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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 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11



Say to the fearful of heart:
Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense
he comes to save you.

ISAIAH 35:4



The Gift of Questions

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod's prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn't it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, "Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand," or, to quote an unnamed saint, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●

Reflect

Do I welcome questions, mine and others, as a way to grow in faith?



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Lector
Dec. 21 st Kate Kiene
Dec. 28 th Terri A.
Jan. 4 th Kate Kiene

Time	Mass Intentions
Sun. 12/14 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tues. 12/16 5:00 PM	May our Country’s divisions be healed
Wed. 12/17 8:00 AM	May holiday travelers be safe

July 2025- June 2026	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 12/7/2025
Regular Collection	\$1,292.00	\$28,333.00	\$30,540.28
Donations/Gifts	\$138.00	\$3,605.20	\$3,104.86
Building Fund	\$240.00	\$4,430.00	\$5,766.15
Miscellaneous: Christmas flowers	\$265.00	\$10,116.77	\$4,775.40
Total Income Collected	\$1,935.00	\$46,484.97	\$44,186.69

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Attendance
Dec. 7 74

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 21st
Greeters/Gift- Chris Eastman & Jean Jansen
Servers(s)-Danalia and Larissa Magana
Cup Minister-Vera Gothard & Dave Gripp
Host Minister-Mike Kiene
Refreshments-Linda Ayers, Tana Collier and Jean Jansen
Counters- Debbie Today and Valerie Vargo

Prayer List	
Brittany Farris	Betty Owen
George Campise	Nancy W.
Tim Corkery	Dolores & Ronald
Angie & Derek D.	Kim Payne
Judie Hasting	Bill & Wendy W.
Kala Franklin	Doris & Bill Harrison
Jessica W.	Jim Border
Johnny & Emily	Nicole & Nathan Sims
Terry Bemboom	2 sisters
Barbara & Joe O.	Jerry Shulte
Doc Hall	Frances & Charles W.
Al Wheeler	Diana Andrews
Clara & IG W.	Leroy & Brian Jansen
Sharon & Ralph G.	Helen & Jerry Deal
Mary & Ken W.	Lisa & family
Homeless	The Gripp family
A special grandson & granddaughters	People in Ukraine
Agnus Townsend	People in the Gaza strip
Keith Evans	Foster families
Terry Stemmler	Joyce Wheeler

Dear Padre

December 14, 2025

Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?

The announcement of Jesus’ birth in Luke begins, “In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph... and the virgin’s name was Mary” (Luke 1:26–27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that “in the sixth month” refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary’s cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, “Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months” (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary’s pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, “And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren” (Luke 1:36).

In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ●

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Dates to Remember

- Dec. 16th- Advent Penance service 5:30 pm following 5:00 pm Mass
- Dec. 24th- No 8:00 am Mass
- Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 (music to begin at 6:45 pm)
- Dec. 25th - No Mass Christmas Day



Jan. 1st- Mass 10:00 am

Advent Prayer

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.