



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Charismatic Personal Parish of the Diocese of Lansing

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



The Last Judgement (Winged Altar, between 1435 and 1440) by Fra Angelico (circa 1395-1455).
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We exist to joyfully worship God and raise up Spirit-filled disciples.

Mass and Confession at Christ the King

Sunday Masses

Saturday, Nov. 27, 4:30pm
Anna Multan, Rest in Peace
Sunday, Nov. 28, 9am*
Fr. Ed Fride, 35th Ordination Anniversary
Sunday, Nov. 28, 11am
The People of Christ the King
Saturday, Dec. 4, 4:30pm
CTK staff
Sunday, Dec. 5, 9am*
Rosie Reneau
Sunday, Dec. 5, 11am
The People of Christ the King

* The 9am Mass is livestreamed. Your attendance at this Mass constitutes your agreement to be included in the livestream.

Daily Masses

Monday, Nov. 29, 6:45am
Alice Adams, Rest in Peace
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 12 noon
Ernest A. and family
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7pm
Lisa M. & Bernadine L.
Thursday, Dec. 2, 12 noon
CTK seminarians
Friday, Dec. 3, 5:30pm
Military personnel
No Saturday morning Mass

Confessions

Confessions are in the Confessional in the Worship Space*

Friday: 5-5:30pm
Saturday: 9:40-11am, 4-4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30-9am & 10:30-11am

* There will be no face-to-face Confessions, only Confessions behind the screen.

This information may change as circumstances warrant. Please check our website, ctkcc.net, for the latest information.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, Dec. 8 Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be at 10am, 12 noon, and 7pm.
The Parish Offices will be closed on Immaculate Conception.

For the latest Mass policies, including those related to COVID, go to ctkcc.net/mass-times.

Early bulletin deadlines

Due to the upcoming Christmas season, the following bulletins have early submission deadlines:

- **Dec. 12 bulletin: Thursday, Dec. 2, at noon**
- **Dec. 19 bulletin: Thursday, Dec. 9, at 9am**
- **Dec. 26 bulletin: Tuesday, Dec. 14, at noon**
- **Jan. 2, 2022 bulletin: Monday, Dec. 20, at noon**



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*James Kurtz, father of Mary Schmidt
Fidelis (Faye) Vincke, mother of Sharon Messiter
Ron Berg, father of Bridget Walters
Kevin Oliver, cousin of Mary Healy*



If you want to be anointed before a planned surgery...

If you have surgery scheduled and want to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Ed so he can anoint you the weekend before your surgery. This is especially true if you are having surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, since they just lost their chaplain, and it's not clear how quickly they will be able to replace him. You can reach Fr. Ed by emailing pastor@ctkcc.net or calling 734-665-0609 and leaving a message.

We Adore Him



Eucharistic Adoration is seven days a week, 9am-9pm, in the Adoration Chapel on the northeast side of the Church. Out of deference and charity toward those Committed Adorers who must exercise greater caution, please continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing while in the Adoration Chapel.

Open Time Slots

Sun: 11am, 1pm, 2pm
Tue: 12 noon, 3pm
Thu: 1pm, 3pm, **7pm***
Mon: 5pm
Wed: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Fri: 11am, 8pm
Sat: 9am, 2pm
***Urgent need**

Please consider volunteering to be a substitute!

If you can fill an open time slot or volunteer to sub for specific hours during the week, please login to ctk.weadorehim.com to set up your profile and preferences. See the open times above that need a scheduled Adorer.

Questions?

Please visit the CTK website (ctkcc.net) and click on "Adoration Chapel" or contact:

- Greg Stout: 734-645-4060 or grstout@comcast.net
- Sue Stout: 734-645-2142 or ssout@comcast.net

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Attention, Women of the Parish!



Next Women's Prayer Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30 7:30-9pm

Advent, and a new year begins. In Christ, a new life begins. Come share your hopes for the new year, new life, at the Monthly Women's Prayer Meeting, this Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7:30-9pm.

