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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 28, 2025

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)*

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



**Embracing a Spirituality of Listening**

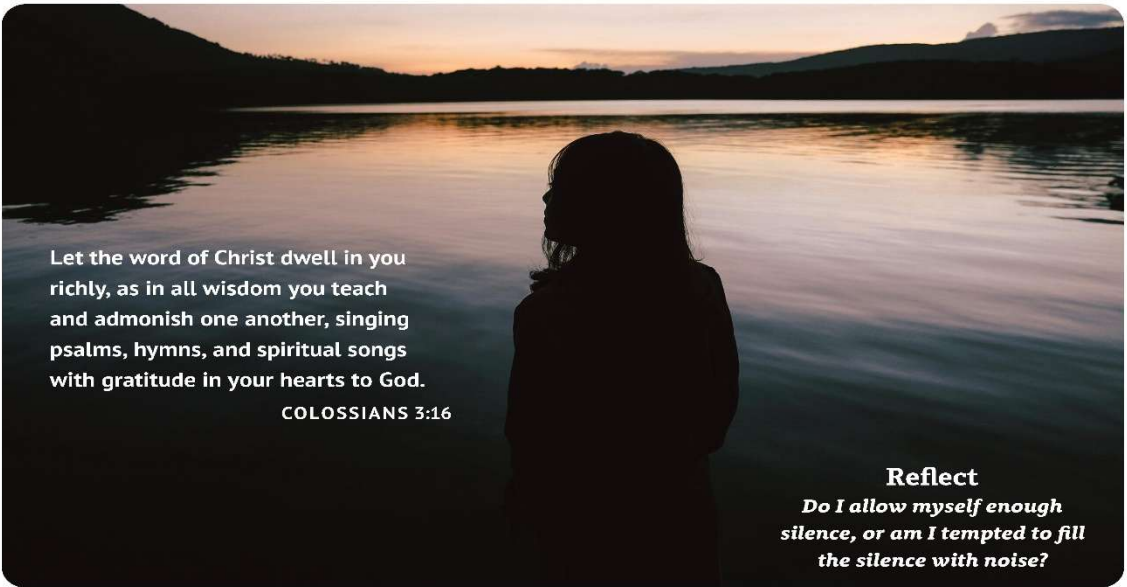
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**T**he most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and regroup yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you  
richly, as in all wisdom you teach  
and admonish one another, singing  
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

**Reflect**  
*Do I allow myself enough  
silence, or am I tempted to fill  
the silence with noise?*



| Lector                |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Kate Kiene      |
| Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Nicholas Keusch |
| Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Phil Kissinger  |

| Time                | Mass Intentions                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sun. 12/28 11:00 AM | People of the Parish                                |
| Tues. 12/30 5:00 PM | Peace on Earth                                      |
| Wed. 12/31 7:00 PM  | Those that have lost loved ones during the holidays |

| July 2025- June 2026                   | Collection Last Week | Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday | Budget Needed to 12/14/2025 |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regular Collection                     | \$1,597.00           | \$30,707.00                           | \$33,513.40                 |
| Donations/Gifts                        | \$135.12             | \$3,790.20                            | \$3,368.30                  |
| Building Fund                          | \$100.00             | \$4,530.00                            | \$6,255.40                  |
| Miscellaneous: Christmas flowers/Youth | \$70.00              | \$10,264.86                           | \$5,108.46                  |
| Total Income Collected                 | \$1,902.12           | \$49,292.18                           | \$48,245.56                 |
| Diocesan Collection                    | \$20.00              |                                       |                             |

| Dates to Remember                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Mary, The Holy Mother of God<br>Mass 10:00 am (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> - Parish Council meeting 9:30 am                                        |
| Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> - King's Angels meeting 11:00 am                                         |

| Attendance |    |
|------------|----|
| Dec. 21    | 74 |

| Ministry Schedule for Jan. 4th                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|
| Greeters/Gift- Eileen Jennings & Jarvis Johns        |
| Servers(s)-Mike K. (Incense), Yadhira & Anthony M.   |
| Cup Minister-Vera Gothard & Dave Gripp               |
| Host Minister-Terri Anderson                         |
| Refreshments- Pauline A., Valerie V. & Nancy Campise |
| Counters- Mike Kiene and Carol Wheat                 |

| Prayer List              |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Betty Owen               | Bill & Wendy W.           |
| Myra Jane Crowley        | Jessica W.                |
| Brittany Farris          | Nicole & Nathan Sim       |
| Wrigley Farris           | Bill Grapes               |
| Rose Ann Kiene           | Jerry Whitney             |
| Rogerlynn Bridden        | Nancy W.                  |
| Johnny & Emily           | Angie & Derek             |
| Jim Wheat                | Clara & IG W.             |
| Doc Hall                 | Sharon & Ralph G.         |
| Brian Houchen            | Mary & Ken W.             |
| Dutch & Lee VanderStroom | Jose & Maria Magana Angel |
| Tom Rolling              | Barbara & Joe O.          |
| Jodi Devine              | Frances & Charles W.      |
| Lisa & Family            | Keith Evans               |
| Alberta Kiene            | Terry Stemmler            |
| The Gripp family         | Rogerlynn Bridden         |
| Cindy Vincent            | Don Briddon               |
| Jenna Birge              | Joyce Wheeler             |
| John Buchannon           |                           |
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# Dear Padre

December 28, 2025

**A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.**

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

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## Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

