



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Charismatic Personal Parish of the Diocese of Lansing

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



Miriam by Radbod Commandeur (1890-1955)

From a mosaic in the Church of the Dormition, Jerusalem; photo by Deror avi.

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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. 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

Saturday, Dec. 18, 4:30pm

Melvin Hunter, Rest in Peace

Sunday, Dec. 19, 9am*

Palmira Nascimento, Rest in Peace

Sunday, Dec. 19, 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.

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

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

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.

Early bulletin deadlines

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

- **Dec. 19 bulletin: Last Thursday, Dec. 9, at 9am**
- **Dec. 26 bulletin: This 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.*

Pat Benedetto, mother of Hank and Peter Benedetto



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: 2pm, 3pm

Fri: 11am, 8pm

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

*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 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) and click on "Adoration Chapel" or contact:

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



**Canned food
drive this
weekend!**



This 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 participate in 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 this Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning or bring your items to the gym on Sunday morning when you go for coffee and donuts!

Third Sunday of Advent**"Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!"**

The beginning of the first reading for Gaudete Sunday invites us, in fairly specific terms, to be a people of rejoicing. This initial command here is to the People of Israel, that they would rejoice. Why are they told to do so? The Scripture answers as the passage continues: "The LORD has removed the judgment against you, He has turned away your enemies."

There are two aspects here worth considering. First, "He has removed the judgment against you." What does that mean for us? In the ultimate sense, we were all born under judgment, born under original sin, sharing the same guilt for the Fall that every human being (but one) was born under. What was the Lord Jesus' response to that? He chose to die on the Cross for us that we may be forgiven, that we may be moved from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of Light. This was wondrously accomplished for us by the grace of our Baptism.

Notice, no one is born "neutral." There are two Kingdoms, two diametrically opposed Kingdoms, and we either live in one or the other. There is no middle ground, no "DMZ," just those two options. The Lord Jesus reminds us of that, several times, with expressions like, "He who is not with Me is against Me." When we make the choice to cooperate with the grace we were given at Baptism, we choose, especially as adults, to live in His Kingdom. We inherit and receive all the grace necessary to successfully live there. That applies in a particular way to that next verse: "He has turned away your enemies." While for Israel that most often meant physical enemies actually threatening them, we are reminded that the Scriptures point out that our enemies are not flesh and blood but spiritual enemies. Can we assume that the Lord Jesus also turns them away as well? Yes, we can, absolutely, as the New Testament reminds us, over and over, e.g., "resist the devil and he will flee," and "He Who is in us is greater!" Who is in us? The next verse from Zephaniah reminds us, just Who that is: "the

King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst." In virtue of our relationship with the Lord Jesus, Who leads us to His Father and Who fills us with His Holy Spirit, we have the Triune God dwelling in our midst, in our very hearts. This is the most crucial dimension to our being successful in the spiritual battle we face.

There is a wonderful, and sobering story in the Acts of the Apostles about seven sons of a Jewish priest who were not followers of the Lord Jesus. They saw Christians being successful in casting out demons in the Name of the Lord Jesus so they decided to try it themselves. They say to the demon, "I adjure you by the Jesus Whom Paul preaches." The demon responds, "Paul I know, and Jesus I know, but who are you?" The possessed guy then beats them up and they flee "naked and wounded." Why didn't it work for them? They were using the Name of Jesus like some kind of magical tool. Because they were not His, they had no right to use His Name.

Contrast that with the disciples rejoicing that "even the demons are subject to us when we use Your Name." What was the difference? The disciples were in relationship with the Lord Jesus, so they were indwelt by the Triune God; He Who was in them was greater! In virtue of their relationship with Him, they had the authority to use His Name and be victorious whenever they confronted the enemy.

That is the position that we are in. As baptized followers of the Lord Jesus, doing what we can to walk with Him, we too have that same authority over the powers of the enemy. Many great saints have demonstrated that capacity for the last two thousand years. In fact, one of our parish patrons, St. John Vianney, was particularly known for his victorious approach. During these interesting times, he would be a great saint for our families to invoke as we seek all the help we can get from the angels and saints the Lord gives us for our protection and victory. We are not alone! The power of the Name of Jesus is with us! Let us rejoice in Him! Come, Lord Jesus! —*Fr. Ed Fride*

**Christmas Giving Program gift cards due TODAY!**

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

The deadline for turning in gift cards is TODAY, Dec. 12!

Gift cards will be collected this weekend in the Narthex after Masses. We won't be collecting them after today, since we will begin delivering them to the families the week of Dec. 13. If you haven't taken a tag, you can still bring a gift card (Amazon or WalMart would be most helpful at this point) **this weekend** and we'll make sure that it gets to the right family.

**For more information, go to ctkcc.net/Christmas-giving.
Thank you for your support!**

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: 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. 19, 4:30-6pm, Vineyard Church, 2275 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor, and livestreamed via their YouTube channel. For more details, go to www.wordoflifecommunity.org.



