
 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: 1-3-7-9, the four corners of the pad

Pastor's Column

The last several weeks the bulletin articles have taken up, to some extent, the not infrequent claim that “science has disproven the bible.” Many evolutionists, for example, claim that evolution disproves the creation accounts in Sacred Scripture. This can have an effect on the faith of people of all ages, but especially young people. How can science be wrong, after all? Seeing the results of science firsthand (as, for example, in plant and animal agriculture) might reinforce this doubt of faith. So the questions of science and evolution were taken up, noting first that the physical sciences are limited to questions of material reality and thus incapable of making any inferences about pure spirit (God or angels). Science is also restricted to testable hypotheses, which raises the question of whether evolution can even be considered a *scientific* theory since it cannot be tested. Evolution also has *no* explanation for how life began. What caused everything to happen, to fall into place as it is? Chance is used as the answer but chance is not a cause or explanation, it’s the lack of an explanation; chance means: I don’t know. Problems with evolutionary theory from a genetic (mutation-selection) standpoint were also noted.

What to make of all this? The first point is very simply that we should not be easily swayed by so-called scientific claims. First, is the claim really scientific, within the realm of the physical sciences? Secondly, before believing something because it’s “scientific,” demand from it the rigor it should have. Part of the point of talking about questions and problems in evolutionary theory was just to bring out that there *are* questions and problems. In fact, it is *often* true that scientific beliefs are not nearly as certain as they might seem to be. When I was in college I was giving a presentation to a group of professors once and I said something about the “central dogma of molecular biology.” One professor said: well, that might not be quite as dogmatic or even as central as we once thought. Finally do not let go of the question of causation. It is one thing to say: I don’t know what caused “it,” that’s fine; it’s another to gloss over the question of cause or say “it was chance.” I think sometimes people hear things and think themselves stupid because “they don’t get it.” Now it may be that we don’t get it and we have to keep after it but it may also be that there is a nagging question in the back of our minds that we can’t put our finger on, a very good question that demands an answer and has been glossed over. You might be the only one who does “get it!”

Those are some of the initial points I wanted to come to. But since a fair amount of time was spent on it, what about evolution (development of one species from another)? Although the logical proofs for the existence of God have not been given, if (*if*) I had to choose between the “God-hypothesis” (if you will) and evolution, based purely on which is more explanative, which “fits the data” better, which is more comprehensive, which is more rigorous, which is more logical or follows better from reason alone, the “God-hypothesis” appears far more likely. If I had to choose based just on reasoning (God or some blind, ephemeral “evolutionary process”) God is simply much more likely. From just a purely genetic point of view, evolution (as it stands today) is difficult to believe. As far as man is concerned, I personally don’t believe he descended from apes or any other man-like beast.

The great irony here, though, is that such a theory is not even inconsistent with Scripture (or Revelation); the creation accounts do not rule it out. You in fact don’t have to choose between one or the other, it is evolutionists who try to make that claim. Let us step back for a moment, now, and consider what God has revealed. Bearing in mind that the word “evolution” simply means change, the creation accounts themselves imply a certain “evolution” in the material world: “day” 1 God created the heavens, the earth, and light; day 2: let there be a firmament (dry land) in the midst of the waters...and so on – a step-by-step process of change, with man being created last. I have seen “scientific” presentations that go on and on about how long the earth existed before man. I’m not sure what the point was but Scripture actually (more or less) says exactly that! “Day” *could* be a figurative term; one “day” may be a 1000 (or even 1000’s) of years; in fact, Scripture even says that a 1000 years are like one day to God. It’s not *certain*; one “day” could mean literally one day, but it could be a figurative term. In any event, Scripture itself implies a certain kind of “evolutionary process” in the development of the world. In regard to man, Genesis itself says that God created man from material that He had already created (from pre-existing material) – the “dust” (or slime) of the earth. *Could* that “dust” be some other animal that God put a human soul into? It can’t be ruled out definitively. Scripture, then, does not disallow some sort of “evolution” (of course it does not prove Darwin’s evolution either). What about Tradition? Some of the Church Fathers (especially notable is the great St. Augustine, Father and Doctor of the Church from the 400’s), as well as some theologians from the Middle Ages (centuries before Darwin), held that God created some creatures in a finished state (as they are today) while others He created in seed form that developed over time into what they are now. While this is by no means certain, and while this has significant differences from modern/Darwinian evolutionary theory, it does show that development of living creatures over time is not inconsistent with either Scripture or Sacred Tradition.

We will finish this topic next time, with an emphasis on what the Church teaches definitively in regard to creation.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. Mar 11, 5:30 pm (CTK) Personal Intention
Tue. Mar 12, 5:00 pm (CTK) † Rosella Wattier
Wed. Mar 13, 11:00 am (IC) † Helen Butler
Thurs. Mar 14, 10:00 am (Bethesda) † Hattie Meier
Fri. Mar 15, 8:00 am (CTK) † John & Elizabeth Becking
Sat. Mar 16, 5:00 pm (CTK) Sass Family
Sun. Mar 17, 8:30 am (IC) † Deceased Family Members
of Roger Johanning
Sun. Mar 17, 10:30 am (CTK) People of the Parishes

Eucharistic Adoration following Friday Mass

Sunday Offering: CTK \$2259 IC \$780

Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2019

Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2019 has begun. 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.

Youth Ski Trip – Open to all youth liturgical helpers through 12th 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 March 3. 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.

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.

Catholic Daughters: March meeting is March 11th. CDA members will join the K C's in praying the Stations of the Cross after the 5:30 Mass. Meeting will follow at 6:30.

CDA Lifesaver fundraiser to support abused women and children shelter: The Catholic Daughters will be giving out lifesavers the weekend of March 23rd & 24th 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.

St Patrick's Day Brunch: Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day brunch on Sunday, March 17, from 11am to 1pm at CTK parish hall. Tickets are only being sold in advance and are available from any Catholic Daughter, as well as before and after Mass on March 4th & 10th. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for students ages 6-12; children under 5 are free. Tickets will not be available at the door. Deadline for tickets is Monday, March 11th.

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.

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 30th. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/wow.

Immaculata Pilgrimage: a 6 day 5 night trip to EWTN with stops along the way at multiple shrines. From May 13th - 18th, 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 13th.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS MAR 16TH-MAR 17TH CHRIST THE KING (Webster)

SATURDAY 5:00pm

SERVERS...Brayden & Mason Aadland, Michael Dorsett
LECTOR ...Aaron Gaikowski
E.M. ...*Chris Keller, *Scott & Chere Bierschbach
USHERS... Dwayne Sass, Paula Steiner,
Bill Schuster, Virginia Block

SUNDAY 10:30am

SERVERS...Carrington Hanson, Drew Reetz, Coby Reetz
LECTOR ...Kelly Hanson
E.M... * Dave Hempel, *Mary Hempel, Darcy Pulvemacher
USHERS ... Leo & Myrene Gaikowski
Gene & Pat Hoffman

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Waubay)

SUNDAY 8:30am

SERVERS...Teegan Gaikowski, Caleb Chapin,
Justin Zirbel
LECTOR ...Tasha Zirbel
E.M... Marsia Butler, Joe Butler, Candace Zirbel
USHERS ... Royce & Patty Birney,
Chuck & Sandy Gaikowski