



January 26, 2024

Dear Christ the King family,

There are so many good and wonderful blessings that emanate from this parish community. We are mindful of the needs of others, we work and pray for justice and peace to be the order of the day. The one enduring legacy of evangelization, witness, and formation in the lifespan of this parish has been its commitment to Catholic grade school education.

This Sunday the Church in the United States celebrates Catholic Schools Week. How blessed are we to have such a wonderful school as we do. We provide our students a quality education in a safe environment. But, more importantly, we introduce them to Jesus and we collaborate with the parents to help them to know, love and serve God.

As you are aware, the price of tuition does not cover the cost of education. Your generosity and support goes a long way in making this ministry the dynamic reality that is for so many. A special shout out to our principal, Caroline McCarthy, and her dedicated faculty and staff who view their presence in a Catholic School is more than a job; it is a ministry of service and love for our boys and girls. Please, thank a Catholic school teacher when you encounter them.

May our students continue to grow before us in wisdom, grace, and age.

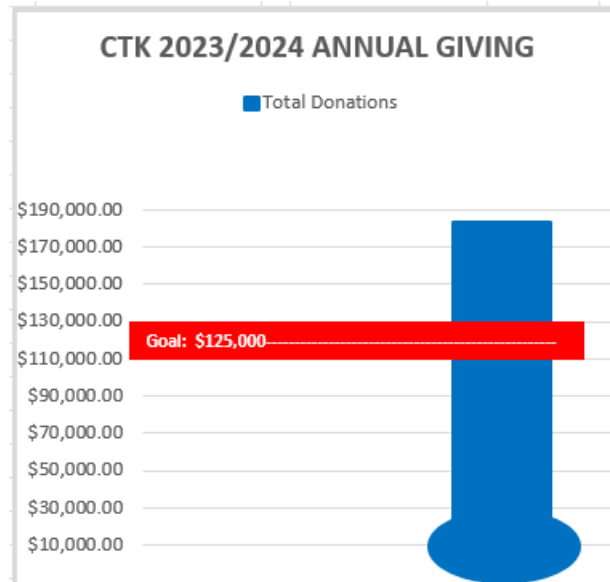
May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike Turek



And in Other Parish News.....

Annual Giving Total as of January 21, 2024 -- \$182,824



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.

- 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!
- 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



African American Read-In

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.

Sue Anne Whitener will read the children's book, ***Leola and the Honeybears***, by Melodye Benson Rosales. A fun retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears that is appropriate for ages 3-5, but enjoyed by all ages.

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~~.

Unfortunately, the activity that was planned for the children during the second story reading has been cancelled.]

As we approach the season of Lent, we might ask, "What should I do with the dried palm from last year? Blessed items, also known as sacramentals, are to be treated with respect and not thrown into the trash. Dried blessed palm is being collected in containers at the Church entryway from now until Sunday, February 11. This collected palm will be burned; palm ashes can be used on Ash Wednesday, or they may be buried.



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.



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



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Who is Eligible?

Students must live in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County or St. Charles County and meet one of the following to qualify.

Have a Certified IEP or ISP
Attend a Private School

100% Free & Reduced Lunch Eligible
AND
Attended a public or charter public school for one semester within the year prior to applying
OR
Entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade