



# 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 6:00 p.m.

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

Fifth Sunday after Easter

## Masses this Week

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

{*Saint Boniface*}

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen, Sr.  
*requested by Edward Reyen*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

### Saint John Baptist de la Salle

7:45 a.m. - Thomas R. Rowe, Sr.  
*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

### Rogation Mass

6:00 p.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon  
*requested by the Kashulon Foundation*

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Ubaldu

7:45 a.m. - Canon Francis X. Altieri  
*requested by Jacob & Katrina Tourigny*

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

### Vigil of the Ascension

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

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:45 a.m. - Pro Populo  
6:00 p.m. - ✠ Sophie Frederick  
*requested by Daniel & Emma Isabel*

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Peter Celestine

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Adeline Reyen  
*requested by Edward Reyen*

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Bernadine of Siena

7:45 a.m. - Edward Reyen  
*requested by Marian Adam*

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

### SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo  
10:15 a.m. - ✠ Charlotte Vendetti  
*requested by June Vendetti*



## Upcoming Events

### Month of May

Please feel free to bring fresh flowers to Our Lady's shrine throughout the month!

### Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

ROGATION MONDAY

Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}  
Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation catechism class at 8:50 a.m.

### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

VIGIL OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun Eve"*}  
Vigil ceremonies & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.  
*Confessions at 9:45 a.m. No early Mass*

### May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Canon Altieri away on annual silent retreat  
*Daily morning Mass and confessions as usual, but no evening Vespers, Holy Hours, Masses or confessions*

### Week of June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion catechism tests  
*Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment for your child*

### Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

CORPUS CHRISTI

Solemn Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

First confessions and rehearsal for First Holy Communions at 9:00 a.m.

### Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communions at the High Mass

### Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Visit of Monsignor Wach to our parish  
*It has been several years since the founder of the Institute of Christ the King has been able to visit our parish, so please plan to attend the festive reception after Mass!*

## Liturgy Corner: THE ROGATION DAYS

In addition to the seasonal Ember days, which fall at the four quarters of the year, another distinctive seasonal feature of our Roman liturgy is the observance of the Greater and Lesser Litanies, commonly called the Rogation Days, which come in the spring. The Greater Litanies are held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, which is also the feast of Saint Mark, although there is no intrinsic link between the two observances. The Lesser Litanies, which usually go by the designation of "Rogation Days," are observed the three days before the feast of the Ascension. In both cases, the liturgical observance is exactly the same: a procession with the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, followed by the celebration of the Rogation Mass. Violet vestments are used, and the paschal candle is not lit. The Greater and Lesser Litanies are days of solemn supplication for the mercy of God and for His blessings. The Greater Litanies are so called because they were instituted at Rome, the mother of all Churches, at the time of Pope Saint Gregory the Great (+ 604), the primary compiler of our Roman liturgy, to beg deliverance from a serious plague, which had claimed the life of his predecessor and of many people. It may be that this date was chosen to replace the last memory of a pre-existing, raucous pagan celebration. The Lesser Litanies, held before the Ascension, had originated in Gaul (around the year 470), where they were instituted by Saint Mamertus, the holy bishop of Vienne, when his city was beset by many afflictions. These Lesser Rogations were adopted by Rome around the time of Charlemagne, a period important for the formation of what would later be codified as the "Tridentine" liturgy, since the ancient Roman rite and the Gallican rite (from north of the Alps) melded in some ways during this time, as liturgical manuscripts began to circulate. Because Rogationtide falls within the Easter season, the Church of Rome rejected the Gallican custom of fasting during these quasi-penitential days, although even in Rome for several centuries it was still customary to abstain from meat on these three days, as a complement to the prayers of supplication.

The last day of Rogationtide, Wednesday, is also the Vigil of the Ascension. Like the Vigil of the Epiphany, this is a joyful vigil, celebrated in white vestments. It can potentially happen (and often does), that this day can also coincide with a saint's day (since saint's days occupy set dates on the calendar, whereas the Ascension and Rogationtide depend on the shifting date of Easter). In that case, at least in monasteries, multiple Masses would be offered: Mass of the feast after Terce, Mass of the Vigil after Sext, and the Rogation procession and Mass after None (Terce, Sext, and None are the "Little Hours" of the Divine Office, recited at different points of the day, usually in mid-morning, around noon, and in mid-afternoon respectively). If the Rogation Mass is not celebrated, it is commemorated by the inclusion of its Orations. On days when the procession is not held, the clergy still are enjoined to recite the Litany and its accompanying prayers on behalf of their people.

We can get a sense of the importance of the Rogation procession if we consider that in the Middle Ages, these processions could cover tremendous ground and last several hours. In rural districts, the procession might be interrupted to include a blessing of the fields (which is the case even today at our seminary of Gricigliano), whereas in urban areas especially the procession was an occasion for "beating the bounds," striking the parish boundaries with long willow wands as the procession moved along, in order to impress upon everyone's memory the precise confines of the parish.

### **HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!**

We wish a very happy Mothers' Day to all mothers and grandmothers in the congregation today. May Our Lady and Saint Anne obtain many blessings for you and your families on this day!

### **PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS - MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please pray for the following men who will be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Bridgeport:

*Ricardo Batista Comim*

*James DiVasto, Jr.*

*Ferry Galbert*

*Andrew LaFleur*

*Miguel Betancur Lenis*

*Matthew Loman*

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

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our upcoming special Masses and the social hour next month. 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).

### ONE IN CHRIST – 2023 BISHOP’S APPEAL

#### Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish

*Progress as of May 12<sup>th</sup>*

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|-----------------|---------------|
| ABA Goal:       | \$11,000.00   |
| Total Pledged:  | \$8,035 (73%) |
| Donors to Date: | 24 Donors     |



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at [2023 BishopsAppeal.org](https://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES

**More Servers are needed** for the upcoming special High Masses that do not fall on a Sunday: **Rogation Monday** (May 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.), **Ascension Thursday** (May 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.), **Vigil of Pentecost** (Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:15 a.m.), and **Corpus Christi** (Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.).

*Please let Canon know if you are available to serve at any of these important ceremonies. Thank you in advance for your help!*



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# 2023

## SUMMER CAMPS

Camps foster holy friendships among like-minded youth and encourage them to pursue the devout life with courage, according to the motto of the Institute: *Living the Truth in Charity* (Ephesians 4:15).

**REGISTRATION & MORE INFO**

<https://form.jotform.com/icksp/institute-summer-camps-2023>



**YOUTH CAMPS (AGES 9-13)**  
**WAUSAU, WI \* 5 DAYS!**

St. Dominic Savio Camp (Boys)  
July 17-21 | Deadline: July 10

St. Therese Camp (Girls)  
July 24-28 | Deadline: July 17

**TEEN CAMPS (AGES 14-17)**  
**GREEN LAKE, WI \* 6 DAYS!**

St. Michael Camp (Young Men)  
August 9 - 14 | Deadline: July 19

Immaculate Conception Camp (Young Ladies)  
August 14-19 | Deadline: July 24

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May 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

Fifth Sunday after Easter