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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 mor 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 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10–14 / Romans 1:1–7 / Matthew 1:18–24



Close Enough!

MIGUEL DULICK

I t is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the “sign” as clear as day: “the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son” (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than “Emmanuel” himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls “the obedience of faith” (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the “Spirit of holiness” is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of “obedience of faith,” Joseph is the perfect example. The word “obey” comes from the same root as “to hear,” and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells “how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” in today’s gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: “he took his wife into his home.” Everything is set for Emmanuel!

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, “God-With-Us,” from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from “birthing” Jesus in our midst? Even when a “happy holiday” seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let’s sing Christmas carols every day! ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR
MIGUEL
DULICK

Reflect

**How am I at listening? Can I find new insights
in old stories that I think I know so well?**





Lector
Dec. 28th Terri A.
Jan. 4th Kate Kiene
Jan 11th Nicholas
Keusch

Attendance
Dec. 14 62

Time	Mass Intentions
Sun. 12/21 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tues. 12/23 5:00 PM	The Homeless
Wed. 12/24 7:00 PM	For Holiday travelers' safety

July 2025- June 2026	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 12/14/2025
Regular Collection	\$777.00	\$29,110.00	\$32,026.84
Donations/Gifts	\$50.00	\$3,655.20	\$3,236.58
Building Fund		\$4,430.00	\$6,010.77
Miscellaneous: Christmas flowers/recycle	\$76.00	\$10,194.86	\$4,941.94
Total Income Collected	\$903.00	\$47,390.06	\$46,216.13
Diocesan Collection	\$155.00		

Advent Prayer #2

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
O guide of the flock of Joseph!
Rouse your power, and come to save us.
O Lord of hosts, restore us,
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be safe.
O Lord of hosts, how long will you burn with anger
while your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in ample measure.
You have left us to be fought over by our
neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.
O Lord of hosts, restore us,
if your face shine upon us. then we shall be safe.

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 28th

Greeters/Gift- Garcia family
Servers(s)-Troy Anderson & Ophelia Ochoa
Cup Minister- Mike & Kate Kiene
Host Minister-Dave Gripp
Refreshments-Donna Creasy, Dave Gripp and
Eileen Jennings
Counters- Chris Eastman & Debbie Witt

Prayer List

Vickie Walden	Bill Grapes
Johnny & Emily	George Campise
Dolores & Ronald	Nancy W.
Angie & Derek D.	Bill & Wendy W.
Jessica W.	Nicole & Nathan Sim
2 sisters	Lee Jansen
Doc Hall	Brian Houchin
Al Wheeler	Dutch VanderStroom
Tom & Nancy Stuller	Lee VanderStroom
Daniel Lunsford	Frances & Charles W.
Matthew Gripp	Clara & IG W.
Barbara & Joe O.	Sharon & Ralph G.
Mary & Ken W.	Keith Evans
Terry Stemmler	Elesha P.
The Gripp family	The Wheeler family
The Jansen family	

Dear Padre

December 21, 2025

I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament. "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1128).

The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, "How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?" The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful. ●

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Dates to Remember

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 of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.