

Church of Christ the King December 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Current Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. & Noon
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 5:00 p.m.

Current Confession Schedule

Wednesday: 5:35 p.m. or by appointment

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-12:30 pm; 1:30-4:00 pm

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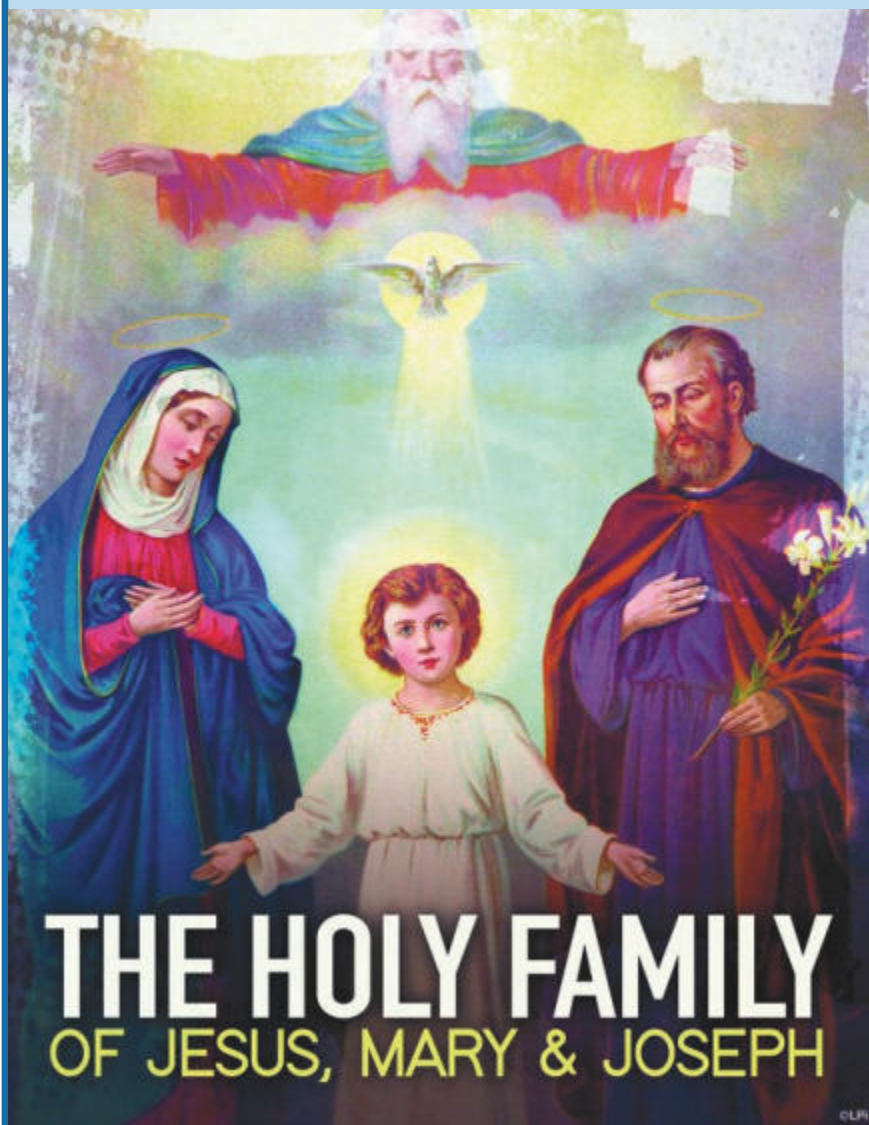
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in your Will and Memorials**



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Welcome to Christ the King Church

*If you are just visiting or are looking for a spiritual home,
we welcome you to CTK,*

where we hope you will find our Parish hospitable and prayerful.

St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center:

We are here to help you before, during and after childbirth. Call 716-842-BABY (2229).

Project Rachel / Post Abortion Reconciliation: 716-847-2211.

Child Victims Act:

For information regarding the Child Victims Act (CVA) and for Sexual Abuse Crisis information, go to the Diocesan website at www.buffalodiocese.org/protection.

Sunday Scripture Readings

This Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading—Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading—Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel—Luke 2:41-52

Next Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading—Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading—Ephesians 3:2-3a
Gospel—Matthew 2:1-12

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In Your Prayers...