NOTE: We will not have a prayer meeting in December.

We will hope for in-person, but a Zoom link will be available. We are a VERY mom-friendly, laid-back group—there is no monthly commitment and you may join us even if you won't be able to logon until after 8pm. If you would like to join us by Zoom or have other questions, please call or email Dorothy Spencer (734-434-3097 or areyouwelsh@earthlink.net).

First Sunday of Advent

"The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise..."



Jeremiah spoke these words to the People of Israel five hundred years before they were fulfilled. The Holy One promised them that He would "raise up for David a just shoot." Centuries after that prediction, the One comes Who was acclaimed as the Son of David, the Messiah.

When He came, there were many who acknowledged Him, having heard His

Word and seen His miracles. There were also many who rejected Him, because He was not doing what they most expected the Messiah to do: restore Israel to freedom and prominence among the nations. As the currently being discussed Book of Revelation shows, that aspect of His Messianic identity is an event in the future. We often ask, "When will that be?" So too the Jews listening to Jeremiah must have had the same question, wondering when that just shoot would be raised up.

The temptation, when the predicted actions of God don't take place, or at least don't take place according to our timetable, is to lose hope. In these days, that can be a constant battle: we face so many challenges to our faith that it is easy to lose hope. This can also lead to a loss of faith, as we ask ourselves, "If what I hope for doesn't happen, maybe it was just wrong to believe in Him and trust Him in the first place?" How many times have we trusted in Jesus to do something, or at least hoped that He would, and it didn't happen? How do we respond to that?

The risk we constantly face is that every time something like that happens, we are tempted to trust Him less. The consequence of trusting Him less is that we tend to take back more and more control over our own lives, reasoning—understandably but wrongly—if I can't trust Him, I'd just better do it myself. The irony is that the more we decide "to do it my way," the more we close the door to His action in our lives and we really do end up "on our own." This is the ultimate goal of spiritual warfare in our lives: to have us surrender less and less to the Lord Jesus. This

was the goal that was achieved in the Garden itself. Eve was told she was wrong to trust God and that she would be better off if she just did things her way. This resulted in the cataclysm that has marked our fallen history ever since that fatal mistake.

That initial instance of spiritual warfare was calculated to have our first parents begin to distrust Who God was and whether or not He was worthy of trust. Every instance of spiritual warfare in our lives has that same goal: to begin to doubt Who He is and especially to doubt His trustworthiness and His love for us. How do we respond to this?

The father of lies is best vanquished by utilizing the truth, even as the Lord Jesus responded to the temptations in the desert by calling on the truth of the Word of God! This can pose a huge challenge, especially when the confusing and difficult circumstances we find ourselves in can seem to suggest that it is wrong to trust Him. "I trusted Him and look what still happened" can easily be our response to some of the hard things we face. How can I believe that "all things work together for the good" when the circumstances seem to be screaming just the opposite? The real question is, how can I deal with this spiritual warfare in a way that results in my growing in my trust of the Savior Who loves me, despite the circumstances to the contrary?

That first Advent was a season for the Chosen to grow in hope as their Messiah was coming. Our current Advent is no less an invitation for each of us to grow in hope as well. To facilitate that, during this Advent we will be looking at how we can protect our relationship with the Lord Jesus, especially our ability to trust Him, during these difficult times. The key is to remain grounded in the Word of God, but also key is to identify the spiritual attacks against our beliefs so that we can respond. The alternative is that sometimes we are defeated because we didn't even know we were being attacked. Growing in our discernment, our awareness of the battle we're in, will be key to walking in the victory He has for us! Come, Lord Jesus! — *Fr. Ed Fride*



Help your brothers and sisters through our Christmas Giving Program!

Christ the King's Christmas Giving Program to help families in need from Christ the King and our sister parish in Flint has started. We are again giving the families gift cards that they have requested to use for clothes, shoes, food, and gifts.

You can sign up online using our Sign-Up Genius form, available on our website, or check the display in the St. John Paul the Great Room to see if any tags are still available. Please return the gift card(s) after the weekend Masses or to the parish office by **Dec. 12**.

