

# CHRIST *the* KING

Catholic Church  
Wonder Lake, IL



*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

Luke 3:4

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**Second Sunday Of Advent**  
**December 6, 2009**

## POINTS TO PONDER

From our Pastor—Fr. Sabo

**Discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.** *Philippians, 1:4-6*

Advent: 'tis the season to be contrite (i.e., sorry for sin). This is a busy time of the year, but do not be deceived; it is also a time for countless blessings. As someone once stated: **busy is the devil's brother!** Heaven forbid, we become too busy this time of the year for making extra time for prayer, for practicing random acts of kindness or for praising the Lord! Whose sin should we be sorry for—how about the sin of secularists, the sin of modernists, and the sin of rationalists. What do these three categories of sinners share in common? They are based on the belief: *it's all about me!* Unfortunately, many miserable folks fail to find in the familiar bells and smells of this sacred season, **what is of value** in the words of St. Paul, like faith, hope and charity. What is faith, what is hope and what is charity: **it is all about God!** Every year Christians are challenged in their attempt to spread the Christmas cheer. Many businesses and communities attempt to please all people and consequently they compromise our conviction: *Jesus is the Reason for the Season!* Beware of businesses that decide not to mention Jesus this Christmas or discourage nativity scenes, so as to avoid offending non-Christians. How ironic that businesses want to appeal to the sentiments of the season, without revealing the reason for the season! The best response to such an assault against the very meaning of the season would be to stop shopping where they don't care to share the Holy Spirit!

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as written in the book of the words of the*

### Scripture Readings for Week

7 Mon	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
8 Tue	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
9 Wed	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
10 Thu	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
11 Fri	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
12 Sat	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
13 SUN	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

prophet Isaiah (St. Luke, 3:1ff).

Nevertheless, there are some who refuse to repent or admit their guilt when faced with their responsibility to **discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.** Like those who sacrifice sleep in order to be the first into the department stores, we must sacrifice ourselves in order to become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We are into the Second Week of Advent, a time of waiting and hope-filled joy. Thus, the reason for singing: *the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy—Psalm 126.* Unlike those who campaign against the Christmas message, St. John the Baptist does not hesitate to proclaim the fact that he is of no importance compared with Jesus, thus he directs his message to all persons and professions. The spiritual renewal he calls for entails, among other things, **repentance, humility and generosity.** As St. John Chrysostom believed: *nothing can make you such an imitator of Christ as your concern for others!* This is what ADVENT is all about: forgetting oneself and fostering a true concern for others. **Many great things depend on whether you and I live our lives as God wants (St. Jose Marie Escriva).** The challenge facing all of us today is whether or not we remain faithful, thus bringing the people in our lives closer to Christ?!

Whether we are single, married, widowed, religious or priests, one thing remains the same: Christ is counting on us to **discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians, 1:8-11).** If you value anything more than Jesus Christ, then you must repent, bring it to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the grace to **make straight the way of the Lord.** Nothing should come before Christ or cause us to question the way Christ is counting on us to witness to the unbelieving world. As John attempted to convince the curious crowd, those with converted hearts grasped the point: repentance is the surest road to real joy. Just as there is nothing as frustrating as someone who returns your heartfelt gift for cash, can you imagine what it costs one poor soul who rejects God's priceless gift of Divine Mercy, thus preventing them from experiencing the Joy of the World! Sacred Scripture affirms the

fact: **the Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with Joy—Psalm 126.**

It is my great hope that by preparing our hearts by making a good confession before Christmas, we shall experience the great joy of having brought to Jesus, as John the Baptist did, many who were far away or indifferent to the God of Salvation. We should never forget that it is God's grace, and not our human strength, that can move souls toward Jesus. St. Augustine proclaimed: *Do not be content, then, to live at peace with yourselves until you have won them all for Christ, for you have been won for Christ.* Everyone benefits from our love of God, may we continue to *prepare the way of the Lord, making straight His paths, so that all flesh shall see the salvation of God.* Therefore, **discern what is of value and prepare the way of the Lord.** May we continue to humble ourselves in His Holy Presence and pray that *by our sharing in this mystery, the Father may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and to love the things of heaven.*

