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Sunday Eucharist 4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday.
Weekday Mass 9:15 am, Tuesday—Friday
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment

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All generations will
call me blessed.

LUKE 1:48B

Church of Christ the King

Before I Forget



A few years after the tragedy of World War II left fifty-one million people dead and countless others without countries, homes, families, or hope, the Catholic Church proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption, which declares that Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed into heaven after her time on earth was finished. This dogma recognizes the infinite value God places on the human body of his mother, and through her on all our bodies. This dogma celebrates the reality of the call of humanity to share in the life of God.

Does the timing of the proclamation of this mystery of Mary's assumption and God's desire to share eternity with humanity seem unusual after the massive disregard for humanity that the world experienced during the war? Since the time of Mary's death, the tradition among the faithful has always been that Mary's body was assumed into heaven. Why, after all this time of general belief in the fact of the assumption, did the Church now decide to state this ancient belief?

The Spirit of God blows when it will, and we ponder the ways of the Spirit to better cooperate with them. Perhaps after all the sin and pain of World War II and the years immediately preceding and following it, the universal cry of despair and disregard for the sacredness of the human body (human life) were met by God's cry of hope and restoration of the dignity of the human body (human person).

Now we are seventy-six years away from World War II. We have had other wars in many foreign countries and continue to settle most international conflicts with guns and bombs. Violence is in our cities. Injustice and the lack of compassion leave many to starve physically and emotionally. Hatred claims its victims daily. Yet we celebrate in these same times the assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven. This feast is not a denial of evil done by humanity but a declaration of our potential holiness/wholeness. As Christians, we live out this holiness by supporting life in all its stages and forms and by working against its destruction by any means.

God created us male and female, and made us stewards of all creation. Even all the beauty and wonder of creation are as nothing compared with the beauty and wonder of a single person. Each of us was made "a little lower than God" (Psalm 8:15). All the sin and pain of the world cannot take that reality from us. All the sin and pain of the world cannot take from us the realization that one of us was assumed into heaven. Mary was sinless but she was still fully human. Her assumption gives dignity to all humanity.

She who was the lowly one of God, who surrendered totally with the words "Here am I, the servant of the Lord" (Luke 1:38) is the one who is brought into heaven in glory. With Mary, all of us are also brought to God. Her assumption into heaven was the visible expression of the final surrender to God. What we celebrate in Mary on the Feast of the Assumption we anticipate in our own lives. Like Mary, we are created to be fulfilled, to see God face to face, to be one with God forever, and to live eternally in our 'resurrected bodies' in the presence of God.

On this Feast of the Assumption, we celebrate what has already been and what will be. We celebrate Mary's assumption; we celebrate all those who have gone before us and who are now experiencing perfect wholeness and happiness. We anticipate our own time of resurrection.

"Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." (Romans 8:19). The glory awaits us.

Forward together and no one left behind,
Fr. Bill

We strongly encourage those coming for Mass or other programs to wear a mask
in compliance with revised CDC guidelines & in response to the increasing spread of the Delta variant of COVID.



The transmission rate in Hennepin County at this time is considered “substantial” and the daily rates of positive cases is rapidly increasing.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 15

Sunday: : Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10-16,/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34--37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b] Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ Jn 6:60-69

CTK Racial Justice Discussion:

The book club discussion of *The Sum of Us* is rescheduled to Sunday, September 26 after the 9:30 Mass.

So many people said that they did not have enough time to acquire the book and read it in time for our originally scheduled date of Sunday, August 22. Please let us know if you have a copy of the book to share or if you need a copy.

The Sum of Us, by Heather McGhee, one of today’s most insightful and influential thinkers, offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color – it is not a zero sum game. This is the story of how public goods in this country—from parks and pools to functioning schools—have become private luxuries; of how unions collapsed, wages stagnated, and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world’s advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare. Please consider joining us for this important discussion.

CTK Prayer Corner

Anna Bertel, Brent Blackey; Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach; Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mary Forsman, Chuck Gorman, Mary Ann Hansen, Dan Ivory, Steve Kean, Tomi Kean, Anna Kinney, Mary Koby, Mary Lee, Dolores Lutz, Jerry Murtaugh David Podgorak, Ed & Gae Skager, Lydia Spanier, Angie Tucker, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski

If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayer, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030, ext. 19.



