



Sundays 11:00 AM
Tuesdays 5:00 PM
Wednesdays 8:00 AM

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

2020

UPDATED MASS CALENDAR

- FATHER DANIEL DILLARD WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS WITH US AGAIN ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, AT 7:00 PM
- EXTRA CHAIRS SET UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH LIVE STREAMING
 - PLEASE COME EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT IN THE CHURCH.
 - WE WILL NOT HAVE A MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

2021

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

- JANUARY 1, FRIDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY AT 6:00 PM
 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (SUSPENDED)

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro has just revised its sexual abuse policy, and it is available at this parish (in the parish office & on the bulletin board) and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

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P.O. Box 463
(270) 237-4404



December 20, 2020

Luke 1:26-38

**“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.”**

If you add up all of the words spoken by Mary to the Angel at the Annunciation [30]; to Elizabeth at their meeting [122 in the Magnificat]; When she and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple[20]; and her comments to Jesus and instructions to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana [9], she speaks a total of 181 words in most English translations of Scripture. Mary was a woman of few words, at least according to the Gospels. From expressing her lack of understanding about how God would accomplish what the angel announced to her, to her simple, “May it be done unto me according to your word” and her awareness that “My *soul* proclaims the greatness of the Lord” to her final instructions to the servants at Cana, “Do whatever he tells you.” Mary is both our Mother and our Model. As Christmas gets nearer we should all be growing stronger in our willingness to accept the challenges God has in store for us with a simple “May it be done unto me according to your word” so our *soul* will “proclaim the greatness of our Lord” and we will be ready, without hesitation to “Do whatever he tells you.” Now, let us celebrate Christmas.

Bulletin Bites

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue Dec 22 5:00pm Weekday Mass
Wed Dec 23 8:00am Weekday Mass
Thu Dec 24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

July 2020- June 2021	Received Last Week To 12/13/20	Total Amount Received To 12/13/20	Total Amount Budgeted To 12/13/20
Diocesan Coll.	225.00	772.00	1,354.84
Regular Collection (including on-line)	1,830.00	27,686.03	25,893.57
Donations/Gifts	0.00	614.05	1,806.47
Building Fund III (including on-line)	255.00	8,334.00	6,774.19
Miscellaneous	42.55	5,007.86	2,596.65
<i>Total Income</i>	2,352.55	42,413.94	38,425.72

Decorating the church for Christmas will begin today. Please contact Martha Arterburn for more info.

ANGEL TREE

All angel Tree gifts will be distributed today. For more information please contact Beth Gripp or Pauline Anderson.

Discover the **books in our library** located in the fellowship hall. We will soon have a checkout sheet available. If you wish to donate books please contact Pauline Anderson for more information.

The new 2021 Calendars are in! We have two different styles; Both are bi-lingual. Please pick up your calendar on the way home

A **Ministry Schedule for Proclaimers** is now available for the rest of December 2020 and January 2021.

The names were taken from the original Proclaimers list and include:
Vera Gothard, Sheila Felchner, Mike Kiene, Tina Moser and Henriette Whitehead.

If you would like your name added this list, please contact Henriette in the office.

DECEMBER 2020

December 20: Mike Kiene
December 24: Henriette Whitehead
December 27: Tina Moser

JANUARY 2021

January 03: Henriette Whitehead
January 10: Sheila Felchner
January 17: Vera Gothard
January 24: Mike Kiene
January 31: Tina Moser

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

The final theme from *Fratelli Tutti* that I am going to address is immigration. For many in our country the position that Pope Francis stakes out in the document would be quite controversial, but the position that he presents is consistent with Church teaching.

The first point that Pope Francis makes is that it is an evil and a failing of our love of neighbor for conditions to be so bad that emigration, leaving one's home country, is necessary. The need to leave your home in pursuit of a better life should never be necessary. It diminishes the nation that they are leaving and weakens the bonds that tie us to one another. That said sometimes it is necessary for a person to leave their homeland and go somewhere where there is greater opportunity so that they can provide for the needs of their family. The rest of this section of the document deals with what is expected of us as Catholics when the need for emigration, leaving, becomes immigration, arriving somewhere new.

Pope Francis makes quite clear that people have a right to immigrate in pursuit of a better life for themselves and their family, and no nation should stand in the way of that right. This does not mean that a nation cannot refuse to accept a particular person in their country, but that should be the exception not the rule. In general the rule should be that people seeking to immigrate in pursuit of a better life should be welcome. The greater the hardship someone is fleeing the greater the reason must be to refuse to welcome them. He does not envision, as some have accused, a world without borders. Rather he envisions a world where rich countries help poor countries build up their economy so that there is no need for mass migration. Until that can be achieved, however, we must welcome those who leave their homeland seeking a better life.

We must also recognize the good in the culture that these people bring with them and how their culture can enhance our own. He uses the example of the sizable Jewish population in his homeland of Argentina. Aspects Jewish culture have been assimilated into the Argentinian culture and identity and it is richer for what they add. This is something that we as a country have struggled with throughout our history, but also have always achieved. With every wave of immigrants our country experienced those immigrants were shunned and persecuted. The Irish, the Italians, the Germans, the Chinese, and the Poles were all persecuted upon their arrival, but eventually aspects of these cultures become a part of the American identity. We celebrate St. Patrick's day and Italian food is almost quintessentially American as two examples.

Pope Francis calls on us to see these people seeking a better life not as burdens to be overcome, but rather as people who have something to teach us and who will make us better and stronger as a people.

Yours, in Christ, *Fr. Daniel Dillard*

SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP OFFERED IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Do you desire a kind of friendship that welcomes you to share and discern how God is present in your life these days? Would you benefit from deep listening surrounded by compassion instead of judgement? If so, a spiritual mentor/companion may be right for you at this time. The Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center offers spiritual direction with Ursuline Sisters or staff. Currently, outreach is expanding to meet needs during this difficult time. Spiritual direction is being offered online via Zoom for those not in the Owensboro area – and Maryann Joyce, the Retreat Center director, is available to meet in person in local churches and public spaces. Please feel free to reach out and contact her at 270-229-0200