

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL



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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - Noon; 1:00-5:00 p.m. (weekdays) CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

MASSES: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Nursery offered during 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass. Age 35 mo. and under.

RECONCILIATION: Confession Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (children): A series of 2 instructions with parents and godparents is necessary before Christian Baptism. Parents need to be registered members of Christ the King. These classes can be taken even before the baby is born.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please do not make plans or finalize wedding date before visiting with Father Ben Kasteel or Deacon Randy Canale. Attendance at Pre-Cana Classes AND Engaged Encounter Weekend required.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Otherwise, please inform the parish office when someone in your family desires the anointing.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meet the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center.

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCE/CCD): 792-6168

COORDINATOR: Sr. Evangeline C. Olarte, MSLT

9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

3 year old through Grade 12

YOUTH MINISTRY: 792-6198

COORDINATOR: Rose Donaldson - rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:

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GRADES: 3 year-old through 12th grade

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MUSIC MINISTRY:

Chancel Choir
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LIFE TEEN:
Sue Arnold, Director, 797-4367
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ORGANIZATIONS and MINISTRIES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Coordinators

Lyle & Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158

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Jeff Tucker, 783-0668

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Marty Martin, 763-8312

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Prayer Line

Matta Burns, 795-9220

Mom's Group

Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824

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Libby White, 698-8276

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Deacon Randy Canale, 797-2210

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Senior Citizens Group

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Roy Moritz, 799-5043

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Pres., Ralph Rosiles, 749-0147

Pres., Patty Shipton, 798-7001

CTK Home & School Assoc.

Pres., Rufus Mark, 725-7931

CTK Cursillo Movement

Art Chavez, 793-0979

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Rosalie Martin, 763-8312

Cub Scouts

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Boy Scouts

Jim Ambrose, Scout Master, 543-8450

Girl Scouts

Suzanne Thomas, 796-2521

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Emma Childs, 793-6106

Knights of Columbus (Council #3008)

Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710

Lubbock Catholic War Veterans

Bill Youngren, 746-5317

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Lawrence D'Souza, 794-6553

Covenant Lakeside Aux.

Mary Lou Trelford, 794-5387

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John Gaschen, 792-8893

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Jeff Malpiede, 765-8475

Engaged Sponsor Couples

Mary & Larry Boone, 763-8416

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 9:15 a.m. RCIA Dismissal (MC Room)
11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass
11:00 a.m. CCE Classes: 3 year old-12 grade
11:00 a.m. Scripture Study (MC Room)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 5:30 p.m. Parish Life (Rm off Kitch)
6:30 p.m. 7-Steps Planning (MC Room)
7:00 p.m. Youth Commission (JPYC)
7:00 p.m. Spirituality for Women (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation (Church)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 (Pope Damasus I)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 6:30 p.m. 7-Steps Planning (Rm off Kitch)
7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation (Church)
7:00 p.m. Life Teen Core (JPYC)
7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

***** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *****

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups: 3-8th grade (JPYC)
7:00 p.m. Men's Spirituality (MC Room)
7:00 p.m. Catechumenate #2 (PFC)
7:00 p.m. Serra Club Board Meeting (Rm off Kitch)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 (St. Lucy)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations (Church)
7:00 p.m. Cursillo Prayer Group (PFC)
7:00 p.m. Life Teen Band Rehearsal (Church)
8:00 p.m. Vocations Committee (Parlor)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 (St. John of the Cross)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 12:00 noon AA Meeting (Rm off Kitch)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

- 11:00 a.m. Altar Server Training (Church)
2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Marriage:
Stanley McCallick & Michelle Valdez
3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

ADORERS NEEDED

Jesus is asking us, "Could you not watch ONE HOUR with me?". We currently have hours in need of adorers and will have a great need for those who can be substitutes during the upcoming Christmas season. If you can help in any way, please contact or E-mail Lyle or Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158, or E-mail nanfett@sbcglobal.net

MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday, December 10, Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 5:17-26*
6:55 a.m. + Lou Carlson by Randy & Cindy Canale
8:15 a.m. Sepcial Intention Loyal Bessire by The BOBS
Tuesday, December 11, Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14
6:55 a.m. Communion Service
8:15 a.m. + Phero Dung Le by Binh & Baotram Le Tran
Wednesday, December 12, Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Judith 13:18bcde, 19, Luke 1:26-38
6:55 a.m. + Mary Pennington by Arthur Cohen
8:15 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe by Childs Family
Thursday, December 13, Isaiah 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
6:55 a.m. + Rolland Kuhn by Randy & Cindy Canale
8:15 a.m. Spec Int Vincent Tjia by Steve & Catherine Tjia
Friday, December 14, Isaiah 48:17-19, Matthew 11:16-19
6:55 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Randy & Cindy Canale
8:15 a.m. Deceased Metzler Family by Metzler Family
Saturday, Dec 15, Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13
8:00 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by John Mosser
5:30 p.m. Spec Int Lynda Opperman by Chelsie Opperman
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, ISAIAH 35:1-6A, 10, PSALM 146, JAMES 5:7-10, MATTHEW 11:2-11
8:00 a.m. Special Intention Tim/Jeremy/Bill by Zimo Family
9:15 a.m. + Johanna Kasteel by Msgr. Ben
11:00 a.m. 30th Anniv Dr. Bachar Al-Alami Amira by Children
4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass for Members of Christ the King
5:30 p.m. + Elena/Carlitos/Santiago Buraye by Amira & Sandra

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS for this week are:

- + Bobby Bryan, brother of Patty Matticks
Rosemary Schuchard, Don Donaldson, Jackie Quitevis,
David Keith, Loyal Bessire

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE PROCESSION at

3:00 p.m. TODAY beginning at Ryon Martin ATC parking lot, 32th & Ave Q, to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1120, 52nd St. Mass at 5:00 p.m., main celebrant Most. Rev. Plácido Rodríguez. For more information call 763-0710.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Any student currently in the 4th grade or up and has made First Communion and attends Christ the King Cathedral, is invited to attend a Training Session Saturday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Newcomers are welcome. Anyone who would like a refresher course is welcome to attend. For information, call Jeff Tucker 783-0668.

4:00 P.M. LIFE TEEN MASS RE-SCHEDULED

Beginning January 6 LIFE TEEN Mass will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Next Sunday, December 16, will be last 4:00 p.m. Mass.

- Sincerely, Msgr. Ben Kasteel

Knights of Columbus CHRISTMAS BRISKET SALE

Contact Pete Lara, 470-1970, to place your order. Price: \$40 each. Briskets will be ready to pick up in time for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 21. Place your orders now.

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS

December 2, 2007

Envelopes	\$23,771.50
† Gift-Direct	1,448.00
5 Children Envelopes + Cash	74.98
Plate	1,128.13
TOTAL	\$26,422.61
Miscellaneous	418.87
TOTAL	\$26,841.48

409 Identifiable Donors

Building Fund \$ 129.00

Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00

Please remember CTK in your Will.



Time

Talent

Treasure

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

In Memory of:



George & Beryl D'Mello by Judy & John Stout
Kettely & Daniel Hyacinthe by Micheline Hyacinthe
Ramirez Family by David & Beatrice Villalobos

C.Blackwood by Joe Blackwood Family
Josephina Tobias by William & Susan Fitzgerald

Joseph Belco by Karen Belco

Jerry Wille by Barbara Wille

George J. Blickley by Sharon & Gerry Grant

In Honor of:

Immaculate Mary

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Founding Members of CTK School/Parish by Ron & Kathy Thomas

"Christ's Birth" by Virginia Buck

Virgin Mary by Binh & Baotram Tran

Blessed Virgin Mary by Jesus & Carmen Cavazos

If you would like to offer the flowers in the sanctuary for the month of December place your offering in an envelope marked *December* or use the envelope in your offertory envelope packet and place it in the collection basket. **Your offering will be printed in the month that your envelope is received, unless otherwise designated.. Donation is \$25.**



We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist sepaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire".