Please pray for the sick of our parish for previous years, which are posted in our Adoration Chapel, and for those listed below for the current year: 2021: Barbara Bartels, Claudia Cardino, Michael Cusimano, Sarah DiNatale, William Dudek, Serena Epacalcis, John Ernst, Sheila Ernst, Sean Gawron, Issy Jackson, Katie Juhasz, Marshall Liebler, Fintan Moore, Linda Moretuzzo, Wyatt Pegnia, John Ryndak, The Michael Schmidt Family, Scarlet Schratz, Kelsey Sorenson, Joe Struse, Thomas Swiatek, Brett Slynstad, Rose Mary Thorn, Betsy Tibbetts, Ruth Wehr, Katherine Weyler, Jerry Whelan, and Paul Zadner.

...those who have died, our relatives, parishioners, and friends, especially: Donald Bartels (father of Daniel Bartels), Anna Bellittiere (mother of Fr. David Bellittiere), Martha Brydges (mother of Kirsten Lawley), and Laura Masgula (daughter of Virginia Masgula).

To be placed on the Prayer List: Our policy regarding praying for the sick will be strictly adhered to. The ill person must want to be added to the list and prayed for in Church, and it can be reported to us only by an immediate family member. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Please help us keep our list current. Let us know when we may remove a name. Call the Rectory at 839-1430.

The Parish Rosary Chain is made up of a group of parishioners who pray a decade of the Rosary daily for special requested intentions. If you have an intention for the Rosary Chain, or you would like to become part of the Rosary Chain Ministry, call Nancy Leed at 716-839-5807. The Rosary Chain is ideal for those who wish to keep their intentions private.

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Are You Overwhelmed?

With the effects of the pandemic still stretching on, we know concerns and anxieties are still abundant. And this time of year, add on the holiday stress. If you have been feeling overwhelmed, anxious or depressed, and think talking to someone could help, please turn to Catholic Charities. To get connected, call our Helpline at 716-218-1419.

Stewardship in Faith
Weekly Offering / Week Ending

- ◆ **December 13, 2020**—Donations—\$7,738
- ◆ **December 12, 2021**—Donations—\$9,115

Thank you for your generosity.
The weekly collection pays our monthly bills.

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Church Contributions for 2021

If you want a monetary contribution to be included for the year 2021, it **must be placed in the Collection by Sunday, December 26, OR returned to the Rectory Office Mailbox by Friday, December 31.** Any donations received after Friday, December 31, or in the collection on January 2, will be counted as a contribution for 2022.

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Thank You to the Neighborhood Choir

For the past 30 years, a group of parishioners have sung and led us in Christmas carols at the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the Upper Church. Because of COVID last year, and again this year, they have decided to end their “run.” We thank them for their many years of celebrating the Christmas Eve Mass with us. They will be missed.

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Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 3, 2022**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. McMahan Church Library. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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Vocation Blurb

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, all had to make sacrifices to accomplish the Will of God. Let’s all be open to the idea that our children and grandchildren may be called to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. For help in discerning God’s will, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit BuffaloVocations.org.

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Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God,
Saturday, January 1, 2022

 *This is a Holy Day,*
but NOT a Day of Obligation
There will be NO Vigil Mass on Friday, Dec. 31

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, Mary Mother of God
10:00 a.m.—Upper Church

Regular Vigil Mass for Sunday
4:30 p.m.—Upper Church



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**Adoration Chapel Closed
For Christmas and New Year's**

The Adoration Chapel will close over Christmas and New Year's in order to accommodate our Adorers' holiday plans.

Christmas

Chapel is Currently Closed

Reopens on Monday, December 27 at 8:30 a.m.



New Year's

Closes on Thursday, December 30 at 12:00 Noon

Reopens on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:30

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel
"Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him!"**

Such a beautiful Christmas hymn. We have the Adoration Chapel just for this. Stop in to pray and feel God's unconditional love and peace.



A Scheduled Adorer is Needed for

Thursday 1-2 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. / Sundays: 9-10 a.m.



Stop in the Adoration Chapel to pray any day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Chapel is located at the top of the stairs when entering the Church at the archway between the Church and the School.

