

Christ the King

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Parish Bulletin for September 27, 2026 ***26th 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 6/30/27
Budget Total	\$20,280.00		
Weekly Goal	\$390.00	\$4,195.00	\$16,085.00
September 20th	\$233.00		

Holy Mass Schedule 9/28 thru 10/4:

Tues. 9/29: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Wed. 9/30: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Fri. 10/2: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
Fri. 10/2: 5:30 p.m. 1st Friday Mass (CK)
 Sat. 10/3: 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass (SH)
 Sun. 10/4: 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (SH)
Sun. 10/4: 11:30 a.m. 27th Sunday (CK)

Service Schedule for 10/4/26:

Altar Servers: Peyton Bland, Lilly & Amelia Terrill
Extraordinary Ministers: Rick & Shelley Bland
Lector: Volunteer
Money Counters: Makayla Watkins & Amanda Terrill
Ushers/Greeter: Volunteer

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Mass Readings for 10/4/26:

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20,
 Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 , Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Service Schedule for 10/11/26:

Altar Servers: Ella Terrill, Patricia & Joey Rosemann
Extraordinary Ministers: Joshua Rosemann & Kathy Quint
Lector: Jocelyn Terrill
Money Counters: Amanda Terrill & Volunteer
Ushers/Greeter: Volunteer

Upcoming Events:

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS, Roman & Katie Iwanski (2nd)
God's blessings on your anniversary!

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

PRAYER FOR UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Missouri from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us.

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

Prayer List: Dwight Watkins

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21: 28-32

LET US GROW AS A DISCIPLE: Ask any long-time educator, and they'll tell you we often learn more from our mistakes than from doing it perfectly from the start. Today's Gospel also seems to send the same message: Jesus tells us that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders. Perhaps this is because they – having lived a sinful life – know firsthand the emptiness of not following God's ways. Having gotten it wrong, they now earnestly seek what is right. The mystic Julian of Norwich writes, "First the fall, and then the recovery from the fall, and both are the mercy of God." Even in our wanderings, God is at work, drawing us to return to him. Ezekiel tells us that when we respond to that grace and turn from the wickedness we have committed, doing what is right and just, we will surely not die, but receive the gift of eternal life from the God who is Mercy itself.

LET US REFLECT: Speaking to the Christian community at Philippi, St. Paul reminds them to have "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." The previous lines offer a glimpse of what that attitude entails: encouragement, love, compassion, mercy, unity, humility, regarding others as more important than ourselves. These attitudes should shape our way of relating to those whom we are trying to evangelize. Rather than judging them or thinking of ourselves as more important, we are called to serve them with humility, offering them our encouragement to seek the Lord who loves them so much that he gave his life for them.

LET US PRAY: Today's Gospel includes the story of a son who initially says no to his father's request but then changes his mind and does it. The Gospel ends with a line about how the chief priests and elders did not change their minds even when they saw tax collectors and prostitutes responding to John's call to repentance. Indeed, the Greek word for conversion is *metanoia*, which has been defined as "a change of mind that leads to a change in action." Take some time today to do an examination of conscience, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of thinking that need conversion and change. What might the Holy Spirit want to change your mind about this day?