

March 15, 2024

Dear CTK family,

So much is going on this week . . . the announcement of the closing of two grade schools that partner with us on different levels, Little Flower and St Roch; the announcement of the impending closure and sale of Fontbonne University, our metropolitan community celebrating STL 314 Day yesterday, St Patrick's Day on Sunday, and St Joseph's Day on Tuesday, the 19th. This Sunday we will have the formal introduction, prayer, and blessing of our Catechumens, Antajuan and Travis, and our Candidates, Chris, Julia, Mary and Samrat.

CTK Grade School is presently in the process of accepting applications for next school year; it looks like it's going to be a very full school. We hope to make room for all who apply, particularly CTK and St Roch parishioner children, along with others who wish to be considered.

I have been a member of **the Board of Trustees at Fontbonne** for the past 8 years. This has been an agonizing time as the institution and the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet have considered so many avenues to remain alive but the curse of increasing debt and diminishing enrollment have brought the university to this terminal point after more than 100 years of Catholic higher education. Fontbonne is working to assist the current students to have a positive finish and as smooth a transition as possible to wherever they may be headed. Washington University has agreed to purchase the campus and work with Fontbonne in the transition process and for that we are most appreciative.

Poor St Joseph . . . he seems to always play second fiddle to **St Patrick**. He does not have a recorded word in the Gospels and as if his role in the Holy Family dynamic is not enough, he barely gets attention in the afterglow of the Paddy's Day festivities. So, while you celebrate the patron saint of Ireland be sure to offer up a prayer of thanksgiving to St Joseph for his selfless and heroic response to protecting and providing for Mary and Jesus. **May we all learn the lessons of faith that Patrick's evangelizing and Joseph's love and protection offer to so many throughout the ages. St Patrick, St Joseph, PRAY FOR US.**

Speaking of prayer, hold up our **RCIA participants** as they enter the home stretch of their faith journey to the sacraments and our faith community. Their bios are on the back wall and are quite diverse and inspiring: a doctor, a lawyer, a high school student, a medical salesperson, a stockbroker and a police officer – that's us, the Catholic Church!

May Christ the King reign in our lives.

Msgr Mike

And in Other Parish News.....

➤ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

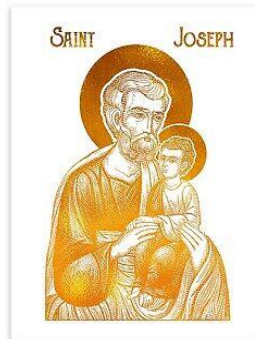
The faculty and students of Christ the King School invite you to walk the Way of the Cross with them. Stations of the Cross will take place in Church on **Friday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross with the parish will take place on Good Friday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. This time of prayer and 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.**

- **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 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 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.



**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.

Holy Week Schedule, St Joseph-Clayton

Holy Thursday

6:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
(church will remain open for prayer until 10:00pm)

Good Friday

noon – Stations of the Cross
6:30pm - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Additional Opportunities for Confession

Saturday, March 23 10:00-11:30am

Monday, March 25 3:30-5:00pm

Tuesday, March 26 3:30-5:00pm

Wednesday, March 27 3:30-5:00pm

(Confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday by appointment only)

Holy Saturday

8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8:00am & 11:00am



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March 8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and thank the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

We can count on our parish priests to instruct us in the faith, counsel us in difficult times, help us celebrate joyful moments, and comfort us in our grief. Indeed, many retired priests continue serving in parishes, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and other Catholic ministries.

Your gift helps meet their temporal needs, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care, and disability. I thank you for your generosity in caring for our retired priests who dedicate their lives to serving the Lord and His people!

Be assured that our retired priests are praying for you and your families. I hope you will pray for them as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

**SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS
ON EASTER SUNDAY**

SCAN TO GIVE



**You are a priest
FOREVER!**

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

MARCH 31, 2024

Your gift to the 2024 Special Collection for Retired Priests supports our priests' lifelong ministry.

VISIT ARCHSTL.ORG/RETIRED PRIESTS TO GIVE NOW



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 18, 7:00 pm St Joseph Church

Theme: Communion of Care

Each evening will last less than an hour.



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

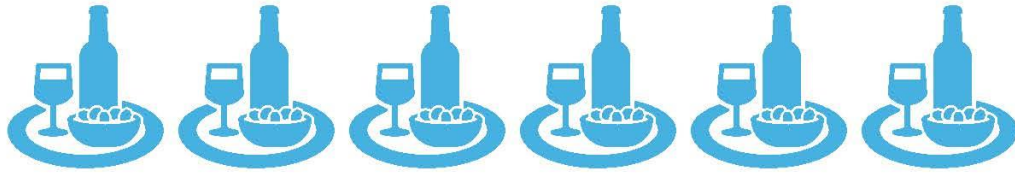
AFTER 10
AM MASS

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

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



POLO is hosting our annual Easter egg hunt after 10:00 mass on Easter Sunday. It will be on the church lawn immediately following mass. We hope to see you there!



You are invited to the annual Christ the King Progressive Dinner on April 20th!

The Progressive dinner is a great way to **mix and mingle with fellow parishioners and meet new people along the way!**

The funds collected support the Women's retreat and other parish needs. All the hosts donate their time, food and talent to this event.

We request a donation of \$50 per person. However, if you are not able, give what you can and **come enjoy the evening!**

Invitations will be mailed soon. NEW this year, you can register and pay using the QR code below.

Also, NEW this year, we will begin with a 4 PM Mass celebration for our parish community.

We are looking for cocktail and dinner hosts and an organizer for dessert at the MRC. Let us know if you want to host or host with friends!

Have any questions? Contact Mary Jo Gorman at maryjogorman99@gmail.com or Erin Vlasaty at evlasaty@hotmail.com.





April 20, 2024
8:00am 5K
9:00am Fun Run

www.tinyurl.com/ctk5k2024



Save the Date

Global 6K for Water

Sat, May 18th, 2024



Christ the King is hosting World Vision's 2024 Global 6K! Why 6K? 6K 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. Join our team: "CTK Global6K". Find out more and register here: [CTK Global6K - Fundraising For Team World Vision](#)



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!

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



Parent Name: _____

Parent Email/Phone Number: _____

Child Name and Grade: _____

Child #2 _____ Child #3 _____