The Adoration Chapel is here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Every hour (especially daytime hours) MUST have at least one person present with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for one hour a week with Jesus.

To reserve your hour with Jesus call the Rectory.

December 25, 2020

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord

Dear Parishioners & Friends of CTK,

Merry Christmas to everyone whose eyes are gazing upon this humble letter. I thank God for all of you who make our parish such a vibrant place of faith, proclaimed and lived.

Christmas Night perhaps begs more questions than gives answers. We bring to this celebration our faith and one more year of life experience since last Christmas. That alone makes this particular celebration brand new. Births, deaths, life choices, growing in wisdom, we have all been changed somewhat (a little, or a lot). Each of us will have to fill in the blanks articulating those changes in our lives.

At Christmas Mass during the Night, we read from Saint Paul's Letter to Titus where he urges us to live lives of Temperance, Justice, and Devotion as we await the coming of the Lord.

"Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good." (Titus 2, 11-14).

These are 3 really important characteristics that should challenge us all. *Temperance* is moderation in action, thought, or feeling, restraint, habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites or passions, self-control, sobriety. *Justice* is impartiality, reasonableness, proportionality, doing what is morally right or good. *Devotion* is a mental attitude that leads to frequent and sincere prayer and worship, the faithful performance of one's duties especially in regard to family life and faith.

Once again, this has been a challenging year for us all in dealing with pandemic limitations. But may this celebration of God's presence among us cleanse us and make us truly eager to do what is good. We are His holy people. Let us continue to Rejoice!

May the Peace of Christmas Night be always in your homes.

Sincerely,
Fr. Paul

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✠Class Schedule

Grades 1-5: Sunday, January 2 from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Grades 6,7 & 8: Monday, January 3 from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

✠Faith Formation News

Thank you to the Grade 1 students and their catechists Peggy Dedman and Amanda Koslosky, who presented a live Nativity story for Grades 2 through 5 to watch in the Church on December 5. Thank you to Charlotte Koslosky, who was the narrator and to Lori P., Fiona R. and Mrs. Brawdy, who assisted the catechists. It was a beautiful event and it is our hope that next year the parents will be able to join us.



✠**Next weekend** is New Year's Day 2022! I hope everyone has been enjoying the Christmas Season as we await with joy *The Epiphany*, on **Sunday, January 2**—the arrival of the Three Wise Men!



Can anyone name the Three Wise Men? Here is a hint: their names begin with **C, M, and B.**

✠Its Penny Drive time!

I hope you have been saving your pennies and silver because the Penny Drive begins on **Sunday, January 2** and **Monday, January 3.**

This event will run until **Sunday, February 27**, for Grades 1 through 5; and **Monday, February 28** for Grades 6 and 8.

Remember if you bring in pennies already rolled, they will be worth 60¢, so you get an extra 10¢ per roll. Every child or teen that participates will receive something special and the winning class will also receive something extra special. So let's help those in need by bringing in those pennies and silver!!!



Proceeds will go to Catholic Charities.



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**"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
and good will toward men."**

-Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is
wished for all of you,
from all of us at Christ the King School!
Mrs. Maria Wangler

Teacher's Wish List—Fulfilled!

Last month Mrs. Pfeifer requested special laptop desks for her 5th Grade class through the Teacher's Wish List. Our parishioners generously responded, and the students now enjoy the freedom these laptop desks give them! They'll be using them outside in nicer weather.



Awards Ceremony

On **Friday, December 10**, the students gathered for the First Quarter Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to all students who achieved First Honors and Second Honors.