For more information and to sign up to donate a gift card, go to ctkcc.net/Christmas-giving.

Upcoming Parish Prayer Meetings

Upper Room Praise & Worship

2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:15-8:45pm, Worship Space.

Note: In December, Upper Room will meet on the 2nd Friday only.

Available both on-site and online!

To learn more, go to ctkcc.net/upper-room-live.

A1:8 High School Praise & Worship

See the box below for more information.

Fuel Middle School Praise & Worship

See the box below for more information.

Women's Prayer Meetings

4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30-9:00pm.

Note: In November, the Women's Prayer Meeting will be on the 5th Tuesday, Nov. 30. There will be no meeting in December.

For more information, contact Dorothy Spencer (734-434-3097 or areyouwelsh@earthlink.net).

Burning Bush Intercessory Prayer Meetings

Meeting Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, Cry Room

Contact Mary Russello (marsello48@gmail.com) for details.

Upcoming Community Prayer Meetings

Check their websites for the latest information

The Word of God Next prayer meeting: to be announced.

To learn more, go to thewordofGodcommunity.org or email Phil@thewordofGodcommunity.org.

Word of Life Next prayer meeting: Dec. 5, 4:30-6pm, Vineyard Church, 2275 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, and livestreamed via their YouTube channel. For more details, go to www.wordoflifecommunity.org.



Is life more than you can handle alone right now?

Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move—or just experiencing a lonely or difficult time in your life?

Could you benefit from having someone who would listen and care and walk with you through this difficult time?

There is no need to struggle alone!

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one, confidential ministry for anyone going through a crisis. Stephen Ministers are trained to offer Christ-centered, listening support and will meet with you weekly for as long as your need persists. Men serve men and women serve women.

Call now ...

... if you would like to talk to someone about receiving care: 734-224-8505 or stephenministry@ctkcc.net.

**December Carmelite Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:30-8:30pm**



The next meeting of the St. John of the Cross Secular Discalced Carmelite Community will be Thursday, Dec. 9. We will start with Mass at 5:30pm, followed by Evening Prayer and a short business meeting, all in the Church Worship Space. We will then break into formation groups where we will have bring-your-own brown bag dinners followed by formation classes. Guests will have an opportunity to meet with one of our members to ask questions and get more information.

Questions?

Contact Theresa Hofer (thofer@ctkcc.net or 734-929-0971).



Tuesday, Nov. 30—TNT night: Mercy

Teaching and Transformation nights offer powerful teachings followed by discussion groups to get to the heart of difficult issues.

Tuesday, Dec. 7—Christmas Party!

Mark your calendars!

Spring Retreat, March 18-20 at Faholo

Questions? Email John Hoving (jhoving@ctkcc.net).



Want to have your home blessed?

Dcn. Larry and Dcn. Pete are available to come to your home to bless it. To schedule a time, please contact Dcn. Larry (dcnlarry@ctkcc.net) or Dcn. Pete (dcnpete@ctkcc.net).

**Next Fuel Prayer Meeting:
Sunday, Dec. 12
7-8:30pm**



All middle school students are welcome to join us for a social time with snacks, an inspirational talk, small group discussions, worship, and Adoration from 7:00 to 8:30pm!

Questions? Email John (jhoving@ctkcc.net).



**Pray the Saturday morning
Rosary online!**

A small group of people who used to pray the Rosary together after the Saturday morning Mass has been praying together online on Saturdays at 9am. Anyone is welcome to join us in praying for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ the King and the Church. To learn more and to get the link to the Zoom meeting, contact Brigid Kowalczyk (bak.aa47@gmail.com).

UPPER ROOM

A MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Next Upper Room: Friday, Dec. 10, 7:15-8:45pm!



Our next Upper Room is Friday, Dec. 10. It will be our last Upper Room of 2021, so you won't want to miss it! Join host Debbie Herbeck and worship leader Dan Dirkes for a great night of praise, worship, prayer ministry, and Adoration. Young adults are especially invited to attend! You can join us in-person or on our YouTube channel by going to our website, ctkcc.net/livestream.