**Read Old Sam Elder's story on counseling people
at our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org!**

VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW: Who will herald Christ in our world? Consider becoming a priest, brother, deacon or sister. (Mt 3:10-12) -Vocations Committee

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 1, 2008 Homecoming Basketball Game
- April 19, 2008 Super Auction
- June 20-21, 2008 All Class Alumni Reunion
- June 21, 2008 25th Anniversary Mass of Lubbock Diocese

MOM and ME

If you have small children (newborn to pre-school) you might be interested in joining the Mom & Me Group. We will meet Friday Dec. 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the nursery. Call Kim Sipowicz 799-1824.

7 STEPS to BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE

A Catholic Small-Group Study

If you would like to achieve balance between your faith and finances; deepen your relationship with the Lord; strengthen your marriage and family life; break free from the bondage of consumer debt and make a realistic faith-based plan for the future, come join us! Couples and/or singles welcome. Orientation call is Tuesday, January 8, in the PFC. The 6 (1½ hr) sessions will be scheduled at this meeting. If you can commit to the program, please call Donna Dement at 791-4749 after 5:00 p.m. to sign up and for information regarding program material cost.

Why seek SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

God speaks to us in our relationships, our work, our prayer, our challenges and dilemmas - so that is the material for spiritual direction. Maybe you have a serious issue for discernment or are going through a transition. Possibly you are feeling dry in your prayer and would like to explore that with someone. You may have an inner yearning or desire for greater intimacy with God. You may want someone to help you be faithful to your spiritual commitments.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS of CHRIST THE KING

Each month we publish the names of families who have become registered members of Christ the King Cathedral. During November: Charmion Delacruz; Louis & Olga Flores and son Gabriel; Jesse & Debra Garza; Douglas & Amy Sowyer and sons Joshua & Nicholas; Jose & Marlan Tarin and sons Jose & Gabriel. Welcome to Christ the King Cathedral. We are so glad you have registered to be a member of our parish family.

ADVENT PRAYER: We wait once again in this Advent season and pray with your whole Church, "Come, Lord Jesus." Teach us again about waiting. Make us more aware of how we can reach out to those who can do nothing but wait: the poor, the sick, the lonely, the suffering. Teach us again about Your coming, that You are closer than we can imagine. Help us discover one new, surprising way You are with us. Come, Lord Jesus. (Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP) -Social Ministries



Come Join Us In The
John-Paul Youth Center
For information about any of the following,
please call Rose Donaldson at

792-6198 or E-mail rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org

PARENTS: Drop off and pick up at the JPYC, unless otherwise noted.

Dogs & Frogs (3-4th) & EDGE (5-8th): Dec. 12, Christmas Party and Christmas Caroling at Golden Ages, 2613 34th, 792-2196. We leave CTK at 6:30 to go to Golden Ages for caroling and return to the JPYC for our Christmas Party. Please bring food for the party. We will provide drinks and paper goods. We need drivers to get to Golden Ages - parents please volunteer.

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Father, thank You for the many blessings that we receive each day. May we share our blessings. May we give of our time and talent this season and know that where our treasure is; so will our hearts be. We pray for the community of Lubbock that we will see that no one goes without and that no one has a Christ-Mass without the feeling of Love. Amen.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: "It is the nature of the human being to seek the truth."

Reflection: God, the timeless one, came at an appointed time to give a timeless message.

LIFE TEEN Band: Sanctuary is interested in sharing their talents at Parish and Diocesan events. If you know of any activities that the band can sing His Praises please let us know. Contact Rose, 792-6198, or Audrey, 785-2528, for additional information or to check the band's schedule.

LIFE TEEN MASS: TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 9, NO Mass at 4:00 p.m. We will be participating in the Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have Mass on Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m. If you have committed to serve, please be here at 3:45.

4:00 MASS ANNOUNCEMENT: Beginning January 6, LIFE TEEN Mass will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Next Sunday, Dec. 16, will be the last 4:00 p.m. Mass.

LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 9, participation in the Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and differ following the procession. We will start at OLG and take a bus to Byron Martin Technical building, 3201 Ave Q, to begin the procession. This is the perfect opportunity to represent CTK in a wonderful tradition and honor our Mother along with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We expect to see all of you there. We will be hosting this event next year, so it's our chance to learn.

LIFE TEEN CORE: Must be 19 years and older to be considered for this ministry. Background check and Safe Environment Training required.

