



May 10, 2024

*Greetings from Pope Francis  
and  
Our Pilgrims from the Basilica  
of Saint Paul Outside The  
Walls*



- We have been very fortunate to have not raised the offering for lighting a candle for 10 years. However, due to ever-rising costs, the offering for candles will be \$5.00 each beginning Monday, May 13.
- Next weekend we celebrate Pentecost. Join in the CTK 2.0 tradition and wear **RED** to Mass.
- Coffee and donuts next weekend after the 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Come join us.

**SCHOOL MASSES IN MAY**

In May, 8:15 a.m. Masses with the School will be held on Wednesday, May 15 (Mother’s Mass), Tuesday, May 21 (Last Mass with Eighth Grade) and Friday, May 24 (Last Day of School). **The Eighth Grade Graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m., so there will be no 6:30 p.m. parish Mass that evening.**

**NOTEWORTHY DATES:**

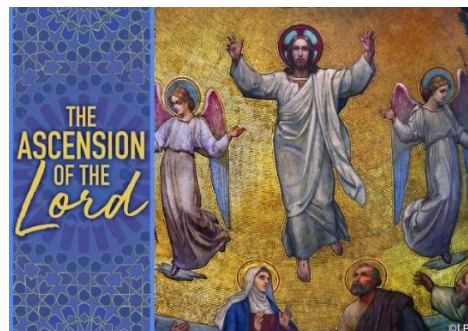
Ascension of Our Lord and Mother’s Day    May 11-12  
 Pentecost    May 18-19  
 Trinity Sunday    May 25-26  
 Memorial Day    May 27, with Mass at **9:00 a.m.**

CTK ACA Progress Report

a/o 5.10.24

REPORT DETAIL

Challenge Goal	\$77,686
New Donor Goal	25
Total to Date	\$51,169
Total Parishioners	495
Returned to Date	73
# New Donors	18



It's time to lace up your shoes and walk, or run, for clean water, for our brothers and sisters in developing countries. Our Christ the King is hosting the Global 6k at Heman Park, next Sat, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am, along with thousands of other churches around the country. After mass, Joycelyn and Laurie will be outside, at the bottom of the church stairs, with easy QR codes and bite-size cupcakes to encourage you to sign up or support the Christ the King team. You can walk, run or roll, as much of the 3.7 miles as you can. Look for the orange balloons!! We want to see you and your family there!

## GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER

Christ the King is hosting World Vision's 2024 Global 6K on **Saturday, May 18!** Why a 6K? Six kilometers is the average distance a woman or child in a developing country has to walk to find water, usually unclean, for their families to drink. Every step you take is one they won't have to.



Sign up and join our team: CTK Global6K at [www.global6k.worldvision.org](http://www.global6k.worldvision.org)



Tuesday, May 14 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 [jjgallo@charter.net](mailto:jjgallo@charter.net) or 314-630-7334.

## *Acting with Justice*

### **Christ the King Social Justice Committee**

**Our Mission:** The Christ the King Social Justice Committee seeks to understand, educate, and act on Catholic Social Teaching, an essential guide to living the Gospel message in our community.

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to update you on what has been happening in our parish Social Justice Committee in response to our new reality—CTK 2.0.

On a very frigid January 14, 2024, we held our first Parish Assembly as an expanded parish. Approximately 40 members representing All Saints, Christ the King, St. Rita and St. Roch defied the weather and gathered to brainstorm social justice issues that concern us all, and to plan for our future as a new larger parish. At the end of the 90-minute meeting, facilitated by Mary Dee Schmidt and Joycelyn Barnes, two overarching topics were agreed upon as main foci for our on-going attention—environmental issues and addressing outreach and service needs within our community. Two sub-committees were formed to further identify specific issues.

The **Environment Sub-Committee**, co-chaired by Patrick Connors and Todd Dean, has identified several initiatives that might be pursued—flooding in U City and its impact on lower income residents, which would probably include both advocacy and action; environmental justice, in particular, identifying ways in which the parish could make improvements to its property and plant to benefit the environment, exploring the possibility of solar panels on the school, and an educational program open to all on the impacts of environmental issues on lower income residents. One sub-committee member, Tom Kent, secured a grant from the Archdiocesan Peace & Justice Commission to help fund the latter two initiatives.

The **Community Needs Sub-Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Abkemeier and Mimi Hendrix, has conducted an inventory of community outreach and service programs operated by each of our parish partners who have joined Christ the King. These include days of community service, food support to St. Patrick’s Center, backpacks for the Criminal Justice Ministry, volunteering at Grace & Peace Women’s Shelter, Thanksgiving food drives, Christmas Giving Tree, school supplies and book collection, coat collection, Birthright collection, food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul, etc. The Committee is now working on determining how best to streamline these efforts to both avoid duplication as well as not taking on too much. *Obviously, there are great opportunities here to put our faith into practice by reaching out to those in need in our community. **The sub-committee would definitely benefit from more members and invites all parishioners, including our young people, to consider joining one or more of these initiatives.***

*We are also in need of assistance in refreshing our page on the **CTK website** and are looking for volunteers to help.*

Anyone interested in more information about the Social Justice Committee, in joining or volunteering, please contact its chair, Joe Cavato, at [jacconsultingstl@gmail.com](mailto:jacconsultingstl@gmail.com).

*“Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel . . . .” (“Justice in the World,” 1971 Synod of Bishops).*

## St Rita Feast Day Mass

May 22, 9:00 am at St Rita Church

A Mass in honor of St Rita of Cascia is going to be held at St Rita Church (Vinita Park) on her feast day. All are welcome to join in the celebration of this special Mass. After Mass, a coffee social will be held.

If you have any questions, contact Tony Reynoso, 314-369-6729 (text or call)



### 35th Annual St Rita Church Community Flea Market

The 35th Annual St Rita Church Community Flea Market is going to be held **June 8, from 8:30am - 1:30pm**, on the Page side parking of the Church grounds. This event is fantastic and has continued to help community neighbors stay in contact with each other! For information about it, to rent vending space, or to participate as a helping steward of the Church, contact Tony Reynoso at (314) 369-6729



This summer, the Respect Life Committee is planning on hosting a Sunday Morning "Coffee Chat" with a conversation about how we can best support our fellow neighbors who are impacted by the foster care system. If anyone has any ideas or would like to be a part of this program, please contact Jamie at [jclitteken@gmail.com](mailto:jclitteken@gmail.com)

### Rosary Concert

Please join us for our choir's  
Third Annual Rosary Concert  
on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 3:00 pm

at St. Joan of Arc Church  
5801 Pernod Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139

This free program will include vocal and instrumental selections as well as inspirational readings and reflections and the recitation of the rosary.

Come and pray with us on June 2nd.  
All are welcome!

