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The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus uses a series of parables to help us understand the incomparable value of that Kingdom.

First, He reminds us that living for Him and for His Kingdom will require sacrifice. Yet the joy that comes from following Christ makes any sacrifice worthwhile. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." He then compares the Kingdom to "a merchant searching for fine pearls." When the merchant finds a pearl of great price, he gladly sells everything he has to obtain it.

In both parables, the Kingdom is something precious that must be sought and recognized. We must intentionally look for it amid the distractions and noise of the world.

Yet Jesus also reminds us that the Kingdom is meant for everyone. He compares it to a net cast into the sea that gathers fish of every kind.

At the same time, He reminds us that each of us will one day be judged. The angels "will separate the wicked from the righteous." It is a powerful reminder that our choices matter.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it above all else. There is no greater treasure, and no greater source of joy, than a life lived as a faithful disciple of Jesus.



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 26, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING	
<u>WEEKLY</u>	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	4:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
Reconciliation	
Wednesday	3:45 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY	
<u>WEEKEND</u>	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
DAILY	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

PARISH LIFE

JULY 26, 2026 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ’s teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God’s unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Travelers’ Information		410.676.6000
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NEW PARISHIONERS and **WINTER VISITORS** are requested to register soon after arrival. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. Completed registration forms should be placed in the collection basket.

BAPTISM: We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child’s entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center at Blessed Trinity and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at La Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

MARRIAGES: If you are planning to be married your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 for an appointment with one of our priests.

SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call 506.0282 and key in your number or contact Blessed Trinity office at 629.8092. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

HALL RENTALS: Having a Baby Shower, Birthday Party or Anniversary Party? The hall is available for rental. Please call 352.484.5619 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

“The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Weekly Offering
July 19, 2026
\$1,450.00

LEGION OF MARY
The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.

“Let the little children come to me” -
Matthew 19:14

Our Religious Education program begins on August 16 from 9:00am to 10:00am.

We’re offering First Communion preparation for students who will be in the 2nd grade. The deadline to register is August 12 to allow time to order class materials. If you have a child entering the 2nd grade this school year, please take a registration form home and return it with your registration fee as soon as possible, but no later than August 12. The registration forms are in the church narthex to pick up.

If there are younger or older students in the family and parents are interested in classes for them, please put their names on the sign up list for future classes. Sign up sheets are also in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Kathie Bellamy at 352.875.6288.

First Saturday Devotion

All members of the parish are invited to attend the First Saturday Devotion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.



The next devotion will be on August 1 following the 8:00am Mass.

New Youth Director Needed!

The Youth Ministry Director is responsible for fostering the spiritual growth of our parish youth by developing, organizing, and leading programs, events, and activities that encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Christ and actively participate in the life of the Church.

Now we are open to accepting applications for parish youth director. If anyone needs a job description, please call Kathryn or Melinda at the church office.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 29 The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, August 2 Cheryl & Gene De Montricard—
Happy Anniversary

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email nhajal@aol.com to request a Mass for a loved one.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK
We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member’s family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

Recently deceased—

CTK ONGOING EVENTS
Legion of Mary meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977
Rosary is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am
Online Rosary - Visit www.comepraytherosary.org
Coffee/Donuts served after Sunday Mass in the hall.
Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.
Altar Flowers contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.
Bulletin Advertising contact Melinda Gunn at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.
Parish App: myparishapp.com or the app store
Hall Rental: Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619



**CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SOUP KITCHEN**

July Menu

- 7/7 Minestrone Soup
- 7/14 Roasted Chicken & Mac and Cheese
- 7/21 Pasta with Meat Sauce
- 7/28 Surprise

Assorted desserts, coffee and various soft drinks.

Meals are free every Tuesday 12pm-2pm

Perpetual Adoration

Be a "Buddy Adorer" for:

Mondays: 1:00am -2:00am

Tuesdays: 4:00am - 5:00am

Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Thursdays: 11:00am - Noon

Fridays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Also in need of substitutes, especially between Midnight and 5:00am

Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel.

