

Welcome to our Amazing Parish!

We are an amazing parish because we create and nurture joyful disciples of Christ. A Catholic becomes an **Intentional Disciple** after recognizing they have been *personally chosen* by the Lord to enter an intimate relationship with Him. This relationship relies on the Holy Spirit and embraces a lifelong sacramental journey of prayer, service, evangelization and communally receiving Jesus Christ through Scripture and Eucharist. Thus, an **Intentional Disciple** imitates Christ in everything we do on a daily basis.

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Sunday
of
Advent
December 22, 2019



**Merry
Christmas**

To all the members of our Amazing Parish Family,

Christmas Greetings and Blessings from your parish Staff!

A couple of the Prophets said that when our Lord thinks about each one of His faithful people, He dances! He dances even though we're sinners!

That's because God sees Himself in us: He created us in His image and gave us dignity.

With sacrifices we take life to receive life. The sins of all human history are so great that only God himself could be an acceptable sacrifice to reconcile us to Him. When Jesus became human, He made us beautiful in God's eyes again.

Christ is born to teach us God's ways, and to die for us and to rise again so that we might have eternal life with Him. Christmas always points to Good Friday and Easter. That's why Christmas is such a profound expression of God's love for us.

In the New Year ahead, may we all appreciate more and more how much each one of us is loved by God.

Con amore!

Fr. John O.

Christmas and New Years Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Regular Schedule:

Saturday, December 21st, 2019

4:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 22nd, 2019

8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Prelude Music starts 30 Minutes before each Mass.



Christmas Day:

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Prelude Music starts 30 Minutes before Mass.

New Year's Weekend - Regular Schedule:

Saturday, December 28th, 2019

4:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 29th, 2019

8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Staff Directory

If you forget the extension, you will be able to go to the staff directory by hitting 5. If further assistance is needed hit 7 for Mary Meissner.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st —

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:30 P.M. — Johnny Sefcovic, by Rose Hopper

Joe Lovato, by Bea Lovato and Sons

Pete Bonfiglio, by Rosalie Bonfiglio

Rose Behm and Barbara Allen, by the Behm Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd —

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 A.M. — Frank and Helen Selak,

by David and Mary Fraterelli

Deacon Steve Escalera, by the Knights of Columbus

10:45 A.M. — For our Amazing Parish Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

St. John of Kanty, Priest

7:30 A.M. — Word Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th —

3:00 P.M. — Eugene and Mary Helen Derichsweiler,
by Gena Ryder

5:00 P.M. — For our Amazing Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th —

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 A.M. — Fr. John Ozella's Intentions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th —

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

7:30 A.M. — Word Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th —

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30 A.M. — Molly Jagger, by John and Rita Poole

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th —

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

4:30 P.M. — For our Amazing Parish Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th —

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:15 A.M. — Evangeline Andrews, by Andrews Family

Ed Komorry, Jerry Pittulo and Sandy Harbert,

by Lula Mae Pittulo

10:45 A.M. — Bill Cox, Special Intentions,
by Judy and August Gagliardi

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Monday: 7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 A.M. Word Communion Service

Tuesday: Christmas Eve
3:00 P. M. and 5:00 P.M. Mass

Wednesday:
Christmas
9:30 A.M. Mass

Thursday: 7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 A.M. Word Communion Service

Friday: 7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 A.M. Mass



Merry Christmas

**The Parish Office will be
closed from**

**Tuesday, December 24th
through**

Wednesday, January 1st

**We will reopen on
Thursday, January 2nd at
9:00 A.M.**

YTD FINANCE REPORT THRU NOVEMBER 30, 2019

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collection	\$143,745	\$171,080
Total income	\$171,516	\$205,307
Expenses	<u>\$224,726</u>	<u>\$223,404</u>
Over/(Under)	(-\$53,210)	(-\$18,097)

We have a shortfall in income of approximately \$27K, but I think this is largely due to the increased participation in DMF so it's a wash. All expense categories were under budget except grounds keeping and maintenance (\$5,526 over).



Next month's report (end of December) will give us clarity (every parish counts on generosity at Christmas time). The big "lemon" ahead is our need to replace our Chiller cooling system – it's an extra \$54,000 expense we hadn't anticipated. I am praying (seriously) that our parish family members will come through for us on this. I hope more of our family members will adopt the attitude of stewards: that we give because we need to give.

Fr. John O.

End of Year Planning?

Remember Christ the King Parish as you make charitable contributions to reduce your tax burden. If you would like to contribute to our "chiller" that needs replacing please note that on your envelopes/checks. It gets pretty hot in the Church and Hall without one.



Christmas Envelopes

are available in your envelope packets and in the Narthex. Please place your gift to the parish in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.



Remaining Advent Reconciliation Service in the Diocese of Pueblo

Our Lady of the Meadows, Dec. 23rd, 7:00 P.M.



Advent Giving for the Homeless

Please support the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen's Christmas gifts for the poor and the homeless.