Words from Pope Francis:

“It might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life, while we can manage matters here on earth. Instead, God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world. We can tell him about what we are feeling, our work, our day, our heartache, our anguish, so many things. We can tell him everything because Jesus wants intimacy with us. What does he not want?...to be overlooked and set aside, or called on only when we need him. (Angelus August 8)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 17

11:00 am Memorial Mass
For Marie Kolcun

Wednesday, August 18

9:15 am Mass

Thursday, August 19

9:15 am Mass

Friday, August 20

9:15 am Mass

Saturday, August 21

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 22

9:30 am Mass

Adalynn Peters Baptism

Faith Formation and Discipleship

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THESE ON OUR CALENDAR:

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Beginning Wednesday, September 24 through November 10, 10 am—Noon

RICHARD ROHR GROUP: Begins Friday, September 29 through October 20, 10 am—Noon.

SYNOD 2021—DISCUSSION GROUPS

Saturday, September 25, 9:30-10:30am
Tuesday, September 28, 6-7 pm

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2021-2022 Faith Formation registration information was mailed to families the first week of August. The registration form is now on the CTK website as well. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Terri Hunt – thunt@ctkmpls.org.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Were you baptized, but never confirmed? If so, RCIA is for you!

RCIA Ministry at CTK is designed to fit the needs and background of those participating in the program, wherever you are on your faith journey. Classes will run November through April.

If interested, contact Terri Hunt, Director of Faith Formation, at thunt@ctkmpls.org.

GOOD NEWS!!

The Church Nursery will open Sunday, September 12. Chris Opegard, the Nursery Coordinator is happy to be back, welcoming children up to the age of 4.

And, Childrens Liturgy of the Word also begins that Sunday. September 12.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SYNOD SMALL GROUPS THIS FALL

Be part of the Synod process that will shape our local Church. In small groups this fall, our parish will:

- Pray for God's guidance on how we can more vigorously proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!
- Learn the Church's wisdom on the Synod focus area topics.
- Discuss your perspective and ideas with other parishioners.
- Respond with your feedback on Archdiocesan priorities to proclaim the Good News in our culture today.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, Sept 25—9:30 –10:30 am
Tuesday, September 28, - 6-7 pm

Registration is appreciated but not required.

Terri Hunt, thunt@ctkmpls.org.



FRANCISCAN ADULT RETREATS

Step aside from all the challenges and uncertainties of this time for a spiritual connection and renewal at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake.

September 14-16 Women's Retreat

September 23-26 Men's and Women's Silent Retreat

Register for retreats: call 952-447-2182 or on line at www.FranciscanRetreats.net/register

Liturgical Ministry

BECOME A MINISTER OF GOD'S WORD AT LITURGY



We will hold a training session for all lectors, both veterans and novices, on Wednesday, September 8, 7-8:30 pm in church. Training is required even for "expert" public speakers.

The lector proclaims the Word of God in the liturgical assembly. The role is open to faith-filled persons of any age who can proclaim God's Word with understanding, conviction, and clarity.

Please contact Moya McGinn Mathews, Director of Liturgy and Music, if you are interested, willing, or have any questions or concerns. mmmathews@ctkmpls.org

Given the current number of Saturday lectors, those who serve on Saturdays are scheduled about once every six weeks. Based on the current number of Sunday lectors, they are scheduled about every nine or ten weeks. In the future, we might look at the possibility of two lectors scheduled for each Mass, with one person doing the first reading and the other the second reading, which would allow lectors to serve more frequently.



CALLING ALL SINGERS!

WHO IS READY FOR IN-PERSON CHOIR EXPERIENCES?

The first rehearsal of the Christ the King choir will be on Wednesday, September 15, 7-8:30 pm, followed by a rehearsal on Sunday, September 19 at 8:30 AM in preparation for the 9:30 AM Mass that day.

The ongoing choir schedule will develop according to the interest and availability of singers. During the academic program year, we will probably be rehearsing some Wednesday evenings and most Sunday mornings for one hour prior to the 9:30 AM beginning that middle week of September.

If you want to sing with the ensemble, please contact Moya (mmmathews@ctkmpls.org) at least three days prior to a rehearsal or liturgy and she will send you electronic copies of the music needed for the event.

Because of the current situation with Covid cases locally and the spread of the Delta variant, for the sake of the health of all the singers and of the public health, **all participants in the choir must be vaccinated**. Vaccination is on the honor system. We trust that no one would be untruthful about vaccination status to sing in a church choir.

Please contact Moya McGinn Mathews, Director of Liturgy and Music, if you are interested, willing, or have any questions or concerns.

Ushers are needed for both the Saturday 4:30 PM Mass and the 9:30 AM Mass.

Male and female, young and old, can help take up the collection at either weekend liturgy.

Please contact Moya (mmmathews@ctkmpls.org) to volunteer. Thanks

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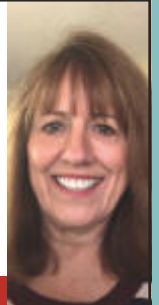
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