

## Christ the King, Webster &amp; 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: 1-3-7-9, the four corners of the pad

**Pastor's Column**

This article will conclude this little series of articles on science, evolution, and their relationship to the faith. It is not my favorite topic but nonetheless one of importance for many today. I mentioned that I wanted to finish up with what the Church teaches definitively on the topic of creation, in light of the theory of evolution. One of the best sources that I know of for this is the book by Dr. Ludwig Ott called: *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, first published in 1952. This book, which is basically a manual, has long been considered a reliable source for what the Church teaches definitively (the Church's doctrines and dogmas). Ott does not just give opinions; he draws directly from official Church writings, like Church Councils and papal documents. If you'd like a photocopy of the pages pertaining to creation and evolution, you can stop by and we will photocopy them for you.

Ott states the following: "The first three chapters of the book of Genesis contain narratives of real events, no myths, no mere allegories or symbols of religious truth, no legends." Part of the reason for this statement is because there have been Scripture "scholars" and "theologians," including Catholic ones, who have tried to say that Scripture is something like Aesop's fables – just a myth or story or legend that is meant to teach some nice lesson on how we should be. *No*, the first 3 chapters of Genesis contain descriptions of concrete events that actually occurred in history, although some figurative language might be used; last week's article, for example, noted that "day" *could* mean (literally) one day but it *could* mean years, even 1000's of years. As also stated by Ott: "[Since] the Sacred Writer had not the intention of representing with scientific accuracy... but [rather] of communicating knowledge in a popular way suitable to...his time, the account is not to be regarded as if it were couched in language which is strictly scientific." As mentioned before, although Scripture makes statements about the natural world, it's not intended to be a science book and cannot be judged on that basis.

Ott goes on to say that a purely materialistic theory of evolution which claims that matter (material stuff) is eternal and uncreated and that the emergence of all living creatures can be explained by purely mechanical, material causes is contrary to Revelation; i.e., it is definitely false, we know with certainty it is false because it is contrary to what God has revealed. Matter is not eternal; it did have a beginning, it was created and the creator is God. It is not necessarily contrary to Revelation that some living things developed from other living things, as mentioned last week. In regard to man, here also a purely materialistic theory of evolution cannot be held – that man (body and soul) arose entirely from the animal kingdom in a purely mechanical way; it is definitely false. To once again quote Ott: "The soul of the first man was created immediately by God out of nothing. As regards the body, its immediate formation from inorganic stuff by God cannot be maintained with certainty...the possibility exists [i.e., cannot be ruled out] that God breathed the spiritual soul into an organic stuff, that is, into an originally human body" [i.e., such a thing is not contrary to Revelation, although Revelation doesn't say that this is the case either].

Let us step back now and consider some other general and important points. God created the natural world and He also gave us Revelation. It is impossible, therefore, for actual truths of the natural world to contradict the truths of Revelation. There is no *true* reason for conflict: "either science or religion" is not a choice one has to make; it is a false dichotomy, sadly today one that is often perpetrated by those involved in "science." A person *will*, at times, have to choose between false claims of "science" and the truths of the faith; in some cases, one may even have to choose against false claims of some religions as well. But again, truth cannot contradict truth; the real truths of the material world are entirely consistent with the truths of Revelation; it cannot be otherwise. If at some point there seems to be contradictions, it just means that one or the other is not yet understood in the right way. True science, a pure search for the truths of the natural world without bias or agendas, is something good; it's not the highest thing (that's the study of the faith) but it's not bad. It *could* even help, at times and to some extent, in knowing God in a fuller way since all of creation bears His mark. This should also be remembered when considering the likeness of various species; a common ancestor is not by any means the only conceivable way to explain similarity; so is a common Creator who creates nothing that is completely unlike Himself.

One reason that some "scientists" want to insist that things like evolution "prove" their atheism is almost certainly the core corruption of original sin, a turning in on one's self; I will be king, the master of my own self, I will have no God over me; I will worship myself. It is pride, mere human arrogance. However, there are those who, while believing in some way in Christ, also cause harm to the faith by breaking from the teaching authority of the Church and insisting on an *absolutely* literal interpretation of *all* of Sacred Scripture; for example, one day definitely means one 24-hour period, nothing else is possible, no matter what else I see or hear. I wonder how such people deal with our Lord's statement that if our eye cause us to sin, tear it out; if our hand, cut it off? If I interpreted that literally, I wouldn't have any body parts left. Thank God for the teaching authority of the Church; it is invaluable, both in our personal lives and for the faith at large. Let us conclude with this: do not expect science to prove faith, it cannot; do not expect the faith to prove "science," that is not its purpose.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. Mar 18, 5:30 pm (CTK) Personal Intention  
Tue. Mar 19, 5:00 pm (CTK) Special Intentions  
Wed. Mar 20, 11:00 am (IC) †Helen Butler  
Thurs. Mar 21, 10:00 am (Bethesda) †Hattie Meier  
Fri. Mar 22, 8:00 am (CTK) †Jerry Becking  
Sat. Mar 23, 5:00 pm (CTK) †Delmar Opitz  
Sun. Mar 24, 8:30 am (IC) †Deceased Family Members  
of Roger Johanning  
Sun. Mar 24, 10:30 am (CTK) People of the Parishes

Eucharistic Adoration following Friday Mass

Sunday Offering: CTK \$2027 IC \$

## Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2019

Your contribution to CFSA helps each of the diocesan ministries reach out to thousands, including training our future priests, respect for life, education in our faith, ministry to the homebound, helping hurting marriages, and more. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's appeal. The goal for each parish for 2019 is (CTK) \$34,000 & (IC) \$10,100 and 100% participation. Any amount raised above our share stays in this parish. Thank you.

