
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 29, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

Labor Day weekend usually marks the official end of summer, but around here with the reopening of school, assembling of the entire parish staff, refurbishing of our site and much more, we are already in high gear and full speed ahead for the after summer rush.

First of all the school! This past Tuesday (August 24th) our parish school, as well as local public schools, reopened and on Friday morning we celebrated a “back to school Mass”. We begin this year here at CTK with 325 students, 216 student families and a faculty and staff of 36! Even before the opening day of school, we were well underway. During the week of August 16th our faculty had a very full retreat day, plus another day for CPR and First Aid training; our school Student Council spent a day in retreat and all our teachers and staff were gearing up for the year ahead. The theme for our school year **“Imagination...to make a difference”** calls our students, staff and families to stretch themselves creatively this year and links us all to our parish wide mission statement – “To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference”. This Sunday afternoon we celebrate the beginning of the school year with a Mass at 3:00 pm followed by a barbeque on our parish lawn for all returning school families.

You’ll notice we’ve been busy updating and refurbishing parts of our parish site. Upgrades include a badly needed painting of our parish house exterior (thanks to Pat Clancy!). After more than ten years of heavy use, we re-carpeted our parish hall and break out rooms. Our garden of blessings now includes an arbor and Kiosk (thanks to Rod and Donna). Most noticeable right now when it comes to new developments is the fencing at the north end of the middle school. Our amphitheater for school use, RE use and parish use is finally under construction. Getting permits takes a little longer than we planned for, but now our students will have an up close view of the construction we look forward to.

With the end of summer, it’s time to make sure you don’t miss some very important events and activities coming up in the very near future. Here’s just a sample:

- Msgr. Wade Annual Golf Tournament – Friday, September 10th (tickets and info after masses)
- Oktoberfest – food and fun – Saturday, October 2nd on CTK lawn (tickets today after masses)
- Parish Mission with Sr. Mary Greenan - Sunday through Wednesday, October 10th - 13th
- ChristLight Weekend and Experience – Friday through Sunday, November 12th -14th
- Adult Ed with Brian Swimme, Fr Joyce, Dr. Gary Macy and Dr. Kristen Heyer - Mondays, November 29th, December 6th and 13th.

Those are just a few of the key upcoming activities. Sr. Joanne is leading her team and the important Grief Workshop from September 13 through October 25; Sr. Maureen and Joan Smits are working full time with catechists and assistants to develop a great year of Religious Ed for our public school youngsters and for all children with pre school and Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sundays; Kate Doherty and Helen Christian are developing a strong Youth Ministry for the year ahead as well as our Confirmation program for juniors and seniors in high school. I hope to resurrect our Parish Council which had a “down year” and needs new direction and elections; meanwhile our Adult Ed, Liturgy Coordinating and Liturgy Planning Committees are gearing up. As you can see we have a lot on our plate but with your interest, participation and support it should be a great year!

Your Pastor,



WEEK AT A GLANCE**SUNDAY**

-**The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time/** St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
 -Summer Produce Drive Continues

-**CTK Back to School Mass, 3:00 pm, CTK Back to School BBQ, 4:30 pm**

TUESDAY

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

-RE Grade 1-5 Catechists' Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm

-Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CV Meeting Room, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038

-Spanish Prayer Group, CV Meeting Room, 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

-ChristLight, Ministry Center (Dining Room and Library), 7:00 pm

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

THURSDAY

-Centering Prayer, Ministry Center, 10:00 am

-**Job Network Ministry: Parish Hall, Newcomer Welcome, 6:30 pm; Fellowship & Networking, 6:30-7 pm: Presentation: "Landing Your Next Job in This Tough Economy" presented by Gary Leach, CPA, former Management Resources Division Director at Robert Half International, 7-8:30 pm, Fellowship and Networking, 8:30-9:00 pm.**

-Inquiry Session for RCIA, Ministry Center (Dining Room & Library), 7:00 pm

-Social Justice Meeting, Parish Hall (Rooms A & B), 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

-**Garden Café, Ministry Center, 7:30-9:30 am, Proceeds go to the nurturing and growing of the CTK Garden**

SATURDAY

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

-Bereavement, Ministry Center (Library and Dining Room), 9:30 am

SUNDAY

-**The Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time/Second Collection for School, RE and Youth Ministry**

-Summer Produce Drive Continues

-Taize Prayer Around the Cross, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1601 Mary Drive), 7:00 pm

Social Justice Meeting - Garden Park Apartments: Greg Bayer, a CTK parishioner on the board of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, will be speaking on the parish involvement with Garden Park apartments. Garden Park provides permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless families, each with an adult member with a health or mental disability. Please join us on this Thursday at 7pm in Rooms A & B.

