



March 8, 2024

Dear CTK Family,

This weekend marks the beginning of Spring Break for many, especially our school families. Be refreshed and renewed for the last quarter of the school year. Don't fool yourselves, however. Lent continues on. Find a creative way to keep the Lenten spirit alive: pray the rosary, say morning or evening prayers together, visit a church in a place where you might be traveling, take along a bit of spiritual reading, donate something to a worthy charity. . . . you get the picture.

It really is a lesson for all of us who want to conditionalize or make exceptions for Lenten disciplines. What does REAL sacrifice, REAL prayer, REAL faith look like? At this midway point in Lent what have we come to realize about ourselves . . . about the love of Christ? It's not too late to push forward and use this Lenten season in a productive manner. I am praying for you to be true to yourself, to others, and most of all, to the Lord Jesus.

Please review the **Holy Week schedule** elsewhere in this memo and plan on joining us as we celebrate the high holydays of our life in Christ. Pray also for our **Catechumens, Antajuan and Travis, and our Candidates, Chris, Mary, Julia and Samrat** as they prepare for Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church family. We look forward to their presence in our faith community.

Our **Mission Monday** program of prayer/reflection continues but with a venue change. **Join us at St Joseph Church in Clayton at 7 pm for the next two Mondays.** We have had very good attendance with very favorable reviews. Please join us.

The **Song of Mark** was very well attended and played to wonderful reviews. We thank our music director, Dawn, for spearheading this initiative that helped many to reflect on the Gospel in a beautiful way.

The clocks are "springing forward" and nature is beginning to bud and green. We are ready to share in the bursting forth of new life with nature as we anticipate our Easter moment.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike



And in Other Parish News.....

Many thanks to the cast and crew of "The Song of Mark" for sharing their talent, time and dedication in bringing this production to birth. Thanks also for all who attended "The Song of Mark as part of their Lenten observance—what a great story to be immersed in. The \$1,140 received in donations has gone to defray expenses, to support the parish, and to provide music scholarships for those working in sacred music ministry. A special thank you to the Director, Dawn Riske, for bringing this vision to life.



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 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.**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of *Ronald Journagan*, father of parishioner Kevin Journagan. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Poliable 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 17th! 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 19th (Feast of Saint Joseph) from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please let Karen Bencke, (314) 726-1221 <u>parishoffice@stjosephclayton.org</u> 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 <u>johnstoverink@archstl.org</u>.

> Spaghetti Tuesday

Tuesday, March 12 is Spaghetti Tuesday! Drop off your FROZEN casserole for the St. Patrick's Center from 7-9am on the cart in the Dartmouth driveway. If you have any questions or want to get involved in this program, please contact Joe Gallo at jigallo@charter.net or 314-630-7334.

If you haven't participated before, it's easy! Here's the simple recipe. Ingredients:

- · 1.5 pounds ground beef
- · 1.5 pounds spaghetti
- · 1 large jar spaghetti sauce

Directions:

- · Get one of the 9x13" foil pans from the back of church
- · Cook spaghetti
- · Brown ground beef in a skillet and drain fat if needed
- · Combine ingredients in the foil pan
- · Cover and freeze

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.



Palm Sunday

Saturday - March 23, 2024 - 5:00 pm Sunday - March 24, 2024 - 8:00 & 10:00 am

On Palm Sunday, the Adult and Children's Choirs will be singing a Palm Sunday welcome outdoors before the 10:00 a.m. Mass (weather permitting). Join us at 9:40 a.m. around the front steps of Christ the King to sing Hosanna to the King of Kings and to begin our journey into Holy Week.

March 28, 2024 - Holy Thursday

NO 7:00 am Mass

7:00 PM: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

NO 7:00 am Mass

3:00 PM: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM: The Passion of the Lord

March 30, 2024 - Holy Saturday

NO 5:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 AM Mass

Special music for Easter morning prelude will begin 20 minutes before each Mass on March 31, at 7:40 a.m. for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and at 9:40 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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, 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.







April 20, 2024

8:00am 5K 9:00am Fun Run

www.tinyurl.com/ ctk5k2024



Vacation Bible School



Come get on board Mary's train with us! Music, crafts, sports, Catechesis, and snack

When: June 10-14, 9 AM-Noon

Where: Christ the King Catholic School
Presented by: Co-Chairs Jane Hilton and Rachel Barnidge
Cost: \$75 for 1 child (incoming PreK to incoming 3rd gr),
\$90 for 2 children, \$100 for 3+ children. Afternoon care
available if needed by registering for Mrs. Duncan's camp.
Deadline: May 1st. Registration form and check made
payable to Christ the King can be dropped off at school or
mailed to Rachel Barnidge at 7025 Cornell Ave. 63130
Middle school (6-8th gr) and parent volunteers needed!

Parent Name: ______Parent Email/Phone Number: ______Child Name and Grade: _____ Child #2 _____ Child #3 _____

(Children attend free) Email: rpbarnidge@gmail.com