

Christ the King Catholic Church

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We welcome you to this church community, which attempts to follow our Lord Jesus Christ as He reveals Himself through the priceless Gift of the Catholic Faith.

PASTOR

Father Todd Philipsen 436-2290
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William Benton 436-2290

CUSTODIAN

D'Angelo & Staci Murillo Family

MEDIA TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Jen Bohnsack 672-2334

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-4:00pm or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Please call office for Sacramental preparation.

MARRIAGE

Please call office to begin preparation at least four months before your wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 10:00 am

PARISH COUNCIL

Pat Heath, President

LITURGY

Altar Servers: Jill Trautman
Greeters & Gift Bearers: Renee Kautz
Lectors: Lillian Ash
Music: Jeri Revelle

Special Ministers of

Holy Communion: Miriam Benton
Ushers: Knights of Columbus

LADIES' GUILD

Maureen Hecker, President

KNIGHTS

OF COLUMBUS

Neal Johnson, Grand Knight

PRO-LIFE

Reenie Berry & Cathy Sauter

PRAYER MINISTRY

1) Prayer Tree:

Renee Kautz 765-0938
Carol Lopez 436-5778

2) Eucharistic Holy Hour: Fridays, 4:00pm.

3) Eucharistic Prayer Day: First Friday of the month.

SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Deacon Lee Trautman 436-2290

CATECHUMENATE

Interested in the Catholic Faith, or desiring to delve deeper? OCIA runs September thru Easter.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Church Etiquette: Priest should be last in and first out of Church.

Weekly Mass Intentions**Tuesday, August 18**

5:15 pm Terry Kugler†

Wednesday, August 19

5:15 pm David Berry†

Thursday, August 20

11:30 am Audre and Lew Asselin††

Friday, August 21

5:15 pm Clara Linenbrink†

~21st Sunday in Ordinary Time~**Saturday, August 22**

5:00 pm Carl Lampe†

Sunday, August 23

10:30 am Alec Champine†

Offerings August 8th and 9th, 2026**Envelopes: \$2225; Plate: \$2205; Children: \$101.50****Online: \$865.60 Other: \$65 Total: \$5462.10**

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:7~



Hello! Nature is so powerful. One of my stops along my way of Priesthood has been Crawford/Harrison. Looking out my window, I could see the Buttes and I would ride my bike to Ft. Robinson. During those years I grew in my appreciation for the beauty of God's creation. I recently took a drive around Ft. Robinson. The damage from the recent wild fires made me sad; but God's creation is resilient. These days I drive every Sunday morning alongside the Monument on my way to Mitchell. God's creative touch is awesome and steady. Last week in the Old Testament reading Elijah stands on the mountain, Elijah looks and listens. Elijah endured the roar and intensity of wind, fire and earthquake. God would eventually be heard in a tiny whispering sound. In the Old Testament reading today the image of the squeaky wheel came to mind. By squeaky wheel I mean the person in our life who reminded us to go to mass while we were away at college or the squeaky wheel was the one who asked us when was the last time that we visited our elderly, lonely relative. Whether it be through the beauty of God's creation or the squeaky wheel, God's word and spirit is alive. Embrace God and Jesus and be the light of Christ in the world this week.

Peace

~Fr. Todd~

On a side note: If a wedding is on your horizon please contact me in the next week. I would like to have initial contact regarding upcoming weddings before I go on Sabbatical.

**Our Future, Our Church, Our Home****Campaign Goal: \$50,000****Amount Currently Raised: \$19,645****Amount still needed to hit goal: \$30,355****Campaign Message:**

Together we are building the future of our parish through faith, stewardship, and generosity!!

Thank you!!**LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 22ND AND 23RD****ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 PM.....Savanna Long/Thailynn Hatfield

10:30 AM.....Gigi Gamboa/Kinley Loomis

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:00 PM(H) Tom Robinson/Brandy Robinson/Agnes Robinson

10:30 AM(H) Danny O'Boyle/Barb O'Boyle/Priscilla Blanco

LECTOR:

5:00 PM.....Kim Flaherty

10:30 PM.....Ann Connelly

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 PM.....

10:30 AM.....

USHER LEADERS:

5:00 PM.....Les Olson

10:30 AM.....Levi Loomis

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3 to 4 pm or by appointment

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026**Mon:** Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22**Tues:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30**Wed:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16**Thurs:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14**Fri:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40**Sat:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12**Next Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20**Observances for the week of August 16, 2026****Wed:** St. John Eudes, Priest**Thurs:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**Fri:** St. Pius X, Pope**Sat:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

O.C.I.A: As you come to Mass ask yourself is there someone you could invite to accompany you. Evangelizing can begin with inviting. O.C.I.A will be starting soon.



Planning a future wedding? Please contact Fr. Todd at the Parish Office 436-2290 for information and to schedule the big day. Very important to contact Fr. Todd before Aug. 25th. Prior to him leaving for his Sabbatical.

Attention!!

For Parish services such as funerals, maintenance religious education, weddings, homebound visits to the sick, etc. **please contact the Parish Office.** The office Staff will take messages and will appropriately direct the request.

Thank you!!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith. She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance. This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

~Father John Muir~



Religious Education

We are currently looking for Catechists/Co-Catechists for grades 1, 6 and 8. Can you volunteer? Call the parish office!



Teachers' Meeting

Catechist Training

We will have a Catechist Training/Meeting for all catechists **THIS Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 pm.** Supper will be provided and training will last just about an hour.

2026-2027 Confirmation Parent Meeting

Parents of 7th & 8th Graders preparing for Confirmation...

