
 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–Wed 11:45 am—12:30 pm & 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 keypad.

Pastor's Column

As we have mentioned before, the reason the Church proclaims canonized saints is because the lives of the saints manifest the faith in some pronounced way, or at least some dimension of the faith. This means that we can learn the faith, to some extent, from the lives of the saints. Some saints were great sinners but then deeply repented and went through a deep conversion, or we might say a deep transformation. Others grew in holiness, more or less, throughout their lives. Some were lay, some were clergy or religious. Some were great scholars, others were simpler yet knew God in a deep way nonetheless. Some lived to an old age, others died young. There are saints of pretty much every nationality and race. So among the saints there is a great variety in a certain sense but in another sense they were one: they were all united in their knowledge and love of God.

This past week the Church celebrated the memorial of St Gregory of Nazianzus and St Basil the Great. Both were bishops in the early Church, Church Fathers, and Doctors of the Church. I would like to hone in a bit on St Basil the Great. St Basil was born in 329 AD, which was shortly after Catholicism had been legalized in the Roman Empire. This means that his parents and grandparents had lived through the Roman persecutions of the Church, and remained faithful. In fact, one of Basil's grandmothers is also a canonized saint, as is his father one of his sisters, who was a nun, and one of his brothers who was also a bishop. St Basil initially pursued secular work, before becoming a priest, but even then he consciously and intentionally surrounded himself by holy people and good teachers of the faith. In fact, he would intentionally stay away from bad company and those who did not teach the true faith. One example of this comes from the Arian heresy, which was rampant during his lifetime; a bishop that he very much liked conceded to this heresy to some extent and, as hard as it was for him, Basil distanced himself from him.

Here we can already draw something useful for ourselves from the life of St Basil. First we might ask what kind of "company" do we keep? Today we can "keep company" with all sorts of different people in a whole variety of ways: radio, music, internet, and television, for example, in addition to people that we have daily contact with. What kind of company do I keep? Is it entirely secular? Do I even base what I know about the faith and the Church on secular media? Do I spend any time keeping good company, like maybe reading the lives of the saints or something that teaches the true faith? Do I spend any time with our Lord Himself outside of Mass? And then there are the people we associate with in everyday life. Do I seek out the meek and humble of heart, or people of simple but abiding faith, as friends? But we can also ask: what kind of company am I? Do I want to build my family, first and foremost, as a family of saints, regardless of the worldly consequences? Can people, especially my own family, see the faith manifested by me? Or do they see me living contrary to the faith, or hear our Lord's name used as a cuss word, and so on? This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany; the word epiphany means something like: an enlightenment. Can I, and the company I keep, serve as a source of true epiphany?

Let's come to one last aspect of St Basil, something common to *every* saint. Basil was ready to lay down anything, including his own desires, for the sake of the salvation. He was a great teacher and at one point he decided he should return to his home place to serve his own people. He was well received and highly applauded. But then he noticed a stirring of pride within himself. After speaking of this to his saintly compadres, he decided to leave his post so as not to fall into this temptation, which may have claimed his eternal life. He is now exalted by the Almighty God Himself, surrounded by a truly Heavenly choir. He was saved by his willingness to accept an epiphany about himself and also deny himself, an example we all must follow. In the end, it is worth the sacrifice.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. Jan 7,(CTK) 5:00 pm Personal Intention
Tue. Jan 8,(CTK) 5:30 pm† Jackie Kotzea
Wed. Jan 9, 11:00 am (IC) † Irene & Pat Helwig
Thurs. Jan 10, 10:00 am (Bethesda) † Larry Block
Fri. Jan 11, 8:00 am (CTK) † Marge Opitz
Sat. Jan 12, 5:00 pm (CTK) Sass Family
Sun. Jan 13, 8:30 am (IC) People of the Parishes
Sun. Jan 13, 10:30 am (CTK) † Deceased Members
of the Roger Johanning Family

Eucharistic Adoration following Friday Mass

Sunday Offering: CTK \$1983 IC \$561

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, January 6th after Mass. We will be serving sausage, egg bake, biscuits & gravy, french toast, coffee, & juice, this is a free will offering (suggested price of \$5.00). Everyone is welcome!

Religious Ed: Classes will resume January 9th at both parishes.

Condolences. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the family of Mrs. Helen Butler who passed away on January 1st. May she rest in peace.

The Catholic Daughter meeting will be held January 14th at the Heritage Village Chapel at 7:00pm. Program chair is Lileth Fromelt. Program is a video message by state Chaplain Fr. Homic. Hostesses are Jodi Schlotte, Marsia Butler and Karmen Case.

46th Annual South Dakota Right to Life Walk in Pierre is scheduled for Sunday Jan 20th and starts at 12:30pm with a walk around the Capitol area, followed by refreshments and snacks in the Capitol 1:30-2:00 pm, and an Hour of Reflection in the Capitol rotunda (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm). Keynote speaker this year: Governor Kristi Noem. There will be a bus leaving Aberdeen at 8:15am if you are interested contact Sara Colombe at 320-630-7844 or email Sara.Colombe@k12.sd.us .

Counseling from CFS available in Webster. Justin Falon is a licensed counselor who works full time for Catholic Family Services. He is qualified to work with people on a wide range of problems or counseling needs, including addiction. Justin is willing to come to Webster to meet with anyone who would like his services. He can be reached by phone at: 605-988-3775 and by email at jfalon@sfcatholic.org.

Distributing Materials to the Parish. If someone would like to distribute materials on parish grounds (e.g., before or after Mass) or leave reading materials in the church or parish hall (e.g., at the church entrances) please check with me before doing so. Thank you, Fr Kuhn.

Parish Information: Just a reminder each of our parishes has a parish web site, you will find the weekly bulletins, upcoming activities, CTK Liturgical schedule, and links to Daily Readings, Saint of the Day, Catechism, New American Bible and much more. (IC) <http://www.icwaubay.org/> (CTK) <http://www.ckwebster.org/> (Add to your favorites) Check it out!

Change of Family Information: if your family has disconnected your home phone to use only your cell would you please let us know so we can update our information, or if you have moved to a different address. You can send us an email at ctkparish@gmail.com Thank You.

Prayer Chain: If you find a time that you need all the prayers you can get, Christ the King has a prayer chain; Contact Louise Burns at 530-1909 or the parish office.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS JAN 12TH –JAN 13TH CHRIST THE KING (Webster)

SATURDAY 5:00pm

SERVERS...Jaydon Keller, Jacob Keller, Tom Vergeldt
LECTOR ...Linda Wegleitner
E.M. ...*Scott & *Chere Bierschbach, Bill Schuster
USHERS... Mike & Karleen Gollnick
Paula Steiner, Susan Gaikowski

SUNDAY 10:30am

SERVERS...Olivia Dorsett, Martin Dorsett, Tucker Popham
LECTOR ...Kathy Meland
E.M... *Dennis Kurkowski, *Bernie Kurkowski, Jane Ryan
USHERS ... Todd Block Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Waubay)

SUNDAY 8:30am

SERVERS...Tigh Gaikowski, Caleb Chapin, Madison Zirbel
LECTOR ...Tasha Zirbel
E.M...Colleen Pearson, Terry Town, Sheryl Town
USHERS ...Greg & Colleen Pearson Family