**Canon Lawyer letter available at entrances of both parishes.** I ran across a letter by a canon lawyer on the handling of clergy sex abuse allegations that I thought was a very unique perspective and also indirectly spoke to the needs of the Church. I printed a few copies (along with some explanatory notes) and put them at the entrances of the church for both parishes; if you are interested, please take one. If we run out, we can print more. Fr Kuhn.

**Youth Ski Trip March 30<sup>th</sup>**— Open to all youth liturgical helpers through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (lectors, altar servers, cantors, etc) from Eden, Grenville, Waubay, & Webster Catholic Churches. To get more information and sign up, please go to this website - <https://goo.gl/4aSYdK> a waiver form will also have to be signed by child and parent. Please visit this site to print and fill out the waiver form <https://goo.gl/obtXnD> this event is sponsored by Waubay/Webster Knights of Columbus. Any questions, please call Craig Case 605-881-6619. Deadline to sign up will be Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 10 to go. We need adult driver to transport and chaperone the trip; if interested, please indicate that on the sign up site.

**KC Meeting.** Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Christ the King parish hall.

## LENT 2019

**FAST DAYS:** *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.* On fast days one large meal and two lighter meals are permitted for those 18 to 59 years of age. Eating between meals is not permitted.

**ABSTINENCE DAYS:** *Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent.* No meat is allowed for those 14 years of age and older.

**RICE BOWL:** We are asked to select one meal each week and reduce the amount we eat and donate the savings to feed the hungry by placing the savings in the Rice Bowl containers.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—Fridays Immaculate Conception 5:30pm Christ the King 7:30pm  
*Mondays* during Lent the Knights of Columbus will lead the Stations of the Cross following the 5:30pm Mass.

**King's Kids Event:** Did you know pretzels were invented by monks over 1500 years ago as a Lenten food? The King's Kids invite children (kindergarten through 6th grade) from both parishes to CTK parish hall on March 22nd. Together we will be making homemade pretzels, playing some games, and eating warm pretzels from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Afterwards please join us at the church for Stations of the Cross. Feel free to call Jacquie Ermer if you have any questions or would like to help: 265-0140.

**CTK Altar Society:** CKAS Group 4, St. Joseph, will meet Wednesday, March 20 at 1 p.m. at the Diner on Main.

**CDA Lifesaver fundraiser to support abused women and children shelter:** The Catholic Daughters will be giving out lifesavers the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> for a donation towards Safe Harbor, a local woman and children abuse shelter. Lifesavers candy is chosen because of its name. We hope to help save lives. Please donate what you can towards this project. Thanks for your support!

**CD Scholarship:** Catholic Daughters will be awarding a scholarship to a Catholic graduating senior or college student majoring in education. The application is due by May 1st and can be picked up in the back of the church.

**Words of Wisdom:** Read Peter Kreeft's *The Journey* and join Dr. Chris Burgwald for a day of discussion and prayer at Broom Tree, Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Register at [www.sf catholic.org/wow](http://www.sf catholic.org/wow).

**Immaculata Pilgrimage:** a 6 day 5 night trip to EWTN with stops along the way at multiple shrines. From May 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, for more information see the flyer at the entrance of the church or contact Kevin Van Well 605-237-1305. Deadline to sign up is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MAR 23<sup>RD</sup> - MAR 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRIST THE KING (Webster)

### **SATURDAY 5:00pm**

SERVERS...Mathew Mork, Connor Bauer, Tom Vergeldt  
LECTOR ...Brian Mork  
E.M. ...\*LaRome Kwasniewski  
USHERS... Dwayne Sass, Paula Steiner,  
Bill Schuster, Virginia Block

### **SUNDAY 10:30am**

SERVERS...Holly Vogl, Lydia Vogl, Jackson Knight  
LECTOR ...Gayle Dargatz  
E.M... \* Ken Roerig, \*Clara Roerig, Jane Ryan  
USHERS ... Leo & Myrene Gaikowski  
Gene & Pat Hoffman

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Waubay)**

### **SUNDAY 8:30am**

SERVERS...Bryson Zirbel, Nathan Pearson, Caleb Miller  
LECTOR ...Jenn Zirbel  
E.M... Tom Lewno, Terry Town, Sheryl Town  
USHERS ... Justin & Amy Gaikowski Family