

Christ the King Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 27, 2011

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Confession:
Saturday: 4 p.m.

Masses:
Saturdays: 9 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sundays: 8, 9:15,
11:35 a.m. 8 p.m.

Monday – Friday 7 a.m.
and Noon at the Catholic
Center



CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Parish is a welcoming and open Catholic community, believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live out the challenge of our Baptism by sharing Time, Talent and Treasure. We strive through the celebration of the Eucharist and participation in lay ministries, educational opportunities and community outreach to become the eyes and hands of Christ.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners and ask you to register as soon as possible to ensure your full participation in the life of our parish. Please advise the parish office of any telephone/address changes.



PONDERING

Like many of you, I watched Archbishop Timothy Dolan's interview on 60 Minutes last Sunday night. I don't know what I was expecting. I guess somewhere in the inner recesses of my psyche I was hoping for a glimmer of hope. I wanted to hear that the leadership of the Church was at least open to the possibility of change in the way it relates to the membership of the Church. I was disappointed. Again and again he was offered an opportunity to throw a bone to those who think that there might be some softening in the Church's stand on disciplinary matters such as celibacy, women priests and the status of the divorced and remarried. I do not expect changes in the Church's doctrines but I do expect a willingness to explore changes in non-essential elements of our shared faith. Too many folks are barely hanging on to their membership to continue to be ignored. Too many people have already given up and left the Church because they see no hope for a more pastoral response on the part of the hierarchy of the Church.

Last Sunday's Providence Journal had a front-page story on the severe drop in the number of Catholic weddings in our State. I read the article very carefully. All of the Catholics interviewed said that when they approached the Church about getting married in the Church all they encountered were roadblocks. All of the priests interviewed said that society has changed. Couples are living together and not bothering to get married. Other couples are more interested in outdoor weddings or destination weddings. The two groups were ships passing in the night. There was no openness to hearing the other's point of view.

I feel that the Church can be true to herself and her concept of marriage while at the same time finding the time to sit and listen to couples who want to get married. I think that the couples can be challenged to be more regular in their attendance at Mass; I think the Church can be challenged to listen better to what the couples want. Wanting to get married in a Church ceremony is a teachable moment but if the two sides are not willing to share and listen there will be precious little teaching going on. If the Church we love were a business it would have to file for Chapter 11 protection. We are losing membership, revenues are declining, parishes are closing and our leadership is seri-

ously out of touch with our membership. Nevertheless, it is business as usual. I hope we wake up before it all collapses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27

8 a.m.

Mary Bristow

9:15 a.m.

Mary Martin

11:35 a.m.

Paul Meschwitz

Saturday, April 2

5 p.m.

Karen Elizabeth White

Pauline DeSantis

Barbara Anderson

Sunday, April 3

8 a.m.

Anthony and Anna DelPozzo

Damian Tingley

11:35 a.m.

Anne and John Schwab

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

All are invited to attend our Parish Mission **March 28 – 30 at 7 p.m.** in the Church. Our presenter is **Rev. Joseph Creedon**. Each evening Joe will present a different topic, "The Call, The Dream and The Journey." Join us for one, two or all three nights. The Mission will be a great respite during our Lenten journey.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to **Elaine Boisvert, Tammy Poston** and **Leola Zegarzewski** for mailing the Mustard Seed. Thank you for your stewardship.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

Life has its share of tragedies, adversity and disappointments. Stephen Ministers can assist you to move beyond the hurt in a confidential and supportive way. Contact **Carol Hartley** at 783-4036 (email carolhartley@cox.net) **Larry Bartley** at 965-7276 (email LBJR@cox.net) or call the office at 783-7459.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

RF classes **March 27** for grades Pre-K – 10.

Reminders for Grades: 2, 4, 6 and 8:

- **Grade 2** students and parents meet in church **March 27** during class time.
- **Grades 4 and 6** are participating in a Christian Seder experience **March 27** during class time. *Please arrive promptly for class.*
- **Grade 8A:** (Mrs. Kelly Liptak) meets in the parish hall **March 27** at **10:30 a.m.** to prepare a meal for Welcome House.
- All **Grade 5** classes meet in church **Sunday, April 3**, for First Reconciliation rehearsal. **Posters Due** – please bring to church rehearsal.

