

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

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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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 15

5:00 pm John Kissack II †

Wednesday, September 16

5:00 pm Courtney Wolfe †

Thursday, September 17

5:00 pm Fr. James Janovec †

Friday, September 18

5:00 pm Chad Schulte † Birthday

~25th Sunday in Ordinary Time~

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Lisa Berger Bucknell †

Sunday, September 20

10:30 am Fr. R.L. Pointkowski †

Offerings September 5th and 6th, 2026

Due to early publication of this bulletin, totals from last weekend will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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.

Our Future, Our Church, Our Home

Campaign Goal: **\$50,000**

Amount Currently Raised: **\$20,590**

Amount still needed to hit goal: **\$29,410**

Campaign Message:

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

Thank you!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 19TH AND 20TH

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 PM.....Kylie Schmidt & Julianna Keller

10:30 AM.....Brendan & Sydney Trautman

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

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

10:30 AM(H) Greg Trautman / Sandy Butcher / Miriam Benton

LECTOR:

5:00 PM.....Darren Hecker

10:30 PM.....Barb O'Boyle

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 PM.....

10:30 AM.....

USHER LEADERS:

5:00 PM.....Jack Revell

10:30 AM.....Joe Sanchez



We welcome Father Neal Nollette (Padre Pete) as the celebrant of our Masses this weekend and for a few of the coming weekends. Welcome, Padre! Thank you for ministering to us here at Christ the King and Saint Theresa Parishes!

ADOPT A CATECHIST!

Did you know that Christ the King has nearly **30 dedicated catechists** who generously volunteer their time each week to share the Catholic faith with our youth? These faithful individuals are a vital part of our parish and play an important role in helping our young people grow closer to Christ. Now, let's support them in return! **Adopt a Catechist** for the upcoming Religious Education year. Your commitment is simple but powerful: **pray for your catechist each day.** Let's help build the Kingdom of God by lifting up our catechists in prayer and supporting them throughout the year.



To adopt a catechist, please call the parish office to receive a name.

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/

Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk

7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/

Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-

24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2026

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3 to 4 pm or by appointment

~ NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please come by the office or call to register ~ 436-2290 ~

OUR LADY GUADALUPE CENTER Annual Dinner
A DAY OF FAITH • COMMUNITY • GOOD FOOD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
TIME: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: 1200 E. 9th St. Scottsbluff, NE 69361
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
All are welcome!
\$15.00 each plate

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
1200 E. 9th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Admit One-Ticket #

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!
We appreciate your support!

CHRIST THE KING
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
AGES 21-39

THEOLOGY ON TAP

FEATURING
BISHOP EMERITUS,
WILLIAM DENDINGER
OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAND ISLAND

"YOUR PERSONAL
BIOGRAPHY:
GOD SPEAKING
TO YOU"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
6:30 PM
PAPA MOON
HEADQUARTERS
SCOTTSBLUFF

COME FOR AN EVENING OF
FELLOWSHIP AND CONVERSATION

Please join us for
**THE FUTURE OF
FAITH DINNER**

OCTOBER 9, 2026
Join us for an evening celebrating the mission of Catholic campus ministry across western Nebraska while raising support for the Chadron Newman Center.

Event Details

COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30PM	DINNER 7:00PM
LOCATION Gering Civic Center 1050 M St Gering, NE 69341	RSVP BY 09/25 

 

Religious Education



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.

All children must be registered per the Diocesan

Safe Environment Program

Religious Education Classes Begin NEXT WEEK:

- **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.

Confirmation



Attention all 7th 8th Graders!!!

Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, September 27th
beginning with the 10:20 am Mass!
All 7th & 8th graders
MUST be present!



Mark your calendars... Join us
Sunday, October 4th
for the Pro-life Prayer Chain, downtown
Scottsbluff.
Take an hour out of your Sunday afternoon
to help promote and defend life!
More details to come!

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 Pat Kimberley, 2350 Five Rocks Rd. #404, Gering. Escort: David Klemp. 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.



This Week on Formed Week of September 13, 2026



The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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



Baptism Class-Do you have someone needing the sacrament of Baptism? The next required class on Baptism, will be
Next Sunday, **September 20th**
following the 10:30 Mass in the church basement. *Anyone wishing to have a future baptism must attend the class.*

O.C.I.A. HAS BEGUN!

Do you know someone who has been thinking about becoming Catholic? Perhaps you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith! It's not too late to join us! O.C.I.A. meets on **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** in the church basement. Come with your questions, curiosity, and an open heart.

We would love to have you join us on this journey of faith!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35



In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it. The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting. Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another. How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score. Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

Jesus said, "If anyone is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Learn techniques to help face challenges in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO. 2027:

Apr. 9-11, Colorado Springs, CO;

Aug. 7-8, Littleton, CO; Sept. 24-26, Lincoln, NE

Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information.

For Spanish WWME Experience information, contact Victor & Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and additional dates and locations, please visit www.wwme.org Follow us on

Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Special Thanks to our Advertiser of the Week:

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(see back for advertisement)

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Everyday Stewardship Forgiving Wrongdoings



Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me.

Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011. Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father. As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Parish Nurse's Corner:

Better Balance classes have resumed!
We meet Thursday mornings from 9-10
am in the ed center basement!
We would love to have you join us!

Blood Pressure monitoring is always
available to you.

Please call Stephanie at 308-631-0645.



~ WIT & WISDOM ~

"Give Peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you..."

~ Sirach 27:30

"I give you a new commandment says, the Lord; love one another as I have loved you."

~ John 13:34

"The Lord is kind and merciful..."

~ Psalm 103

"The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord."

~ 1 Corinthians 10:16

"Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth."

~ Author Unknown

"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation."

~ E. Trueblood



Lectors for September

September 6—*Lupe Sanchez*
 September 13—*Ronna Leider*
 September 20—*Eliasar Kanno*
 September 27—*Kevin Poncelet*

September Eucharistic Ministers

September 6—*Ronna Leider & George Urdiales*
 September 13—*Harold Kaus & Julie Wilkinson*
 September 20—*Kevin & Jean Poncelet*
 September 27—*George Urdiales & Julie Wilkinson*



St. Theresa Offerings

September 5th & 6th

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, Sunday, September 13

8:00 am Mitchell

Ron Weiss †

Next Sunday, September 20

8:00 am Mitchell

For the People of St. Theresa and Christ the King

PRAYER REQUESTS



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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 yours 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 call the parish office.

Religious Education



Religious Ed Classes are

Begin NEXT Sunday!!!

Sunday, September 20— 9:00 am
Elementary Grades

Wednesday, September 23— 7:00 pm Jr. High/High School
This includes 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep. I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak. Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment. It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not? But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit. Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive. If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief. Well, yeah. That's forgiveness. Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies." If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

