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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses

Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)

Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.

Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes
(Address, phone, status, etc.)

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 8-4 and Wednesday 8-4

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at noon Food Pantry hours-Mondays from 11-2

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 abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28



Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●



[John] was not the light, but
came to testify to the light.

JOHN 1:8

Reflect

**When has it been difficult for you
to fade into the background?**



Lector
Dec. 24th-Vera Gothard
Dec. 31st- Dave Gripp
Jan. 7th- Mia Jarabeck

Attendance
Dec. 10th
75

Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 12/17 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday 12/19 5:00 PM	
Wednesday 12/20 8:00 AM	Peace on Earth

July 2023- June 2024	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 11/08//2023
Regular Collection (including on-line)	485.00	30,891.25	28,522.56
Donations/Gifts	228.00	4,472.01	2,032.26
Building Fund (Including on-line)	15.00	6,740.00	7,451.61
Miscellaneous	25.00	3,005.19	3,387.09
<i>Total Income Collected</i>	753.00	45,108.45	41,393.52
<i>Diocesan Collection</i>	160.00	375.00	0

Save the date! Jan. 1st celebrates Mary, Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of obligation in 2024. Mass will still be offered at 10AM
Let us pray. We humbly beg thee, O Lord to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of thy coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen
Mass Stipends for Tues. 5:00 pm and Wed. 8:00 am can be given for the living and deceased (especially for the deceased on or near the anniversary of their death). Masses of Thanksgiving are also important. Masses offered for the intention of another person (for their health, their birthday and more is also important). The present Mass stipend is \$5.00. Contact the office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention. NOTE: Sunday 11 am Mass must always be for the “People of the Parish.”
<u>Remember</u> -K of C is having a food drive during Advent.

Prayer List

Lisa Perry	Doris & Bill Harrison
Sheridan Gardner	Lacey Poppy
Bob Manning	Helen
Dave & Beth Gripp	Sandy Keen
Sarah	Jackie Pauli
Leroy Jansen	Olivia
Bill Gripp	Johnny & Emily
Betsy Cramer	Granddaughter Reese
Bill Grapes	Tom & Nancy Stuller
Lynn Easley	Peggy Hildebrandt
Cameron Johns	Scott Ickis
Brian Jansen	Jim & Ethel Sloan
Helen & Jerry Deal	Evelyn Creasy
Doc Hall	All Souls in Purgatory
Mary & Ron	Aaron Keene
The 629 th Division and their families	People affected by tornados

The Meaning of the Four Candles During Advent:

- The first candle (purple) represents hope. We place our hope in God.
- The second candle (purple) represents peace. We pray and work for peace with Jesus the Prince of Peace.
- The third candle (pink) represents joy. We are joyful because the Lord is almost here.
- The fourth candle (purple) represents love. The Lord is almost here, the love of God takes on flesh and dwells among us.

A REMINDER: that to fulfill your Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Dec. 24 you must attend the Sunday 11 am Mass. Attending one Mass on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm DOES NOT fulfill both obligations.

Advent Communal Penance Services:

Holy Spirit Dec. 17, 5 PM
St. Mary Dec. 18, 6:00 PM
Christ the King Dec. 19, 5:30 PM

Dear Padre,

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 13, 2020

DETAIL OF THE SCENE: MALTAPRICE BY MATTHIAS GRÜNEWALD. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY December 18 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Jer 23:5–8 Mt 1:18–25	FRIDAY December 22 <i>Advent Weekday</i> 1 Sm 1:24–28 Lk 1:46–56
TUESDAY December 19 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a Lk 1:5–25	SATURDAY December 23 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Mal 3:1–4, 23–24 Lk 1:57–66
WEDNESDAY December 20 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 7:10–14 Lk 1:26–38	SUNDAY December 24 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25–27 Lk 1:26–38
THURSDAY December 21 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sg 2:8–14 or Zep 3:14–18a Lk 1:39–45	Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective <i>Catholic Update</i> explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions! For more information, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.



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