
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 28, 2007

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we kick off “**Catholic Schools Week**” with a special celebration at the 9:15 mass plus an Open House of our school until noon. We are proud of our parish school, its families and staff who are competent, professional and dedicated. We work and pray together that our young people gain not only skills and education that is of high quality, but also basic values like faith, respect for life, concern for the oppressed and personal integrity. Our parish school enrollment of 323 is served by 29 full time professional staff, plus many part time aides and countless hours from generous volunteer parents.

Together we are part of a much larger U.S. Catholic Education picture with 1,726,773 students in 6,386 Catholic elementary schools; 27% are minority students and 13.5% non-Catholic. Our 19,431 U.S. parishes serve 3,621,510 non parochial school students. Here at Christ the King our full Religious Ed enrollment is 993. Our very active Youth Ministry hosts a large number of teens each Sunday evening and has 90 teens in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation; last weekend all 90 spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday on a Retreat in Occidental.

Our Catholic Education picture also includes a very active Adult Learning and Education ministry here at Christ the King. Up to 80 adults participated in our “Returning Catholics” evenings (last one is this Monday at 7:30pm); on the next two Monday evenings (February 5/12) Dr. Josh Gressel will lead an exciting presentation and discussion on “Sacred Commitment: spiritual assumptions in marriage and committed relationship”. Dr. Gressel is a popular speaker who has been extremely well received and appreciated in our neighboring parishes and congregations.

Confirmation Alert for adults (anyone over 21) who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation: on the Monday evenings of Lent, beginning Monday February 26th, we’ll offer a special Confirmation for Adults program leading to the celebration of the Sacrament after Easter. Five adults have already expressed interest; call now and leave your name and phone number with us (at682-2486) so we can be sure you are included. You may also start guarding your Fridays of Lent (March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30) for five evenings of Simple Soup and Adult Learning with some outstanding topics and speakers.

Next weekend at the 9:15 mass we observe **Scout Sunday**. All scouts (Boys, Girls, Cubs, current and former) are invited to attend in uniform and process in. If your Scout has recently earned their Religious Emblem, please contact Laura Birnbaumer (256-6390) so they can be included in the Emblem presentation.

Your Pastor,
Brian T. Joyce

WEEK AT A GLANCE**SUNDAY**

-The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-**Catholic School's Week, Mass 9:15 am – School Open House until 12:00 noon**

-No RE Classes / No Children's Liturgy of the Word

-Youth Group Prayer Service, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

MONDAY

-RE Older Sacrament Gr. 3-5, Parish Hall, 4:00 pm

-Parent Information Meeting for Prospective Students, Parish Hall, 7:15 pm

-**"Returning Catholics", Parish Hall, 7:30 pm**

TUESDAY

-Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, following 8 am Mass

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE: Grade 7, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm

-Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CVMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038-

-Spanish Prayer Group, Church Vestibule Meeting Room, 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE: Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm

-St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7 pm

-Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. Call 932-0395)

-Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

THURSDAY

-Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10:00 am

-RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm

-RE Catechist (Gr 1-6) Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

-RCIA, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:00 pm

-Social Justice Meeting, Wade Center (A & B), 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

-First Friday, Masses at 8:00 am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) & 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

-Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873

-Altar Society Meeting, Parish Hall, Following 8:00 am Mass

-Bereavement Ministry, Ministry Center (C), 9:30 am

SUNDAY

-**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Second Collection for School, RE and Youth Ministry**

-**Scout Sunday**

-RE Program for 3 yr olds (A), Room D, During 9:15 Mass

-PreK/K: Pre K Program, Parish Hall, A,B,C; K Program, CTK School, during 9:15 Mass

-Children's Liturgy of the Word, During the 9:15 Mass

-RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8) Class, RE Office, 10:40 am

-Jr/Sr Confirmation, Parish Hall, 10:45-12:15 pm

-Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

-Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Christ the King Church, 7:00 pm

An Information Meeting for the Parents of Prospective Students will be held on this Mon., Jan. 29th at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall. This will be the first time that applications will be handed out for the next school year to the general public. Parents with students currently enrolled in CTK School do not need to attend this meeting. Applications for the 2007-2008 school year will be due by Feb. 9th. Incoming Kindergarten students will be assessed in Feb. on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. All other students applying for admission in grades 1-8 will be assessed on Mon., March 5th. **Open House for Christ the King School** will be this Sun., Jan. 28th after the 9:15 am Mass, until 12 noon.

Social Justice Meeting - Come hear parishioners Loretta & Alan Edmonson and students from Holy Names High School present pictures & thoughts on their recent trip to Ft. Benning, Georgia to participate in a peace action at the School of the Americas. The presentation is Thurs., Feb. 1st at 7pm in Rooms A & B of the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Roy Bourgeois, Maryknoll founder of SOAW will be at Holy Names University on Feb. 9th at 3:00 pm

The Pleasant Hill Senior Van Service sponsored by the Commission on Aging and City of Pleasant Hill, needs volunteers to staff the drivers and dispatchers for this service. Training is provided. For more information, please call 671-5272, Monday through Friday between 9 and 11 am.

Ireland Trip - This Sunday there will be an information meeting regarding Sr. Joanne's Trip to Ireland. It will take place in the Ministry Center at 1:30 pm

CTK Women's Weekend Retreat at San Damiano, March 23-25, 2007. Deepen your spirituality with Patti Collyer, speaking on "The Power of the Praying Heart." Save these dates! We will be accepting deposits of \$50 this weekend after masses to confirm your reservations. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 682-2486.

World Marriage Day

As one of the seven sacraments, marriage is central to our lives as Catholic Christians. The Church reflecting on this gift equates the gift of married love with the gift of Christ's love for his spouse the Church. Pope John Paul II referred to married life and the family as "the domestic church." In the light of this reality we want to celebrate the love that is present in your marriage.

On the 11th of February we celebrate this occasion by a special blessing at all Masses for all who are married. Additionally, we honor all who are celebrating their 10th, 25th and 50 + (meaning all with 50 years or more) at the 10:45 a.m. celebration.

Some have asked us the question, "what about the single, those who have lost a partner in death, or the divorced?" As part of our celebration of family life in the parish we endeavor to celebrate all aspects of life over the course of the year. In the last few months we had a Memorial Mass for the recently deceased members of our parish and in the fall we hope to begin a divorce/separated support group. A young singles group exists in the parish and we hope to foster all other aspects of our parish life. ***We are always open to suggestions.***

Possible ways to celebrate World Marriage Day:

1. We encourage you to do activities that will strengthen your own marriage, such as reading a book on marriage together or attending a marriage communication course or encounter.
2. Take your spouse out for a special dinner or find other ways that work for you to enjoy each others company.
3. Display your own wedding album in your home.
4. Attend a special church Eucharist. (2/11/06 10:45 a.m. Mass)
5. Maybe to bring your wedding photos to Mass.
6. Any suggestions for enrichment of marriage opportunities at Christ the King? (Maybe in the future we could have a Special Valentine's Day banquet, potluck, breakfast, or dance for all you married couples.)
7. Who is the longest married couple in our community?
8. We will offer prayers for marriage at all Masses this week-end and make these prayers available on our website.
9. Do you have other suggestions that would help with marriage care at Christ the King?

Happy World Marriage Day!

To answer any of the above questions or to put your name on the list of those celebrating a significant anniversary in 2006 please contact Fr. Aidan at 682-2486 or email ajmcaleenan@att.net

Deadline for registration Friday, February 9th at 5:00 pm