First Honors (95 - 100)

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Kaelyn Andrzejewski | Emma Hudecki |
| Charlotte Balcom | Layla Huntress |
| Jonathan Balistreri | Maya Huntress |
| Katharine Biniasz | Elliott Jago |
| Jackson Blum | Francesca Keller |
| Charlotte Carr | Mai Mahoney |
| Aiden Cwiok | Seamus Mahoney |
| Nola Dabrowski | Reese Makin |
| Maeve Dailey | Marco Martino |
| PJ DiPirro | Alyssa McDonell |
| Gianna DiPirro | Thomas McKim |
| Adelie Ennis | Addison Measel |
| Jeffrey Ennis | Christopher Pegnia |
| Luke Foster | Michael Pegnia |
| Bella Frost | Regan Rice |
| Veronica Gallo | Patrick Schmidt |
| Ariana Garbacz | Jason Swisher |
| Lauren Golden | John Townsell |
| Gianna Greene | Patrick Zaepfel |
| Jackson Hartrich | Emily Ziemann |
| Amelia Holt-Smith | |

Second Honors (90 - 94.9)

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| Olive Abu-Sitta | Matthew Klein |
| Connor Bacon | Braden Kromer |
| MaCayle Blue | Benjamin Leed |
| Evelyn Boeckel | Jacob Mohorter |
| James Carr | Madison Moser |
| Lila Cavarella | Juliet Peters |
| Grace Diina | Gabriel Russell-Webster |
| Nina Frost | Michael Streit |
| Lucas Geary | Evan Striejewske |
| Bram Holt-Smith | Logan Swisher |
| Anna Huntress | Michael Tirado |
| August Johnson | Katrina Zaepfel |

Homemade Soup Sale!! Presented by CTK CLASS of 2022

The CTK Class of 2022 is excited to offer delicious homemade soups to order during the chilly winter months ahead.

Please consider placing an order for soup to be picked up at the CTK School Gym on the dates listed below.

Order Forms are due to CTK Rectory or School Office

BY Friday, January 15

The cost is \$10 per 1 quart (4 servings)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

January 30—Pick up at CTK school gym between 11:00am-1:00pm

Type of Soup:	Quantity to order	Total:
Vegetarian Chili	_____ X \$10 =	_____
New England Clam Chowder	_____ X \$10 =	_____

February 13—Pick up at CTK school gym between 11:00am-1:00pm

Type of Soup:	Quantity to order	Total:
Chicken Tortellini Soup	_____ X \$10 =	_____
Black Bean Soup	_____ X \$10 =	_____

February 27—Pick up at CTK school gym between 11:00am-1:00pm

Type of Soup:	Quantity to order	Total:
Tuscan Chicken Soup	_____ X \$10 =	_____
Chicken Tortilla Soup	_____ X \$10 =	_____
Sausage & Lentil Soup	_____ X \$10 =	_____

March 13—Pick up at CTK school gym between 11:00am-1:00pm

Type of Soup:	Quantity to order	Total:
Chicken Noodle Soup	_____ X \$10	_____
Italian Wedding Soup	_____ X \$10	_____

March 27th—Pick up at CTK school gym between 11:00am-1:00pm

Type of Soup:	Quantity to order	Total:
Chili	_____ X \$10 =	_____
Sausage and Corn Chowder	_____ X \$10 =	_____

Grand Total _____

Please send cash or checks (payable to Christ the King School)

with your order form

to CTK School Office or to the Rectory Office

by Tuesday, January 15, 2022

Questions?

Please call Eileen Beck at 716-345-6414

or email: eileenbeck@gmail.com

The Obligation To Attend Sunday Mass Has Resumed

- ◆ **Wearing Masks** is mandatory at all times: when entering and leaving Church, while you are seated, and when you go up to Communion.
- ◆ **Missalettes** continue to be absent from our pews because they would be ruined when the pews are sanitized with our sanitizing spray. Please continue to pick up an issue as you enter the Church and place it in the box near the exit. We appreciate your cooperation.
- ◆ **Holy Water Fonts** will remain empty.

Watch Masses Live-Streamed from CTK

If you are able to watch on your computer, All *Masses and Celebrations* that take place in the **Upper Church** are live-streamed. Masses in the Lower Church **will not be** streamed. **To Connect:**

◆ Go to our Parish Website www.ctksnyder.org

◆ At the top of the website page you will see a picture of the sanctuary.

◆ Click on the button "*Click Here for Camera Live Stream.*"

◆ You will only have audio when the celebrant has entered the sanctuary and is using his microphone on. You may have to "unmute" your video to be able to hear audio by hovering over the video and clicking the speaker icon in the lower right and adjusting the volume level to your preference.

