



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Charismatic Personal Parish of the Diocese of Lansing

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



The Preaching of St. John the Baptist (c. 1695) by Giovanni Battista Gaulli (1639-1709).

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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, Dec. 4, 4:30pm**

CTK staff

**Sunday, Dec. 5, 9am\***

Rosie Reneau

**Sunday, Dec. 5, 11am**

The People of Christ the King

**Saturday, Dec. 11, 4:30pm**

Daniel Noble, Rest in Peace

**Sunday, Dec. 12, 9am\***

Mark Fallon, Rest in Peace

**Sunday, Dec. 12, 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, Dec. 6, 6:45am**

Luba Romaniv, birthday

**Tuesday, Dec. 7, 12 noon**

Christopher & Yin Ting Milas, anniversary

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation**

**10am:** Gene Draper, Rest in Peace

**12 noon:** The People of Christ the King

**7pm:** Fr. Ed's intention

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 12 noon**

CTK seminarians

**Friday, Dec. 10, 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, 4:40-30pm

**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](http://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 (livestream).

Confessions will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Dec. 8.

**For the latest Mass policies, including those related to COVID, go to [ctkcc.net/mass-times](http://ctkcc.net/mass-times).**

### Early bulletin deadlines

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

- **Dec. 12 bulletin: Last Thursday, Dec. 2, at noon**
- **Dec. 19 bulletin: This 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.*

*Rose Mary Kennedy, mother of Patti Cousino  
Mickey Bejster, sister of Colleen O'Brien*

### 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 ([dclarry@ctkcc.net](mailto:dclarry@ctkcc.net)) or Dcn. Pete ([dcnpete@ctkcc.net](mailto:dcnpete@ctkcc.net)).



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\***

**Sat:** 9am, 2pm, **6pm\***

**Mon:** 5pm

**Wed:** 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

**Fri:** 11am, 8pm

\*Urgent need

### We desperately need more Committed Adorers and substitutes!

Each winter, we see both short- and long-term changes in many people's schedules. Right now the need for more Committed Adorers and substitutes is particularly acute. If you can fill an open time slot or volunteer to sub for specific hours during the week, please login to [ctk.weadorehim.com](http://ctk.weadorehim.com) to set up your profile and preferences. See the open times above that need a Committed Adorer.

### Check the Special Announcements Line before coming to Adoration

When the weather makes driving hazardous, we will close the Adoration Chapel. Scheduled Committed Adorers are contacted, but if you are substituting for someone or just visiting, please call the Special Announcements Line before coming: 734-665-5040 option 5.

### Questions?

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

- Greg Stout: 734-645-4060 or [grstout@comcast.net](mailto:grstout@comcast.net)
- Sue Stout: 734-645-2142 or [sstout@comcast.net](mailto:sstout@comcast.net)

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



### Make or Renew your Consecration to Jesus through Mary after Mass on the Immaculate Conception

Join us after the Immaculate Conception Masses this Wednesday, Dec. 8, to make or renew your Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Please meet at the statue of the Blessed Mother after Mass; the consecration prayer will be provided. Although it can be very helpful to read the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* and/or watch the video series of the same name to prepare for the Consecration, it's not necessary to have done so. To learn more, go to [ctkcc.net/consecration](http://ctkcc.net/consecration).

**Second Sunday of Advent**

*"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery...  
for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of His glory!"*



When we hear a Scripture like that, what does this stir in our hearts? Do we see it as some kind of statement of future benediction, or is it even possible to see it as a current directive? Does God lead us in joy by the light of His glory? In one sense, this is just a permutation on Nehemiah's classic line that "the joy of the Lord is our strength." What keeps us from taking off our robe of mourning and proceeding in joy?

As we continue some reflections on spiritual warfare, that should be seen as one of the significant antagonists to our walking in joy. The temptation is to look at the circumstances and, seeing in them no cause for joy, we let our joy drain away, assuming we had some in the first place! This is not to assume that the circumstances are always rosy or joy-inducing. The tragic events that just took place in Oxford demonstrate that in this fallen world, the circumstances are often tragic and the very antithesis of joy. Grieving in such circumstances is perfectly natural. But even in the midst of our grief, we must remember that we are not perfectly natural, that since our Baptisms, we have been radically configured for a life that is not merely natural, but supernatural.

Part of that supernatural blessing is the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to return to joy even in the midst of gravely challenging circumstances. The spiritual warfare dimension comes in when we find ourselves tempted to only look at the circumstances and take our eyes off the Face of the King Who always stands before us. The Psalm reminds us of the approach to take, to remember that "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." This refers not only to the greatest actions of the Lord done in our past, like the Death and Resurrection of the King, but it also refers to His presence and His gifts in our lives here and now.