At the Christmas Eve dinner each of the 200 women and men will receive a much-wanted flannel shirt as a Christmas present. Your \$10.00 donation per shirt will greatly help these individuals with their need for winter clothing.

Volunteers will be available in the Narthex this weekend, December 21/22 to display the shirts and to accept donations of cash or check. Checks should be made payable to the Pueblo Soup Kitchen.

Christ the King's own Zola Hunyada (may she rest in peace) was a driving force in obtaining land and building the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen downtown in 1990. The Soup Kitchen operates solely on the generosity and donations of private citizens and businesses to feed 100 to 200 men, women and children Monday thru Saturday. Thank you for your generous support this Christmas.

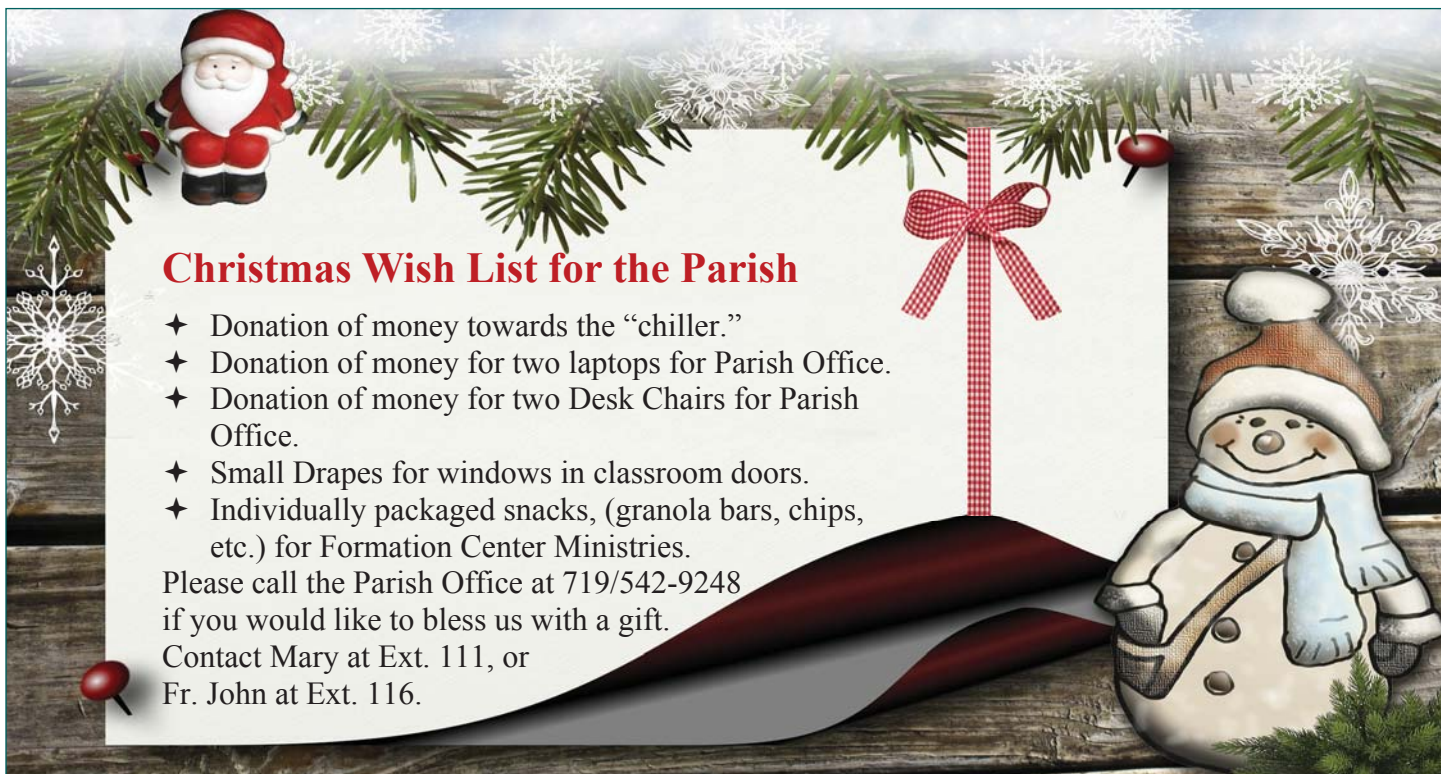
TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.



Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.
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Christ the King Feast Day Celebration—November 23 and 24, 2019





High School Discipleship at a glance

- 2020 -- Save the Date! NET Retreat on Friday, January 17th, 2020
- 2020-- Save the Date! City Wide Youth Fest on Sunday, February 23rd, 2020



CHRISTMAS

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

—From *God's Word Is Our Joy*, Vol. 1 by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1998, World Library Publications. p. 73

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22, 2019

No Religious Formation
No High School Discipleship

Sunday, December 29, 2019

No Religious Formation
No High School Discipleship

Contemplative Prayer



The Benedictine Oblates are offering an introductory class in contemplative prayer on Saturday, January 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Little Flower Formation Center chapel. All are welcome.

