

Christ the King THE BROADCAST



MAY 2, 2021

20800 Grand River Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48219

PARISH MISSION

We are Christ the King Parish, a richly diverse Christian Community in Northwest Detroit. We are on a journey of Discipleship with Jesus, seeking conversion, reconciliation and renewal. We reach out in welcome to all the people within our neighborhood, proclaiming the good News of Christ the King, building community, celebrating together, serving one another's needs and the needs of all our neighbors.

From the Mind and Heart of Deacon Chris.....

Messenger RNA

We certainly have heard enough about vaccines this year, Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson and side effects of all. I pray you will get or have been vaccinated to stop the spread of the Covid pandemic. It started me thinking though about vaccinations. Years ago I use to work for Parke-Davis as a chemist. Parke-Davis was a pharmaceutical company that made many different types of drugs and among them was a flu vaccine. Vaccine production was tedious. First, was to try and figure out what strain of flu virus was coming the following year. That was a bit of a hit and miss process as sometimes we were right, sometimes just close. The virus was reproduced in fertilized chick eggs and antigens were harvested. As you can imagine, it was a quite a mess. As I recall, our flu vaccine was only 60 – 70% effective but it did lessen the severity of the seasonal flu if you had symptoms. The seasonal flu can be very dangerous as a good friend of ours lost her five year old granddaughter due to complications of the seasonal flu.

Now along comes Covid with the traditional vaccine development time prohibitive in view of the raging epidemic. So what happened, and this is an over simplification, the scientists asked the questions, 'Could the body's immune system be primed to produce antibodies against the Covid infection?' 'How was the body able to do it if it was possible?' 'What would stimulate this response?'

Well, RNA (the chemical name is ribonucleic acid), is present in all living cells'. It's principle role is to act as a 'messenger' carrying instructions from DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) to control the synthesis (or chemical reaction) of proteins and antibodies in the cell. So the question was asked, 'Is there a way to introduce a strand of RNA into the body, then into a cell and code it to carry the 'message' to produce antibodies against the coronavirus? Bingo! Again, in an over simplification, that's how the vaccines for Covid function.

Well, what's the point here? What is the Gospel? What is the Kerygma or proclamation? What is Sacred Scripture? I would say that all, the Gospel, Kerygma and Sacred Scripture, all act as 'messenger RNA' that comes into our minds and hearts and souls and leaves a footprint. Are any of us truly the same after attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist, or being in fellowship with our Church community? The 'message' we receive goes with us to help embrace the outside world.

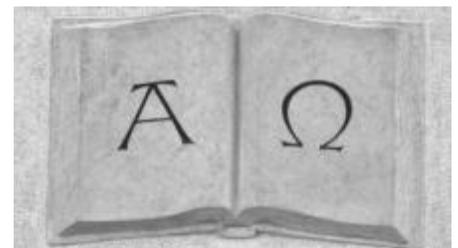
But, one size doesn't fit all. This is true with clothing and most things in life. It's also true for spirituality. Three people can read a Gospel passage and find the Word speaking to each individual in three different ways. That is the beauty of Bible Study Groups. We hear the same scripture passage but depending on many factors, it has a different 'message' for each individual.

We also know there are different ways to receive the 'message' from

'The 'Messenger'. Regularly attending Sunday Mass (or on Zoom) is an excellent way to receive the 'message' and experience our Christian community. Weekday Masses at Christ the King on Wednesday and Friday, (sometimes with Christ the King students) at 8:30am or St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven on Tuesday and Thursday at 9am is a more intimate way to also receive the 'message'. Daily Readings with reflections can be sent to your phone or email from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org). Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic (dynamiccatholic.com) will send a short inspiration 'message' to your phone every morning to start your day. Of course, 'At Home with the Word' is subscribe to 'The Word Among Us' (wau.org), a monthly booklet with the Daily Readings and a personal application.

