

January 12, 2024

Dear CTK community,

With **the Dr Martin Luther King Jr observance** this coming Monday in our nation, I was reading up on, reminiscing, and preparing homilies for the grade school kids at both Christ the King and St Roch grade schools. He had so many wonderful points of reflection ranging from his iconic ***"I have a Dream"*** speech to his ***"I have decided to stick with love because hate is too great a burden to bear"*** reflection.

For some reason, one thought that captured my attention this year was, ***"The time is always right to do what is right."***

That theme can be taken spiritually, politically, socially, and personally. Our new and evolving parish life certainly is fertile ground for us to consider engaging with the moment and "doing right" by and with it.

One key opportunity for this is the **CTK Social Justice invitation this Sunday in the MRC following the 10 am Mass** to come together to consider the action plans we would like to address as a community. It can be our moment to help make a difference for the betterment of our parish and our community. Please, take a moment to enter the conversation and help determine the direction of our effort and energy this year.

Our Social Justice committee has been a steady and constant presence of faith, hope and love in a time when frustration, alienation, and anger often capture the headlines. **Despite all that is foul we are determined to be the voice, the presence and the face of Christ as often as possible for the sake of our neighbor and for the furthering of the Kingdom.**

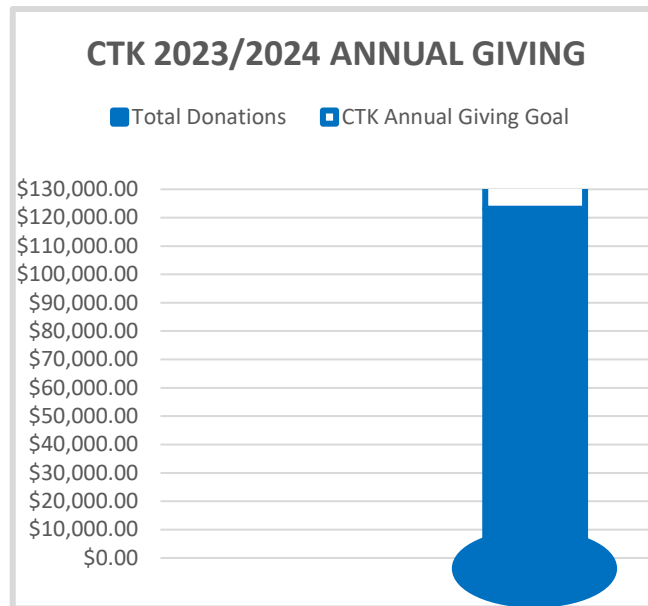
May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

And in Other Parish News.....

- Gentlemen, save the date for our next Men's Retreat, which will be held **March 1-3** at the Cedar Creek Conference Center in New Haven. Contact Deacon Dave Dille for more information.

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE: We are so close to our goal of \$125,000! As of January 7, our total is \$123,124. Thank you to those who have donated thus far! Every donation counts, no matter the size. We hope you can be a part of this parish endeavor to upgrade the MRC and Convent.



If you would like to receive a 2023 year-end contribution statement, please email the parish office (rectory@ctkstl.com). Statements will be available after January 15. If you are an online giver, you can download a giving statement by logging into your giving account.

The next **St Vincent de Paul** meeting for Our Neighbors in Need will be Saturday, January 20th. **Please put your donations for the food pantry in the back of church January 15 - 19** so we can remove them on Saturday and stock our shelves. The church is open Mon thru Fri, 7:00 – 2:30.

Sugar/flour	Condiments/dressings
Pork and beans	Pasta sauce
Stews & Chili	Gluten free
Paper towels	Cereal
Personal Care items: Deodorant, Depends/pads, Toilet paper, Toothpaste, etc.	

DO NOT NEED: Canned fruits and veggies, Pasta

It is always nice to get donations in paper or canvas bags that we can reuse.

St Roch Progressive Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Appetizer party at 6:00 pm / Dinner at 7:30 pm / Desserts at 9:30 pm

\$35 per person

RSVP by Wednesday, January 17

All locations will be emailed the week of.

Hosts, teachers and staff attend free of charge.

If you are interested, please contact Sandra Burke at: ukdaburkes@yahoo.com with subject line "Progressive Dinner"



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The National African American Read-In (AARI) is a groundbreaking effort to encourage communities to read together, centering African American books and authors. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world.

Christ the King will be hosting a *National African American Read-In* on Sunday, February 11, 2024, following the 10:00 Mass in the MRC. Everyone is welcome.

- Sue Anne Whitener will read the children's book, ***Leola and the Honeybears***, by Melodye Benson Rosales. After the children's book has been read, Art Wynkoop will give a brief overview, and read a few passages from, ***Intellectuals and Society (2nd Ed.)***, by Thomas Sowell.
- (Note: The children will participate in an activity in another area of the hall while Art is reading to the adults. The activity will be conducted by Pat Patterson.)

**“You shall love the Lord your God
...and your neighbor as yourself”**
(Luke 10:27)

2024 Prayer for Christian Unity
St. John Bosco, 12934 Marine Avenue, Creve Coeur
Jan 21 @ 7pm



CHRIST *the* KING

TRIVIA NIGHT

& SILENT AUCTION

6:00 PM

DOORS OPEN &
SILENT AUCTION

7:00 PM

TRIVIA STARTS &
INCLUDES A LIVE
AUCTION

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Tables: \$400 for 8 people
Beer, wine and soft
drinks included!
Bring your own food and snacks.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
& GREATLY APPRECIATED!

To sign up your trivia table and get more info on
sponsorships, use the google form provided in this email.

If you don't have a table and would like to play,
contact Sarah Rusche: (314) 406-7221.

Click [here](#) for a link to register and get more info on sponsorships.

Super Trivia Night at St Rita

Saturday, February 10

St. Rita Hall

8240 Washington Ave. (Page at North & South)

Proceeds contribute to the St Rita Church building upkeep

4:00 pm: Mass (offertory collection for St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry)

5:00 pm: Hall Doors open

6:00 pm: Trivia questions start

Price: \$160.00 / team / (8 max per team)

32 Tables is our maximum – Table spots not secured until payment received

Price Includes

Beer, Soda, Light Snacks
(Teams can bring their own food)

- Awards for 1ST & 2ND place teams
 - Great Raffle Prizes
- Two 50/50 Cash Lottery Drawings
 - Team costume awards

RESRVATIONS

Mail Check to: Trivia
8304 Madison
Vinita Park MO 63114

Make check out to: Christ the King

Memo line: St Rita Trivia

Payment by check only

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