

December 8, 2013 2nd Sunday of Advent

Church of Christ the King



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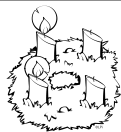
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Readings for the Week of December 8, 2013

- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

"Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." John the Baptist meant business. He proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion in words that, today, might earn him the label of a "hellfire and brimstone" preacher. But he was more than a preacher; he was a witness to repentance. Indeed, he must have

been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention. But will he get ours? Because we've heard this story before, we might be inclined to glaze over its inherent drama. He urges us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" This is the moment! Now is the time! Advent especially reminds us to examine our lives and renew our commitment to Christ. As John the Baptist put it, we are called to "produce good fruit as evidence" of our repentance. True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. This marks the difference between a "tree" that is firmly rooted in Christ, and one that's only good for a pile of firewood. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees." This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

Merger Update Corner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., December 9 **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:00 AM  +Joseph Zielinski r/b brother, Ed
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30AM
1:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy

Tues., December 10
7:00 AM +Viola Rakauskas r/b daughter, Dolores
7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8PM

Wed., December 11 **Damasus I**
7:00 AM +Stella Schneider r/b niece, Dolores

Thurs., December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
7:00 AM People of the Parish

Fri., December 13 **Lucy**
7:00 AM +Helen & Johnny Ferry r/b sister, Irene

Sat., December 14 **John of the Cross**
4:30 PM +Maria & Charles Sciarra r/b great grandchildren, Julia & Gemma

Sun., December 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM +Dorothy Salvatore r/b family

CONTRIBUTIONS The Offertory Collection received on **11/24** was **\$2724** and the children's was **\$36**. The Offertory Collection received on **12/1** was **\$3443** and the children's was **\$41**. Thank you for your contributions.
Fr. Stan

STEWARDSHIP "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
Matt 3:10.

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. As we are immersed in the holiday shopping season now might be a good time to evaluate what gifts do we give to God?

For The Week The Blessed Mothers Flowers are placed in commemoration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the request of the Altar Rosarians.

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.

The Provisional Parish Council has formulated top goals for 2014. They are as follows:

- 1) Make all feel welcome everywhere.
- 2) Establish bilingual liturgical celebrations.
- 3) Complete the process of effective, unified ministries.
- 4) Define, organize, and execute a strong Polish Apostolate.
- 5) Arrange for home blessings providing an opportunity to "meet" the new parish.
- 6) Create a purposeful Evangelization particularly to the youth and young Adult.
- 7) Enhance communications with such items as a monthly calendar of events, Christ the King Redeemer website, a parish directory of parishioners, welcome package, and one weekly bulletin.

Don't Forget! SAVE THE DATE/New Parish
Celebration held **January 4, 2014**

65th Anniversary Celebration thank you to everyone who participated in preparing this event. A special thank you to Msgr. Joseph Celarno and Father Daniel Sloan for assisting in celebrating the Mass.

The Cash Raffles Winners "and the winners are";

1st Place -	Lorraine Nagle	\$1,506.00	#3102
2nd Place -	Joe Jasontek	\$ 652.60	#2039
3rd Place -	Gene Jardine	\$ 351.40	#2020

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 early in the month 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.

Baptism Congratulations and welcome to **Matthew Joseph Cebula** son of **Christopher** and **Michelle Cebula**, received in the Sacrament of Baptism on **October 27, 2013**.

Advent Retreat thank you to all who participated in our Retreat and a special thank you to Rev. Philip Dabney, C.Ss.R., for sharing his stewardship and faith with us!

Caritas - The Sharing Ministry the members of this ministry from both Christ the King and Sacred Heart Churches would like to thank Jay Henchman of Adesa Auto Auctions for generously donating 40 turkeys to help us make Thanksgiving Dinner possible for those less fortunate in our area and thank you to the members of the American Legion Post 304 for their very generous donation of gift cards. God bless you.

The Giving Tree please take an ornament off the giving tree located in the vestibule, purchase a gift card to match your ornament tag, attach and return in the church's collection basket before **December 15th**. Help make someone's Christmas merry!

Holy Name members will meet on **Monday 12/9** at **2:15 PM** for the finalization of the toy drive with the monthly meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

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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! Children must use their Envelopes as Mass Attendance cards. If they are attending another church then they must bring a Church bulletin from there.

Children's Stewardship w/e 11/24: babysitting, **Rachael**; I shared a toy with a friend, **Noah**; I picked out a birthday present for my daddy, **Gianna**; I raked leaves at my grandma's house, **George**; help my teacher, **Evzen**; helping my dad put the soda away, **Jacob**; helped clean the table after dinner, **Julia**; do my chores, **Katie**; helped put clothes in dryer even though I was sick, **Hunter**; attended; donated; **Cristabelle, Cole, Amanda, Anthony, Shane, Joseph, Melissa, Aidan, Megan, Ella, Olivia, Matthew, Danice, Steven, Andrew & Nitya.**

For w/e 12/1: I babysat, helped serve at Mass & helped at the Anniversary Dinner, **Rachael**; I played the clarinet for my grandparents, **George**; I made soup jars for the needy, **Noah**; I helped decorate the Christmas tree, **Gianna**; I helped my nanny clean the house, keep my room clean, **Nathaniel**; helping to decorate, **Aidan**; I grabbed my brother's book for him, **Olivia**; I taught my cousin how to use "rainbow loom", **Jillian**; helped parents, **Evzen**; I took care of my baby cousin, **Michelle**; helping to decorate, **Megan**; I cleaned my room, **Jacob**; helped feed the needy, **Steven**; attended; donated; **Armondo, Michael, Cristabelle, Cole, Amanda, Emme, Shane, Joseph, Melissa, Matthew and Andrew.**

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

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, Bill Clifford, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, John Dombey, Dorothy Dinsmore, Joseph Fallon, Cathy Iarkowski, Joanna Jasontek, Betty 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.**, Laurie & Rachael Lukacs **Mon.**, Helen Shelton & Sharon L. **Tues.**, Katelyn Hart & Barbara Demchak **Wed.**, Bill Clifford & Brett Wood **Thurs.**, Jennie Bartus & Sharon L. **Fri.**, Jeff Hart & Dolores Finlan **Sat.**, Edwina Andreyko & Helen Michno

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 SCHOOL NEWS

CTK School Basket Auction Christ the King School will host its annual "Pot of Gold" Basket Auction on **March 7, 2014**. See prior page for more info.

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.

You may still Register

for the **2013—2014** school year, Pre-K 1/2 or full day, full day Kindergarten. 1st through 8th grades. Please call 908-526-1339 to schedule a tour.

Christine Benson, Principal

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. Your order must be placed by **12/9 & 12/13** to receive by Christmas. Questions or concerns? Call Suzanne Hanlon 908-812-2275 or Christy LoMedico 908-966-5373. Great Gift Idea!



***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.**