Now that in-person prayer ministry is returning to Upper Room, a few ushers are needed to help. Here is an easy way to make a tangible contribution to the work of the Holy Spirit at Upper Room. Questions? Please contact Caroline Dirkes (cdirkes@ctkcc.net) or Bill Millard (upfront@pm.me or 734-998-1173).

To stay up-to-date on the latest with Upper Room, sign up for our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/thewave921. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel; go to ctkcc.net/livestream and click on the link to YouTube.

6 REASONS YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR KIDS TO UPPER ROOM:

1. CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO WORSHIP & PRAY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.
2. UPPER ROOM ENCOURAGES KIDS TO LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE.
3. CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THEIR GIFTS.
4. IT GIVES PARENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY OVER & MINISTER TO THEIR CHILDREN.
5. OPPORTUNITY TO CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF JOY & FREEDOM IN YOUR FAMILY.
6. IT HELPS CHILDREN DEVELOP A LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST THROUGH ADORATION.



ctkcc.net/upper-room-live-online

Olive Wood sale Dec. 11-12!

Alfred and Grace Salsa, parishioners of our sister parish in the Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem, will be with us the weekend of Dec. 11-12, with their handmade religious artifacts made by the remaining Christians in Bethlehem. Please stop by their display after all Masses in the St. John Paul the Great Room to find meaningful religious items for your home or gifts for your loved ones.



BUSINESS NEWS

Thank You for Your Support

Sunday Collections

November (2 of 4 weeks)

Budgeted Amount	\$52,000
Amount Received	<u>69,812</u>
Receipts vs. Budget	\$17,812

Fiscal Year to Date (starting 7/1/21)

Budgeted Amount	\$520,000
Amount Received (through 11/14/21)	<u>459,088</u>
Receipts vs. Budget	(\$60,912)

Thank you for your stewardship and involvement in your parish family.

Donations for Christmas Decorations



We are again inviting parishioners to consider remembering loved ones through donations for Christmas decorations. Their names will be listed in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

You may donate by cash or check or through our online giving program, available through our website, www.ctkcc.net.

- **To donate by cash or check**, please get an envelope from the brochure racks or at the parish office. Parishioners receiving contribution envelopes may use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope, which was included in your November packet. Please make checks payable to *Christ the King* with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. Clearly list the name(s) of your loved ones on the reverse side of the envelope.
- **To donate online**, please select the "Christmas Flowers" fund and list the name(s) of those you are remembering in the memo field.

Please make your donation **by Sunday, Dec. 19**. Any excess funds will be used for flowers for future special liturgical feasts. Thank you!



VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

We read in the chapters of Exodus that man has hoped for a redeemer. Through the ages, prophets have called people to holiness and encouraged them with promises of a coming Messiah – one who would free them from the slavery of sin. Mary, who responded to God's call, deeply experienced this hope and expectation of Emmanuel. During the first part of Advent, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time. In the latter part of Advent, we prepare for His coming as Man, son of Mary.

The Advent parament, an ecclesiastical vestment or decoration (from *parare*, to decorate, to prepare), consists of two series of shawls. The four white shawls that hang in the background are an artistic representation of prophets' shawls. They represent the witness of the ancient prophets calling God's people to look to the coming of the Savior. The four shawls in the foreground represent Mary's own growing expectation. Through the weeks of Advent, anticipation builds as the "Mary Shawls" are added, representing the coming of the birth of Christ. A purple wool shawl, then another purple one, then rose, (*Gaudete* – Rejoice) then purple again represent the weeks of waiting. As we come closer to the day of *Christ Mass*, the golden threads also increase, heralding more boldly, the tune of fulfillment.

