



WHAT'S HAPPENING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

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

5:30 p.m. with Christmas Pageant

8:00 p.m. with Celebration Choir & Christmas Pageant

11:00 p.m. with Chancel Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

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

11:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, DEC 26 (St. Stephen, Protomartyr)

Second Day of Christmas

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

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

9:00 a.m. Rosary (Parlor)

THURSDAY, DEC 27 (St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

Third Day of Christmas

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

7:00 p.m. Cursillo Group (PFC)

7:30 p.m. Life Teen Band Rehearsal (Church)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 (Holy Innocents)

Fourth Day of Christmas

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

12:00 noon AA Meeting (Rm off Kitch)

6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Marriage:

Blake Hlavaty & Ashley Reeves

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 (St. Thomas Becket)

Fifth Day of Christmas

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

3:30-5:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Dec. 26. *Bulletin deadline for Dec. 30 has past.*

New Year's Day is celebrated by the Church as the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses: Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Bulletin deadline for January 6 was noon on Monday, December 17. **January 13 & 20 is noon Monday, Jan. 7.**

CCE Classes will resume on January 6 at 11:00 a.m.

MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

*MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, ISAIAH 62:1-5, PSALM 89,
ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25, MATTHEW 1:1-25*

5:30 p.m. Spec Int for All Children of CTK Cathedral Parish
8:00 p.m. Spec Int for Young Adults of CTK Cathedral Parish
11:00 p.m. Special Intention for CTK Cathedral Parish Families

*TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, ISAIAH 52:7-10, PSALM 98,
HEBREWS 1:1-6, JOHN 1:1-18*

11:00 a.m. Special Intention for CTK Cathedral Parish Families
Wednesday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

6:55 a.m. + Mary Pennington by Arthur Cohen

8:15 a.m. + Ian Scott Goodwin by Olga Goodwin

Thursday, December 27, 1 John 1:1-4, John 10:1a & 2-8

6:55 a.m. Our Deceased Parents by Alvin & Jeanette Simek

8:15 a.m. + Clyde Blakeley by Paul Walton Family & Charlie
Friday, December 28, 1 John 1:5—2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

6:55 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Mehta Family

8:15 a.m. + Alfred Reissig by Alvin & Jeanette Simek

Saturday, December 29, 1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

8:00 a.m. + Bernice Wright by Randy & Cindy Canale

5:30 p.m. Kenneth & Rosemary Hooper 40th Wedding Anniv

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, SIRACH 3:2-7, 12-14, PSALM 128
COLOSSIANS 3:12-21, MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23*

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Christ the King Members

9:15 a.m. Thanksgiving by Cecilia Joseph

11:00 a.m. Jim & Nancy Cason 50th Wedding Anniversary

5:30 p.m. + Elena Buraye-De Arbia/Carlitos by Amira & Sandra

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS for this week are:

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY

The Men's Spirituality Study and Discussion Group invites you to join them in a reawakening experience that will lift spirits, open hearts and inform minds as we delve into the magnificent truth of the Catholic Church. We will resume our gathering on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center with a guest speaker.

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE.....

We continue to see strong participation and steady increases thanks to your faithfulness and spirit of generosity. to my personal letter. We have received, to date, responses from 16% of our parishioners. We hope you will continue to give at the new level and to participate in the programs benefiting from your support. Sincerely, Msgr. Ben

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. Today, Sunday, December 16, will be last 4:00 p.m. Mass.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

**RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS
December 16 will be reported December 30**

Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00

Please remember CTK in your Will.



Time

Talent

Treasure

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:



Jackie Piercy

In Memory of:

- George & Beryl D'Mello by Judy & John Stout
- Kettely & Daniel Hyacinthe by Micheline Hyacinthe
- Ramirez Family by David & Beatrice Villalobos
- Lauren 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 January place your offering in an envelope marked *January* 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.***



When we discover that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Time is life's great common denominator!

Find out at our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org!

VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW

Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest, deacon or religious. (Isaiah 7:10-14)

-Vocations Committee

MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- 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

INVITATION

The children of Jim and Nancy Cason cordially invite you to a reception in honor of their parents 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 30 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at D'Venue, 6202 Iola Ave, Suite 700.

MOM and ME: If you have small children (newborn to pre-school) you might be interested in joining the Mom & Me Group. We meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. with activities for all age groups. Call Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

When the wrapping paper has been tossed out and the guests are gone, relax with the Women's Org on January 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor with "Bunco" night. You don't want to miss an exciting evening of Bunco and your favorite snacks. This is an excellent time to catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while and meet new ones. Who knows, you might even go home with a PRIZE. See you there!

