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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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECEIVE

“Whoever receives one
child such as this in my
name, receives me.”

- Mk 9:37a

Church of Christ the King

Before I Forget



- Jesus came for “the least, the last, and the lost.” Where do I stand?

Whenever we are going to a social gathering of some kind, there is one wish that almost all of us have. We want to be welcomed. We may think about this consciously or it may be just lurking under the surface of our thoughts. Even if we don't say the words out loud, in our heart we know that we want to be welcomed and made to feel at home. The fear of not being welcomed is perhaps the biggest reason that many people do not want to go to events where they will have to meet many strangers. We feel awkward. We don't know what to say or do. I know that these feelings vary a great deal from person to person, but almost all of us have this need to be welcomed.

This idea of being welcomed was very important to Jesus. In this weekend's gospel, we see Jesus taking a little child in his arms and saying, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

In the society in which Jesus lived, children were not important. They did not have any rights and were certainly not the greatest in their society. Not only were they physically small, but they were also small in people's eyes.

Jesus is declaring that the issue is not about being the greatest, or the first, but rather about seeing the most insignificant person as important. And, when we welcome that person, the one whom other people ignore – at that very moment we are welcoming God.

As usual, Jesus takes our human, limited way of looking at things, and turns it upside down. If you want to be first, you must strive to become the last. If you want power, you must become the servant of everyone else. He is really telling us that there are two kinds of greatness. We can be great in the eyes of people, or we can be great in the eyes of God. The choice is ours.

The secret of being great in the eyes of God is to have a welcoming heart. A few weeks ago, we had a reading from James, which warned us against treating one person differently from another person. The first mark of a welcoming heart is to be equally open to all people. This means that we are to welcome people simply because they are people. We are not to be concerned whether or not they can do something for us. The child is a symbol of all those who have nothing obvious to give us. These are the ones who perhaps most need the welcome that we can offer them.

Who are these people who have nothing obvious to give us? The list is very long: the poor, the sick, the hungry, the lonely, the dying, the hopeless, the mentally ill, the immigrant, the abused child or spouse, the abandoned. They desperately need to feel welcomed by us. We have to symbolically take them in our arms as Jesus did with the little child.

Here's a story for you. During his time as president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson and a group of his companions were traveling across the country on horseback. They came to a river which had left its banks because of a recent downpour. The swollen river had washed the bridge away. Each rider was forced to ford the river on horseback, fighting for his life against the rapid currents. The very real possibility of death threatened each rider, which caused a traveler who was not part of their group to step aside and watch.

After several had plunged in and made it to the other side, the stranger asked President Jefferson if he would ferry him across the river. The president agreed without hesitation. The man climbed on, and shortly thereafter the two of them made it to the other side. As the stranger slid off the back of the saddle onto dry ground, one in the group asked him, “Tell me, why did you select the president to ask for this favor of?” The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the president who had helped him. “All I know,” he said, “is that on some of your faces was written the answer ‘NO’, and some of them was the answer ‘YES.’ His was a ‘YES’ face.”

What does having a ‘YES face mean? I think the first thing it tells us, is that the ability to welcome other people is something that must be a part of who we are. This attitude is written on our faces. It is not something that we can practice now and then. We can't be welcoming to one person and not to another person. If we were, then we would not really be welcoming people, since we are picking and choosing the people to whom we will extend ourselves. The whole point of being a welcoming person is one who is open to all people.

We are asked to create a free and open space “where strangers can cast off their strangeness and become our fellow human being.” (Henri Nouwen) There we will have met our sister and brother, and at the same time, we will have met our God.

Forward together and no one left behind,
Fr. Bill

CTK NEWS

- **The 2020-2021 Financial Report is available for the Parish Community. You can access the Financial Summary and Report on the CTK web site,**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN

THANK YOU to the 107 CTK'ers who responded to the survey! Engagement in the survey gives guidance to direct the focus on issues that matter most to CTK.

TOP 3 ISSUES : Hunger and Food Insecurity, 54%; 2) Housing Insecurity, 49%; 3) Racial Justice, 43%. The next three issues dropped to around 25% - Gun Violence, Access to Health Care, and Voting Rights.

Highest familiarity with long-time programs based on food and housing security - Thanksgiving Baskets and Families Moving Forward. Next several in order are Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes, Easy Chairs Tough Topics, Social Justice Team, Legislative Advocacy, and Anti-Racism Team.

