



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2024

Dear CTK parish family,

Did you ever stop and wonder why the Magi were so locked in on following the star? What difference would it make in their lives? Why go through all the hassle?

The wonders and mysteries of the world and of life gave them a focus that was bigger than themselves. The search for meaning, truth and beauty can make all the difference in the world for us if we seek them out. The journey itself is meaningful considering the fellow wayfarers that accompany us. Together we make our way.

I hope the Christmas season is that and more for you. I hope it gives you pause to consider the implications of the plan of God, the Incarnation of Jesus, the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph, the amazement of the shepherds, the fear and hatred of Herod, and the bold determination of the Magi.

In the name of Fr Freddy, the CTK staff, and myself I wish to extend a sincere thanks to all who sent cards and cookies and gifts of all kinds to the rectory. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, generosity, and love.

May the New Year be rich in blessing for all as we continue to evolve all the more into the new manifestation of Christ the King 2.0. Many thanks to all who expressed their admiration and appreciation for the new “parish family tree” on the vestibule wall. It really does serve as a constant reminder to us all that our ongoing development has been in process for quite some time and, I venture to say, still has a way to go. We press on trusting in the guidance of the Spirit and the goodwill that continues to be celebrated as we journey together. May we find our strength and peace in Jesus Christ, our source of unity and ultimate joy.

One last note, our Annual Giving is really moving along at quite a rapid pace. Check out the progress report and see that we have crossed the \$100,000 threshold! I encourage those we have not yet heard from to be a part of the ongoing refurbishing of the MRC and the convent. A progress report will be forthcoming in the next week or two after we meet with our vendors. Our phones, on the other hand, have been a complete nuisance the past couple of weeks. We have evaluated the problem and our need and have engaged a new company to deal with our phone systems. Stay tuned.

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

And in Other Parish News.....

EPIPHANY BLESSED CHALK

For centuries, the chalking of the doors has happened at the beginning of a New Year, often on Epiphany. This traditional blessing is being embraced here in the United States, whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking God's blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. Blessed chalk and a printed Epiphany House Blessing will be available **this weekend after all Masses.**



Jessica Platt/Kinzie productions and the Arch Ensemble quartet are inviting you, parishioners and friends of Christ the King to a concert featuring Baroque, classical and Jazz music this **Sunday, January 7, at 3:00 pm, St. Rita Church, 8240 Washington, Vinita Park, 63114.** The string quartet consists of some of the finest local musicians, with the addition of Mark Reynoso (piano) accompanying songs from the "great American songbook jazz". Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, January 9 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 or **314-630-7334.**

Your Voice is Needed! Join us for a Parish Assembly Session on Social Justice
Sunday, January 14 after 10 a.m. Mass in the Ryan Center

We will be reviewing and re-setting the agenda and priorities of our Social Justice Committee. This is a perfect time because of our expanded territory and parish membership with the "All Things New" changes. We encourage you to weigh in on how we grow together as a community by attending and participating. Serve one another - Brainstorm social justice in 2024! Come join the conversation!

Babysitting available

- The Christ the King Parish **Women's Retreat** will be Friday, January 19 thru Sunday, January 21. [A registration form can be found later in this letter.](#)
- 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.

Our Annual Giving campaign is in full swing. We hope for a generous response as we continue to upgrade the MRC and Convent. As of 12/31 our total is \$101,285.



If you would like to receive a 2023 year-end contribution statement, please email the parish office (rectory@ctkstl.com). Statements will be available after January 15. If you are an online giver, you can download a giving statement by logging into your giving account.

St Roch Progressive Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Appetizer party at 6:00 pm / Dinner at 7:30 pm / Desserts at 9:30 pm

\$35 per person

RSVP by Wednesday, January 17

All locations will be emailed the week of.

Hosts, teachers and staff attend free of charge.

If you are interested, please contact Sandra Burke at: ukdaburkes@yahoo.com with subject line "Progressive Dinner"

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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.

Christ the King will be hosting a National African American Read-In on Sunday, February 11, 2024, following the 10:00 Mass in the MRC. Everyone is welcome.

- Sue Anne Whitener will read the children's book, *Leola and the Honeybears*, by Melodye Benson Rosales. 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.
- (Note: The children will participate in an activity in another area of the hall while Art is reading to the adults. The activity will be conducted by Pat Patterson.)



CHRIST *the* **KING**

Christ the King Parish Women's Retreat Registration Form

Cedar Creek Hotel & Event Center, New Haven, MO
Friday, January 19th - Sunday, January 21st, 2024

All women of the parish are invited for some relaxation, spiritual growth and fellowship time on this year's women's retreat. Cedar Creek Hotel & Event Center is an easy drive, only 1 hour 15 minutes from University City. Come spend some time with friends and meet new ones. The setting is beautiful and the food is delicious!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Please choose 1 of the following options (financial assistance is available, please just ask):

___ Stay 2 nights, Friday and Saturday night, includes meals from dinner Friday through breakfast on Sunday \$200

___ Stay only Friday night, includes dinner on Friday and meals on Saturday \$100

___ Stay only Saturday night, includes meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sun. \$100

___ Come for the day on Saturday, includes meals \$75

___ I need a ride to/from the retreat

Do you have any dietary restrictions? _____

There are three options to submit registration and payment, please register by **January 12th**.

___ **Mail** to: Laura Kent, 1537 Moore Pl, 63130. Checks payable to Christ the King Ladies Sodality

___ **Drop off** at the rectory or school c/o Laura Kent

___ **Online registration:** <https://bit.ly/ctkwomen> and Venmo @Laura-Kent-StL

Questions?? Email: Laura Kent at laurakent07@gmail.com or call/text 314-246-0598



CHRIST *the* KING

TRIVIA NIGHT

& SILENT AUCTION

6:00 PM

DOORS OPEN &
SILENT AUCTION

7:00 PM

TRIVIA STARTS &
INCLUDES A LIVE
AUCTION

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Tables: \$400 for 8 people
Beer, wine and soft
drinks included!
Bring your own food and snacks.

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
& GREATLY APPRECIATED!

To sign up your trivia table and get more info on
sponsorships, use the google form provided in this email.

If you don't have a table and would like to play,
contact Sarah Rusche: (314) 406-7221.

Click [here](#) for a link to register and get more info on sponsorships.

Super Trivia Night at St Rita

Saturday, February 10

St. Rita Hall

8240 Washington Ave. (Page at North & South)

Proceeds contribute to the St Rita Church building upkeep

4:00 pm: Mass (offertory collection for St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry)

5:00 pm: Hall Doors open

6:00 pm: Trivia questions start

Price: \$160.00 / team / (8 max per team)

32 Tables is our maximum – Table spots not secured until payment received

Price Includes

Beer, Soda, Light Snacks
(Teams can bring their own food)

- Awards for 1ST & 2ND place teams
 - Great Raffle Prizes
- Two 50/50 Cash Lottery Drawings
 - Team costume awards

RESRVATIONS

Mail Check to: Trivia
8304 Madison
Vinita Park MO 63114

Make check out to: Christ the King

Memo line: St Rita Trivia

Payment by check only

CONTACTS

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