

January 19, 2024



Dear CTK family,

Over the past few years we have been blessed with generous and dedicated priests who have stepped up to “pinch hit” as substitutes for our parish Masses:

- **Fr Paul Rothschild**, the chaplain at the Carmelite Convent on Clayton Road, has been a big help over the years. Since “All Things New” he has been even busier helping out at even more parishes,
- Our dear departed **Fr Gary Hogan, CSsR**, who was a constant presence here while I was out 8 weeks with COVID in 2020 died way too soon, and we miss him terribly,
- **Fr John Kettelberger, CM**, was a warm and joyful presence here; he was reassigned by his Order to two parishes in Philadelphia this past August,
- **Msgr Jim Ramacciotti** was always willing to help out, but since “All Things New” he was assigned as Pastor at St Clement parish.

I hope you would offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their generous and selfless willingness to be at the service of our parish.

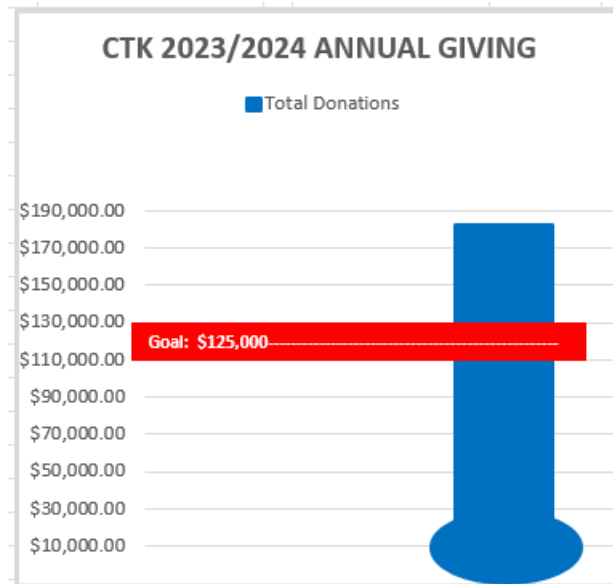
This week, I wish to introduce to the parish **Fr Michael Rozier, SJ**. He will be helping with Masses on weekends at CTK a couple of times a month. Fr Rozier is a faculty member in the Department of Health Management and Policy at SLU and chaplain for the Athletic Department there as well (Bless that basketball team!). He was born and raised in Ste Genevieve, MO – he is a reminder of how old I am since Ste Genevieve parish was my first assignment as a priest and I was at his parent’s wedding. I baptized him 42 years ago when he came into this world! Welcome, Fr Mike, and thanks for your willingness to be of service to our faith community.

This has been a week of mechanical challenges. . . a **pipe burst** in the bathroom in the vestibule of the church (since replaced), the **heat in the rectory went out** (now repaired), the **internet went down** (recovered), and the **phone system**. . . oh, the phones (@&!?!&), are still out. They are scheduled to be back online with a new system by the end of next week. Patience **IS** a virtue I am praying for in abundance at this time.

With a few weeks still to go we have been incredibly blessed with the progress of our **CTK Annual Giving**. **We have realized \$182,099, (and counting) surpassing our goal of \$125,000.** This will enable us to move ahead more quickly with our upgrade of the MRC and the Convent as well as allowing us to address even a few more issues. If you have not already done so, please be counted among your fellow parishioners in being a part of this successful initiative. The campaign concludes on Valentine's Day.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike



And in Other Parish News.....

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



2023 Giving Tree/Christmas Basket Update

The Christmas basket program for 2023 was a great success. St Vincent DePaul and the Giving Tree served 25 families (up from 20 in 2022) with a total of 86 children. Each family received a religious ornament, a hand written Christmas card, a turkey or ham, a food basket, gift cards to purchase food, gift cards for presents for each child and wrapping paper. Each of the baskets were hand delivered to the families. All this was made possible by the extraordinary generosity of Christ the King parish and its friends. We raised a total of \$9,880.00 which allowed us to set aside some to start the 2024 basket program. The goal will be to assist 30 families in 2024.

A special thanks to St Joseph's in Clayton which provided \$3,000 in gift cards; Theresa and Dan Wiss who coordinated with Villa Duchesne High School to provide the 25 food baskets; Mike and Gretchen LaBelle who worked with St. Joseph's High School to provide the Christmas gifts and food for a family with 10 children; and to all of you who donated cards and your time to make this happen. **You are making a difference.**

- **The University City School District is holding a Coat Drive for the month of January, and we need your help!** Our wonderful Ucity Boutique is low on winter coats. Please help us replenish our supply. Drop off your new or gently used coats to one of the Ucity schools. The Social Workers will be collecting them all month. Thanks for all of your support!



It's time again for our **Christ the King Fish Frys!** We look forward to seeing everyone **Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 22, 4:30-8:00pm.** Reach out to Carissa Minder, Katie West, or Kirk Wonio on how you can help with this community favorite.

St Joseph Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus presents **14th Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry**
St. Joseph Parish Hall (basement of church) February 14 4:00 - 7:00pm

Baked Fish - Fried Fish - Shrimp - Fish & Shrimp
Reservations preferred - Walk-ins welcome - Carry-outs available

All meals include slaw, mostaccioli, hush puppies, dessert, and beverage! Thanks to those who make our delicious, homemade desserts! For more questions or to make a reservation, email St. Joseph at parishoffice@stjosephclayton.org or call at 314-726-1221.

- **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.**

SAVE THE DATE:
Inaugural CTK 5K!

Saturday, April 20th at 8am (5K) and 8:45am (Kids 1/2 mile fun run)
Start training now to win your age group. Prizes to the top two runners in each category.
Registration information coming soon!
Any questions, contact Sarah Schrand, sarahcparr@gmail.com



MUSIC NEWS

NORTH CITY DEANERY CHOIR

The Cathedral Concerts features the North City Deanery Choir on Friday, February 2 at 8:00 p.m. You will be uplifted by this evening of moving spiritual and gospel music performed under the direction of Simeon A. Layne, Jr. Parishioner Vinita Hightower sings with this ensemble.

COMING SOON

“The Song of Mark” is a musical by Marty Haugen which is based on the life of Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of Mark. Careful theological reflection, colorful story-telling, and accessible music bring to life this telling of the Good News of Jesus’ life and passion. Members of our Adult and Children's Choirs will join musicians from a variety of Churches to perform this musical during Lent. Performances are free and open to the public, an offering will be received.

- Friday, February 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 567 St. Joseph Lane in Manchester
- Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 5800 Oleatha in South City
- Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 7316 Balson in University City



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.)



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

CONTACTS

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