
 Christ the King, *Webster* & Immaculate Conception, *Waubay*

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- Confession Times: Webster–Tue 12:00—12:45 pm & Sat 3:30—4:20pm
Waubay– Sun 8:00—8:20am
- Baptisms are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for an appointment.
- Marriage Preparation: Contact pastor at least six months prior to desired wedding date.
- If you are new to our parish and would like to join please contact the office for a registration form.
- If you would like to reserve the parish hall at *either* parish, please contact the parish office.
- IC door combination: If you would like access to the church to pray please contact the office.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon Jan 4, *Fr Doug's Sabbath Rest*

Tues Jan 5, 5:00pm (CTK)† Those coping with Covid

Wed Jan 6, 11:00am (IC)† Right to Life

Thurs Jan 7, 10:00am(Bethesda)† Marcella Kotzea

Fri Jan 8, 8:00am (CTK)† Isaac Roerig

Sat Jan 9, 5:00pm (CTK)† Amelia Murschel

Sun Jan 10, 8:30 am (IC) People of the Parishes

Sun Jan 10, 10:30am (CTK) † Adeline Jaskulka

Sunday Offering: CTK \$ IC \$

At this time the Mass at Bethesda Nursing Home is not opened to the public.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday's

Christ the King from 2:30pm-8:30pm

Immaculate Conception following 11:00am

Mass with a Rosary.

Epiphany

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow?

Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

Thank You. We would like to thank all those who donated the Poinsettias in memory of their loved ones and everyone who helped decorate for our Christmas season. They helped make our church beautiful.

I Heard God Laugh: our parishes have been gifted "I Heard God Laugh" by Matthew Kelly, they are for anyone who would like one. Enjoy the book.

RE Classes: will resume this Wednesday, January 6th for both parishes.

Envelopes for both parishes: Please pick up your envelopes, available now in the back of the Church (cry room at IC). If you would pick them up it will save the parishes postage to have to mail them. If you know someone who is watching the Mass on TV because of COVID would you please pick them up and deliver them to them.

Help Needed: we have fill the spot that was open for Eucharistic Adoration but if you would be able to be a sub and spend an hour with our Lord you can contact Clara Roerig or the office at CTK. Please pray about this and see if this is where the Lord would like you to be for part of your day.

The Knights of Columbus WILL NOT be having our regularly scheduled meeting this month due to continuing challenges presented by the China virus. We will communicate by text, email and phone issues of importance to our order until we can safely gather again. Vivat Jesus!

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JAN 9TH – JAN 10TH

CHRIST THE KING (Webster)

SATURDAY 5:00pm

SERVERS... Jay Keller, Jacob Keller, Tommy Vergeldt

LECTOR ... Bob Sichmeller

E.M. ... * Scott & *Chere Bierschbach, Margaret Kwasniewski

USHERS... We will not be having ushers at this time.

SUNDAY 10:30am

SERVERS... Carrington Hanson, Ian Lesnar, Tucker Popham

LECTOR ... Tim Gaikowski

E.M... * Dennis & *Bernie Kurkowski, Gayle Dargatz

USHERS... We will not be having ushers at this time.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Waubay)

SUNDAY 8:30am

SERVERS... Bryson Zirbel, Witten Butler, Nathan Pearson

LECTOR... Tasha Zirbel

E.M... * Sheryl Town

USHERS... We will not be having ushers at this time.

COLLECTION COUNTERS: Candace Zirbel

Mike Zirbel, Randy Gronke

Pastor's Column

Holy Mary Mother of God:



God The Father chose in the fullness of time to send His Son our Lord Jesus Christ into the world through a virgin called Mary. Some people object to Catholics calling Mary “The Mother of God”, but that is to object to what God Says in the scriptures.

In the scriptures we are told that Mary accepted and believed all that the Angel Gabriel told her about the greatness of The Child “**Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.**” (Lk 1:35) ... “and **give him the name Jesus.**” (Lk 1:31) Upon Mary’s acceptance, she conceived of The Holy Spirit. Mary immediately went to her kinswoman Elizabeth, who was 6 months pregnant. St. Luke tells us that Mary is the mother of God, when Mary greets Elizabeth. Elizabeth was filled with The Holy Spirit and she prophesied what no human being in this world knew except for the Virgin Mary. Elizabeth exclaimed, “**who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**” (Lk 1:43) This is not emotionalism. This is a faithful and righteous woman, who is a prophet

filled with The Holy Spirit of Truth, and Elizabeth speaks The Truth that God has just revealed to her. God reveals to Elizabeth this incredible honor and privilege given to the Virgin Mary. Matthew also refers to Mary as the mother of The Lord Mt 1:18 “**This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.**” (Mt 1:18)

These Truths do not make sense to our limited human minds, as we cannot fully comprehend The Infinite God, or that The Infinite God became a limited man born of a virgin. We can only accept it. God tells us of these wondrous miracles in The Bible, and we either reject what God Says or accept what God Says in The Faith that God has revealed to us so that we can believe. Beware of intellectual pride that thinks ourselves to be so wise that we become fools who miss this God given opportunity to believe in all that God has done for us. Disordered human pride thinks we are so knowledgeable and wise that we become skeptical of what God does in His Infinite Knowledge and Wisdom. God reveals these Truths of Faith to inform us so that we can believe, even though we cannot fully understand. The Virgin Mary is a limited human being created by God, and yet, she becomes the mother of her Infinite God, Who is The Creator and Lord of all.

The Virgin Mary has a relationship with God that no other human being has ever had or ever will have. Human words pale and fail to express The Divine Reality of God working such Grace and Glory through Mary. Spend time reflecting on the depth and meaning of the Angel Gabriel’s words “The angel went to her and said, “Hail(*Greetings*), **favored one!**(*full of Grace*) **The Lord is with you.**” (Lk 1:28) We scarcely comprehend what it means to be highly favored by God, as God shows mercy to whom God shows mercy. God sees our hearts and judges accordingly, and Mary’s heart was pure and willing to do whatever God told her. We only see with human eyes, and we can easily be mistaken in what we see. This is why “we walk by faith not by sight.” (2 Cor 5:7) and that is what Mary did as she trusted in and believed what God Said even though she did not understand it. Mary has an amazing degree of humility that enabled her to accept all that God said through the angel. Mary exclaims “God has done great things for me and Holy is His Name.” (Lk 1:49) But what does “great things” really mean? The Almighty God and Father chose to send His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to us through Mary. Mary becomes the first Church and Tabernacle to receive Jesus Christ in this world. We can rightly call Mary, the mother of the Church and our spiritual mother. Jesus is our Salvation; therefore, Salvation came to us through the Virgin Mary. Jesus still comes to us in powerful ways through the intercession of this highly favored daughter of God. Mary is so full of Grace and full of God that she obtains for us Amazing Grace in extraordinary ways when we ask her to pray to God for us. Fr. Doug Binsfeld