

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.

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

You may have seen this. Driving south on Burt Rd toward Fenkell on the back of Paulie's Hardware Store is a mural dedicated to 'The Real McCoy'. That caught my attention and I started to investigate. Who/What is the 'The Real McCoy'? Elijah J. McCoy (May 2, 1844 – October 10, 1929) was a Canadian-born inventor and engineer of African American descent who was notable for his inventions, most having to do with the lubrications for the country's rail cars, engines, switches in the steam locomotive railroad system.

So where did this expression 'The Real McCoy' come from? One hundred and fifty years ago steam engine trains were the norm for moving freight and passengers. Everything that had to do with the movement of the trains involved iron and steel – rails, couplers, wheels, etc. Lubrications of these iron/steel interfaces was essential for the smooth and efficient running of the railroad. Elijah McCoy worked on the railroad, but more than that had the inventor's mind. Inventors like Edison, Bell and McCoy see not just the obvious, but beyond the horizon – it's a God given gift. Elijah McCoy was able to develop superior lubricants for the railroad than those on the market. One day a brakeman asked for a lubricant for the axle. Someone handed him a lubricant, not the one he wanted, he then replied, 'I don't that one. I want the Real McCoy!' Hence the expression: 'The Real McCoy'. And yes, keep in mind,

Elijah McCoy did all this while being a black man in a white dominated society and industry.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.*

1 Corinthians: 12:4 – 6

Elijah McCoy was not a minister, nor an evangelist. He was a married family man who happened to work on the railroad. Like many of us he got up every day and went to work. He also utilized his talents as an inventor. Elijah McCoy obtained 57 US patents, mostly dealing with lubricants. That in itself is a phenomenal achievement! When I look at our communities - Christ the King Parish and School, St Suzanne Parish and Resource Center, St Christine's Pantry, Soup Kitchen and St Vincent dePaul; I can't help but think of the above words of St Paul in Corinthians. In our community many people are utilizing their talents and serving the Kingdom of God in different ways. Think about our Sunday music and choir, our liturgy, the beautiful altar prepared, parish grounds, rain gardens, and yes even the garage sale. *'Different forms of service, but the same Lord.'*

In our travels Ruth and I have had opportunities to visit other churches, different parishes in the diaconate community and participate in their liturgies. Yes, they're good. Yes, there is a feeling of holiness, and welcoming. On the other hand though, at Christ the King, St Suzanne's and our outreaches at St Christine's and the Resource Center we're using our God given talents to spread the 'Good News', welcome visitors, feed the poor, comfort those in need. And yes, parish ministry is sometimes tiring. There is a lot to do. But I would say this: *We are the Real McCoy!* Loved by God. Provided with spiritual gifts and forms of service. Different workings but the same God. Rejoice and be glad!

Elijah McCoy's family was community minded. His wife Mary Eleanor helped found the Aged Home for Colored Men in 1898. Elijah McCoy died in 1929 and is buried in our own Detroit Memorial Park East in Warren, Michigan. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace....

Have Blessed New Year!



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Commissions

Maureen Northrup.....Christian Service
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Michelle Lewis.....Faith Formation
Dcn. Joe Urbiel.....Finance Council
Lois Phillips.....Evangelization
Bob Bruttell & Ron Eady.....Inclusion

St. Vincent dePaul.....313-535-7272

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

Other Sacraments

Reconciliation.....By Appointment
Anointing of the sick.....313-532-1211

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday January 9, 2022

10:45am Joseph Tuan Sy Do
By Dave & Andi Kovach

John Stewart
By Fenbert Family

Monday ~ No Mass

Tuesday 9am at SS/OLGH

Wednesday CHRIST THE KING

8:30am Roberto D'Amore &
Pietro Piccirilli

By Guy & Carol Piccirilli

Thursday 9am at SS/OLGH

Friday CHRIST THE KING

8:30am Rich & Katherine Paul
By Friends at Christ the King

Saturday ~ No Mass

Sunday January 16, 2022

10:45am Tonino & Loreta D'Amore
By Guy & Carol Piccirilli

Special Intention

By Nicole Evans

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

1/9 Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-22

Mon 1/10 1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20

Tue 1/11 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28

Wed 1/12 1 Sm 3:1-10, Mk 1:29-39

Thu 1/13 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

Fri 1/14 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10:22a, Mk 2:1-12

Sat 1/15 1 Sm 9:1-19; 10:1a, Mk 2:13-17

1/16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday Jan. 16

Lectors: Tom Tomala & Mary Beth Seefelt

Serving at the Table of the Lord:
Nicole Evans

Ministers of Service:
Leon Tupper

THE WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS



God the Almighty almost always chooses the least mighty people and the most desolate places to reveal the power of his love. There is no place that God will not visit.

We rejoice to see him choose the desert, to see him reach out with love to our littleness and to refresh our arid spirits.

Dear friends, do not fear littleness, since it is not about being small and few in number, but about being open to God and to others.

We might have expected God's word to be spoken to one of the distinguished personages. Instead, a subtle irony emerges between the lines of the Gospel: from the upper echelons of the powerful, suddenly we shift to the desert, to an unknown, solitary man.

God surprises us. His ways surprise us, for they differ from our human expectations; they do not reflect the power and grandeur that we associate with him. Indeed, the Lord likes best what is small and lowly.

The Gospel teaches that being powerful, well-educated or famous is no guarantee of pleasing God, for those things could actually lead to pride and to rejecting him. Instead, we need to be interiorly poor, even as the desert is poor.

The Greek word for conversion -- "metanoia" -- means "to think beyond," to go beyond our usual ways of thinking, beyond our habitual worldview -- all those ways of thinking that reduce everything to ourselves, to our belief in our own self-sufficiency.

To be converted, then, means not listening to the things that stifle hope, to those who keep telling us that nothing ever changes in life. It means refusing to believe that we are destined to sink into the mire of mediocrity.

Everything changes when we give first place to the Lord. That is what conversion is. As far as Christ is concerned, we need only open the door and let him enter in and work his wonders.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 1/9 10:45am Mass

Tues 1/11 9am Mass SS/OLGH

Wed 1/12 8:30am Mass

Thu 1/13 9am Mass SS/OLGH

Fri 1/14 8:30am Mass

Sun 1/16 10:45am Mass

Mon 1/17 Martin Luther King Day

Parish & School Office Closed

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of

John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.



If you shared an angel in our Alcove of Angels during the Christmas season, please feel free to take it home now. Thank you for allowing us to share in your

family memories.



Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Blood Drive
St. Scholastica Church
8201 W. Outer Drive

Monday, January 17, 2022
12 Noon to 6:00pm

Your blood can help save lives! Come to give at this drive and get a Sick Cell Fighter T-Shirt while supplies last, and a \$20. Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon. Schedule an apt. online at

RedCrossBlood.org



The Education Experience WHO WE ARE

For almost 170 years, St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, has served the needs of Southeastern Michigan. Due to reductions in funding in 2005, our Farmington Hills residential children's foster facility was forced to close. But the spirit of community service never dimmed. It remained our mission to help children, adults and families. So the Center returned to its roots in 2006, by moving to Detroit on the campus of Christ the King, and retooling our services to meet one of the most pressing needs of our community - education.

The educational statistics for Detroit are daunting. And poverty, drop-out and unemployment rates put children and families at risk, under the crushing weight of meeting basic needs. We are attacking these problems head-on by offering services that prepare families to move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Education is the key to this transition - for adults and children alike. The Education Experience at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center provides personalized educational programs for children and adults, in a safe, supportive environment.

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