



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass

**Monday-Saturday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays before both Masses) & First Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

### Devotions

**Every Thursday:** Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Masses this Week

✠ THE YEAR OF GRACE 2023 ✠

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

### CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Larry Pline (90<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
*requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline*

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:45 a.m. - Konrad Scherer  
*requested by Peter Reichenberger*

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Mass of Saint John the Evangelist

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Betty W. Burt  
*requested by Gary & Diana Burt*

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

### Mass of the Holy Innocents

7:45 a.m. - Mary Lannan  
*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

### Vigil of the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. - Special Intention  
*requested by Edward Reyen*

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:45 a.m. - Pro Populo  
6:00 p.m. - ✠ Maureen Foldeak  
*requested by Jacob Tourigny*

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

### Mass of the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Richard Francis Dowd  
*requested by Susan Dowd*

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

### FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Alma Whitmore  
*requested by George & Nancy Whitmore*  
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD {New Year's Day}  
Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.  
*No public Vespers or Benediction*

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

EPIPHANY EVE

Solemn Vespers & Water Blessing at 6:00 p.m.  
(servers needed for the ceremony)

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemn Mass with guest celebrant Father Greg Markey at 6:00 p.m., followed by traditional blessing of chalk (*no Holy Hour before Mass*), and then a reception in the church hall  
*Please sign up to bring refreshments*

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

FIRST SATURDAY

Ladies Guild meeting in the rectory after Mass & devotions

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses

*Epiphany brunch for Sursum Corda (Institute young adults group, 18-35); please sign up*

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Monthly social after the High Mass

*Visit of Father Benedict Nivakoff, O.S.B., prior of the monastery of Norcia, Italy*

January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Week of prayer for the return of heretics and dissidents to the unity of the Catholic Church

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

First Holy Communion Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY {Candlemas}  
Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

## ❁ CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ❁

### In Memory of

George M. Kuruc, Sr.  
Mary & Anton Spodnik  
Anthony J. Spodnik  
Mary & Joseph Gedics  
Sister M. Isidore, S.S.C.M.

Rev. Anthony Burakowski  
Michael & Alberta Mikulka

Joseph Tkacik  
Mary Tkacik  
Edward Tkacik  
Elizabeth Drab  
Mary Berden

Ann Collins  
Tom Collins  
Tommy Collins

Teresa Marie Kristan

Altieri & Dziekciasz Families

Christopher Gaitano  
Frances Samsel  
Chris Moffit  
Mary Mojcher  
Tom Howard

Jesus & Jose Zamora  
Anna & Tito

Richard Francis Dowd

Frances M. Samsel  
Joseph & Frances E. Samsel  
Anna & Joseph Franko  
Joseph & Catherine Samsel  
Ed & Ceil Petro  
Ed Franko

Joseph & Anna Adam & Family

Bonifacio Malanao  
Feleicidad Malanao  
Marlon Malanao  
Mario Malanao  
Poor Souls in Purgatory

Irene Joaquim  
Miguel Joaquim  
Joseph Joaquim  
João Joaquim  
Miguel Serra

Collin Whitmore  
Marion & George Payne  
Thomas Killoran  
Alma Whitmore  
Jane Clancy

Thomas D. Monks  
Thomas J. Monks  
Jeffrey Monks

Eugene Wirkus, Sr.  
James A. Redmond  
James H. Redmond

Irene & Franklin H. Ellison  
Paulette R. Ellison-Mandis  
Fred Covino  
The Ellison Family  
The Stefura & Bednar Families

Anna Norko  
Joseph Norko

Frank M. Burt  
Charlene Caldwell  
Jamie Rial  
Guadalupe & Maria Castillo  
Frank & Betty Burt

Bill Hirschfield  
Charlie O'Roarke  
Jan Brady  
Mary King  
Carolyn Nelson

### In Honor of

Bishop Frank Caggiano

Monsignor Joseph Pekar

Canon Talarico

Nenita Zamora  
Ma. Theresa Arreza  
Gil Arreza  
Jose Angel Alvaradi  
Louella Rodis

## Happy New Year! And many blessings throughout Christmastide!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind cards and gifts. Abbé and I are very grateful for your tremendous benevolence, and especially for your continued prayers. May God bless you all throughout this beautiful season of Christmastide. As you know, Christmas is not just a one-day affair: the Christmas season lasts for 40 days in all. The feasts of Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) and Candlemas (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) are highlights of this season, which we should all plan to attend. You can always find a list of upcoming events in the weekly bulletin. Please join us for Solemn First Vespers of the Epiphany sung by our choir on January 5<sup>th</sup> (the water blessing will follow—please see back cover for details). We are happy to welcome Father Markey as our guest celebrant for Solemn Mass of the Epiphany this Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> and hope you can all join us for the potluck reception afterwards. Try to bring a traditional *Galette des Rois* or *Rosca de Reyes* Epiphany cake!

Yours faithfully, Canon Altieri, Pastor & Rector

## We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next monthly social hour. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 5 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Please hold all conversations outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

are announced for

**Miss Heather Falsetti**

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bartolo Falsetti

**& Mr. Thomas Sarro**

son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sarro

*This is the SECOND PUBLICATION of the banns.*

### **EPIPHANY WATER & CHALK**

Epiphany Water will be blessed after Solemn Vespers on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

*Please put your water container in place before the start of Vespers* (one container per household; please, no bottles with small necks). Chalk will be blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> after Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m. You can use this holy water and this chalk to bless your home.

During the Octave of the Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup>), Canon will try to bless one home each day. If you are a registered parishioner and your home has not been blessed in the last year, and if you are willing to give Canon a ride, please contact the church office to enquire about arranging an Epiphany house blessing.



### **YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH** **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> after High Mass**

Please join us for a special Epiphanytide brunch, open to all young adults, 18 to 35 years of age. This will be the inaugural activity of "Sursum Corda" (the Institute's young adults group) in our parish. Please sign up to bring an item. Why not invite a friend to Mass and then brunch?

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Circumcision of the Lord