Reading 'Open Mind, Open Heart' by Fr. Thomas Keating is recommended prior to the class, but not required. Call Connie at 269-0564 for more information.

Divine Mercy Charismatic Prayer Group

**Monday, January 6th, 2020
at 6:30 p.m.**



The Divine Mercy Charismatic Prayer Group usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Flower Formation Building (Classroom 6th Grade- use entrance near Sister Joan's Room). The Prayer Gathering will include praise/

worship music, teaching, and prayer. For more details please call Prayer Leader Leila Andrews at 773-931-5465.

Cold and Flu season!

Some reminders: 1) if you are not feeling well, you are excused from your obligation to attend a Weekend Mass. 2) If you are scheduled as a CM please get a replacement.



Prayer Line:

If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please call Sarah at 542-9248, Ext. 121 or email her at snelson@ctkpueblo.org.





New Year Kick Off Parent Meetings For Middle School and High School Parents Sunday, January 12, 2020

**Middle School Parents: at 10:00 a.m.
in Sr. Joan's Room**

High School Parents: at noon in Sr. Joan's Room

Come learn about all the opportunities and events happening this semester! You will be able to register for events at this meeting. Meetings will be ½ hour or less.

We will discuss:

- ♦ The NET retreat on January 17
- ♦ The Youth Fest on February 22nd and 23rd
- ♦ Youth group dates and topics
- ♦ Signing up for text messages and videos
- ♦ More information about Confirmation and answer any questions



Steubenville of the Rockies June 19-21, 2020

1st Deposit of \$50.00 due Sunday January 12th, 2020 by 1:30 p.m.
Make check payable to "Christ the King" memo SOR 2020. Give to any of the High School Young

Adult Leadership.

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.



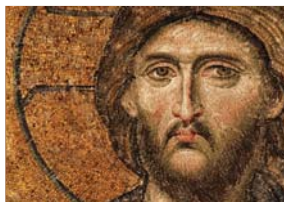
SLS Bake Sale was a success!

The Young Adult Leadership would like to thank the Parish for their generous donations throughout their Bake Sale in early December. All proceeds will go towards their Leadership development. Please continue to pray for the next generation of Leadership rising up among us.



High School and Middle School Retreat Coming in January 2020!

For more than 30 years, [NET Ministries](http://www.netusa.org) has trained more than 2,500 young adults in how to share their faith across the country through personal witness to junior high and high school youth through dynamic retreats. These teams of young adults from across the nation, ages 18-28 live out of one suitcase each while spending nine months leading lively retreats and personal discipleship groups at various parishes and schools. Christ the King has teamed up with several local Parishes to host a NET Retreat at CTK on **Friday, January 17th, 2020** from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. 7th through 12th grade teens welcome!



**Catholic Fellowship Group
January 7th, 2020 from
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Prophet Priest and King
(12- Part Session)**

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. If you have questions please contact Gerald Garduno at 719-252-8508 or Rich Dudley at 719-369-9115.

**Woman's Bible Study Group – January 15th
9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in Sister Joan's Room
Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues**

Join Bishop Robert Barron for this presentation of the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.

Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, known as the "seven lively virtues." These offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness. Call Mickie Markowski at 719-545-6506 or Linda Gettler at 719-545-1058 (Leave voice message if no answer.)

CTK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned Mass, please get a substitute to fill in for you. The Ministry Schedule is posted at ctkpueblo.org.

Saturday, December 28, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

1st Proclaimer: Rich Dudley

2nd Proclaimer: Theresa Dudley

Bread: Mike Foss

Cup: Lynn Foss, Ray Garcia, Eva Garcia, Deacon

Servers: Julian Vigil

Ushers: Martin McClelland, Dan Medved, Jose Rosales, Paul Tafoya

Greeters: Sam Luna, Steve & Bert Luna **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Kath Redmond

Sacristans: Kath Redmond

Sunday, December 29, 2019 @ 8:15 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Ellen Cummings

2nd Proclaimer: John Cummings

Bread: Frank Drotar

Cup: Al Duran, Leila Andrews, Ray Andrews, Deacon

Servers: Chris Compton, Cecilee Duran

Ushers: Sam Lovato, Chris Putaturo, Jason Brown, Chris Campos

Greeters: Patrick O'Connell, Roger Silva **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Steven Lovato

Sacristans: Gerald & Sharlyn Garduno



Sunday, December 29, 2019 @10:45 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Cynthia Kramer

2nd Proclaimer: Laura McMahon

Bread: Patricia Halus

Cup: Diana Ortiz, Yolanda Gonzales, Frank Romero, Deacon

Servers: Brooklyn Weckx, Colin Compton

Ushers: Thomas Roque, John Solano, Loretta Velasquez, Jason Vigil

Greeters: Denise Urbina & Elena, Marta Wallin **Gift Bearers:**

Weekend Ambassador: Loretta Velasquez

Sacristans: Jackie & Teal Baca

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17;

Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4;
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2;
Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23





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