We would like to thank John and Paul Mosser for building the cabinets the Women's Org requested in the parlor. They are beautiful and very much appreciated. If you see these two guys who give of themselves unselfishly to the church, please tell them how much they are cherished here at CTK. We sincerely value their dedication. THANK YOU!!! It is your yearly dues of \$15 and your support of our bake sales that provide us with the funds to purchase such items. Thank You. Next board meet will be January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

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.

What is SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual direction has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries. It follows the pattern that Jesus established in mentoring his disciples, sharing his wisdom and mission on a uniquely personal level. In the monastic communities a novice might have the abbot as his/her spiritual director. These kinds of prayer relationships have existed through the ages, helping the seeker to discern God's movement through the circumstances and events of one's life.



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): Wednesday, Dec. 26, no regular youth activities. Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christ-Mass.

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your son. May we become active participants in our faith. May we work, practice and study hard for the most important event in our lives - Heaven! Thank You for all of our many blessings that have been prepared by Your hands. Amen.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (CCC-2715)

Reflection: "The time spent for the glory of God and the salvation of souls is never spent badly." -St. Padre Pio

LIFE TEEN Band: Sanctuary is interested in sharing their talents at Parish and Diocesan events. If you know of any activities where 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: Now on the First Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. First Mass will be January 6 at 5:30 p.m.

LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 23, no Life Night activities.

LIFE NIGHT TIME CHANGE: Starting in January the Life Nights will be every Sunday from 4:00-5:15 p.m. Please make a note of the time change.

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 "guys" within this bulletin will receive a prize.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Mass, Christmas Pageant. Students will need to be at the JPYC at 7:30 p.m. for the 8:00 Mass time on Christmas Eve. Footsteps in Faith February 23 & 24.

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 those expenses.

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 Scheppeler 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. 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.

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.

SILVER JUBILEE BIBLICAL CONFERENCE



will host "Jesus and The End Times" February 23 and 24, 2008. Bishop Rodríguez invites everyone to attend this exceptional opportunity for all Catholics in our area. Never before in the history of our diocese has there been an opportunity to see and hear some of the best Biblical scholars in the Catholic Church teach in laymen's terms on the subject of the END TIMES. You will find brochures for registering in the gathering space of the cathedral. For more information contact David Powell at 239-0804.

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

BAPTISM PREPARATION: WHY BAPTISM CLASS?

This question is often asked when parents and sponsors are informed that baptism classes are necessary prior to having a child baptized in the Catholic Church. Canon 851.2, in the Code of Canon Law, 1983, states: "...the parents of an infant who is to be baptized and likewise those who are to undertake the office of sponsor are to be properly instructed in the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations which are attached to it..." Here at Christ the King Cathedral we offer baptism preparation classes for parents and godparents three times a year. These classes are for parents who have not baptized a child here at the Cathedral. Parents should be registered and active in parish life and worship. Parents planning to have their child baptized in the parish are urged to call the parish office early in the pregnancy to sign up for baptismal preparation classes. The sessions for baptismal classes will begin **January 7. These sessions will not be offered again until May.** Please call Pat in the parish office at 792-6168, ext. 221 or E-mail pleach@ctkcathedral.org to register. **Pre-registration is required.**

When choosing sponsors/godparents, parents should consider the following: a sponsor must be a registered member of a Catholic parish, have completed the 16th year of age, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has received the Sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; if married, the sponsor must have been married in the Roman Catholic Church, and be aware of and willing to accept the responsibilities of being a sponsor for baptism, **and** have also completed baptismal preparation instructions.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM
for CONVALIDATION**

The Lubbock Diocese Family Life Ministry will have five sessions in preparation for convalidation of marriages beginning January 8. Couples will not be admitted without written or verbal approval from their pastor to the Family Life Office. For registration or information, please call Deacon Jesse Esquivel in the Family Life Ministry Office at 792-2234, or Pat in the parish office at 792-6168 or E-mail pleach@ctkcathedral.org.

ABORTION AFTERCARE and HEALING

When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 1,2,3. *Remember, mourn, and be set free.* Call 577-5912 or lbb_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com.

DEDICATION of HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

February 3 at 3:00 p.m.
9821 Frankford Ave

SOUTH PLAINS CATHOLIC: Free-of Charge
Including "In The vineyard of the Lord"
a column by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez
Call 792-3943, E-mail pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org

SUNDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDIES

We will now be offering 2 Scripture study groups on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. Currently a group meets in the Parish Family MC Room studying the Scripture Reading for the Sunday readings, using Living the Good News. Questions? Please contact Jeanette Hardin at 797-4550.

