  
Kocay & Niezgodia Families at the request of Anne, Ber-  
nadette & MaryCarol. The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
this week in memory of Charles Schlenker at the request  
of Mary Sue Schlenker. The Tabernacle Candle will burn  
this week in memory of Kevin J. Patrick at the request of  
his mother.

## Merger Update Corner

The Provisional Parish Council held its last meeting on Decem-  
ber 16, 2013. I greatly appreciate the commitment, dedication,  
hard work, and comradeship exhibited by all the members of the  
Council. For the last six months, they have met monthly helping  
to make the transition to The Christ the Redeemer Parish as  
smooth as possible. We have just begun this journey. Together  
with our prayers, love, and a focus on our vision, we look for-  
ward to our coming together in Jesus Christ.

**GET YOUR TICKETS!** for the new parish Christ the  
Redeemer dinner 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 are on sale today af-  
ter all Masses at both worship sites and at the parish office.  
Watch your bulletin for more details.

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**Giving Tree** thank you to all who participated in giving a  
"helping hand" to those less fortunate in our parish and in  
our local community.

**CTK SCHOOL ANNUAL BASKET AUCTION** Christ the  
King School will host its annual "Pot of Gold" Basket  
Auction on March 7, 2014. Watch for more information on  
admission-ticket sales. Right now, the school is collecting  
items for the basket auction. We are in need of the follow-  
ing donations: Themed baskets; cash or checks made pay-  
able to Christ the King School; gift cards; gift certificates;  
new items and large empty baskets. Some theme ideas  
include fishing, hunting, sports, garden, picnic, kitchen,  
bath, spa, travel, baby, hair care, romantic evening, family  
game night, movie night, holidays. There are some great  
sales leading up to Christmas, when you can buy lovely  
items for a fraction of the price. You can also share the  
cost of a basket with another family, or you can donate  
cash and we'll purchase something in your name. **All do-  
nations are tax deductible.** You can put gift cards/  
certificates and cash donations in an envelope marked  
"Basket Auction" and drop it in the collection basket at  
church. Larger items can be dropped off at the parish of-  
fice or at the school, or you can call 908-526-1339 to ar-  
range pickup. **The deadline for donations is Jan. 24,  
2014.** Please be sure your donation includes your name as  
you would like it to appear in the auction program. If you  
would like to donate anonymously, let us know and we  
will cite the donation as from "A Friend of Christ the King  
School." The students, teachers, staff and families of  
Christ the King School appreciate your continued support.  
Your past generosity has made the basket auction such a  
successful fundraiser for the school.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

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

<b>*TUESDAY</b>	
Grades 2 & 4:	4:00 to 5:15 PM
Grades 7 & 8:	5:30 to 6:45 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY</b>	
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 shoveled snow, **Olivia; Becky; Robert;** served at Mass, baby-sat & shoveled snow, **Rachael;** I helped my mom bake cookies, **Noah;** helping a friend in school, **Emily Ann;** I helped my classmate in math, **Gerard;** vacuuming my room, **Joseph;** carrying all the grocery bags inside, **Julia;** helped my mom bake Christmas cookies for our neighbors, **Katie;** I made a sandwich for my sister, **Steven;** donated, attended, **Ella, Gianna, Cristabelle, Cole, Melissa & Matthew.**

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

### **Pope Francis Named TIME Magazine's 2013 Person of the Year**

*TIME* magazine has just announced that Pope Francis has been named its 2013 Person of the Year. By spreading the Word of God through his personal example and calling all Catholics to take action toward a church of healing, he has immersed himself in the challenges of today's world. Let us all try to follow the example of Pope Francis by living through our faith.

**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.,** Karen K. & Sandy Scrape **Mon.,** Theresa Evans & John Strollo **Tues.,** Gerald Pepe & MaryCarol **Wed.,** Betty Rybski & Bob Vornlocker **Thurs.,** John Tardy & Sharon L. **Fri.,** Ron Dzubeck & Sandra Vornlocker **Sat.,** Frank Batula & Natalie Day

### **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

### **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Dear Parents & Students:

On behalf of all of the School Teachers & Staff, Donna Peltack and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! May **2014** be a faith and peace filled year for us all. We will see you all on **Monday January 6, 2014** for a great start to the new year.

*Christine Benson, Principal  
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**Please Note** There will be no school from **Dec. 23** through Monday **January 6, 2014** due to Christmas vacation.

**\*Bingo will not be played until further notice.**