How often do we come before Him, especially in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and call to mind all that He has done for

us in our own lives? It can be especially useful for us to keep a spiritual journal of the different ways that the Lord Jesus has moved in our lives, that we may review it when things seem bleak. This is a powerful antidote against the temptation to see only the negative. We fight back by calling to mind Who He is and what He has done for us!

Another effective antidote to this common spiritual attack is to seek the assistance of our brothers and sisters. The ability that we are given, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to call down strength and grace upon each other is a powerful—and unfortunately, far too neglected—asset in our spiritual armory. The Lord Jesus gives us this, and it is very useful as a gift to be used especially in our families, that praying over each other will call down the power of the Holy Spirit with His grace and joy! Receiving prayer from others, especially at settings like the Upper Room, can truly unleash the "more" that the Lord Jesus always has for us, especially at times of great sorrow and distress. It is one of the ways that St. Paul's words to the Philippians can come to pass in our lives as well: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it."

It is good to remind ourselves of this fundamental reality: we are loved and we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Himself has begun this good work and will see it to completion. To that end St. Paul's prayer applies to us as well: "that our love may increase more and more."

The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want, as long as we keep our eyes fixed on Him and continue to avail ourselves of all the means of grace that He generously provides for us. No spiritual warfare can be effective if we continue to walk with the King in the power of His Holy Spirit. This Holy Season of Advent can be a great grace to us if we take advantage of it. The King wants to prepare our hearts for an ever deeper coming of Him into our hearts! —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](http://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](http://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: There will be no meeting in December.*

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

#### **Burning Bush Intercessory Prayer Meetings**

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

Contact Mary Russello ([marsello48@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://thewordofGodcommunity.org) or email [Phil@thewordofGodcommunity.org](mailto: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](http://www.wordoflifecommunity.org).



### **Change of plans!**

**Tuesday, Dec. 7—Small groups:  
“Giving and Receiving”**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14—Christmas Party!**

**Mark your calendars!**

**Spring Retreat, March 18-20 at Faholo**

Questions? Email John Hoving ([jhoving@ctkcc.net](mailto:jhoving@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](mailto:jhoving@ctkcc.net)).



**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](mailto: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](mailto:thofer@ctkcc.net) or 734-929-0971).



**Canned food  
drive next  
weekend!**



Next weekend, Dec. 11-12, at all Masses, CTK's Knights of Columbus council will collect donations of unexpired canned food and personal care items for our brothers and sisters in our Flint sister parish who are in need during the Advent/Christmas season. (Those who would like to donate gift cards are encouraged to sign up for CTK's Christmas Giving Program. See page 3 for details.) Knights will receive your donations of canned goods and personal care items before CTK's three Masses next Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning or bring your items to the gym on Sunday morning when you go for coffee and donuts!

**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 next weekend, Dec. 11-12, with their hand-made 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.



# UPPER ROOM

A MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Last Upper Room of 2021:  
THIS 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 (cdirkles@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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thewave921). You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel; go to [ctkcc.net/livestream](https://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](https://ctkcc.net/upper-room-live-online)

**Advent Penance Service**

**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7pm**

Christ the King Worship Space

This year, in addition to our regular opportunities for Confession, Christ the King will be hosting an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7pm. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions that evening. Additional Advent Penance Services will be on

- Monday, Dec. 13, 7pm, at St Thomas
- Thursday, Dec. 16, 7pm, at St. Francis

Please take advantage of one of these or other opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Help decorate the Church for Christmas!**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 22, starting at 9am until about noon. We especially need men at the beginning of this time to bring heavier items from the Lower Level and set them up. You are welcome to come for part or all of the time.

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact Peter Vanicelli ([pvanicelli@ctkcc.net](mailto:pvanicelli@ctkcc.net)).**

**Christmas Mass Schedule at Christ the King**

**Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve**

**4:30pm**

No incense; Mass will be livestreamed

**8:00pm**

Incense

**Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day**

**10:30am**

No incense

Confessions will be available 30 minutes before each Mass.

**There will be no 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.**



**An invitation to those in the military**

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas at Christ the King, we would like to invite all members of the military to come in uniform to any of our Christmas Masses so that we can honor and thank you for your service. Please contact Peter Vanicelli ([pvanicelli@ctkcc.net](mailto:pvanicelli@ctkcc.net)) if you would like to participate.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)



Do you need help getting groceries or picking up prescriptions? Are you having trouble getting your daily needs met?

If you need help, or know someone who does, contact Betty ([popcornbetty2@gmail.com](mailto:popcornbetty2@gmail.com)), head of our Helping Hands Ministry. We would love to help!

