Christ the King
THE BROADCAST

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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.

Thoughts About Advent

As the church comes around the liturgical calendar once again to the third week of Advent, we might wonder if we aren't just going in circles. Jesus is coming again, even as the early church longed for his imminent return to be born again . When will we know and experience his presence for real? The answer to this question depends on how we understand what happened when Jesus appeared to the first disciples after his resurrection.

One theology says that what Jesus began now awaits completion in history. We who believe in him live in expectation of the reign of God that is both already here and not yet. We live in the spirit of the Beatitudes, blessed in our meekness but hoping to inherit the earth, in our sorrow but waiting to be comforted, hungry for justice and peace, assured we will someday be satisfied and as peacemakers revealed to be the children of God. This future-gazing calls us to be patient and faithful for what will come at the end of time.

Another theology, espoused by scripture scholar Gerhard Lohfink in his book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, offers us a much more challenging understanding of what Jesus accomplished by his death and resurrection. During his earthly ministry, Jesus did not promise his disciples a future Kingdom of God or New Creation but proclaimed it as already present because the kingdom was happening and present within them. This reality was fully revealed in Jesus when he appeared to them as the risen Christ. But his message was not that something wonderful had happened just for him but also for them. The church was also being transformed within a whole new reality. His death and resurrection had opened the way here and now for them to begin living their new destiny as God's children. Jesus was already living this new life, and by baptism his followers were already incorporated into his risen body, breathing his Holy Spirit and sharing his redemptive power to transform the world.

So, what we celebrate at Advent is not that we are going in circles but as our turn on an upward spiral of the same new life for our generation that the first generation was invited to claim. Advent invites us to believe that our hidden lives in Christ are who we really are, fully empowered to be his presence in 2021. Every grace Jesus shared with his first disciples is ours today, because the reign of God is neither in the past nor in the future but right now. If there is anything absent to our full experience of the risen Jesus, it is on our part for lack of faith, not on God's part, for, as St. Paul attested, today is the day of salvation, and now is always the hour of empowerment through the Holy Spirit. We need only believe that what we pray for as the church is already given and that if we act in the name of Jesus, he acts with us and

In today's Gospel about John the Baptist, we live in the age of grace and the fullness of time. If this seems impossible, we have yet to live it fully. In the words of G.K. Chesterton, "Christianity was not tried and found wanting, but found difficult and therefore not tried." If we imagine the resurrection as only future glory, we have not understood the saints, who surrendered themselves fully, even their sufferings united with those of Jesus, to reveal God's glory already present and at work in the world.

The image of Advent as waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ means that conception has occurred, and God is already within us. We mark these holy weeks eager to welcome the One who is already with us. We prepare, knowing that what we long for and endure birth pangs to receive has already changed our lives completely and will continue to challenge us to live differently by choosing to model our lives as good stewards of the Word by our daily actions in rejoicing, we live out the Beatitudes within our daily life.

This writing derived from The National Catholic Reporter entitled: Pencil Preaching by Pat Marrin.

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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 raised 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
Other Sacraments
Reconciliation……By Appointment

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday December 12, 2021
10:45am Gerry Woznak
Mike Price
By Dave & Andi Kovach
Monday ~ No Mass
Tuesday 9am at SS/OLGH
Wednesday CHRIST THE KING
8:30am Ed Mesner
By The Krystyniak Family
Thursday 9am at SS/OLGH
Friday CHRIST THE KING
8:30am Sabatino & Angela Ciccone
By Guy & Carol Piccirilli
Saturday ~ No Mass
Sunday December 19, 2021
10:45am David Aerts
By Chet McLeod

THE WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS

The same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church. For this to happen, we need to avoid two recurrent temptations.

The first temptation seeks diversity without unity. This happens when we want to separate, when we take sides and form parties, when we adopt rigid and airtight positions, when we become locked into our own ideas and ways of doing things, perhaps even thinking that we are better than others, or always in the right, when we become so-called "guardians of the truth". When this happens, we choose the part over the whole, belonging to this or that group before belonging to the Church. We become avid supporters for one side, rather than brothers and sisters in the one Spirit. We become Christians of the "right" or the "left", before being on the side of Jesus, unbending guardians of the past or the avant-garde of the future before being humble and grateful children of the Church.

