

February 16, 2024

Dear Christ the King family,

Now that we have successfully extracted lent from the grips of St VaLENTine's Day we move on to the spiritual disciplines that we all should respect in order to deepen the quality of our lives from a spiritual dimension. The Scriptures call us to **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These are intended to be the spiritual exercises that enhance the relationships in our lives.

- **Prayer:** our expression of God's presence in our lives giving honor, praise and glory and remaining in communion with God
- **Fasting:** our self-discipline calling us to reduce or eliminate those elements in our life that have a hold on us or are sinful while also incorporating those qualities that have a positive, enriching and grace filled influence upon us personally
- **Almsgiving:** our awareness of and response to the needs of our less fortunate sisters and brothers – the sharing of our resources, our love and respect, and our prayer for them

There you have it – Lent as seen from the perspective of **RELATIONSHIP**. The 2nd century Saint Irenaeus wrote, "***The glory of God is man fully alive.***" That is what Lent offers us: the opportunity to become more fully alive with the grace of God and within the life of Christ. Do not let this moment pass by in vain. I will be praying for you.

Please consider the opportunities that are at your disposal. Elsewhere in this note you will find information concerning the **Mission Mondays** program we will offer in conjunction with St Joseph parish, the **Wednesday evening 6:30 pm Mass** (with opportunity for Confession from 6-6:25pm), the **Hallow** program with additional information and details on the vestibule tables, and the **Stations of the Cross** that are always available for you to pray while the church is open, and the 3pm Stations on Good Friday. You are also welcome to join the school students as they pray Stations on **Friday, 2/23 at 1:00 pm**. (Dates for Stations of the Cross in March with the school to be determined.) Also, consider attending one of the performances of "**The Song of Mark**" – dates and times provided later in this note. The ensemble features soloists, instrumentalists, adult, and children's choirs from area churches including Christ the King.

May the Lord bless us as we navigate our way through this time of grace, hope and maturation in the spiritual life.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

And in Other Parish News.....

- Please join the Respect Life Committee on **Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm in the MRC**. We will be discussing the upcoming Birthright Baby Shower, the MO Ballot Initiative, other archdiocesan events, and begin the discussion on the next area of focus for the year. *All are welcome!*
- Parishioner and Chaminade College Preparatory School teacher Dr. Robert Barnidge is offering a summer **Model United Nations Camp** at Chaminade June 17-20 and a Model National Security Council Camp at Chaminade June 24-27. It is open to boys and girls from grades 6-12, and one need not be a student at Chaminade to participate. For more information, visit chaminade-stl.org.
- Archdiocesan Monthly Pro-life Mass and Rosary will take place this **Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica**. Fr. Phil Krill will be the celebrant and will lead us in the Rosary following Mass. **Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion in our country and that Missouri will remain a Pro-life state!**
- Please remember in your prayers the souls of parishioner **Robert Aromando** and **Donald Schulte**, father of parishioner Mary Rudder, who passed away recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

LENT

He Leadeth Me

Hallow

JOIN THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.



Get it on Google Play

Download on the App Store

HALLOW.COM/PRAY

Mission Mondays of Lent

Co-Sponsored by Christ the King & St Joseph

Msgr Mike Turek will open each session with a brief prayer/scripture service followed by a presentation by Fr Chris Martin. Please, mark these dates down and make these Mondays part of your Lenten discipline.

Monday, February 26, 7:00 pm Christ the King Church
Theme: Synodality Vision: "Disciples Make Disciples"

Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm Christ the King Church
Theme: Prayer & Discernment

Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm St Joseph Church
Theme: The "New" Evangelization

Monday, March 18, 7:00 pm St Joseph Church
Theme: Communion of Care

Each evening will last less than an hour.



Online Draft of Christ the King Parish Photo Directory is Ready!

An online draft of our new Christ the King 2.0 parish photo directory is available. To view the photo directory, you will need a password. You can obtain the password by:

- Contacting Karen Sheridan at the Rectory by email, rectory@ctkstl.com, or by phone, 314-721-8737.
- Contacting Fran Colletti, fiveapple@aol.com, or Ellen Howe, ellenhowe50@gmail.com.

In compiling the parish photo directory, we learned the following:

- Photos cannot be uploaded unless the person/family has completed all of the paperwork required to be registered as a parishioner.
- Some people submitted a photo but we either did not receive it or the photo could not be uploaded.

