

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during  
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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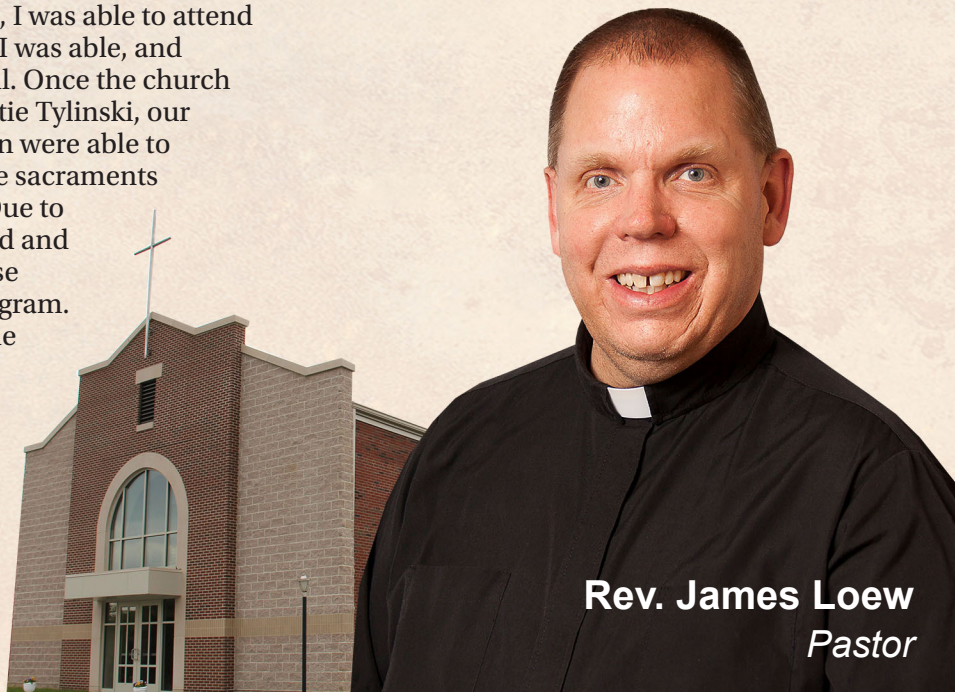
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## Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of Christ the King in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19. During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our faith community.

Once our church building was closed in March, I was able to attend to members of the parish via the telephone, as I was able, and minister to the pastoral needs of the critically ill. Once the church was opened, I was able to conduct funerals. Katie Tylinski, our Regional Formation Director, and Jim Peterman were able to prepare the children of the parish to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, they instituted and aided the parents of the children receiving those sacraments in a successful homeschooling program. I was able to administer those sacraments to the children this past summer.

Katie also created and introduced a wonderful virtual Vacation Bible School in which the parish children could participate online. Additionally, our cleaning volunteers sanitized the church and restrooms after each use.



**Rev. James Loew**  
*Pastor*

## Ways You Can Give



**Christ the King Church**  
 125 Park Rd.  
 Leechburg, PA 15656



**9 AM-4 PM**  
**Monday-Friday**



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Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase of your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.

# COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

Our parish offertory remained strong primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners, but was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal. The parish income was greatly assisted by an infusion of funds from the Paycheck Protection Program, offered by the government.

Our parish, however, suffered greatly from the loss of fundraising income. All of our fundraising activities, including our Thanksgiving/Christmas bake sale, were cancelled. To help recover some lost income for the parish, the staff initiated a “socially distant” Fall Lottery for September and October, and members of our Easter bake sale committee are hoping they can resume baking next spring.

## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households

2018: 501  
2019: 459  
2020: 449

### Single Member Households

183



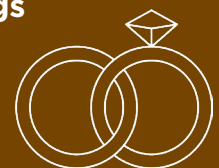
### Baptisms



2018: 6  
2019: 6  
2020: 3

### Weddings

2018: 4  
2019: 4  
2020: 0



### Funerals

2018: 32  
2019: 40  
2020: 49

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 287,939	\$ 268,260	\$ 231,651
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	36,978	33,037	28,915
<b>Extraordinary income</b> <i>(Bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	328,703	68,721	34,816
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	2,522	—	220
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	356,917	78,515	137,097
<b>Special Collections</b>	29,526	20,513	22,827
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,585</b>	<b>\$ 469,046</b>	<b>\$ 455,526</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 116,798	\$ 102,119	\$ 91,245
Church	55,824	53,795	30,901
Rectory	13,005	10,666	22
Education and Ministry	95,612	64,757	66,487
General Expenses	217,803	203,325	216,019
Special Collections	29,534	21,478	22,719
Extraordinary Expenses	498,934	29,284	22,125
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,027,509</b>	<b>485,424</b>	<b>449,518</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 15,076</b>	<b>\$ (16,378)</b>	<b>\$ 6,008</b>



# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we filled cracks, sealed and repaired the parish parking lot; created a safety barrier around the gas meter adjacent to the lot; and made repairs to the sidewalk curb. We installed a roll-up window in the pass-through area of the hall kitchen. We repaired the roof on the office side of the parish hall and made safety improvements to the parish picnic grounds by removing old booths and repairing the restrooms.

We installed, through the generosity of a parishioner, a beautiful new “Christ the King” stained glass window in the church. Additionally, at St. Catherine Cemetery, we purchased a used dump truck and completed the road paving project that was started several years ago.



## Ministries at Christ the King

Christ the King Parish encourages its parishioners to participate in our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass.

### **Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders**

These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's Disciples.

### **Music Ministry**

Choirs and cantors provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Parishioners assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass.

### **Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild provides many social, spiritual and service opportunities for parish women.

### **Greeters**

Greeters welcome Parishioners to our faith community.

### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim the word of God during Mass or at other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

### **Ministry of Consolation/Funeral Luncheon Ministers**

These important positions help ease the burden of those suffering from loss of a family member or friend.

### **Ushers**

The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies and other concerns.

### **Fundraising volunteers**

The many fundraisers at the parish — bake sales, pierogi sale, Halloween party, bingo, rummage sale and special dinners — simply could not happen without the help of our dedicated volunteers.

### **Raffle ticket volunteers**

Assisting with an important fundraising opportunity, the volunteers help raise money for our church community.

### **Ministry of Care**

These volunteers provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are — at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.

### **Money Counters**

Counters assist the priest and parish staff by counting the money from weekly and special collections.