Here is a great prayer to say everyday before retiring in the evening (composed by St. Francis of Assisi):

*Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us in our misery the grace to do for you alone what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Thus, inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And by your grace alone, may we make our way to You, O Most High God. Amen.*



**Invite a friend to church!**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Schedule

Dec. 6—Christmas Caroling at Valley-Hi

Dec. 8—Holy Day of Obligation—Masses at  
8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 9—Class 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Dec. 13—Class 9-9:50

## YOUR “KNIGHT-LY” NEWS



### Interested in the Knights?

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, call Grand Knight Tom Armbrust at 815-451-6649. Keep up on KC activities by visiting our website at: [kofc.christthekingchurch.org](http://kofc.christthekingchurch.org)

## R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

### Informational Classes

#### Wednesdays—at 7 p.m.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) meets on Wednesday evenings in the church hall. If you are:

- † a Catholic who has been baptized and/or received Communion but not Confirmation
- † an adult who has been baptized into another Christian tradition, but who is curious about the Catholic faith or
- † an adult who has had no faith formation, but want to know more about Catholic beliefs

Deacon Mark Raz invites you to join him and other “inquiring minds” for these informational classes.

## LADIES' SODALITY

### Christmas Party (Pot Luck) Mon., Dec. 14-5:30 p.m.

Ladies and gentlemen are all invited to this get together to celebrate the success of Our King's Faire Holiday Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. We hope you will all join us for supper, financial report, and a lot of Christmas joy and camaraderie! PLEASE CALL the Parish Office 815-653-2561 to R.S.V.P. to let us know what you will bring so that we can make sure we have a well rounded meal for all! Please feel free to bring your spouse or friend. We'd be glad to meet new people!

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

All the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank those parishioners who have given so generously over the last year. Your charity is great and undeniable. I believe that your greatest reward is not these words of appreciation, but what our Lord has in store for you in heaven.

I thought you might like to know how your donations have been used during the past year. First of all, our parish of only 400 families has contributed through the monthly envelopes, boxes in the back of the church and special collections a total of \$26,295.

We served 349 people, most of whom we visited in their homes. We helped with housing in the amount of \$8,273, heat - \$4,542, electricity - \$6,431, water - \$587, auto - \$3,009, food - \$1,973 and other miscellaneous items.

It's wonderful to be part of this activity. We are always looking for good people to join our ranks and help out. Please pray about this and let us know if you would like to help. We meet on the second and fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 am right after the 8:00 am mass. The meeting usually lasts for about two hours.

**If you would like more information about St. Vincent de Paul, what we do and how we do it, please call me at (815) 653-4509. Joe Ziemann, President**

**Breakfast with Saint Nicholas**  
**Please join us in celebrating Saint Nicholas**  
**Day by having breakfast with us!**  
**When: This Sunday, December 6, 2009**  
**Time: 8 a.m. to Noon**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSION

Over the past year we have developed a partnership with other local Knights of Columbus councils to provide some new assistance to needy families. Our mission is simple. We want to provide as many families as possible with the food they need for Christmas. We want to make sure these families that are struggling, are able to enjoy the Holidays without worrying about food.

Now more than in years past, the number of families has grown to a staggering number. It seems we all know someone who has been hit by the loss of a job or sudden illness.

The list of families that we donate to all come from local organizations that include: *St Vincent dePaul Society, Home of the Sparrow, Pioneer Center, Veterans Assistance Commission, Family Service and Community Mental Health Center for McHenry County, Christ The King Families In Need, Catholic Charities and AmeriCorps.*

It takes about \$50 for each boxed meal. If you would like to help, you can donate any amount. Thank you so much for your help and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

**If you have any questions, you may email me at [stevesaunders@comcast.net](mailto:stevesaunders@comcast.net) (Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 8473.)**

**Brother Knight, Steve Saunders**

### Giving Tree (side corridor of church)

Once again our parish is sponsoring a Giving Tree for needy families in our area. All you need do is take a tag from the tree. Then purchase a gift for the person listed on the tag. Wrap the gift and use the tag as your gift tag. Finally, place your gift back under the tree.

### Final Date for Returning Gifts Sunday, December 13

Pick up times will be:

Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 3-6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17 from Noon to 3 p.m.