Hopefully, we will eventually live in a post-Covid society but many things may never be quite the same. But as we move forward, hear the 'message' from 'The Messenger' is 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.'

(Rev 22: 13)



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Liturgy Schedule
 Sunday.....10:45am
 Wednesday and Friday.....8:30am

Family Religious Education
 Contact Deacon Joe for more information.

Becoming Catholic
Adults, Children, Youth: If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or learning more about the Catholic Church, the Adult Catechumenate will prepare you for this decision. Please call the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Infants: Baptism is the public celebration of the beginning of life in the Church. At the celebration of Baptism, parents publicly affirm their decision to raise their child in the faith of the church. To make arrangements for your infant to be baptized, please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal classes for parents and godparents are necessary, held as arranged with families.

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation
 Call the Parish Office.....313-532-1211

Please let an usher know if you would like to receive Communion at your pew.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 2, 2021
 10:45am Jean Hawn
 By Bonello Family
 Simon E. Rygell
 By Krystyniak Family
Monday ~ No Mass
 Tuesday 9am at SS/OLGH
 Wednesday CHRIST THE KING
 8:30am Int of Family, Friends,
 Neighbors & Enemies-Living & Deceased
 By T.G.
 Thursday 9am at SS/OLGH
 Friday CHRIST THE KING
 8:30am All First Responders
 By People of Christ the King
Saturday ~ No Mass
 Sunday May 9, 2021
 10:45am Mary Dawson

THE WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS



Today is the day to ask, 'Am I, who have so often received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by his Body, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor? Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give it in return. If love is only about oneself, faith becomes dry, barren and sentimental. By accepting God's love, Christians can offer something new to the world. If they rely only on the efficiency of structures and projects we will not go far. After Christ's death on the cross, the disciples locked themselves away in fear of arrest and execution. There, they were "trapped in their own remorse. They had abandoned and denied Jesus, which led them to feel useless and helpless.

Jesus arrives and says to them twice, 'Peace be with you!' He does not bring a peace that removes problems, but one that infuses trust within. It is no outward peace, but peace of heart. His peace does not entail ease and comfort, but the challenge to break out of ourselves. The peace of Jesus frees from the self-absorption that paralyzes; it shatters the bonds that keep the heart imprisoned. The disciples realized that they had been shown mercy: they realized that God did not condemn or demean them, but instead believed in them."

God, in fact, believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves.

As far as God is concerned, no one is useless, discredited or a castaway. Today Jesus also tells us, 'Peace be with you! You are precious in my eyes. Peace be with you! You are important for me. Peace be with you! You have a mission. No one can take your place. You are irreplaceable. And I believe in you'.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

5/2 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32, Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8
 Mon 5/3 1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14
 Tue 5/4 Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a
 Wed 5/5 Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
 Thu 5/6 Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11
 Fri 5/7 Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
 Sat 5/8 Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
5/9 6th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:25-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday **MAY 9**

Lectors: Ginny King & Kathleen Newell

Servers/Liturgy of the Word for Children: None right now

Serving at the Table of the Lord:
 Michelle Lewis

Ministers of Service:
 Mary Beth Seefelt

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 5/2 10:45am Mass
No Coffee Hour
 Mon 5/3 5pm-8pm
Garage Sale Intake
 Tue 5/4 9am Mass SS/OLGH
 Wed 5/5 8:30am Mass CK
Rosary
1pm Declamation Contest
 3:40pm-5:00pm School Open
 House in school library
5pm-8pm Garage Sale Intake
7pm Intercessory Prayer on Sunday Zoom Link
 Thu 5/6 9am Mass SS/OLGH
 Fri 5/7 8:30am Mass CK
 Sat 5/8 10am-2pm
Garage Sale Intake
 Sun 5/9 10:45am Mass
No Coffee Hour



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID VACCINATIONS EVERY



Wednesday

9:30am to 12 Noon

Anyone 18 years and older

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Prayer Opportunities

This Wednesday, May 5, and every First Wednesday of the month, you are welcome to join us in church to pray the rosary together after the 8:30am Mass. What a special way to pray, especially during this month honoring the Blessed Mother.

