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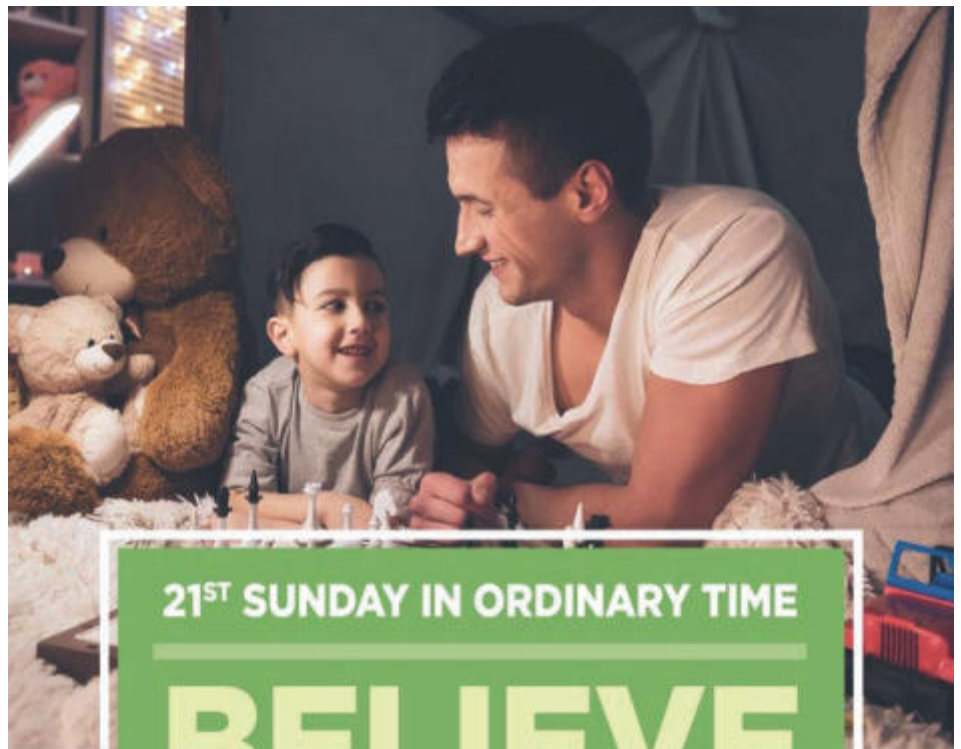
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PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BELIEVE

Simon Peter answered him,
"Master, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of
eternal life." - Jn 6:68

Church of Christ the King

Before I Forget



There are two ways to live life. One is by responding, the other by deciding. And the path you choose will influence everything. If you live by responding, you adopt a passive attitude towards life. The ups and downs of life are in control, and your role is only to react to them. If you win the lottery, everything is good. If you lose your job, there is only sadness and despair. On the other hand, if you live your life by deciding, you exert some control over your future and who you will be. By claiming a say in your future and who you will be. By claiming a say in your future, you can shape the ups and downs of life rather than having them shape you.

The power to decide is real. It can operate in even the direst of circumstances. The Viennese psychiatrist Victor Frankl spent three years in a Nazi concentration camp. In his memoirs, *Man's Search for Meaning*, he asserts that he was able to survive those three years because he retained the freedom to choose. Now this is a remarkable claim because the freedom to choose is almost non-existent in a Nazi concentration camp. You cannot choose what to wear, when you are going to sleep or work, what you are going to eat. You cannot choose when you might live or die. Yet Victor Frankl claimed that he never gave up his freedom to choose how he would live the next moment. He said even though every other freedom was taken from him, he was able to retain the most basic freedom – the freedom to determine what your attitude would be in any circumstances, the freedom to choose your own way.