The Lord looks forward to your visit!

For your special hour of praise before the Blessed Sacrament call or email: Carol Blackstock 352-622-7348 or 352-425-8638, carolblackstock@gmail.com.



Weekly Rosary

We invite all members of the parish to join us before Mass on Sunday mornings at 9:30am to pray the rosary.

Make it a Sunday morning routine. Come for the rosary and stay for Mass!



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

Please consider donating to our food pantry.

Spaghetti Sauce	Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)
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Tuna Helper	Toilet Paper
Hamburger Helper	Laundry Soap
Pork & Beans	Dish Soap
Beef Stew (canned)	Razors
Soups (canned)	Shampoo
Cereal	Toothpaste
Oatmeal	Bar Soap
Deodorant (men and women)	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Peanut Butter and Jelly	
Canned Fruit	
Tea-Coffee-Gatorade	
Powered or canned milk	
Broth (beef, chicken, veg)	



Special need for drinks and feminine hygiene items

Thank you for always being so generous and we ask you to be please be mindful of expiration dates!

Volunteers Needed: Retreat at Marion Correctional Facility

Blessed Trinity is helping organize a retreat for the men at Marion Correctional Facility, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- **Witness Talks** – Share your faith journey to encourage and inspire the men on retreat.
- **Choir & Musicians** – Lend your voice or musical talent (guitar, piano, drums, etc.) to lead worship and song during the retreat.
- **Logistics & Food** – Help coordinate, gather, and deliver food and supplies for the day.

No special experience is needed—just a willing heart! If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Mason Proco at (352)-777-5293 or at masonproco@proton.me.

Volunteers must be 18 or older. We are looking for both men and women volunteers. The dates of the retreat are September 26th and September 27th.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to bring Christ's light to those in prison. *"I was in prison and you visited me."* (Matthew 25:36)

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Stewardship Saint for July

Saint Paul’s Friends and Fellow Missionaries: Saints Prisca and Aquila



Prisca and Aquila were a prominent married couple who were missionaries, established churches and played an active role in the evangelizing ministry of Saint Paul. They are mentioned six times in four different texts of the New Testament.

Prisca and Aquila were of Jewish heritage and two of the earliest known Christian converts who lived in Rome. They were forced to leave Italy for a short time because of Emperor Claudius’ edict in the year 49 C.E., prohibiting Jews from living in Rome.

Paul visited Prisca and Aquila in Corinth and discovered they were tentmakers like himself, so he stayed with them and they worked together (Acts 18:1-3). When Paul left Corinth, Prisca and Aquila left with him but stopped at Ephesus while he traveled on to Syria.

In Ephesus the couple gave catechetical instruction to Apollos, a Jew from Alexandria (Acts 18:18-19, 24-26). They returned to Rome when the expulsion was eventually lifted and Paul sent them greetings there, referring to them with great affection: “My greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus , who risked their own necks to save my life; to them, thanks not only from me, but from all the churches among the gentiles...” (Rom. 16:3-4).

Paul then added:”...and my greeting to the church at their house” (Rom.16:4), a reminder that Christians in the New Testament era gathered for the Eucharistic celebration in private homes and not in separate church buildings.

At some point, the couple left Rome again and moved to Ephesus. When Paul wrote from there to the church at Corinth in the year 57, he included “many greetings” from Prisca and Aquila and from the church that met at their house (1 Cor. 16:19). Paul’s inclusion of them in his greetings implies that Prisca and Aquila were also involved in the establishment of that church along with Paul. And when Paul wrote to Timothy from prison, he sent Prisca and Aquila his greetings as well (2 Tim. 4:19).

The Roman Martyrology states that Prisca and Aquila died in Asia Minor, but some church historians believe the tradition that the couple were martyred in Rome, in part, because of the existence of the Church of St. Prisca on Aventine Hill, the southernmost of Rome’s seven hills. The church is believed by many archeologists to be the site of the house of Prisca and Aquila.

Their feast day is July 8.