Top 3 focus areas on racial justice issues: 1) Closing the Education Gap; 2) Access to Fair and Equitable Housing; 3) Increasing Employment/Economic Opportunities. These were followed by Reshaping the Criminal Justice System, Diversity/Inclusion Training, and Reparations.

Outreach/Action was identified as the most important way for CTK to promote racial justice, followed by Adult Education, Youth Education/Tools for Families, and Integration into Liturgy/Liturgical Space.

Interest is highest for personal learning via a newsletter, education, and interactive forums, trailed by outreach/action.

CTK Racial Justice Discussion:

The book club discussion of *The Sum of Us* is scheduled for Sunday, September 26 after the 9:30 Mass, moderated by Deacon Jim DeShane.

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

. Even if you don't have time to read the book, please consider joining us for this important discussion.



Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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, Eleanor Lundberg, Dolores Lutz, Jerry Murtaugh. David Podgorak, Stephanie Quinn, Ed & Gae Skager, Lydia Spanier, Angie Tucker, Pat Urick, Diane Wielinski



If you would like a person added to the prayer list, please contact Deacon Jim DeShane at ideshane@ctkmpls.org or 612-920-5030, x 19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 21

9:15 am Mass

Wednesday, September 22

9:15 am School Mass

Thursday, September 23

9:15 am Mass

Friday, September 24

9:15 am Mass

10:00 am Synod Discussion Group

Saturday, September 25

9:30 am Synod Discussion Group

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 26

9:30 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Faith Formation and Discipleship



Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays
9:30 Mass.
No prior registration required.
Nursery will be starting

soon at 9:30. Mass



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, 9:30-11:30 am

Tuesday, September 28, 6-8 pm

through November 10, 10 am—Noon

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

Classes are for 6 weeks.

Discussion is centered on these topics:

- 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 to-

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION ENDS WITH HOSPITALITY...LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE TO HELP WITH BEING THERE TO SET UP THE SERVING TABLE, MAKE COFFEE AND LEMONDAGE AND BE CHRIST FOR EACH OTHER...

CONTACT JERRY JOSEPHSON, JOSEPHSON.JERRY@GMAIL.COM, 612-636-8568 TRAINING IS PROVIDED, AND YOU CAN'T BEAT THE BEST PART—MEETING CTK FOLK.



From Terri Hunt, Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship

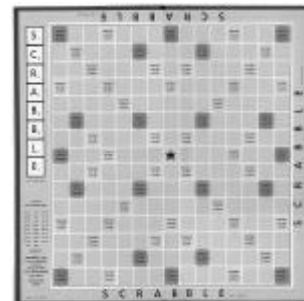
While parents are the first teachers of their children, Christ the King would like to help your children learn about our Catholic faith.

Registration for faith formation and the sacraments of first Reconciliation, first Communion, and Confirmation are still being accepted.

Download the registration form from the parish website. Contact Terri with any questions.

ALSO

Terri Hunt is looking for old Scrabble board games (not the plastic boards). If you have one you'd like to donate, please either leave it at the Parish Office or leave it at the Welcome Desk at the back of church. Thank you.



Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse Collegeville, MN

Day Retreat – September 29, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An Introduction to a Celtic Way of Prayer

Presented by David Keller and Emily Wilmer

Cost: \$50 includes lunch.

To learn more: <http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org>

WELCOME BACK WEEKEND



**JOIN US
IN CELEBRATING
A WELCOME BACK WEEKEND.**

COME AND PLAY WELCOME BINGO...GET A NAME TAG AND BINGO CARD WHEN YOU COME IN. YOU CAN START PLAYING BINGO RIGHT AWAY.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
WINE AND CHEESE AFTER THE 4:30 MASS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9:30 MASS**

TO MAKE THIS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE:

- **FOOD LINES WILL BE IN THE GATHERING SPACE**
- **SANITIZE YOUR HANDS; WEAR A MASK WHILE YOU PICK UP FOOD**
- **ENJOY YOUR TIME INSIDE OR OUTSIDE. TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

IT'S FORWARD TOGETHER AND NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

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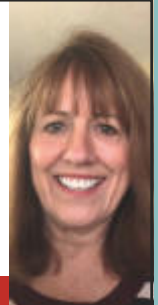
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