Needy families have been selected from Greenwood Elementary and Harrison School.

## CATHOLICS COME HOME. MORE IMPORTANT FACTS...

More than one-quarter of American adults (28%) have left the faith in which they were raised in favor of another religion – or no religion at all. If change in affiliation from one type of Protestantism to another is included, roughly 44% of adults have either switched religious affiliation, moved from being unaffiliated with any religion to being affiliated with a particular faith, or dropped any connection to a specific religious tradition altogether.

The survey finds that the number of people who say they are unaffiliated with any particular faith today (16.1%) is more than double the number who say they were not affiliated with any particular religion as children. Among Americans ages 18-29, one-in-four say they are not currently affiliated with any particular religion.

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While those Americans who are unaffiliated with any particular religion have seen the greatest growth in numbers as a result of changes in affiliation, Catholicism has experienced the greatest net losses as a result of affiliation changes. While nearly one-in-three Americans (31%) were raised in the Catholic faith, today fewer than one-in-four (24%) describe themselves as Catholic. These losses would have been even more pronounced were it not for the offsetting impact of immigration. The Landscape Survey finds that among the foreign-born adult population, Catholics outnumber Protestants by nearly a two-to-one margin (46% Catholic vs. 24% Protestant); among native-born Americans, on the other hand, Protestants outnumber Catholics by an even larger margin (55% Protestant vs. 21% Catholic).

Pew Forum On Religion And Public Life: U.S. Religious Landscape Survey: Religious Beliefs and Practices, 2008.

## APOLOGY

I sincerely apologize for the many errors on the December calendar. Chalk it up to Holiday Rush and “the need to be a master juggler!”



Even after 35 years I’m still a novice! Anyway....here are the corrections:

- ☞ There was no 8 a.m. Mass on Nov. 30th, or Dec. 7 (plans changed)
- ☞ The Sodality Christmas Party will be on Monday, Dec. 14 (NOT 7)
- ☞ The K-C’s will meet on Dec. 21 (NOT 14th)

The month beginning on a Tuesday, messed me up. I’m sorry for any inconvenience.

Mary K. Yager, Secretary

## INVITATIONS

### Saint John the Baptist Church Johnsburg, IL. CHRISTMAS BAKE AND GIFT SALE

**December 5th and 6th**  
following all Masses  
at St. John’s Parish Hall  
2302 W. Church Street, Johnsburg,  
IL. Sponsored by the Ladies  
Auxiliary of the Knights of  
Columbus Council #9167



### Cookie Exchange

Are you interested in getting involved in a Christmas cookie exchange? We need at least 12 participants.

Here's how works. You bake 12 dozen of one kind of cookie (your favorite recipe). Other ladies (or gentlemen) do the same. All bakers come to church on a given day and time with their cookies. Everyone comes with 12 dozen SINGULAR cookies but leaves with 12 dozen ASSORTED cookies! The cookies MUST be home baked (no packaged cookies please!) If this sounds like fun (not to mention time saving and ingredient saving), call Mary K. Yager at the Parish Office 815-653-2561 THIS week. If we get enough participants we'll publish the date and time of the exchange in next week's bulletin.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

### Monthly Pro-Life Mass

Rosary begins at 6:40 p.m.  
Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshment follow  
Call the Diocese for a list of  
locations for Masses in 2010  
815-877-LIFE



### Magnificat Christmas Breakfast December 12—Crystal Lake

Using what she calls “lesson plans” come hear how our Lord blessed Diane Bates little by little through daily trials of life with an autistic child, transforming her into “A New Creation.” This event takes place at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. For information and tickets contact Leslie at Magnificat@joltmail.com or Jacky at 815-455-2057.

## CALLED & CHOSEN

### Marriage Encounter

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another...” Worldwide Marriage Encounter can energize your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

- Jan. 29-31 in Brookfield, WI
- Feb. 12-14 in Rockford, IL
- March 12-14 in Madison, WI
- April 16-18 in Rockford, IL

Dates fill fast, early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653. For a weekend in Spanish: contact Hugo & Gaby at 630-690-2094.



