



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### Clergy & Staff

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### Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)

### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass

**Monday-Friday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass

**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

### Regular Devotions

**Every Thursday:** Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

**First Friday:** Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament {*except summer months*}

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Masses this Week

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS

{Fourth Sunday after Easter}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Dolores Huminski

*requested by Kevin & Linda Gaboardi*

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Monica

7:45 a.m. - Phil Molinari

*requested by Kate Prendergast*

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Pius V

7:45 a.m. - Daniel Martinez

*requested by Mirna Martinez*

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Saint John at the Latin Gate

7:45 a.m. - Bishop Caggiano

*requested by Grace Jagodzinski*

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Votive Mass of Jesus, Eternal High Priest

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Dieter Reichenberger

*requested by Peter Reichenberger*

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

### Apparition of Saint Michael the Archangel

7:45 p.m. - ✠ Thomas Huminski

*requested by Kevin & Linda Gaboardi*

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 a.m. - Denise Fagan

*requested by Alex Fagan*

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

{Saint Antoninus}

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Felice & Louise DeFelice

*requested by Mr. & Mrs. Felice DeFelice*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

### Month of May

Throughout the month of May, please feel free to bring fresh flowers to place at the statue of Our Lady of Grace in the transept

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

*Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.*

May 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup>

Between the two feasts of the Holy Cross, the weather blessing will be given every Friday with the relic after Mass

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Sacrament of Confirmation with His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

May Crowning & Procession after the High Mass

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Rogation Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Adult Theology talk at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: "Extreme Unction & Indulgences"

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

First Communion catechism class after High Mass

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Spiritual conference at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: "Preparing for Pentecost"

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

CORPUS CHRISTI – **save the date**

Solemn Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.

*This is always one of the highlights of the year!*

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion at the High Mass

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES WITH THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING

## NATIONAL SURSUM CORDA YOUNG ADULT RETREAT 2026

Registration is open for the National Sursum Corda Young Adult Retreat, taking place from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, with an optional kayaking excursion on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Held at Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston, Michigan, this retreat offers daily Mass, conferences, prayer, and opportunities for discussion and fellowship. The theme for this year, "Beyond the Surface: Catholic Dialogue on Modern Taboos," will address contemporary cultural issues through the lens of Church teaching. Young adults ages 18-35 are invited to attend. The registration deadline is May 11<sup>th</sup>.



## INSTITUTE YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is still open for the 2026 Institute of Christ the King Youth Summer Camps, held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. These camps offer a full week of outdoor activities, daily Mass, prayer, and faith formation for youth ages 9-17, led by the clergy of the Institute.

### Camp dates are as follows:

*Saint Thérèse Camp (girls 9-12)*  
July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

*Immaculate Conception Camp (girls 13-17)*  
July 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Dominic Camp (boys 9-12)*  
July 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Michael Camp (boys 13-17)*  
July 26<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>

<https://shrcburlington.org/summer-camp>

## VISIT OF HIS EMINENCE, RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE TO THE ORATORY

On Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> Saints Cyril and Methodius will have the honour of welcoming Cardinal Burke, who will confer the sacrament of confirmation upon our candidates and preside at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for the young people who are preparing to receive the seal of the Holy Ghost in this great sacrament. The ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in church is open to all who wish to attend; afterwards the cardinal will go to the church hall briefly to greet the newly confirmed. Due to his tight schedule, the cardinal will not be able to stay for a reception, and so he will simply bestow his blessing collectively upon all those present. Thank you for understanding that it will not be possible to have individual conversations with His Eminence, who will need to leave promptly for another confirmation ceremony in another state. We are grateful for his pastoral solicitude!



## We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our coffee hour today. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

### BLESSING OF CROSSES

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

☩. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

*Let us pray.* Almighty everlasting God, merciful Father and our unalloyed comfort, in virtue of the bitter suffering that Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, endured for us sinners on the wood of the cross, bless (+) these crosses which Thy faithful will set up in their vineyards, gardens, fields, and other places. Shield the land where they are placed from hail, tornado, storm, and every onslaught of the enemy, so that the produce, ripened for the harvest, may be gathered to Thine honour by those who put their trust in the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee forever and ever. ℟. Amen.

### MAY CROWNING & PROCESSION

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, you can bring fresh flowers to carry in the procession after the High Mass and then present them to Our Lady afterwards.

*We need four men to carry the processional statue – please contact the church office if you can help.*



May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

Fourth Sunday after Easter