Grief Workshop – The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Your loss may be recent or it may be years ago. Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you begin the healing process. **Mon., Sept. 13-Oct. 25, 7-9pm** at the Ministry Center. Call 682-2486 to register. **Registration required by Sept. 3rd.**

3 Yr Old RE Registration: Sunday, Sept. 12th after the 9:15 am Mass – after evaluation of our 3 yr old Sunday program, there will be some changes this year: Children will attend **weekly**, not alternate weeks. Children must be 3 yrs old by September 1st and potty trained. Parents will continue to be assigned as assistants. Maximum enrollment 16. Questions? 686-1017.

Confirmation Registration: Are you a junior or senior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year? You can register by downloading a registration form/calendar on our website at ctkym.org or picking one up in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call the youth ministry office at 676-0979. Registration deadline is September 17th.

Msgr. Wade Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 10th at Diablo Creek Golf Course. For more info call Steve Murphy at 932-7608.

Bible Study for MEN and WOMEN-ten weeks Mondays beginning September 13, 2010, Book of Revelation. Gathering at 8:30 am, DVD Presentation at 8:45 am; Discussion 9:45-10:30 am. For more info call Mary Kerfs (946-9751)

ChristLight VII – Save the date: November 12-14. Details to follow. Please call Phil Tafoya (899-0451) or Stacie Baumgartner (932-6624) for more information.

Come Hike With Us!...and help end homelessness in Contra Costa County! SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County has partnered with Conquer The Canyon® to provide a team fundraising adventure call HIKE FOR SHELTER for 50 walkers/hikers that will take place April 28-May 1, 2011 in The Grand Canyon. Join us for an Informational meeting on Sept. 8, 2010 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Do something good for yourself and help our community at the same time! For other dates and locations call Project Coordinator, Karen Leffler (925-323-2996 Email: hike@shelterincofccc.org or call to RSVP. All abilities welcome! Check out the website: www.conquerthecanyon.com/SHELTER.htm.

The CTK Garden Café invites you back for another year of good food, good coffee and good friends. We will be open on Fridays from 7:30-9:30am. All donations go to the nurturing of the CTK School Garden and Stations. See you there!



Our local St. Vincent de Paul ministry does incredible work here within our parish to support the poor and needy. Over 50 parishioners are active members of our local conference. In 2009 they helped over 17,000 to receive the assistance of food, clothing and financial support.

Now with our help St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa has carved out of its existing warehouse in Pittsburg, a **Free Dining Room** to provide 150 hot, nutritious meals, Monday through Friday. When not in use during the lunch-time meal, the facility will be used for job training, health education, AA and other community meetings. St. Vincent de Paul has also built a **Free Medical Clinic** and is in the process of recruiting volunteer staff and obtaining licenses.

In the second collection of August 28-29, we invite you to help both our local conference and ministry here at Christ the King and also the challenging and ambitious project of **Free Dining Room and Free Medical Clinic**. In next weekend's collection the first \$18,500 (an average of your contribution in previous collections) will stay here for our local ministry. Anything beyond that, or any special designated checks, will go to the Free Dining Room and Free Medical Clinic. Please be generous next weekend and we'll have an information table after masses and a brief presentation by the Development Director of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County.

Christ the King Inaugural Oktoberfest-Saturday, October 2, 2010, 3-7 pm on the CTK Lawn. Beer tasting, Food & Live Music. Tickets go on sale following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday August 28th and all masses (except the 7 am) on Sunday, August 29th for \$35 per adult (21 and over). Tickets can also be purchased after August 29th from Jay Becker who can be reached at 925-818-1915 or at scooners@comcast.net. For more info: www.KofCPH.org.