### Men’s Retreat Dec. 27-30

A Retreat for Single Young Men will take place December 27-30, 2009 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, Rockford. Would you like some help in answering some life questions: *Is God calling me to be married? Or is He calling me to be a priest?* For more info call Fr. John Lovell, at 815-399-4300 or on the web at [www.rockvoc.org](http://www.rockvoc.org)

### What do you Seek?

A Retreat for Single Young Men  
December 27 - 30, 2009  
Bishop Lane Retreat Center

Would you like...

Some time to relax on the past year?  
To grow in your prayer life?  
Time for spiritual direction?

Help in answering some questions  
about your vocation such as:

*Is God calling me to be married?  
Or is He calling me to be a priest?*

If you have any questions please feel  
free to

call Fr. John Lovell,  
Associate Director of Vocations  
at 815/399-4300 or [www.rockvoc.org](http://www.rockvoc.org)

### Rosary Making Classes

Is Mary calling you to a Rosary Ministry? Learn how to make rosaries for the Missions. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month in the afternoon or evening. If you are interested contact Shirley Koch at 815-363-0887.

# SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Christ the King Catholic Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2009

How can I share MY Talents?  
Call for more information about:

## Bereavement Ministry

Michael-Maria Leary 815-728-1989

## Building & Grounds

Lou Karmas 815-728-8047

## Choirs

5 p.m. Mary Beth Valle 815-337-1952

8 a.m. Sue Keener 815-728-0672

10 a.m. Marie McQuillin 815-728-0254

## Door-to-Door Ministry Contact

Bob Anderson 815-653-9865

## Extraordinary Ministers

Terri Gilmer 815-728-0900

## Finance Council

Bill Pilarski 815-653-2514

Colleen Dumais 815-648-4911

Jim Bronson 815-653-1127

## Knights of Columbus Council #8473

Tom Armbrust 815-451-6649

## Land Stewardship Committee

John Shiel 815-653-9377

## Legion of Mary

Phyllis Hartline 815-728-7279

## Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

Phyllis Hartline 815-728-7279

## Liturgical Environment

Alice Ziemann 815-653-4509

## Liturgy

Father Sabo 815-653-2561

## Library

Carole Woodward 815-728-1271

## Meals on Wheels

Barb Dicker 815-653-9524

## Public Action to Deliver Shelter (P.A.D.S.)

Lynn Bauer 815-728-0150

## Parish Council

Chuck Valle 815-337-1952

## Parish Photographer & Publicity

Bill McKinney 815-728-1878

## Respect Life Ministry

Colleen Dumais 815-648-4911

## Religious Ed./Youth Ministry

Karen Verr 815-653-2581

## R.C.I.A.

Father Sabo 815-653-2561

## Sacristy

Phyllis Hartline 815-260-3637

## St. Vincent de Paul Society (for Assistance)

Help Line 815-653-2501

## St. Vincent DePaul Soc. (become a member)

Joe Ziemann 815-653-4509

## Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Nancy Russo 815-653-2075

## Sunday Coffee Socials

Call Parish Office 815-653-2561

## Welcome Committee Contacts

Cathy Kelter 815-363-9924 or

Trudie Gohl 815-653-7661

## SHARING TALENTS THIS WEEKEND

Bulletin Inserts : Fri. Dec. 4—Christine Peterson  
Saturday and Sunday Dec. 5-6

Lectors: 5 p.m. Rick Goins  
8 a.m. Ken Johnson  
10 a.m. Pat Verlodt

### Extraordinary Ministers:

5 p.m. Colleen Dumais  
8 a.m. Deacons  
10 a.m. Veronica Kulesza

### Altar Servers:

5 p.m. Tom Bossow  
8 a.m. Tom Wilson  
10 a.m. Mike Gilmer

### Money Counters:

Juan Enriquez, Tom Armbrust, Steve Saunders

## SHARING TREASURE



*That He may be Lord  
of our lives and King  
of our hearts!*

*Income 11/11/09 through 12/2/09 (3 weeks)*

Envelopes and Offertory ..... \$13,167.69

Christmas, Holy Days, Donations ..... \$133.00

Votives, Missions, Hall Rent ..... \$339.00

Cemetery, R.E. Income..... \$1,215.00

St. Vincent de Paul ..... \$1,009.00

*Bills Paid 11/11/09 through 12/2/09*

(3 weeks) ..... \$17,524.39

*Our Lady of Good Remedy, pray for us!*

## INVESTMENTS

**Want to make a gift to our Parish  
Endowment Accounts?**

Go to: [www.FoundationRockford.org](http://www.FoundationRockford.org)

Click on "Endowment Gifts"

then scroll to "Wonder Lake" and click on  
"Christ the King."