The symbols embroidered on the lower part of the "Prophet Shawls" are found in the hymn "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*." The "Great 'O' Antiphons" of Advent first appear in manuscripts dated from the eighth or ninth century and are frequently attributed to St. Gregory the Great. They were sung in monasteries during Advent Evening Prayer before and after the *Magnificat* and were inspired by the wisdom and prophetic books. Antiphons are sung in alternation or as a response. Each chanted liturgical text presents a title given to God in the Old Testament, and a petition asking for the fulfillment of a scriptural promise or prophecy. Each of the historical events recounted in the 'O' Antiphons are found in the Torah, the first five books of the Bible.

Here are the 'O' Antiphons and some Scripture references for Advent reading.

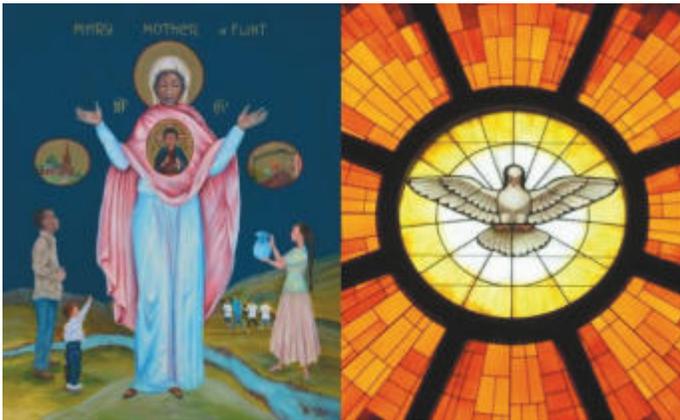
<i>O Sapientia</i>	O Wisdom	Mic 6:9, Prov 8 and 10, Gen 1:31
<i>O Adonai</i>	O Lord	Mic 5:2, Ex 3, Mt 1:22+, 2:6+, Ex 6:3
<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	O Root of Jesse	Is 11:1-4, 10, Rom 11:16, 15:12, Rev 5:5, 22:16, Gen 27:29
<i>O Clavis David</i>	O Key of David	Num 24:17, Ex. 3:1
<i>O Oriens</i>	O Rising Dawn	Hab 3:4, 2 Sam 23:4, Is 14:12
<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	O King of Nations	Ps 47:2
<i>O Emmanuel</i>	O God with Us	Is 7:15, 40, Deut 4:1

Take a closer look at the paraments and see if you can identify the symbols representing the 'O' Antiphons.

This explanation was provided by parishioner Diane Nymberg, who designed our Advent paraments.

CTK + CCF

How you can support our sister parish, the Catholic Community of Flint



Memorial Mass at St. Mary's

St. Mary Mission Church is having a Memorial Mass on Saturday, Dec. 4, for deceased loved ones who have passed away tragically through violence, suicide, addiction, etc. We would love for you to come participate in this special time of honoring and praying for our brothers and sisters in Flint. There will be a time for fellowship after with coffee and donuts.

Caroling on the Eastside and Dinner

Join Christians from various churches on the eastside in bringing Christmas cheer to the neighbors on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 3pm. Meet at St. Mary's, 2500 N. Franklin Ave., Flint. Dinner to follow at 4pm at Franklin Mission. RSVP to the email below and dress warmly.

Prayer intention for the week

For those who will be celebrating the upcoming Christmas holidays for the first time without their loved ones, that Mary, Mother of Flint, would cover them with her mantle and bestow comfort and peace.

Volunteer with us!

Scan the QR code to the right or go to ctkcc.net/FlintMission and submit a volunteer form to become a regular Flint volunteer!



Questions?

Contact Sr. Rachel Benjamin and the CTK + CCF Launch Team at FlintMonthlyMinistries@gmail.com.

"Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them."
—St. Teresa of Calcutta



Dobbs Case Prayer Campaign this Tuesday and Wednesday!

Join the two-day prayer campaign to reverse *Roe v. Wade*! On Dec. 1, the Supreme Court will hear arguments for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, the case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This case is our best chance to reverse *Roe* in decades! With countless lives at stake, pro-lifers across the nation will gather for an unprecedented two-day campaign of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil this Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 from midnight to midnight. In Ann Arbor we will gather outside of Planned Parenthood at 3100 Professional Dr. It will be exactly like a 40 Days for Life vigil, except it's just two days and 24 hours each day!

