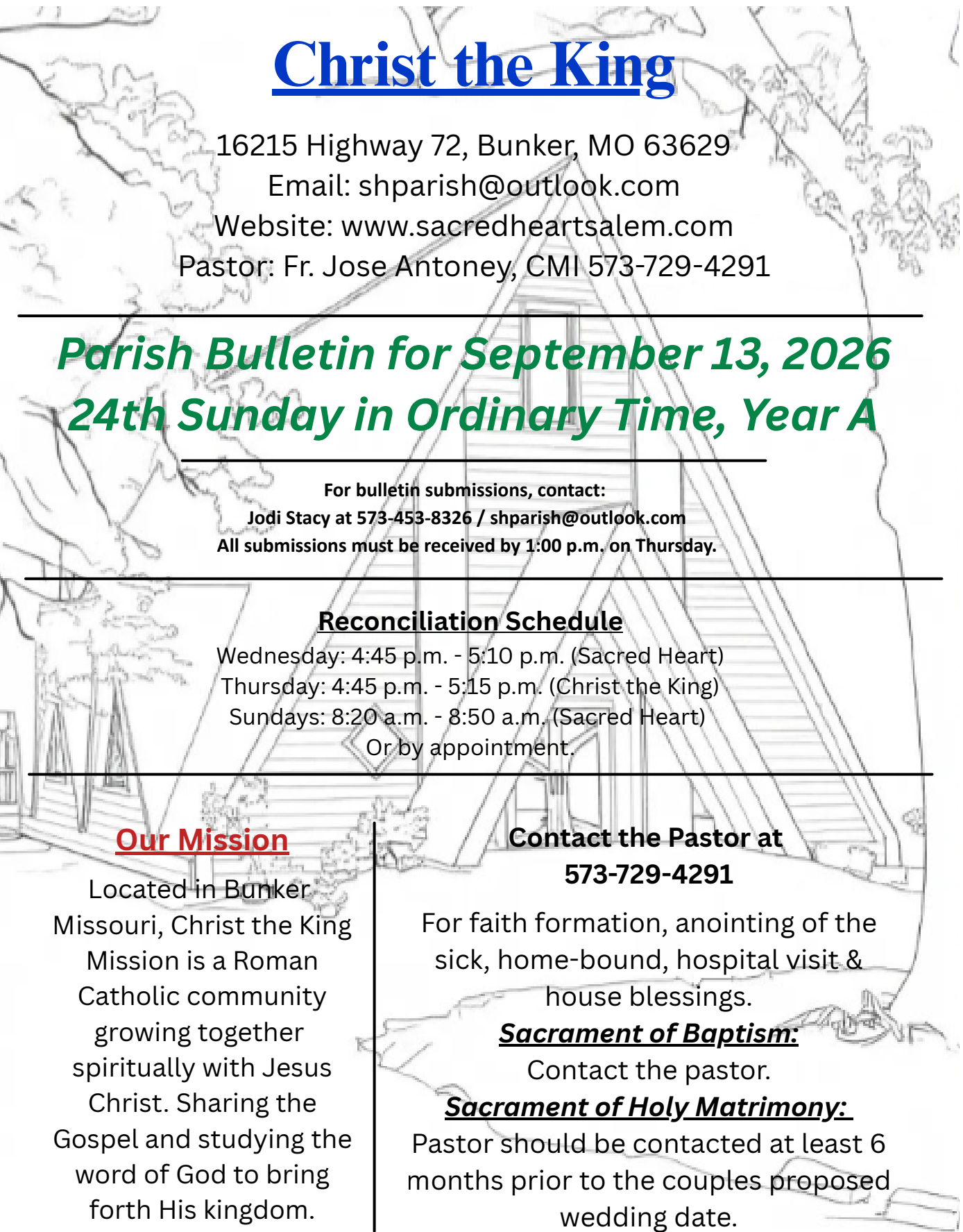




Christ the King

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Parish Bulletin for September 13, 2026 ***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A***

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All submissions must be received by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday: 4:45 p.m. - 5:10 p.m. (Sacred Heart)

Thursday: 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (Christ the King)

Sundays: 8:20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. (Sacred Heart)

Or by appointment.

Our Mission

Located in Bunker Missouri, Christ the King Mission is a Roman Catholic community growing together spiritually with Jesus Christ. Sharing the Gospel and studying the word of God to bring forth His kingdom.

Contact the Pastor at 573-729-4291

For faith formation, anointing of the sick, home-bound, hospital visit & house blessings.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the pastor.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Pastor should be contacted at least 6 months prior to the couples proposed wedding date.

Annual Budget	2026-2027	Collected this year	Amount Needed to Meet Budget; 7/1/26 to 1/30/27
Budget Total	\$20,280.00		
Weekly Goal	\$390.00	\$3,682.00	\$16,598.00
September 6th	\$320.00		

Holy Mass Schedule 9/14 thru 9/20:

Tues. 9/15: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Wed. 9/16: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (SH)
Thur. 9/17: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (CK)
 Fri. 9/18: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Sat. 9/19: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Sun. 9/20: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
Sun. 9/20: 11:30 a.m. 25th Sunday (CK)

Service Schedule for 9/20/26:

Altar Servers: Anthony Wisdom, Lilly Terrill & Joey Rosemann

Extraordinary Ministers: Rick & Shelley Bland

Lector: Jocelyn Terrill

Money Counters: Dwight Watkins & Amanda Terrill

Ushers/Greeter: Mike Stacy

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Mass Readings for 9/20/26:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 , Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18,
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27, Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Service Schedule for 9/27/26:

Altar Servers: Ella Terrill, Patricia Rosemann & Audrey Stacy

Extraordinary Ministers: Amanda Terrill & Mary Kittrell

Lector: Marcia Dreisewerd

Money Counters: Dwight Watkins & Amanda Terrill

Ushers/Greeter: Mike Stacy

Upcoming Events:

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT – The parish annual financial statement for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 is available and is posted on the bulletin board near the front entrance to the church. You are welcome to review it, and if you have any questions, please call the parish office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: We will have a special collection on Sept. 19-20 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This Retirement Fund assists thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests with health care, housing, and daily needs. Kindly consider giving next week through the parish collection.

Life Chain Sunday is October 4th from 2:00-3:00p.m.

Join the 39th NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN! (Located at the Crossroads in Salem)
Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada! You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

Signs will be available, or you can bring your own,

(LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 61 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.)

❖ Contact Margaret, 573-578-0043, with any questions

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – This Women's conference, "Seen, Known, and Loved" is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th, 2026 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield, MO. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

Register by September 25 to receive a free t-shirt. The Keynote Speaker is: Kathryn Whitaker.

Live Your Best Married Life in Love!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. The following upcoming weekend experiences are available.

10/9/2026 - 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

12/4/2026 - 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18: 21-35

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. “Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?” Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others’ wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today’s Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, “There but for the grace of God, go I.” When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

LET US GO EVANGELIZE: After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul’s example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God’s grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is “kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.”

LET US REFLECT: Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.