## The Caring Closet

Due to the generous donations of parishioners, the CTK Caring Closet contains a good supply of medical equipment that is available to be loaned out. This includes walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, canes, braces, etc. We also have a few unusual items: a motorized wheelchair, lumbar traction, and a bed rail grab bar.

To learn more, contact  
Parish Nurse  
Betty Diefenbach  
734-272-6918  
[popcornbetty2@gmail.com](mailto:popcornbetty2@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:pastor@ctkcc.net) or calling 734-665-0609 and leaving a message.



## BUSINESS NEWS

### Thank You for Your Support

#### Sunday Collections

##### November (2 of 4 weeks)

Budgeted Amount	\$52,000
Amount Received	69,812
Receipts vs. Budget	\$17,812

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

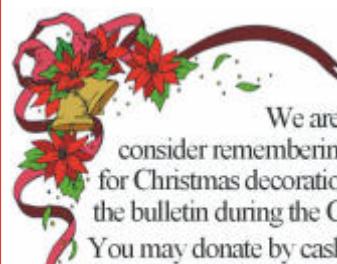
Budgeted Amount	\$520,000
Amount Received (through 11/14/21)	459,088
Receipts vs. Budget	(\$60,912)

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

### Special collection next weekend

Next weekend, Dec. 11-12, we will hold the annual special collection for Retired Religious. Please make checks out to "Christ the King" and write "Retired Religious" in the memo line. To give online, go to [ctkcc.net/give](http://ctkcc.net/give) and click on the Online Giving button. Then select the Retired Religious fund. Thank you for your support!

### 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](http://www.ctkcc.net).

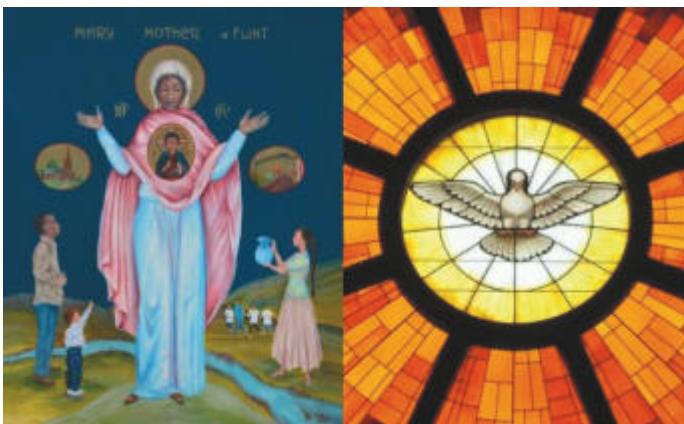
- **To donate by cash or check**, please get an envelope from the brochure racks or at the parish office. Parishioners receiving contribution envelopes may use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope, which was included in your November packet. Please make checks payable to *Christ the King* with "Christmas 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 "Liturgical 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!

### Are you getting the *Mid-Week Notes*?

Christ the King sends an email update to its registered parishioners every Wednesday. The *Mid-Week Notes* are an important communication tool during this difficult time. If you haven't been getting them, then we may not have your current email or, if you're a Gmail user, it may be going to your "Promotions" tab. Questions? Contact Theresa ([thofer@ctkcc.net](mailto:thofer@ctkcc.net)).

**CTK + CCF**  
**How you can support our sister parish,  
the Catholic Community of Flint**



**CTK Christmas Giving Program**

Christ the King's Christmas Giving Program is a way to bless a specific family on the Eastside of Flint. Provide a family with a gift card(s) that they have requested to use for clothes, shoes, food, and gifts. Gift cards are to be returned to the parish by **next Sunday, Dec. 12**. To learn more and sign up, go to [ctkcc.net/christmas-giving](http://ctkcc.net/christmas-giving).

**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 freedom for those who have addictions, that they would encounter Christ as the one who came to set the oppressed free.

**Volunteer with us!**

Scan the QR code to the right or go to [ctkcc.net/FlintMission](http://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](mailto: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



If you are interested in buying the Candles for Life that some families light and put on their porches on the eve of the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, they will be available at St Thomas, St Francis and St John parishes. Marilyn Geyer will also order some extra, so people can buy from her directly for \$1.00 each. Contact Marilyn if you are interested: 734-973-2422 or [mgeyer@provide.net](mailto:mgeyer@provide.net).

**Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18, 11am**

Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Dr., Ann Arbor

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 18**, as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community. Hot chocolate and hand warmers will be provided.