Before we print the parish photo directory, we want to give you the opportunity to complete the parish registration form which is available on-line or at the back of church so that your photo can be uploaded. We also want to give you the opportunity to submit a new photo. **The deadline for completing the registration form and submitting a new photo is March 1, 2024.**

1. To submit a photo:
 - Select the photo from your phone or computer. (Your photo should be more square than rectangular in shape.)
 - Upload the photo and send by email to ellenhowe50@gmail.com or to rectory@ctkstl.com
 - In the email subject line, please put Family Name Photo
 - In the body of the email, please list the names of the people in the photo that you are submitting.
2. We will send an email confirming that we received your photo.

Save the Date!
Fish Fry #2
March 22!

Scan Here to Volunteer!



CTK FISH FRY

FEBRUARY 23

4:00 to 8:00 PM

Msgr. Ryan Center at CKS

Adults \$15 - Kids \$7

We need you!

Sign up to help and bring a
dessert at

<http://tinyurl.com/2kekxjvv>

**PROCEEDS FROM OUR FISH FRY WILL GO TOWARDS UPGRADES TO THE SCHOOL KITCHEN
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

KONA ICE
IS COMING!

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
DURING THE FISH FRY

KLASSIC	KING	KOWABUNGA	COLOR CHANGING
\$4.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$6.00



Friday, February 23 7:30 p.m.

**St. Joseph Church
567 St. Joseph Lane
Manchester, MO**

Sunday, February 25 2:30 p.m.

**St. Joan of Arc Church
5800 Oleatha Avenue
Saint Louis, MO**

Friday, March 1 7:00 p.m.

**Christ the King Church
7316 Balson Avenue
University City, MO**

Admission to the concert is free and tickets are not required.

The Good News of the life and passion of Jesus, as recorded by Saint Mark the Evangelist. A contemporary musical production presented by soloists, adult and children's choirs, and instrumentalists from area churches.

Presented with support from the Saint Louis Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians



90 Prayer Days for Life

February 5—May 5, 2024

Archdiocese of St. Louis Prayer Campaign to Save Preborn Children and Protect Women in Missouri



"Only with prayer...will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a Culture of Life."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Through May 5, pro-abortion supporters are attempting to collect signatures for a ballot initiative to insert abortion language into our state constitution. Committed to saving preborn children and protecting Missouri women, the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates to unite in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord to stop these efforts.

During **90 Prayer Days for Life**, individuals, families, groups, schools, and parishes are invited to:

1. **Choose a day to pray.**
2. **Sign up** online or via the QR Code below.
3. **Pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**, through our Blessed Mother's intercession, specifically for this intention on your scheduled day.



Join 90 Prayer Days for Life:

bit.ly/90DaysForLife-2024

Pro-Life Prayer Resources

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops
uscgb.org/pro-life-prayer

Walking with Moms in Need
walkingwithmoms.com/pray-for-moms

Respect Life Apostolate
<https://www.archstl.org/Portals/0/agency/1000267-respectlife/Step1PrayerDetailResource-BallotInitiative.12.2023.pdf?ver=2024-02-10-131207-877>



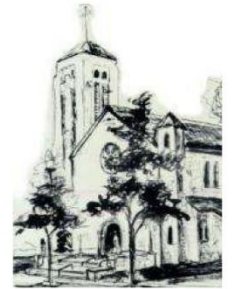
For additional resources about the Missouri
Ballot Initiative, contact:

Respect Life Apostolate - Archdiocese of St. Louis
prolife@archstl.org — STL.RespectLife.org





Christ the King Parish, 2024 Men's Retreat
Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 3rd
Cedar Creek Conference Center, New Haven, MO



"Take, Lord, Receive"

Dear Brothers,

Please join us for our annual Men's Retreat! We are offering a two-night retreat and we will be gathering at the beautiful Cedar Creek Conference Center in New Haven. The retreat will begin with the first session on Friday evening and end before lunch on Sunday morning. Steve Givens will be the Retreat Facilitator. Please see his bio on the next page.

The address of Cedar Creek Conference center is:

1401 Olive Road, New Haven, MO 63068 (which works in all GPS systems and is about a 1 hour and 15-minute drive from U City)

All participants are encouraged to arrive Friday night by 7:00.

The suggested cost for the retreat is \$200 for two nights. This cost includes meals and a single room. **However, any amount is acceptable** and please contact Dave Dille (314-320-8210, ddille@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the retreat.

All registrants will be contacted to confirm directions and travel arrangements. Carpooling is encouraged. The web site for Cedar Creek is <http://www.cedarcreekcenter.com/>

Please Register by February 19th

Payment may be made at the retreat (Please make checks to Christ the King)

Registration is very easy –

please **email** the information below to ddille@yahoo.com

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a ride to Cedar Creek
Emergency Contact _____

April 20, 2024



5k Start Time: 8am

5k Awards: 8:45am

1/2 mile Fun Run: 9am

Post-race refreshments

<http://tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024>