Youth Ministry Core: Please consider helping the Dogs & Frogs and Edge Ministries. All current leaders will be moving up with their children. We need to start training leaders for

next year's Ministry.

Parents for LIFE: Interested in getting involved with Parents for Life? This ministry is for the parents by the parents. Contact Rose for details.

CTK Website - Check it out: www.ctkcathedral.org

Seek and you shall find! The first student who finds the word "publish" within this bulletin will receive a prize.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Mass, sign up for your part in the Christmas re-enactment of the Nativity. Rehearsals are: Dec 19 & 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Students will need to be at the JPYC at 7:30 on Christmas Eve. Feb. 18-22 "Prayer Path" Labyrinth 3:00-9:00 p.m., sponsored by Youth Ministry. Feb. 24 Foot Steps in Faith.

Parent & Student Meeting for Edge and Life Teen: We will have a parent & student meeting on January 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for trip planning. We need to inform all parents about trip goals and make decisions for fundraising. Parents need to attend to approve trip plans and commitments for their student. We also need to make decisions about overall expenses and ways that we can alleviate some of the individual cost.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 513: CTK Cub Scout Pack 513 is open to all members of the parish. You do not have to attend CTK school to be a member of Pack 513; we welcome all. If you are in 1-5th grade, call Scout Master Charles Leatherwood 795-2203 to find out when we have our next meeting.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 513: Do you like hiking, fishing, camping, bicycling, campfire cooking, rock climbing, rappelling, back packing? If you like any of these you need to join Boy Scout Troop 513. We are accepting new members. We meet every Monday at 7:15 in the school cafeteria. For information, please call Richard Scheppler at 790-0160 or Jim Ambrose, 780-7817.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3008



Serve your church, community, family, and youth by becoming a Brother Knight.

A Christmas Party at Council 3008 Hall will be Sunday, Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m. for all Council members and their families. The dinner will be Potluck. Knights will provide the entree, so bring your favorite side dish. BRING an unwrapped toy to be donated to needy children. Contact Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710, for membership or more details on events.

CALLING ALL CTK CHEFS!

The CTK School 10th grade class is putting together a CTK Cathedral Cookbook to raise money for their Senior Trip. Please send all your favorite recipes to Mandy Mantooh: mandy_o@suddenlink.net by January 15. We hope to have the cookbooks ready to order in time for Mother's Day. Questions: call Mandy at 798-0300.

Check our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org
Inspirational Page for the Stations of the Cross
which were dedicated November 17.

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

CHRIST THE KING COMMEMORATIVE WINE

Looking for an extra special Christmas gift? Why not give a gift that celebrates Christ the King's 50th Anniversary? CTK 50th Anniversary labeled Llano Estacado wine (white, red and blush) are available through the school development office for a donation of \$20 per bottle. Contact Christy Duran, 795-8283, to place your order.

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT from NOVEMBER 29

Administration/Maintenance: The steel work is going up on the buildings being constructed and the tower is ready to be installed on the Cathedral building. Secure camera system in the school has been approved and paid for. John Mosser finished adding cabinets in the parlor. 45 items needing correction around the building outside were noted; 28 items have been completed. The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) will conduct an after-school program.

Liturgy: The liturgy at all services beginning with the Memorial Service were reviewed. The Christmas decorations will be up December 18. Christmas Masses will be 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m. December 24; and 11:00 a.m. December 25; Mary Mother of God (New Year) Masses, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be 5:30 p.m. December 31 and 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. January 1. 21 ushers attended the security and emergency training session October 20 and 4 law enforcement officers were enrolled. Altar servers will train once before Christmas; readers will train January 12, 2008. The Knights will have a memorial service December 9 at 11:00 a.m.; the Our Lady of Guadalupe procession will be December 9 at 3:00 p.m. Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, worshipers will be asked to sit in the Cathedral and the doors will be closed.