**Want info on a great tax deduction, excellent  
return on your investment and future  
planned gift?**

Go to: [www.stewardshiprockford.org](http://www.stewardshiprockford.org)

Click on Planned Giving...

Gift Calculator...

Gift Calcs logo...

Insert your numbers to determine  
your rate of return.

**You may also call Chuck Valle at  
815-337-1952 for information. Thanks!**



**Pledged \$22,779 (goal \$28,400)  
Donors 124 (parish families 473)  
May God bless all our donors!**

## Weekday Masses:

Monday 7:00 p.m.

Tues, Wed., Thurs., and Fri.: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

## To fulfill Sunday/Holiday Obligation

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## Confessions:

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. and at 3:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

Mondays: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m.

Wednesdays through Fridays 7:30 a.m.

First Fridays: 8:30 a.m.

Also by appointment,

call Father Sabo 815-653-2561.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays through Sundays 7-8 a.m.

Saturdays also at 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Also, on the First Friday of each month,  
adoration begins immediately following the  
8:00 a.m. Mass and ends at Noon

## Religious Education

Classes for Grades Pre-K through High School  
begin in September and end in May. Call R. E.  
Office 815-653-2581 to register. Classes for  
Grades 5-High School, Confirmation & RCIA  
meet 6:45-8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Grades  
PK-4 meet from 9:00-9:50 a.m. every Sunday.

## Staff

### Pastor:

Father Steven Sabo 815-653-2561

### Deacon:

Deacon Mark Raz 815-653-2561

### Coordinator of Religious Education:

Mrs. Karen Verr 815-653-2581

### Secretary/Bookkeeper:

Mrs. Mary K. Yager 815-653-2561

## Parish Office Information

**Address:** 5006 E. Wonder Lake Rd.  
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

**Hours:** 8:30 a.m.—3:00 pm.

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Friday

**Phone:** 815-653-2561

**Email:** Mary K. Yager—

[ctksecretary@comcast.net](mailto:ctksecretary@comcast.net)

**Fax:** 815-653-9401

**Website:**

<http://www.christthekingchurch.org>

## R. E. Office Information

R. E. Office Phone: 815-653-2581

Church Hall Phone: 815-728-1259

## Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead

**Monday, December 7—St. Ambrose**

7 p.m. Baltazar & Soledad Salvador  
req. by Pat & Sheila Thoele

**Tuesday, December 8—Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
7 p.m. Anna & Anthony Morici  
req. by Toni Brisinte

**Wednesday, December 9—St. Juan Diego**

8 a.m. John & Gale Monteleone req. by  
M/M Kurt Knaack

**Thursday, December 10**

8 a.m. Elizabeth "Alice" Kucia req. by  
Friends and Family

**Friday, December 11—St. Damasus I**

8 a.m. Priests in Purgatory  
req. by The Doyles

**Saturday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8 a.m. Marie Sosinski req. by Brya Family  
5 p.m. Joe Schuler req. by Family

**Sunday, December 13—3rd Sun. of Advent**

8 a.m. Raymond Schmidt Jr.  
req. by Paul & Gerri Konczak  
10 a.m. For The People of the Parish



## Ministry Schedule Next Week

Bulletin Inserts : Fri. Dec. 11—Char Kurzeja  
Saturday and Sunday Dec. 12-13

Lectors: 5 p.m. Michael-Maria Leary  
8 a.m. Jim Bronson  
10 a.m. Stan Cebrzynski

Extraordinary Ministers:

5 p.m. Phyllis Hartline  
8 a.m. Deacons  
10 a.m. Trudie Gohl

Altar Servers:

5 p.m. Volunteer Needed  
8 a.m. Patrick Sullivan  
10 a.m. Victor Nellesen

Money Counters:

Juan Enriquez, Tom Armbrust, Steve Saunders



## Sanctuary Light Dedication

**November 23-Dec. 6**

In loving memory of Florence Zidek and Phyllis Gilmer req. by Carole Hey

**December 7-20**

In loving memory of David Beaver-Crews req. by Gerry & Sherry Kerkstra

*Each candle is blessed before it is burned.*

## PETITION

### Book of Prayer

Please write all your prayer intentions in the book provided near the main entry. In gratitude we pray for **Jeremy Trowbridge, Keith Romke, Christopher DiTomo and Jacob Valle** as well as all those studying for service in the Church.

### Pray For Our Military Personnel

We ask God to bless all those serving in the armed forces:

1st Lt. Rosa Castillo (USAF)  
Kenneth Ebacher (ARMY)  
Micah Grosskopf (USAF)  
Laura Hrdlicka (USN)  
1st Lt. Therese M. Janecke (ARMY)  
Robert Kelly Jr. (ARMY)  
Pvt. John C. Kurchina (ARMY)  
MSgt. Michael Litt (USAF)  
Christopher Lorr (USAF)  
Michael Lorr (USAF)  
Steve T. Lowe (USN)  
Lt. Joseph Mongelluzzo (ARMY)  
CW2 Brent H. Peters (ARMY)  
SPC Eric Roge (ARMY)  
Lt. Col. Daniel Thoele (USMC)  
Capt. Tim Ungaro (ARMY)  
1st Lt. Nathan Valle (USAF)  
Sgt. Richard J. Vicere (USMC)  
SSgt. William R. Vincent (USAF)  
PFC Rodney Ward (USMC)

To add a loved one's name to this list contact the Parish Office 815-653-2561.



## Prayer for Our Troops

*Lord, hold our troops  
In Your loving hands.*

*Protect them as they protect us.*

*Bless them and their families*

*For the selfless acts they perform*

*For us in our time of need, and*

*Bring them home safely.*

*May their sacrifices bring about*

*A lasting and just peace in those lands.*

*I ask this in the name of Jesus,*

*our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

## ROSARY

Come Pray with Us!

- ☪ Monday—6:30 p.m.  
(before 7:00 p.m. Mass)
- ☪ Tuesday through Sunday at 7:30 a.m.  
(before the 8:00 a.m. Mass)
- ☪ Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
(before the 5:00 p.m. Mass)



## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

**Sunday, December 6—2nd Sunday of Advent**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m./ Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Masses 8 a.m and 10 a.m.  
..... Confessions 9:30 a.m.  
..... R. E. Classes 9:00 —9:50 a.m.  
..... Breakfast with St. Nicholas 8 a.m.—Noon  
..... Coffee Social 9-Noon  
..... SVDP Pantry Weekend

**Monday, December 7—St. Ambrose**

..... NO 8 a.m. Mass (calendar error)  
..... St. Scholastica Home School St. Nicholas  
..... Celebration 8 a.m. to Noon  
..... Rosary 6:30 p.m.  
..... Confessions 6:30 p.m.  
..... Mass 7:00 p.m.  
..... Hosting McHenry Co.  
..... Home School Assn. 7 p.m.  
..... Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 p.m.  
..... Adoration 7:30—8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 8—Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

..... Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Mass 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
..... Scripture Study 9:00 a.m.  
..... Staff Meeting 11 a.m.  
..... Adoration 6-7 p.m.  
..... Confessions 6:15 p.m.  
..... P.A.D.S. 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.  
..... A.A. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 9—St. Juan Diego**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m.  
..... Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Confessions 7:30 a.m.  
..... Mass 8:00 a.m.  
..... Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:30 p.m.  
..... R. E. Class 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 10**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m.  
..... Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Confessions 7:30 a.m.  
..... Mass 8:00 a.m.  
..... A.A. Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
..... Pastoral Council 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 11—St. Damasus I**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m.  
..... Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Mass 8:00 a.m.  
..... Confessions 8:30 a.m.  
..... TOPS 10:00 a.m.  
..... Girl Scouts 5:45 p.m.