Tuesday, Dec. 14—Christmas Party!

Tuesdays, Dec. 21 and 28: Christmas break!

Enjoy some time with your families!

Mark your calendars!

Spring Retreat, March 18-20 at Faholo

Questions? Email John Hoving (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).



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.



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.



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).

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).

Olive Wood sale this weekend!

Alfred and Grace Salsa, parishioners of our sister parish in the Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem, will be with us this 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.



**Important Note re:
Church Keys**

Recently, we have had issues with volunteers accidentally taking home or misplacing a set of keys to the Church that is frequently used by the volunteers. To prevent this, a staff member attached a 4-foot ruler to the keys. Unfortunately, someone removed the ruler and the ruler is now missing.

- If you use these keys, please make sure that you have them only long enough to unlock the door(s) you need. Then, please return them right away so that they are available for others to use.
- If you have the ruler or know where it is, please contact Peter Vanicelli (734-929-0982 or pvanicelli@ctkcc.net).

Thank you for your assistance!

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), head of our Helping Hands Ministry. We would love to help!



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).

Holy Day Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve through Epiphany

Friday, Dec. 24, Vigil of Christmas

4:30pm: No incense; livestreamed
8:00pm: Incense

Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

10:30am: No incense

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

Sunday, Dec. 26, Feast of the Holy Family

9:00am No incense; livestreamed
11:00am: No incense

Friday, Dec. 31, Vigil of Mary, Mother of God

5:30pm: No incense; livestreamed

Saturday, Jan. 1, Mary Mother of God

10:30am: No incense; livestreamed

Saturday, Jan. 1, Vigil of Epiphany

4:30pm: No incense

Sunday, Jan. 2, Epiphany

9:00am: No incense; livestreamed
11:00am: Incense

Notes:

- ◆ The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation this year. All other days listed above *are* Holy Days of Obligation.
- ◆ Confessions will be available 30 minutes before each Mass listed above.



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) if you would like to participate.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS (CONTINUED)

UPPER ROOM

A MINISTRY OF CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Next Upper Room:
Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, 7:15-8:45pm!**

We're taking a break for Christmas, so our next Upper Room will be Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. Be sure to join us then to celebrate the new year in the Presence of our Lord and King! 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. 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



Pray the Saturday morning Rosary online!

A small group of people who used to pray the Rosary together in the Worship Space before the pandemic 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).

BUSINESS NEWS

Thank You for Your Support

Sunday Collections

December (1 of 4 weeks)

Budgeted Amount	\$74,500
Amount Received	42,356
Receipts vs. Budget	(\$32,144)

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

Budgeted Amount	\$646,500
Amount Received (through 12/5/21)	551,631
Receipts vs. Budget	(\$94,869)

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

Special collection this weekend

This 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 and click on the Online Giving button. Then select the Retired Religious fund. Thank you!

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.

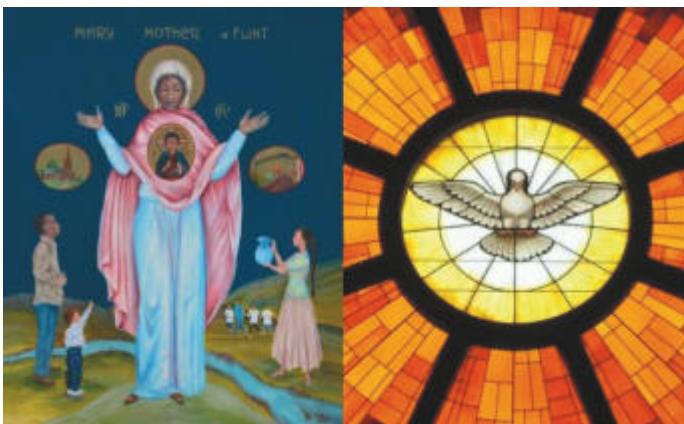
- **To donate by cash or check**, please get an envelope from the brochure racks or at the parish office. Parishioners receiving contribution envelopes may use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope, which was included in your November packet. Please make checks payable to *Christ the King* with "Christmas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

Year-End Donations

When making year-end donations to Christ the King and other charitable organizations, the IRS dates a contribution by "the time of its unconditional delivery." For a check that is mailed, that is considered the date you mail the check. For a donation that is hand-delivered or put in the collection, the "unconditional delivery" date is the date that the donation was dropped off or the collection was taken. Therefore, a contribution put in the collection on Dec. 31 will count toward your 2021 tax deductions; a contribution dropped off on Jan. 1 will count toward your 2022 tax deductions. For more information, go to www.irs.gov and search for Publication 526, "Charitable Contributions."

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



CTK Christmas Giving gift cards due TODAY!

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. **Please return your gift cards to the parish by this Sunday, Dec. 12.** To learn more, see the announcement on p. 3 or go to ctkcc.net/christmas-giving.