Your participation in this vigil can help determine the future of abortion in America through your prayers. Questions? Contact Sandie (734-657-1936 or plan2pray@gmail.com) or visit 40daysforlife.com/annarbor to schedule your appointment with God.

9 Days for 9 Justices

All are encouraged to pray for the nine Supreme Court justices who will be deciding the *Dobbs* case, which could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Please pray any time between now and June, when the decision is expected to be released. To learn more, go to www.dioceseoflansing.org/DobbsNovena.



Take the Next Step!

Learn more about becoming a Sidewalk Advocate or Support Prayer Partner

Ann Arbor Sidewalk Advocates for Life is looking to grow our team and would love for you to join us. Our Sidewalk Advocates and Prayer Partners serve year-round, rain or shine, to reach out to change the hearts and minds of abortion-minded women and men. By the grace of God, we have witnessed many saves at the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood over the last 6 years, including over 20 saves since the COVID lockdown!

All are invited to sharpen the tools in their pro-life tool belt by taking the SAFL Basic Training 2.0. This comprehensive training is life-changing! Ask us how to get involved as a Sidewalk Advocate or Support Prayer Partner today!

For more information, contact Paul or Kathy Dobrowski 734-657-0901 or saflannarbor@gmail.com

Are you missing someone
THIS CHRISTMAS?



HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP ST. THOMAS ANN ARBOR
MONDAY EVENINGS OVER SOUP SUPPER
6:30-8 PM



Group meets four Mondays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20.
(The group will close after the 2nd session.)

To register, scan the code above.

Questions?
Contact Michelle
mkazanjan@sta2.org or 734-761-8606 x1008.



Married Couples Weekend
Friday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5
St. Francis Retreat Center
DeWitt

The weekend features inspiring presentations focused on refreshing and renewing your marriage. There will also be a renewal of vows and blessing of wedding rings ceremony, Mass, fun social receptions, and down time for prayer with your spouse. Registration fee is \$325 per couple, which covers all lodging, meals, and retreat materials. Check in/social hour on Friday begins at 5:30. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

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BRING JESUS TO SENIORS

Catholic parishes in the Washtenaw County area are partnering to bring our Eucharistic Lord to residential care facilities. This is a beautiful way to share the consoling presence of Jesus with those who might otherwise have no opportunity to receive Him. To volunteer, please contact Michelle: 734-761-8606 x1008 or mkazanjan@sta2.org. Training provided one-to-one or quarterly in a group setting.

BONFIRE PRESENTS
MAKING TIME FOR GOD



DECEMBER 22ND / 6:30-8:30 PM
AT HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton, MI 48116
(DINNER: BAKED LEMON CHICKEN)

Are You Ready to Experience the Power of the Holy Spirit?



For additional information, contact:
David Struppa at 734-678-7280
Visit Bonfire Catholic Men's Group at: bonfirecatholic.com

LOCAL AND AREA NEWS & EVENTS (CONTINUED)



Christmas Sweater Trivia Night!
Friday, Dec. 3, 7-9pm
 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall
 530 Elizabeth St., Ann Arbor

Come out for a fun evening of trivia in your favorite Christmas sweater! Doors open at 6pm with trivia from 7-9pm. Cost is \$40 a team (up to 8 per team). Refreshments and prizes for the winners and most festively dressed team. This event is hosted in support of the work and mission of Emmaus Health Partners. Find out more and RSVP at christmassweatertrivia.rsvpify.com.

NEEDED, WANTED, AVAILABLE

These announcements are printed for the convenience of our parishioners. The goods and services are not provided by or through the parish. Their presence does not imply endorsement.