**Saturday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m. & 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
..... Rosary 7:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
..... Mass 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
..... Confessions 8:30 a.m. & 3:45 p.m.  
..... Legion of Mary Meeting 10 a.m.  
..... SVDP Pantry Weekend

**Sunday, December 13—3rd Sun. of Advent**

..... Adoration 7-8 a.m.  
..... Rosary 7:30 a.m.  
..... Masses 8 a.m and 10 a.m.  
..... Confessions 9:30 a.m.  
..... Coffee Social 9-Noon  
..... SVDP Pantry Weekend

## Just Moved into the Area?

New parishioners are most welcome! Register at the parish office or call for a registration form 815-653-2561.

## Wish to Enroll in Religious Education Classes?

You and your children are always welcome in our programs. Contact the Parish Office 815-653-2561.

## Would you like a visit?

If you or a loved one are homebound and would like to receive a visit so that you may receive the sacraments, just call the parish office 815-653-2561.

## Have you moved or changed phone numbers?

We need your help to keep parish information up-to-date. Contact parish office 815-653-2561.

## Want more Information about Sacraments?

### PLEASE NOTE!!

#### In the Hospital?

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, please call the parish office 815-653-2561 immediately. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals do not notify us when you are admitted. We want to visit those in the hospital, but need to hear from you.

**Baptisms** take place by appointment. Meet with Father Sabo at least three months before making any other arrangements 815-653-2561

**1st Confession-1st Holy Communion or Confirmation:** Contact Father Sabo at the Parish Office 815-653-2561.

**Marriage:** Preparation for Catholic wedding ceremony in the Diocese of Rockford takes place in steps over a period of at least 6 months. Therefore, meet with Father Sabo at least 6 months before making any other arrangements such as flowers, reception etc.

**Anointing of the Sick** is a sacrament of healing and comfort. Call the parish office as soon as someone becomes ill. Also, for chronic illnesses, this sacrament is offered twice a year. Watch the bulletin or call the parish office 815-653-2561 for more information.

**Holy Orders:** If you feel that God is calling you to begin the process of becoming a priest, contact Father Sabo at the parish office 815-653-2561.

## Seeking more information about the Catholic faith?

Our R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) team is always ready to help folks understand the teachings, rituals and practices of the Catholic faith. Call Fr. Sabo 815-653-2561.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Every child asks for our love. This night, then, let us think especially of those children who are denied the love of their parents. Let us think of those street children who do not have the blessing of a family home, of those children who are brutally exploited as soldiers and made instruments of violence, instead of messengers of reconciliation and peace. Let us think of those children who are victims of the industry of pornography and every other appalling form of abuse, and thus are traumatized in the depths of their soul. The Child of Bethlehem summons us once again to do everything in our power to put an end to the suffering of these children; to do everything possible to make the light of Bethlehem touch the heart of every man and woman."

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Midnight Mass, December 25, 2008

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### Knights of Columbus

3rd Monday each month 7:30 in the church hall.

### Ladies Sodality (Society of the Immac. Heart of Mary)

2nd Monday of each month 7:00 in the (St. Faustina Room)

### Legion of Mary (For men and women)

Every Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Father Tranel Meeting Room (at the back of the church.)

### Life in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Father Tranel Meeting Room (at the back of church).

### St. Vincent dePaul Society

2nd & 4th Saturdays 8:30 a.m. in the St. Kolbe Room (nearest south entrance) Next meeting dates: Nov. 28 & Dec. 12

## OUR CUP OVERFLOWS

### We Feed the Hungry!

Christ the King is one of 12 churches in the area that deliver Meals on Wheels. Meals are picked up at Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry at 11:15 a.m. Delivery to the homebound takes approximately 60-90 minutes with no more than 8 stops. A detailed map is provided. Our dates through January 2010 are:

**Dec. 21-24 and Jan. 25-29, 2010**

### People in Need Forum—Jan. 30, 2010

Save the date for this special presentation at McHenry County College. Find resources to help your neighbor. Join us from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the McHenry County College on Route 14 in Crystal Lake. Volunteers, Faith-Based Organizations, Human Service Agencies and Civic Group Members, and individuals interested in resources to help those in need, are all urged to attend. For more information on this endeavor contact Bev Thomas at 815-479-7792.

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