



March 1, 2024

Dear CTK family,

Last Friday evening was a classic! The CTK Fish Fry was busy from start to finish. The ticket line was literally out the door with people from the neighborhood as well as longtime and new parishioners, and the young and old. Everyone was enjoying the food, the fellowship and the fun atmosphere. Be sure to join us for our March 22 Fish Fry as well.

This past Monday we hosted the first of our four part Mission Mondays program to positive reviews. I would encourage you to make time for this coming Monday here at CTK as well as the final two Mondays that will be held at St Joseph parish.

There is a wonderful, free concert that the University City Symphony will be presenting at St Rita Church this Sunday. Check out the flyer elsewhere in this letter.

I wish to remind you that we are offering additional times for Reconciliation on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm – 6:30pm. The Wednesday evening Mass is also a great opportunity for making a little extra time with the Lord in this Lenten season.

Everyone can't do everything; everyone can do something to make Lent a personal spiritual experience. Don't shortchange this season of spiritual renewal.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.


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The graphic features a background of a sunset over purple mountains with three crosses on a hill. The text is in white and black on a purple and yellow background.



## And in Other Parish News.....

**New World A-Comin'!**  
**Sunday, March 3, 2024**



**2:15 PM - Pre-concert talk  
w/ Maestro Leon Burke**

**3:00 PM concert  
FREE ADMISSION**

**St. Rita's Church  
8240 Washington St.  
St. Louis, MO 63114**

### ➤ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The faculty and students of Christ the King School invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with them. Stations of the Cross will take place in Church on **Friday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m., and March 22 at 1:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross with the parish will take place on Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. This time of prayer and contemplation on the Passion of Christ helps faithful Christians make a spiritual pilgrimage. **Also, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 3:00 at St Rita Church.**

- **DIAPER DRIVE** -- During the weekends of **March 9-10 through Sunday, March 17**, the Christ the King Respect Life Committee and the Permanent Deacons, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our second annual Baby Shower to support the Good Shepherd Home. The Good Shepherd Home offers residential services and support for young mothers. Last year we collected over 2,800 for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and bring them to the church vestibule during the week or on the weekend. They will be included in our Baby Shower celebration on March 17<sup>th</sup>! We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.

### ➤ **Pot Luck Dinner – St. Joseph, Clayton**

Please join us for a Pot Luck Dinner, Soup and Salad, Tuesday, **March 19<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Saint Joseph) from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please let Karen Bencke, (314) 726-1221 [parishoffice@stjosephclayton.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephclayton.org) know that you will be bringing either Soup, Salad, or Desert. We are in need of help with setting up at 5:00 pm and cleaning up, please contact Deacon John at [johnstoverink@archstl.org](mailto:johnstoverink@archstl.org).

- 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](http://chaminade-stl.org).

Below are the items that our SVdP Food Pantry is running low on...

- Pasta sauce
- Jelly
- Flour
- Sugar
- Elbow macaroni or penne pasta (we are overstocked on spaghetti and long noodles!)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Deodorant
- Pads/tampons
- bags (running low on paper and plastic bags)

**We do NOT need soups and other canned goods.**



**Next Christ the King Fish Fry  
Friday, March 22 – 4:30-8:00 pm**

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join this great community event – all are welcome!

Reach out to Carissa Minder, Katie West or Kirk Wonio on how you can help.

**THE SONG OF MARK  
A SACRED MUSICAL**

**Friday, March 1, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

**Christ the King Church  
7316 Balson Avenue  
Saint Louis, MO 63130**

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

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



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

# 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.





# 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](https://bit.ly/90DaysForLife-2024)

### **Pro-Life Prayer Resources**

U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops  
[uscgb.org/pro-life-prayer](https://uscgb.org/pro-life-prayer)

Walking with Moms in Need  
[walkingwithmoms.com/pray-for-moms](https://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](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) — [STL.RespectLife.org](https://STL.RespectLife.org)



PLEASE JOIN  
THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE, IN  
COLLABORATION WITH THE DEACON  
DIAPER DRIVE, FOR A

# Baby Shower

HONORING GOOD SHEPHERD  
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

MARCH

SUNDAY

17

2024

AFTER 10  
AM MASS

**Join us in the MRC for donuts,  
snacks, and games.**

**We will be collecting diapers,  
wipes, & sleepers for the  
maternity shelter.**



**April 20, 2024**

8:00am 5K

9:00am Fun Run

[www.tinyurl.com/  
ctk5k2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024)