Religious Education: 28 people attend the Sunday morning Scripture Study; Baptism preparation classes will be offered in January. Sarah Conway will teach the Old Testament beginning January 13 at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. 2 adults and one teen became members of the Roman Catholic Church November 17; there are 10 inquirers attending class at the present time and the Rite of Welcome will be December 2 at 9:15 followed by a reception. The Celebration of Belonging for all those who have gone through RCIA will be December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Parent classes for all students preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. "7 Steps to Financial Freedom" program will begin in January. The CCE Christmas party will be December 16. Following orders from the FBI in Washington, D.C., Safe Environment classes will be held during regular CCE time.

Social Ministries: The CFS Thrift Truck will be available in March; the next blood drive will be in January. The group will send Christmas cards to the homebound. 75 children will be covered by the Angel Tree; gifts will be collected December 16; gifts will be stored at KofC building and delivered December 22-23. The food collected for Thanksgiving baskets will also be used for the Christmas baskets.

Parish Life: This group reviewed recent receptions, including those following the White Mass, the Parish Mission and the 50th Anniversary Mass. The Commission now has 37 volun-

teers who can be called to help with activities. They review activities of all adult groups: Women's Organization, Senior Social, Mom & Me and the Knights.

Spiritual Life: The Cursillo and the men and women's spirituality groups are doing well. There are vacancies in the Adoration schedule, especially during the night. There is a Spiritual Direction Program available which teaches mentors, for future deacons and parish members who so desire the help.

Youth Ministries: All age groups are currently discussing programs to be scheduled next year, including Steubenville, summer camp, backpacking trip and mission work. The students will present the Nativity at the Christmas Eve Mass. The 4:00 Mass will be discontinued and the first Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass will be designated for youth participation.

Development Council: As of October 31, 339 pledged DCA for \$276,652.00; \$165,517.00 has been contributed by 306. One-half of the Capital Campaign season has expired and one-half of the money pledged has been paid, amounting to \$371,448.55. 80 donors contributed over \$18,000 to the School Foundation. The CH Foundation gave a grant of \$90,000 for the Early Childhood Development Center. The present increase of parish weekly donation is 10% .

FINANCIAL COUNCIL: Income & Expenditures

October:

Church Income	\$103,401.51
Church Expense	61,739.89
Balance	\$ 41,661.62

School Income	\$ 71,864.01
School Expense	114,817.76
Church Subsidy	\$ 42,953.75

There will be no Pastoral Council meeting in December; the next meeting is January 24, 2008, (instead of the usual last Thursday of the month). -Beryl Schumacher, Secretary

ENDOWMENT FUNDS RE-ESTABLISHED

The CTK Cathedral School Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the re-establishment of two endowed memorials originally established in the 1980s. The Msgr. James Fitzgerald Memorial Fund has been re-established in the amount of \$15,000 and the Claude A. Thomas, Jr. Memorial Fund in the amount of \$25,000 has also been re-established. As one of the first priests at CTK, Msgr. Fitzgerald, is credited for growing the young school's enrollment enough to begin the original high school in the mid 1960s. The late Claude A. Thomas, Jr., was the husband of parishioner Annah Jo Thomas and father of parishioners, Gayle Smothers and Marilyn Dixon and Linda Gilliam of Burleson, all graduates of CTK High School. Claude Thomas was a founding member of the parish and was also a strong supporter of the parish and school during the early years. Beginning with the 2008/09 school year, proceeds from both of these endowment funds will be used to fulfill scholarships for current CTK students. Details regarding these scholarship opportunities will be presented next spring. For more information on contributing to these endowment funds, as well as other endowment funds set up in the CTK Cathedral School Foundation, please contact Christy Duran at 795-8283.

Welcome to Our Church House



Within the last several weeks questions have come into play that has caused me to re-think the question of last week's scripture readings: "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.". As we begin the Second Week of Advent we are again reminded that "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope". My attention in the need to prepare came in the question of, "If you were told that your life would end soon how would you spend your time?" I have to admit that my mind raced with "how would I handle such news?". Would I divide my need into two list - for necessities of life and luxuries?