The result is diversity without unity. The opposite temptation is that of seeking unity without diversity. Here, unity becomes uniformity, where everyone has to do everything together and in the same way, always thinking alike. Unity ends up being homogeneity and no longer freedom. But, as Saint Paul says, "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

12/12 Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12:2-6, Lk 3:10-18
Mon 12/13 Nm 24:2-17a, Mt 21:23-27
Tue 12/14 Zep 3:1-13, Mt 21:28-32
Wed 12/15 Is 45:6b-25, Lk 7:18b-23
Thu 12/16 Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30
Fri 12/17 Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17
Sat 12/18 Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
12/19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday December 19

Lectors: Sophia Kaza & Ginny King

Serving at the Table of the Lord:
Michelle Lewis

Ministers of Service:
Caroline Horton

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 12/12 10:45am Mass
3rd Sunday of Advent

Tues 12/14 9am Mass SS/OLGH
Wed 12/15 8:30am Mass
Thu 12/16 9am Mass SS/OLGH
Fri 12/17 8:30am Mass
Sat 12/18 11am Reconciliation
Sun 12/19 10:45am Mass
Decorate the Church after Mass

* Dear God, you know that our hearts long for the joy and gladness promised by life with you. Help us to remember that you are with us always, and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you.
* Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week. Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient. Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are.
* Father in heaven, we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the savior. Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.
* Come Lord Jesus. So often we are impatient for your coming, yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you. Come and ease our anxiety. Come and reward our patience. Come and remove our sorrow. Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Highlighting a St Christine's Volunteer:
Lori Taepke

Lori Taepke, of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Northville, has been a volunteer at St Christine's since about 2014. In the picture you can see Lori holding a bucket of candy. Lori goes up and down the line interacting with the clients waiting for the Food Pantry to open. She offers a piece of candy, or apple cider, or water to those waiting in line; encourages them and sometimes offers to pray with them. Many times I'm 'on the door'; which means I let people in one at a time to select their food. Our food insecure clients line up very early and sometimes the wait to get into the panty is a couple of hours. People can get impatient. When Lori is outside she keeps the line calm and peaceful. Lori lives the Gospel and sees Jesus in the poor of St Christine's Pantry.

Deacon Chris

December 12 - 3rd Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise…"

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving…please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Christ the King Conference
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Today is our annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Once a year we ask for your support of those who have worked hard in so many areas of ministry. From Catholic Schools and hospitals—to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy—elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Hello! I'm Krista, long-time friend of Brightmoor / Detroit folks, now living in Guatemala. This is my first holiday season in the states in several years and it is always a fretful time for me, especially Christmas time with my family where my nieces and nephews are showered with gifts (often not knowing who got them what). It's stressful and anxiety inducing for me. Since I became an auntie 12 years ago, I have been intentional about gifting time, experiences, and/or small items that are not found here in the States (i.e. cultural things from Guatemala).

My newest tradition that I began with them last year was gifting them something (on purpose) on my birthday, trying to show them that it's not about always receiving. And they are invited, if they want to, to gift me something on their birthdays. This was a tradition my grandfather started with my siblings and I. It was a cool experience when I was a teenager. It may not "stick" for a while but something I'd like to keep up.

DCPA LAUNCHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RE-OPEN OLD 4H CENTER

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance has launched a 2.5 *Million Dollar Capital Campaign to* re-open the Brighter Detroit Community Center. Located in the Gratiot Woods Community since 1946/ the building first served as a hub for the community as the Nativity Parish Recreation Center. After the parish closed, it housed the 4H Center for over 30 years. In 2015, Terry Payne, a longtime resident of Gratiot Woods, purchased the center with the hopes of reclaiming its mission.

The DCPA and Terry recently partnered to bring this vision to reality. Over the past seven years/ Terry has executed substantial renovations, including a new gym floor, LED lighting, constructing a weight room and painting and upgrading the basement floor. The largest hurdle - and the major focus of the campaign — is the addition of an elevator to make the building accessible to all.

Next Sunday, December 19…
…we will decorate our Church for Christmas. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. If you can spare some time, please join us after Mass.

Twin Bed and Double Bed Sheets and Blankets

Every Christmas we ask that those who are able to share a Christmas gift with someone in need. Because the requests for beds are so many, this year we are asking for donation of Twin and full size sheets and blankets. When we are able to give a needy person a bed, it would be so wonderful if we could also offer a set of sheets and a warm blanket. If you would like to donate, please bring your gift to Mass at Christmas or throughout the Christmas season, and place it near the manger. Your gift will help someone stay warm not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

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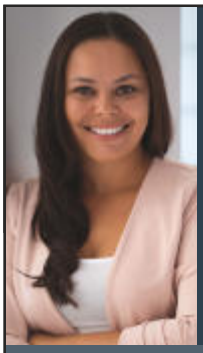
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