

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.

As we prepare for Christmas, we recall that Advent is a time of hope, waiting, compassion and kindness, as we await the coming of Jesus. During this time, it is important to take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us, but also to pray for those members of our school community and families that maybe facing challenges during this time.

The birth of Jesus signifies a new beginning for all of us. A time for renewed hope, peace, love and new beginnings. On behalf of Christ the King Catholic School, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and a New year blessed with health and happiness. I would also like to thank the entire Christ the King students, teachers, parents and church staff for their ongoing support of our school community, and I wish everyone a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely,
Ivan Branson

Principal
Christ the King Catholic School



We all have been through a lot this past year. We've had our sorrows and joys, disappointments and happiness. Putting that aside, as we celebrate Christmas, we are thankful for the gift of our faith -- the gift of 'The Good News' that opens up for us the beautiful message of this Holy Season -- God so loves us that he sent his only Son to redeem us and to show us the way to the Father in heaven.

Deacon Chris and Ruth

May the peace and joy heralded by the angels fill your hearts and homes at Christmas and throughout the new year. Emmanuel, the God of love is with us - Jesus our savior has come to live with us.

Rejoice!

Deacon Joe



Dear Jesus,

You are the Light that shines in the darkness of the world.

As your humble servant, allow me to join others who are shining the Light of your love into the lives of the poor and forgotten, this Christmas season and beyond.

May we draw closer to you by serving our neighbour's spiritual and material need, sharing the Good News of hope and salvation -- gifts won for us by your life, death, and resurrection.

Ever grateful for the countless blessings you bestowed, I humbly ask for these mercies in your most holy name.

Amen

Love, Maureen

Christmas Day places "family" front and center. This year we have three different images of family life. Hannah cannot conceive a child. When she finally does give birth, she promises to bring her child "to the Lord." She leaves Samuel there to be the "seeing eyes" for the aged blind prophet Eli. Jesus, Mary and Joseph go up to the temple, and Jesus wanders off, as 12-year-olds are prone to do, unaware of his parents' distress. In John's First Epistle we have a mystical family made up of the "children of God." -See what love the Father has bestowed on us; we know the Father remains with us because of the Spirit that the Father gives us. In our own family life, day-by-day, with all its ups and downs, bumps and bruises, may we always remind each other that the Spirit of the Father and of the Son remains with us.

Fr. Victor Clore



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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 December 26, 2021

10:45am Stewart Kirchner

By Family

Cathy Victory Egan

By Peggy Conroy

Elisa & Giuseppe Piccirilli

By Guy & Carol Piccirilli

Monday ~ Friday ~ No Mass

Saturday New Years Day

January 1, 2022

11:00am Victor & Eleanor Clore

By Friends of Fr. Clore

Sunday January 2, 2021

10:45am Alex Roberge

By Friends

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 12/26 10:45am Mass

Monday ~ Friday NO MASS

We have shortened office hours this week, so please call ahead!

Sat New Years Day 11am Mass

Sun 12/26 10:45am Mass



Jesus' birth is *for* us; note how often the word "for" appears "on this holy night." Yet what do these words — 'for us' — really mean? They mean that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, God's children, holy by grace. This is a "magnificent gift," a gift that is "pure grace," which does not depend upon anything we can do, but solely on God's love for us.

God's gift to us on Christmas is not merely a thing or an object. Instead, God gave His only-begotten Son, who is all His joy.

And yet, our own ingratitude toward God, and our injustice towards so many of our brothers and sisters can make us wonder if God was right in giving us this gift of His Son. In fact, nothing we can do can make us worthy of this gift.

Rather, it is only out of God's unfailing love for us, His unchanging love that changes us that leads God to give us His Son.

It is because of God's infinite love for us that Jesus was born, not in a palace, but in the manger of a stable. Jesus came into the world as each child comes into the world, weak and vulnerable, so that we can learn to accept our weaknesses with tender love... God loves to work wonders through our poverty.

This is a sign, he continued, to guide us through life. In Bethlehem, God lies in a manger, as if to remind us that, in order to live, we need Him, like the bread we eat. We need to be filled with His free, unfailing, concrete love.

The manger, poor in everything yet rich in love, teaches us that true nourishment comes from letting ourselves be loved by God and loving others in turn.

God came to us at Christmas as a weak and vulnerable Child to teach us how to love. God came among us in poverty and need, to tell us that in serving the poor, we will show our love for Him.