Also

Every first Wednesday evening at 7pm on our Parish Zoom, we offer intercessory prayer. Please zoom in and pray with us!

Other Kinds of Prayer Opportunities

Most of you have probably noticed the bank of candles over by the statues of Mary and Joseph. If you would like to light a candle in memory or someone or as a prayer offering for someone, please feel free to do so. The cost is only \$3.00 and you can place the money in the wooded box near the candles. Seeing the light serves as a reminder that there is someone praying.



Another option is to ask for a Mass offering for someone (living or deceased) The suggested donation is \$10.00. This is a great way to have the community join you in prayer. Come and see us in the office if this is something you would like to do.

Yes! There is a Garage Sale! YEAH!



We are open to take in donations each

Monday and Wednesday 5 to 8 PM,
and on **Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Beginning **Saturday, May 15th,**
we will be open for donations every

Monday thru Friday

from 1 to 8PM

and

Saturdays from 10AM to 4PM.

That's when we will also **need help in setting-up the tables and shelves, organizing the merchandise, and pricing it.**
Our aim is to open for sales on Saturday, June 12th.

For more info, give Ben a call:
(313) 838-5049.

Remember!

Tools, toys, small appliances and furniture, books, kitchen-ware, sporting goods Knick-Knacks, working electronics etc. are always welcome BUT—NO Clothing, please!

Saturday, June 19, 2021

10:00am- 2:00pm

Remember to save the date for our next document shredding event in the Christ the King Parking Lot. Due to an overwhelming response many were turned away last time, so come early!

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated!



Thank you to all of our Spring Clean Up Helpers!



Deaon Joe
Sr. Fiorentina
Denice Verville
Ron Hildebrandt
Mark McGowan
Dave Collins
Andi Kovach
Dave Kovach
Nicole Evans
Deacon Chris
Christine Convery
Ron Eady
Karen Seefelt

London Reynolds
Angel Jones
Jordyn Smith
Karyn-Alyse Carter
Chakoyah Salaam
Ainsley Crumpton
Rylee Phiffer
Prentis Parker
Kelly Salaam
Mark Barkey
Rick Seefelt
Panamera Wanzer
Sharon Jackson
& our Garage Sale
Workers
Ben, Paulette, & Rosa

Home is Where the Heart Is!



Periodically the rectory office will receive a call from former parishioner Valerie Carr who used to reside on Westbrook Street and is currently living in Cincinnati, Ohio. Recently Valerie called to say she had Christ the King Parish on her mind and in her heart after reading her daily scriptures.

"I have the fondest memories of Christ the King Church," she shared. "That church is everything to me and it got me through some of the worst of times. I came there after visiting another nearby church that did not make me feel welcome at all. But when me and my grandson walked in those doors we were welcomed with open arms. My grandson loved Christ the King as much as I did! Whenever he became a little disruptive during Mass, someone would walk over and try to comfort him. He loved eating all the delicious food and playing with the other kids during coffee hour! I came to the church a very broken woman. I was doing everything wrong under the sun. Fr. Clore, Sr. Fior, Andi, Maureen & Maureen's husband Don made me feel like a church child. They never looked down on me and never turned their backs. . Together they started me on my spiritual journey and by the grace of God my whole life has been changed!"

Valerie's story is a beautiful testimony about how life changing belonging to a church community can be and how blessed we are to belong to Christ the King. She asks that we keep her in prayer and she will do the same for us.



If you, or someone you know has a child in grades 1-8 and are looking for a values based education with a safe environment, please contact Christ the King School at

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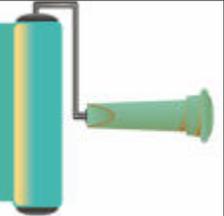
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