Please mark your calendars for a Mandatory Meeting, **Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00pm.**

At least one parent must be present at this meeting. Bishop Hanefeldt will be joining us for our meeting

We serve dinner for our middle school/high school students on Wednesday evenings... can you cook one Wednesday for us? Call the parish office to volunteer!

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education Year is NOW OPEN!

To register, visit our parish website:

www.christthekinggering.com

Once you're on the website, click on the "Registration" tab.

At the end of the registration process, you will be redirected to complete payment.

Religious Education Classes Begin:

- **Grades P-5:** Sunday, September 20th at 9:10 am
- **Grades 6-8:** Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm
- Our first High School Fellowship night will be **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm** at Father Todd's house.



~ **Online Giving:** <https://osvhub.com/christ-the-kingchurch/giving/funds> ~



Parish Nurse's Corner:

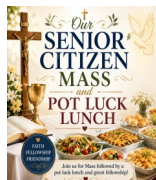
Better Balance classes have concluded for the summer, resuming after Labor Day on Thursday, September 10 see you than.

Blood Pressure monitoring is always available to you.

Please call Stephanie at 308-631-0645.

Baptism Class-Do you have someone needing the sacrament of Baptism? Father Todd will be offering a required class on Baptism, **Today August 16th following the 10:30 Mass** in the church basement.

Anyone wishing to have a future baptism must attend the class.



Please join us **THIS THURSDAY, August 20, 2026**

for our next **Senior Citizen Mass and Potluck Lunch!**

Mass at 11:30 am

followed by lunch and guest speaker Tim Powers

Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Coffee, water and tableware provided.

Senior Citizen is open to interpretation!!

Now Hiring!

PARISH NURSE!

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Christ the King Parish is seeking a **Registered Nurse (RN)** to serve as our **Parish Nurse** in a paid position of approximately **10 hours per week**.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Outreach and support for the sick and homebound.
- Promoting health and wellness through the lens of the Catholic faith.
- Providing health education and resources to our parish community.
- Serving as a compassionate presence for those in need.

If you are a Registered Nurse who feels called to combine your healthcare skills with ministry, we would love to hear from you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
308-436-2290

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
— MATTHEW 25:40

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR before the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00pm. This hour is dedicated primarily to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as the return of lapsed Catholics.

STATUE OF OUR LADY This week the statue of Our Lady is in the home of Renee Kautz 2030 13th St Gering. Escort: John Shelly. *If you would like to schedule a time to have the statue in your home, please call Les Olson at 308-436-8302.*

BISHOP'S CALL At the Bishop's Vocations Summit, they encouraged prayer with the Vocations Chalice. We invite you to request the Vocations Chalice in your home to prayerfully promote vocations. This is especially necessary at a time when our country is so short on priests. *To request the Vocations Chalice in your home, please call the parish office.*

Special Thanks to our Advertiser of the Week:

Farmers Insurance

Vi Reitz Insurance Agent

(see back for advertisement)

In your daily business, we encourage you to show your appreciation by supporting them!

This Week on Formed

Week of August 16, 2026



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



Simple Ways to Celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary at Home on August 22

~ WIT & WISDOM ~

"The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing."
~Proverbs 10:28~

"A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back"
~Proverbs 29:11~

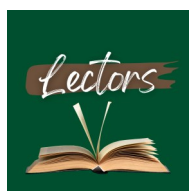
"For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song." ~Isaiah 51:3~

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"
~Isaiah 41:13~

"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
~Ephesians 5:19—20~

"In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people"
~Acts 2:17~

"When he, the Spirit of truth, comes he will guide you into all truth."
~John 16:13~

**Lectors for August**

August 16 ~ Ronna Leider

August 23 ~ Eliasar Kanno

August 30 ~ Ronna Leider

**Eucharistic Ministers August**

August 16 ~ Jean & Kevin Poncelet

August 23 ~ Julie Wilkinson & Lupe Sanchez

August 30 ~ George Urdiales & Harold Kaus

Our Sunday Offering to God**St. Theresa's Offerings****August 8th and 9th, 2026****Envelopes: \$395; Plate: \$389; Children: \$26****Candles: \$20 Total: \$830****Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Day/Date: Sun - Aug. 16

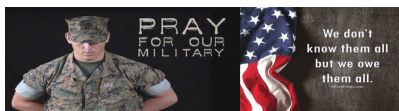
Time/Place: 8:00 am Mitchell

Name of Intention: For the People of St. Theresa and Christ the King

We had a wonderful backpack blessing on Sunday August 9th
thank you to everyone that participated in this blessing.

**Prayers Needed:**

A group from the Cheyenne National Air Guard will be deployed overseas at the end of August. Many of service members are from right here in the Nebraska panhandle, including at least one member of our own church family. We ask that you please keep these men, women and their families in your daily prayers.

**Pray for the healing of:**

Paul Pieper, Blanca Bair, Corrina Gutierrez, Carol Murphy, Joann Begley Ray Carrillo

If someone is facing a challenge & needs prayers or a person listed has recovered & no longer needs extra prayers for the challenges they were facing, please let me know.

Ladies LUNCHEON

THURSDAY AUGUST 20TH

AT 11:30 AM
at the
FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT
in Lyman, NE

All Ladies are welcome and bring a friend.
See you there!!

Help Wanted!

We are looking for **Catechists and Co-Catechists** for our upcoming Religious Education Year!

Can you give of your time and talent to this vital ministry?

Come join the team!

You will be amazed at how much your own faith and knowledge of the faith grow through this ministry!

Call the parish office for details!

We can't do it without you!

Catechists and Co-Catechist meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 26th at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church more to follow.

We're STILL OPEN

Please remember that even during the **summer months** the church is **open** and still has the responsibility of paying the bills.

Please remember your weekly/monthly tithing.