I offer this prayer to the newborn Savior: "Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be. In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. In welcoming you, the Bread of life, I too desire to give my life. You, my Savior, teach me to serve. You who did not leave me alone, help me to comfort your brothers and sisters, for, from this night forward, all are my brothers and sisters.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

12/26 Feast of the Holy Family

Col 3:12-21, Sir 3:2-14, Lk 2:41-52

12/27 Mon 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8

12/28 Tue 1 Jn 1:5, 2:2, Mt 2:13-18

12/29 Wed 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35

12/30 Thu 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

12/31 Fri 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18

1/1/22 Sat New Years Day

Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

1/2/22 Sun Feast of the Epiphany

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a,5-6, Mt 2:1-12

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday January 2

Lectors: Rick Joseph & Aisha Harris

Serving at the Table of the Lord:

Leon Tupper

Ministers of Service:

Mary Beth Seefelt

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 26 - Holy Family:



Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all

belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting 350 families, providing food, gifts, and spiritual support and \$700.00 for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

**Christ the King Conference
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Filled With Gratitude!

St. Christine's Christian Service and our St. Vincent dePaul Committee wishes to say a hearty Thank You to everyone who helped to make this Christmas a happy one for so many of our neighbors.

Thanks to you we collected enough food to fill baskets for all of our neighbors in need. In addition, we were able to provide warm hats, gloves, scarves and sox to those who received a coat at the St. Suzanne/Cody Rouge Resource Center.

We continue to collect sheets and blankets to go with beds for our clients who may be living without the comfort of a warm place to sleep.

Your donations of Meijer gift cards made it possible for families to shop for toys and other necessities to make for a Merry Christmas.

Your generosity is amazing and we are so very grateful!

God bless you for your generosity and may you and your families have a Happy and Healthy New Year!



What can you, (and your family) learn from the Holy Family?

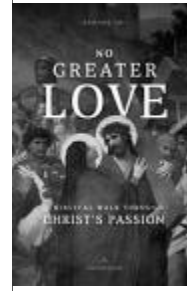


Jesus' mother, Mary, was conceived without sin. Her husband, Joseph, was a saint. Jesus's grandparents, on his mother's side, Joachim and Anne, are also saints. By the way, the names Joachim and Anne do not appear in the Gospels. These are the names that tradition gives us for Mary's parents, both of whom were supposedly from Sepphoris, a large town not far from Nazareth. So Jesus, Mary and Joseph make up what we call the "Holy Family," whose feast we celebrate this week. But did you ever think about the rest of Jesus's family? His aunts and uncles, cousins, step-brothers and step-sisters and all the rest? They were probably ordinary people, living in Nazareth, which was a poor town with just about 200 to 400 people in Jesus' time. They were probably regular people, not saints. Maybe not even especially holy.

Why am I mentioning this? Because when we think about Jesus's family, we usually think about just Mary and Joseph, and maybe Joachim and Anne. But apart from them, Jesus was born into a regular human family, a family that probably had quarrels and misunderstandings and tensions, like any family. Even the Holy Family had to deal with misunderstandings. At one point in the Gospels, after Jesus has left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, by the Sea of Galilee, we are told that his family thought he was "out of his mind" and Mary and the rest of his family set out to "restrain" him. That's quite a story. So when you pray to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, you are praying to the Son of God, to the Blessed Mother and to a saint. You're also praying to three people who understand family life. Remember that the next time you struggle with something going on in your own family, whether your family is holy or on the way to holiness.

Lenten Series:

No Greater Love



**Mark Your Calendar!
Saturdays
March 5- April 2
10am In Koelzer Hall**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five part series that documents the last days of Christ's life. Dr Edward Sri walks step-by-step from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. On this journey, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on Christ's suffering and death.

There will be 5-2 hour sessions. We would view a 30 minutes presentation by Dr Sri, there is a supporting textbook and then our discussion. Depending on the Covid situation we would meet in person or on Zoom.

We hope you will want to spend some time on this journey with Jesus. We will bring you more as the time gets closer, but for now **SAVE THE DATES!**



If you have not yet made a donation to the Religious Retirement Fund, there is still time. Please get an envelope from the back of the church or write a check and write **Retirement Fund on the memo line** and place it in the basket. Your donations are deeply appreciated.



Because of the tremendous rise in Covid cases, we have made the decision to cancel our scheduled evening with Blackthorn. When we get past this pandemic we will be happy to try again.



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