

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 16: Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. No Mass until further notice.

Sunday, May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.
10:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Monday, May 18: Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Tuesday, May 19: Easter Weekday
9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Wednesday, May 20: Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Thursday, May 21: Ascension of the Lord
9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Saturday, May 23: Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. No Mass until further notice.

Sunday, May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.
10:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.



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Once Mass resumes we will contact families to re-schedule Masses that had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.



The sanctuary lamp is available for memorializing your loved ones in prayer. Call the office to reserve your week.

**The church will be open on
Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00AM
for PRIVATE Meditation/Prayer.**



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

All Meetings and Activities have been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Virus.

DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK

*We are humbled by your
continued generosity!
Thank you!*



May 9 & 10 (Mail / Drop-Off): \$1,628.00
May 9 & 10, Electronic: \$554.00

Collection, May 16 & 17: CYO Youth Ministry



For up-to-date parish information visit our
Website: ctkwwri.org

Catholic School Tuition Financial Assistance



Once again, Church of Christ the King will make available financial aid for families supporting their children in Catholic School Education. Active parishioners may call or email (ctkwwri@cox.net) the office to request an application. Fr. Tim will contact you once the Parish has received the necessary information from the Diocesan FACTS report (the diocesan financial aid application process). We ask that those applying for tuition assistance meet the following criteria:

- Participate in the faith and sacramental life of the Parish including the celebration of the mass;
- Demonstrate need by use of the Diocesan Financial Aid Application process (FACTS);
- Volunteer in the parish in one or more ministries/activities.

Readings for the Week of May 17, 2020

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



If you have not joined the **BAND** app yet, please do so. Gina will use this app to keep parents informed. You may email Gina Vessella at g vessella.ckkww@gmail.com for the activation code.

First Communion and **Confirmation** have been postponed. We will notify all when we have new dates!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gina Vessella, Faith Formation Coordinator at g vessella.ckkww@gmail.com, call the parish office at 401.821.9228, or visit our parish website, ckkwwri.org!

Electronic Giving **A convenient, consistent** **way to help your parish!**

During this unusual time, you can help our parish maintain its financial obligations because they remain constant (heat, electric, water, insurance, etc.). **If you are able**, please continue your support with your offerings.

We are grateful to our parish community for all your support and prayers during this unprecedented time. Our inability to gather to worship together also impacts our offerings. Very practically, you can help our parish by setting up a recurring electronic gift to help us begin to stabilize our parish finances during this pandemic.

We currently have **25** families enrolled in the **Bill Pay Program** through their financial institutions. If you are already enrolled in the Bill Pay Program at your financial institution, the set up is a few quick steps! You select the frequency and dollar amount of the payment (donation). The bank will generate a check and mail it to us as instructed. It's that simple ... you no longer have to worry about having the right change or writing a check each week. We have a box on our budget envelopes marked "I Gave Electronically", check the box and place it into the collection basket. Your consistent support is very much appreciated ... especially during times like this that affect so many!



Parish Goal: \$32,000.00
Total Pledged & One Time Gifts
Received to Date: \$9,385.00

Many have responded to the CCA mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the CCA, we thank you for your gifts.

If you received a mailing from the Office of Stewardship and Development, you may mail the special pledge card in the response envelope provided to make your gift. By using this option, the parish will automatically receive credit for your gift. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many.

Some random thoughts

The writer of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles – like all of the Gospel writers – has an agenda. Just like the Gospel has particular flavor, so too does Acts have a particular bias. (Both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person.) The bias in Acts shouldn't surprise us. It is the bias of that time and continues as a bias today: only men, and more specifically, particular men, have the authority to act on God's behalf (be ordained). The writer sets this pattern early in Acts. It is decided (by the male disciples who claim specific authority, according to the writer, that mere disciples cannot claim) that Jesus intended only twelve (12) to share in his authority. The author reinforces this contention by telling a story about the eleven (11) being inspired to hold an election (directed by God) to replace Judas. The criteria (which are very specific and restrictive) are set as to who can be elected. We are told that only two (2) are eligible (Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas). It is in this way that no new claims can be made by others to be an apostle. They don't meet the criteria. A safeguard is added, in this way, to the young institutional church. Moving forward only those with recognized authority can be trusted to give direction and authentic teachings. Initially, this would be the twelve (12). Later (in the author's time) it would also include those ordained by the twelve (12). What is completely overlooked however, (and not missed at all) is that several women also fit the criteria described in the first chapter of Acts! (It should also be noted that Saint Paul announces in Galatians – and elsewhere – that he is an apostle ordained not by the twelve but by Christ! So too is Mary Magdalene ordained by Christ to be the apostle to the apostles!) Developing a structure is a good thing. It also has its drawbacks. A principle deficiency is that authority is switched from residing in the person to an office. The assumption becomes that because someone (a male) is selected (by other males) to be fit to be ordained, that person (a male) also has the authority (authenticity) within him. It is the system – ironically – that Jesus resists and calls unauthentic! His resistance and call to authenticity is what makes him a menace to both institutional Judaism and the Roman government, and he is officially – that is, sanctioned as morally correct and ordained by God – murdered. Acts (like much of the Scriptures) also (unintentionally?) reveals God acting directly through non-recognized people (like Philip who is chosen to wait on tables and not to preach). And God smiles once more at our self-declared importance. God is good.

Parish Updates: The day-to-day maintaining of the property continues. We will be concentrating on the interior worship space over the next week, preparing the space for when we receive the 'okay' to open. As I mentioned in a previous email, the hymnals need to be removed. We are pursuing alternative options so that the lyrics of songs are available. Numerous other details and their resolutions are still pending. 'All will be well and all will be very well....' (Julian of Norwich).

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