Magnificat bulk subscription available Taking orders now for subscriptions to the *Magnificat* beginning with the April 2022 issue at the bulk rate of \$31. Send your name, address, and check made out to "Brigid Kowalczyk" to her home, 459 Skydale Dr., Ann Arbor 48105 or to the parish office. You may also drop an envelope with her name on it in the collection basket. To pay by PayPal, use bak.aa47@gmail.com; pay by Zelle using 734-474-3209. Deadline: Dec. 24, 2021. Questions? Contact Brigid at bak.aa47@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

KofC Contact For any questions or comments about our KofC or to find out how to join, contact Grand Knight Mark Tepen (734-678-2402 or gk.kofc.13360@hotmail.com) or Larry Gjernes (734-461-1326 or lgjernes@hughes.net).

Fall Tootsie Roll Drive Any parishioners who have not yet returned the Tootsie Roll bank for the KofC charity fundraising are requested to return the bank to the CTK Parish Office.

December Food Drive On the weekend of Dec. 11-12, at all Masses, our council will collect food donations for those in need during the holiday season. More details later.

December Council Meetings Our council's Planning/Officers Meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8pm in Parish Center Room 2. All interested Knights are invited to attend. The monthly Business Meeting will be on the third Tuesday, Dec. 21, also in Room 2 at 8pm. All Council members are encouraged to attend, and thereby have a chance to vote on any matters to be put before the council.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER



We highlight the 1st Anniversary, then anniversaries at the 25th, 30th, etc., year.

Wedding Anniversaries

With joy and thanksgiving, please pray for these couples celebrating their anniversaries:

Steve & Janet Ray—45th Anniversary

Melissa & Erich Fiederlein
 John & Michelle Macari
 Cristiano Moraes Pedreira & Priscila Novaes Peireira

John & Jan Sauter
 Daniel & Diane Nymberg
 Paul & Jeane Walkowski

Please pray for these men discerning priesthood & their families:

James Bonar
 Br. Thomas Aquinas Maria (Seth) Borders, OSB
 Josh Fons
 Br. Chrysostom (Joseph) Gryniewicz, OSB
 Kevin Hufnagel

Jack Jobst
 Daniel LaCroix
 Peter Randolph
 Christian Salata
 Dominic Schoenle
 Sam Struppa

Mothers of Priests and/or Seminarians



You are invited to join us in a virtual Rosary to pray with other mothers for our sons. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month, 9:30-11:30am. We begin with fellowship, support, and prayer intentions, with the Rosary starting around 10:45am. To be put on the invitation list, contact Brigid at bak.aa47@gmail.com or 734-474-3209 (cell for texts).

Please pray for these women in formation and discerning vocations to the religious life and for their families:

Sr. Danielle Victoria Lussier, FSP Sr. Amaris (Katherine) Salata, FSE
 Sr. Sophia (Christen) Ruiz, DSMME Sr. Lisa Zelfa, SGL

Please keep in your prayers the other Diocese of Lansing men and women discerning vocations, including:

Brian Armbrustmacher, Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
 Home Parish: Most Holy Trinity, Fowler



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for Your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sr. Alina Marie Nieser, Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray that Your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the men and women in military service.

Due to a potential threat to families of those in military service resulting from the members' names being publicized through the Internet, we no longer publish the names of men and women in military service. We encourage you to continue to pray for them and to remember all our troops in a special way on Fridays by praying a Rosary for those serving in the military.



Christ the King Vocations Committee

For more information on vocations, please contact:

Diocesan Priesthood and Men Religious Fr. Ed Fride
 Permanent Diaconate Dcn. Dan Foley
 Women Religious Sr. Rachel Benjamin, SGL
 Christian Marriage Dcn. Pete Hansen
 Lay Ecclesial Ministry David Mangan

First Saturday Prayer for Vocations, Evangelization, and in Reparation for Blasphemies against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart: *prayed online due to the pandemic.* To learn more, contact Brigid Kowalczyk (bak.aa47@gmail.com).