What would become priority one? Our Sunday Visitor posed their staff the question of "should-do" before you die and the staff responded with the following suggested list of "15 Catholic things to do before you die". 1) Write a note of appreciation to a bishop, priest, deacon or religious for his/her vocation or ministry. 2) Walk the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem (Path of Sorrow or Way of the Cross), the route tradition says that Jesus followed from his condemnation by the Romans to the spot where he was buried after the crucifixion. This route is said to begin at the Lion's Gate where people believed that Jesus appeared before Pontius Pilate and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where people believe Jesus was crucified and resurrected. The route is marked by the 14 Stations of the Cross. 3) Send an anonymous sacrificial gift to a soup kitchen, free clinic, or similar charity. 4) Visit Lourdes, France. 5) Volunteer for a parish committee to visit the sick or prepare meals for their families. 6) Visit the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. 7) Invite your priest over for dinner. 8) Pray the devotion of nine First Fridays or six First Saturdays. 9) Attend a Mass celebrated by your bishop. 10) Read the Bible. 11) Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church. 13) Volunteer to help out at Special Olympics event. 14) Visit residents of a nursing home. 15) Sponsor a needy child in a developing nation." I pose to you (your family) a similar question. . . what are some things that you would like to accomplish to strengthen your Catholic faith?

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CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS: Peace in our Parish and School Community

Every parish is a community. Over time parishes will change, depending upon their membership and their make-up. As they grow, they have many pieces that work together, in concert, and they can have, unfortunately, pieces that work apart. Parishes, while joined by our common faith, have members that are diverse in age, size, shape, employment, status, gender and opinions. Each member's needs are different. These needs can also be quite static or quite kinetic. Families look to parishes for schools and programs to educate their children in our faith. Families look to the parish for sacraments, weddings, funerals, support interaction, friendships, community, faith and grace. Peace and harmony are desirable elements for any parish and school. How do both happen in each parish and school? Is respect of each person, program and ministry felt by all? There are some strategies that each can follow that will heighten this respect and bring the peace that is necessary for nurturing environment for all. "Traditions" are very important. What are the annual events that our parish and school celebrate each year? Festivals, fish fries, garage sales, dinners and auctions, service trips and projects, exhibits, etc., all are events that children and families look forward to. They may take work, time and organization but they also build community and stability. They are constants that become, like our family traditions, expected and enjoyed. What can the members of the parish community and school do to instill support and contribution to these events? Do we, as school parents, students and parishioners participate in these events? Do we contribute to and add to them or do we see them as burdens or events only to be tolerated? "Liturgical celebrations" should have common elements and themes that families participate in each year. How does our parish celebrate the Advent season, the Easter Triduum, Church Missions? How can we, as parishioners, church/school employees, students and parents enhance their success? Are there parish liturgical celebrations that our students can participate in and be active? There are many opportunities here for honor, service, respect and tribute. "Shared Space" - All of us are stewards. We are responsible for the upkeep and respect of our classrooms, library, gymnasium, worship space, dining room, meeting rooms, halls and other parts of the physical structure that make up our church, school, ground and parish. How do we welcome those who will use our classrooms and meeting spaces (both the teacher and the catechists)? Communal living is the essence of community. Nothing should be more communal than living and working in our parish and school community. Are we supportive of each other? There can be no greater mission than working on sharing our faith and devoting ourselves to the Roman Catholic Church. Peace in the parish and school happens when we embrace the challenges, sacrifices, struggles, joys and unique experiences we face each day in our respective vocations. We all need to be active members of our parish and school community. Probably the greatest single variable that limits the ability for peace to be felt and transmitted in our parishes is attitude. There are some wonderful works of art by M.C. Escher (1898-1972) where the viewer can witness through a graphic image an illustration that reverses ground. Escher could take something dark and something light and over the course of a page transform the images so they reverse: the dark becomes light and the light becomes dark. He enables his viewers to change their perspective merely by looking. Many times we, as parishioners, parents, teachers, and students need to do everything in our power (not just sight like Escher does, but in all senses) to change perspectives - to travel and respect those who work along side us every day. We should not be strangers to each other. Peace in our parish and school is not found in the pieces of our parish and school. It is the **unity** that needs to be espoused, lived, modeled and shared. Once we find our inner peace and security we can contribute to peace within our community, city, state and country. All we have to do is to be present like Christ. We do not do our jobs in isolation. We do them together; in calm assurance, in obvious unity, in evident accord and, finally, in lived PEACE! (NCEA Link-Vol. 24.No.3)

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