Now what did Frankl mean? An example. There was always a shortage of food in the concentration camp - not enough food to keep everyone alive. But, Victor Frankl chose not to steal food from those who were weaker than he. However much he wanted to, he chose not to pry bread out of the hands of children and the elderly and the sick simply because he had the strength to do so. He watched as many members of the camp did exactly that -- stealing bread from the hungry and the weak so that they might live. He watched how they indeed did live for weeks and months longer whereas those from whom they stole the food quickly died. But he also watched how those same people who lived longer lost the will to live. They knew that they had lost their humanity, becoming animals in feeding off each other. Frankl chose to starve rather than feed off the weakness of others. He chose to die rather than lose his humanity. He insists that this choice is what gave him the will to survive. Although every other freedom was taken from him, he was still able to retain the freedom to choose.

Now it is clear the Scriptures we read this weekend (Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b and John 6:60-69) call us to live life not by responding but by choosing, by deciding. Joshua says in the first reading, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Even though many of the other disciples abandon Jesus because of the difficulty of his teaching, Peter speaks for the Twelve and says, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The Scriptures this weekend say that a Christian is one who is willing to decide. To decide, that is, as long as we understand what deciding is and what it is not. Here we must make an important distinction. Deciding does not mean that we believe that our decisions will necessarily be effective. Deciding is not magic. God is the only one whose decisions always have an effect. It is God alone who can say, "Let there be light," and there is light. We do not have that kind of decision-making power. We cannot say, "I decide I will never have cancer. I decide that that person will love me. I decide that my children will never become addicted to drugs." There are many things in life over which we do not have control. Saying that we decide to accomplish them does not make it so.

Christian deciding, then, is not believing that we can control our lives. Christian deciding is choosing to believe. To believe that God is real and active in our lives and in the world and to choose to be open to that action and cooperate with it. A Christian who has cancer has the freedom to choose to live life each day rather than endure life as a victim. A Christian who is rejected in love can choose to move on to a new relationship in which love is possible. Christians whose children become addicted to drugs have the freedom to choose still to be parents and still to be supportive, even if they are disappointed.

In every circumstance, we have the freedom to choose, the freedom to believe that God is real and present. We can choose to remain open to that presence. In every circumstance, we have the freedom to live with love, with justice, with integrity. Although we cannot always control what we must face in life, we can choose how we will live life. The ups and down of life are not in control. **YOU ARE. So decide today to live in mercy and in justice. Decide today to live in love and integrity. Decide today to believe that God is active in this moment and that God is leading you to joy.**

Forward together and no one left behind,
Fr. Bill

We continue to 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.



Pope Francis joins the ad campaign, *It's Up to You*, to encourage coronavirus vaccinations. "Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love... love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people." (August 18 news release)

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.

This Sunday we welcome
With joy and thanksgiving to the Christian community,

ADALYNN MARIE PETERS

Daughter of Mike and Shelby Peters



Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

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
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6a & 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [11]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CTK Prayer Corner



Anna Bertel, Brent Blackey; Joanne & Walter Dick, Nancy Dornbach; Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mary Forsman, Chuck Gorman, Mark Goodwin, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 24

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, August 25

9:15 am Mass

Thursday, August 26

9:15 am Mass

Friday, August 27

9:15 am Mass

6:00 pm Langfeldt/Williams Wedding

Saturday, August 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am Mass

Faith Formation and Discipleship

FALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WE ARE USING THE TIMES WE HAVE FOR SCRIPTURE STUDY AND RICHARD ROHR FOR THE SYNOD 2021 DISCUSSIONS. AS DIRECTED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE...

SYNOD 2021—DISCUSSION GROUPS

Wednesday, September 29: 10 am—Noon

Saturday, September 25, 9:30-10:30 am

Tuesday, September 28, 6-7 pm

through November 10, 10 am—Noon

Friday, September 24 through October 20, 10 am—Noon

Classes are for 6 weeks.



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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUTS

On Tuesday, August 17, the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 89 honored 6 young men who attained their Eagle Rank: Liam Maves, Luis Fitch, Simon Engstrand, Holden Robbins, Dmitri Houle, Daniel Kennedy.



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.



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

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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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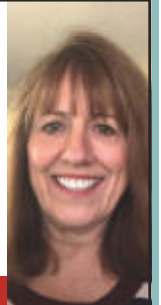
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