Baptisms: Baptismal Catechesis is a Diocesan requirement (you only have to attend the class once). Next class: To be announced. *You don't need to wait to have your baby before attending the class.* Baptisms are primarily scheduled on the second Sunday of the month at 12:45pm. **To schedule your child's Baptism and/or to register for Baptismal catechesis, please contact Peter Vanicelli (pvanicelli@ctkcc.net or 734-929-0984).** If attending the catechesis, please read the section on Baptism in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Couples planning on getting married through Christ the King must contact Dcn. Pete at dcnpete@ctkcc.net for an appointment. Please note that the wedding date cannot be set until that initial meeting. Due to the fact that we are a personal parish, we are allowed to offer the Sacrament of Matrimony only to our registered parishioners (that is, the bride, groom, or one of the parents must be a registered parishioner). Thank you for your understanding. Questions? Please contact Dcn. Pete.

Confessions: Please see page 2 of the bulletin.

Bulletin Announcements, Brochures, and Posters: All of the above must be submitted to the Parish Office in writing no later than **noon on Monday** in order to be published that weekend. **There are early deadlines before holidays and occasionally for other reasons, so please plan accordingly.**

- **Bulletin announcements** go to bulletin@ctkcc.net or a copy of the announcement may be faxed to 734-663-3735, dropped off, or sent by US Mail. Submissions are prioritized based on specific criteria and space available. Submission alone does not guarantee it will be printed.
- **Other announcements, brochures, posters, and special requests** should be submitted by noon on Monday to Theresa Hofer (thofer@ctkcc.net or 734-929-0971). To announce a specific event, the event must be taking place during the weekend of the announcement. To announce registration for an upcoming event, a representative of the group requesting the announcement must be available on the day of the announcement to take registrations. Anything not meeting those criteria should be submitted to the bulletin editor for consideration (bulletin@ctkcc.net). *No brochures or posters will be posted or distributed without approval by Fr. Ed. No exceptions!* This includes campaign information, petitions, and voters guides.

Universal Prayers (i.e., the Prayers of the Faithful): In the event of the death of a loved one, we want to pray for the deceased at Sunday Masses and announce the death in the bulletin. The normal way to inform the parish is to contact Liturgical Coordinator Peter Vanicelli (pvanicelli@ctkcc.net). When a death occurs at a time when normal communication channels will not allow the parish office to process the information in a timely way (e.g., after business hours on Friday) and you would like the deceased included in the Prayers of the Faithful that weekend, please let Fr. Ed or a deacon know in person before the weekend Mass you are attending.

Liturgical/Sacramental Events: Requests for special activities during the Liturgy, e.g. First Communions, special prayers, renewal of wedding vows, must be submitted for approval to Peter Vanicelli (pvanicelli@ctkcc.net or 734-929-0984), no later than noon on Monday before the weekend.

Scheduling: Please email all scheduling requests to **Sharon** at scheduling@ctkcc.net. She will send you the room request forms.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick/Communion for the Homebound:

Please contact Fr. Ed to arrange a time for the anointing or ask to receive the Sacrament after Mass. To arrange for Communion to be brought to a homebound parishioner, please contact the front office.

Prayer for Healing and Other Needs: Third Sundays after Mass (temporarily suspended due to the pandemic); second Fridays at Upper Room Praise & Worship

House blessings: Please contact Dcn. Larry (dclarry@ctkcc.net) or Dcn. Pete (dcpete@ctkcc.net) to arrange for a time to have your home or apartment blessed.

Parish Nurse Ministry provides educational information and consultation for care management, as well as assisting people in finding community resources. *Note: This ministry does not provide medical diagnosis, treatment, or hands-on nursing care.* Contact Betty Diefenbach (734-272-6918 or popcombetty2@gmail.com).

Helping Hands Ministry provides volunteers who offer practical assistance in getting daily needs met. To request help, volunteer, or get more information, please contact Betty (popcombetty2@gmail.com).

Mass Intentions: To arrange for a Mass to be said for a particular intention, please call 734-665-5040 and press 0 to speak with someone at the front desk.

Prayer requests: To submit requests to our prayer chain, email prayer@ctkcc.net.

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