Confirmation Notes

Last class for Phase I and II **Sunday, April 3** – all homework assignments are due at this time.

Generations Thank You

Last month's Generations project, sponsored by the Religious Formation Committee, was made possible by the contribution of many helpers, including the following Senior Visitors, who shared their stories of growing up while growing in their Catholic faith: **Eleanor King, Fred Macari, Eugene and Rose Marie Sidoti, and Al Signorelli.** Many thanks to the parents who provided an abundance of snacks and direct assistance on the day of the presentations: **Daryl Andrews, Cheryl Butler, Katherine Champagne, Mary Anne Clarke, Heather Corkery, Mary Cowger, Colleen Emerson, Marie Fonseca, Sharon Hartley, Mimi Keefe, Paula Larimer, Kelly Lloyd, Harrison Loud, Amy McGreevey, Josh and Kelly Moniz, Josh Preli, Jennifer and Nat Sisco, and Kim Stafford.** Thank you as well to the teachers, **Courtney Barnas, Colleen Connelly, Mimi Keefe and Tina Moore,** for preparing their students. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project whom I may have left out inadvertently. Our children were very blessed to catch a glimpse of "the way it used to be."

Please call me at **294-9289** if you have any questions. Warmly, **Mary LoPresti**

EMMAUS YOUTH CENTER

The Emmaus Youth Center is sponsoring a Search for Maturity weekend during **April 8 – 10, 2011** at the Emmaus Youth Center, Riverside. Any high school youth (grade 10+) or college age young adult is welcome to attend. Please contact the Emmaus Youth Center at **401-433-4327** for any additional information or to register.

ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Please remove all grave ornaments/containers from Christmas by **April 1.** During mowing season (April-October), artificial flowers or wire-framed grave decorations and glass containers are prohibited.

CATHOLIC CENTER MASS SCHEDULE

The Lenten Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday – Friday 7 a.m. and 12 Noon
Saturday at 9 a.m.



CALENDAR FOR MARCH 27 – APRIL 3

Sunday, March 27

10:30 a.m. WH Meal Prep (8A)/Kitchen
10:30 a.m. Grade 2/Church

Monday, March 28

7 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission/Church

Tuesday, March 29

7 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission/Church

Wednesday, March 30

7 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission/Church

Saturday, April 2

4 p.m. Confession

Sunday, April 3

10:15 a.m. Family Life Open Meeting/Hall
10:30 a.m. Grade 5/Church
5:30 p.m. PH I/Washburn
5:30 p.m. PH II/Hall

ONLINE GIVING

Parishioners who use the internet to pay their monthly bills can now contribute to our Parish. We have chosen Our Sunday Visitor to be our Online Giver provider because of their highest online security standards and flexible options for Online Giving.

What are the benefits of Online Giving for you?

- (1) No need to write checks.
- (2) Option to remain anonymous.
- (3) The ability to make contributions weekly, monthly, or annually.
- (4) Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- (5) Contribution amount and options can be easily adjusted.
- (6) Contributions can be charged to a Credit Card that allows you to take advantage of any benefits such as airline mileage or cash bonuses or can be debited from a checking account.
- (7) Finally, no need to share confidential account information with the parish staff. All this information is entered into a secured Online Giving Website and the contributions are deposited directly into the parish's checking account.

Our Online Giving account has already been established. One parishioner has reported how easy it is to setup and gets an e-mail notification each week that the contribution is about to be processed into the church's checking account and the date of the transaction. The contribution also appears on the bank statement.

***** Anyone who was previously donating by credit card or checking account will need to set up an account with OSV.**

Please click on the Online Giving logo on our website (www.ckri.org) to sign up to begin using this service. Click on the "Sign up for a new account" option on the lower right hand portion of the screen to create your new account. It takes less than ten minutes to set up your account. If you have any questions, please call Beth at the office, 783-7459.