◆ If you are unable to have the picture fill your screen, try using "Fire Fox" or "Apple Safari" as your browser. When you get to the live stream, right click, and options pop up which allow you to choose to have the picture fill the whole screen.

Watch Daily and Sunday Mass on TV

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna on WGRZ Channel 2

Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m. on WNYO Cable Ch 8 and ANT. Ch 49

EWTN: Daily televised Mass at 8 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m. and Midnight, Channel 24 (Spectrum)

Weekly Food Collections

Please DO NOT INCLUDE any electrical or medical items.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room / St. Aloysius: Every week food is collected in the basket in the Church Vestibule for the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room and for the St. Aloysius Church Food Pantry.

Monthly Food Item For St. Luke's: During the month of **January**, we are collecting soup and canned vegetables. Make an every day chore an Act of God. Next time you go shopping, purchase an extra can and put it in the shopping cart in the Church Vestibule.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mon, 12/27: 8:15-9:00 p.m.—Men's Prayer Group—Church

Fri., 12/31: Rectory Closed

Sun, 1/2/22: Feast of the Epiphany
8:45-9:45 a.m.—Grades 1-5 Faith For.—School

Mon., 1/3: School Resumes
6:45-7:45 p.m.—Grades 6,7 & 8 Faith For.—School
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Parish Council—Church Library
8:15-8:50 p.m.—Men's Prayer Group—Church

Fri., 1/7: 8:45 a.m.—First Friday Mass
School early dismissal

Sun, 1/9/22: Baptism of the Lord
8:45-9:45 a.m.—Grades 1-5 Faith For.—School

Mon., 1/10: 6:45-7:45 p.m.—Grades. 6,7 & 8 Faith For.—Sch

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Prayer for Souls in Purgatory

There are more souls released from Purgatory during the Consecration of the Mass than at any time. Christmas is the day of the year when most souls are delivered; then feast days of Our Lord, Our Lady and great saints. Souls receive much grace from prayers offered for them on their birthdays, day of Baptism, and anniversary of death.

The more we work for Poor Souls on earth, the more others will pray for us and the more merciful will Christ be with us when we're in Purgatory.

Our Lady asked that we pray very much for the poor souls, that we daily pray:

- 5 I believe in God ...
- 1 Hail Holy Queen ...
- 1 Our Father ...
- 1 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ...
- 1 Requiem: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Amen."



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 25—Vigil for Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
4:30 p.m. **No Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 26**

Sun., Dec. 26—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:00 a.m. Michael Braun—Jean McCarthy
10:00 a.m. 1) Ida Fiorella—Family
2) People of the Parish— Rev. Msgr. Paul Litwin
12:00 Noon Anne M. Carney—Willard Saperston & Family

Mon., Dec. 27—Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Cecelia Bustamante—Family

Tues., Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. Louis and Mary Mancini—Daughters

Wed., Dec. 29—Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 a.m. Richard Leous—Wife and Family
5:00 p.m. Eileen Campagna—Switala Family
Confessions follow Mass in the Church Library

Thurs., Dec. 30—Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Bustamante—Family

Fri., Dec. 31—Saint Sylvester I, Pope
8:00 a.m. All Souls—Parish Intentions

Sat., Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 a.m. Irene Bown—Rob and Joann Mikulec

Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
4:30 p.m. 1) Vera Fabiano—Bill and Maureen Schwab
2) People of the Parish— Rev. Msgr. Paul Litwin

Sun., Jan. 2—Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Arthur Stevens—JoAnne Grippi and Sister Jean
10:00 a.m. Norman Klein—Hofmeister Family
12:00 Noon Sandy Maisano—Peggy Page

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Rosary and Prayers After 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Monday: The Miraculous Medal Novena
Tuesday & Friday: Rosary prayed for World Peace
Wednesday: Cenacle of the Marian Movements of Priests
Thursday: Rosary prayed for Life

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Please Continue your Weekly Contributions

Masses are back to normal, but there are some parishioners who are not yet comfortable to attend Mass. Please remember that your donations to CTK are needed. You can mail your donations to the Rectory Office, drop them into the mail slot, or make online electronic donations. To make an electronic donation, go to our Parish website www.ctksnyder.org and click the *Donate Now* button at the top of the page. You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation. Need help? Call the Rectory at 839-1430.

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