**Questions? Contact Paul**  
**([SAFLAnnArbor@gmail.com](mailto:SAFLAnnArbor@gmail.com) or 734-657-0901).**

Organized nationally in many locations by the Pro-Life Action League.

**9 Days for 9 Justices**

All are encouraged to pray for the nine Supreme Court justices who are deciding the *Dobbs* case, which was heard on Dec. 1 and 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.dioceseofflansing.org/DobbsNovena](http://www.dioceseofflansing.org/DobbsNovena).

**Baby item collection for area Crisis Pregnancy Centers**



Christ the King Pro-Life Action Committee continues to collect and distribute much needed baby items for area Crisis Pregnancy Centers. The porta-crib used to collect donations is located in the Cry Room across from the elevator.

**Most-needed items:** diapers (sizes 4-6), wipes, Enfamil, onesies (new), and baby bottles (new).

**Two IMPORTANT notes:**

- State regulations prohibit the distribution of used cribs, high chairs, or car seats.
- Donations of other baby items should be new or *very gently* used.

We are so grateful for the generosity of CTK parishioners and know that you will continue to support these much-needed centers!

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  
[mkazanjian@sta2.org](mailto:mkazanjian@sta2.org) or 734-761-8606 x1008.



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 [mkazanjian@sta2.org](mailto:mkazanjian@sta2.org). Training provided one-to-one or quarterly in a group setting.

**Donation request:  
Hand warmers**

Cold weather can be dangerous, causing fingers to burn and sting or even be lost to frostbite. We are seeking donations of hand warmers to make available as needed to our mealtime clients. Will you partner with Hope Clinic in helping protect and care for your neighbor by supplying hand warmers?

**To learn about these and other donation needs,  
go to [thehopedclinic.org/donating-stuff](http://thehopedclinic.org/donating-stuff).**

Apply Now to  
**Fr. Gabriel Richard High School!**  
Applications for the 2022-2023  
school year are due Dec. 17  
for priority consideration

Catholic education at FGR champions spiritual, physical, and intellectual formation, equipping students to be Disciples of Christ. At FGR, faith and reason rule and Catholicism takes center stage. Now, more than ever, the world needs inspired, well-educated leaders who embrace their mission to build up the Kingdom of God on earth. To learn more, schedule a tour, and inquire about our scholarship and tuition-assistance offerings, contact Director of Admissions Mary Vangieson at 734-929-6988 or [admissions@fgrhs.org](mailto:admissions@fgrhs.org), or visit our website at [FGRHS.org](http://FGRHS.org).

**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?

**BONFIRE**  
CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

For additional information, contact:  
David Struppa at **734-678-7280**  
Visit Bonfire Catholic Men's Group at: [bonfirecatholic.com](http://bonfirecatholic.com)

## LOCAL AND AREA NEWS & EVENTS (CONTINUED)

**MEN ON FIRE**  
MEN'S CONFERENCE  
Come and encounter the love of God the Father!  
Reawaken the power of the Holy Spirit in your heart!  
FEATURING PETER HERBECK & BART SCHUCHTS  
WHEN? DECEMBER 10-11, 2021  
LEARN MORE & REGISTER FOR FREE!  
[WWW.CORLANSING.ORG/POSTS/MEN-ON-FIRE](http://WWW.CORLANSING.ORG/POSTS/MEN-ON-FIRE)

### 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.*

**Wanted: Babysitter/Nanny** Needed to start in the middle of January to care for our 6-month-old, 3 days a week, 6- to 7-hour days with flexibility. Please contact Natalia Fernandez, phone # 734-709-4435.



**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** Next weekend, Dec. 11-12, at all Masses, our council will collect food donations for brothers and sisters in our Flint sister parish who are in need during the Advent/Christmas season. Please donate canned food (not yet expired) and personal care items. (Those who would like to donate gift cards are encouraged to sign up for CTK's Giving Program. See page 3 for details.) Knights will receive your donations of canned goods and personal care items before CTK's three Masses next Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

**December Council Meetings** Our council's Planning/Officers Meeting will be held this 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.

### 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:

**Bonaventure & Margaret Nweze—25th Anniversary**

Darryl & Kristin Funni  
Greg & Sue Stout

James & Carolyn Palka

### 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:

Jonathon Bokuniewicz, Diocese of Lansing Seminarian  
Home Parish: St. Augustine, Howell



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. Guadalupe Maria Jones, Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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
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## SACRAMENTS & HOURS & STAFF & POLICIES

**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 (dclnarry@ctkcc.net) or Dcn. Pete (dcnpete@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 popcommbetty2@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 (popcommbetty2@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.

**Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - noon; 1 - 5pm**  
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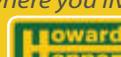
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