Christmas gift distribution

On Thursday, Dec. 16, starting at 11am, we will go door-to-door in teams of two to three to distribute gift baskets to the neighbors of St. Mary's. Santa Claus may also make a surprise visit. ☺
Lunch for all volunteers will follow at 12:30pm. RSVP to Sr. Christina at srchristinafrey@gmail.com.

Prayer intention for the week

That the Holy Spirit would fill people's hearts with joy. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13).

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



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 or 734-657-0901).

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

Pro-Life Porch Candles



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.

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.



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!



Men-on-Fire

Featured Speaker:

**Fr. Athanasius
Fornwalt, FHS**

**Thursday
December 16th**

*"Into the Breach:
An Apostolic Exhortation
to Catholic Men"*

Prayer & Confession 5:45pm // Mass: 6:15pm

Speaker 7:00pm // Refreshments 8:00pm

**@ Holy Spirit Catholic Church,
9565 Musch Rd., Brighton, MI 48116**

Fr. Athanasius is co-founder with Bishop Thomas Olmstead, author of *Into the Breach, An Apostolic Exhortation to Men*, of the **Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit**, in Phoenix AZ. The FHS Friars foster evangelical apostolates, ecumenical outreach, particularly among the poor, preaching penance and conversion with emphasis for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The FHS are also proponents of the Traditional Latin Mass and cultivate unity between the Traditional elements of the Church, particularly in the liturgy, and the **Catholic Charismatic Renewal**. Fr. Athanasius serves St. Mary Redford, Detroit, with several joyful FHS Friars.

For More information, contact Rory Clark: RkcLaw@msn.com.

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



**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, or visit our website at FGRHS.org.

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RETRouveILLE

The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are nice, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, or those considering separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples attend during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time and encountered trouble. *This is the BEST Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!*

**Marriage Saving
Weekend**

**Jan. 14-16, 2022
Metro Detroit Area**

**Do you know someone
whose marriage is in trouble?**

WE CAN HELP

HelpOurMarriage.com

**For confidential info or to register
call 800-470-2230**

**2022 Alhambra Day at the Shrine Circus
for intellectually disabled persons & their caregivers**

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, 11am-12:30pm

Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Alhambra is sponsoring your day for this great show, produced by "TARZAN", with a celebration of 116 years of Shrine experience. Come see the elephants, horses, acrobats, and clowns! Alhambra will provide a ticket, parking, hotdog, water, and cookies to each client and aide. To learn more, email Tim Hill, timothyhill@yahoo.com.

LOCAL AND AREA NEWS & EVENTS (CONTINUED)



Donation request: Children's cough, cold, and fever medicine

There's nothing more troubling as a parent than watching your little one struggle to sleep because of coughing or congestion. It isn't safe to give adult medicines to children; without the right, child-friendly medications, kids and families suffer. **Can you donate children's Tylenol, children's ibuprofen, or children's cough and cold medicine to the Hope Clinic Pharmacy?**

To learn more, go to thehopedinic.org/donating-stuff and click on the Medical Clinic Wishlist link.

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 Council Meeting Our council's monthly Business Meeting will be on the third Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Parish Center 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.

KofC Family Epiphany Party On Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, our council will hold a luncheon party celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, from 2pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Center gym. All Knights, with their families, are invited. More details will be announced in email(s) from our Grand Knight.

Corporate Communion Immediately after the party, we will adjourn to the Church for the 4:30pm Mass. A section of pews will be reserved for Knights and their families. This Corporate Communion is a common practice of all KofC Councils in all locations across the world, as a way of publicly showing our Faith in Jesus' gift to His Church of Himself in the Eucharist.



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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:

Dcn. Lou & Mary Russello—45th Anniversary

Lawrence & Clare Kosmalski
Allan & Michelle Rochowiak
Scott & Michelle Waclawik
Charles & Ai Kawashima

Dcn. Richard & Carolyn Mishler
Chidozie & Salome Ogoh
Pablo Moncada & Isabel Larrotiz

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
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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:

Brett Ivey, Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Home Parish: St. Mary, Williamston



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. Mary Luke Feldpausch, Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma



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
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Christian Marriage	Dcn. Pete Hansen
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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.

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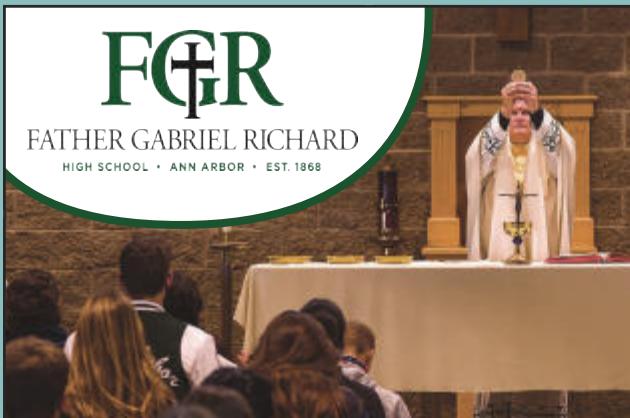
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