Beginning January 13 we will offer a study of the Old Testament also at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Family Center Room off the Kitchen. This study group will be facilitated by Sarah Conway. Sarah holds her degree in Religious Studies and philosophy from Benedictine College. Questions? Please contact Sarah at 368-9073 or Email sarah.c.conway@gmail.com. If you have students in CCE class at 11:00 this would be an opportunity to study "your" Catholic faith.

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

*Please take this into consideration
as we near the end of the tax year.*

Type of Contribution	Report 2007	For 2008
checks written in December 2007 & deposited in church offering in January 2008		X
checks written & deposited in church offering in January 2008 but "backdated" to December 2007		X
checks written & deposited in church offering in December 2007 but "postdated to January 2008		X
checks written in December 2007 & deposited in the mail & postmarked in December 2007 but not received by the church until January 2008	X	
checks written in December 2007 & deposited in the mail in December 2007 but not postmarked until January 2008 & not received by the church until January 2008		X

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To insure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2007 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. - Finance Secretary

MOVING? Please notify the parish office of your new address and new phone number. Call the parish office 792-6168, or on-line: www.ctkcathedral.org .

Welcome to Our Church House



I feel that we all experience an awakening of sorts in our faith. The moment can occur when we least suspect. For some this awakening may occur on our own or may be brought on by an outside source. When this awakening does happen our actions or reaction can bring a change in our lives. This change will not only be noticeable to us but may also be recognized by others. The Fourth Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to draw closer to Jesus and discover who we are. The weeks leading up to Christmas has served as a journey that required us to faithfully put Christ-Mass first in our hearts and minds and the commercialization of Christmas secondary. As we await for the arrival of the birth of

Jesus we are instructed to trust and hope in the coming of our Savior, Christ the Lord. The birth of Jesus marks just the beginning of the Christmas season and serves as important days in our Catholic faith. On the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, we recall the children killed by Herod who was trying to kill the infant Jesus. This day has also come to be recognized as a day for victims of abortion. Two feast days occur on the octave day of Christmas: The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, January 1, is considered both as a feast day honoring Mary and a day of prayer for World Peace. The other octave feast is the Feast of the Holy Family when we thank God for our own family and pray for a deepening love for the Holy Family. With the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ we now eagerly await the beginning of a New Year. We are reminded that we must continue our celebration of Christ-Mass as it does not end on December 25. A new year signals a new beginning for some and a closing for others. We recall those who are no longer with us and we reflect the challenges that were placed before us. We pause and give thanks to God for the many times that he came to our aid and blessed us with his loving heart. Msgr. Ben would like to express a Blessed Christ-Mass to the parishioners of Christ the King and give thanks for the many blessings that the members of our Cathedral Church and School supported in 2007.

-Latha Tucker, Communications, 783-0668

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS: Celebrating Together

"Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favor. The Lord is with you", (Luke 1:28). There is an art to celebrating together - especially during this season of Advent that is filled with rich traditions and rituals. Celebration truly becomes an art and not just a function or activity when we celebrate together with ENTHUSIASM! Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that: "*Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm,*" and Emily Dickinson wrote very profoundly that: "*The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience.*" Both of these well known authors express a simple but important truth - the experience of celebration is likened with a spirit of enthusiasm. Examining the derivation of the word enthusiasm, one can easily see the connection to the sacred and the holy. The source of the word is the Greek *enphrosynos*, which comes from the adjective *entheos*, which means having God within, filled with God, or inspired by God. Jesus, a model of wisdom and enthusiasm, spoke these words: "*I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete,*" (John 15:11-12). This recognition of wondrous joy as part of our faith can transform our hearts and create in us an appreciation of celebration. Our ordinary moments may become extraordinary because we are listening, hearing, and seeing with a spirit "inspired by God". We can enhance our celebration of Advent and make our joy complete when we place into central focus the notion that we are inspired by God and filled with God. This can be a powerful time for sharing our faith with children and emphasizing with enthusiasm the message of peace on earth, forgiveness, and love as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Each moment, each experience, large or small, is a blessing and a reason to celebrate. Take this season as an opportunity to enhance traditions and rituals that foster celebrating together with enthusiasm! (Link Vol. 23, No 4)

-Christine Wanjura, Principal

MERRY CHRIST-MASS FROM CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL

We, the clergy and the staff of Christ the King Cathedral parish, wish you all the special blessings of this day and this season of the year. May 2008 be a special year of joy and peace in Christ. We want to extend a very special word of welcome to our visitors...visitors from out of town...visitors from other Churches... visitors from other parishes. Many of the "regulars" from our parish travel out of town during the holidays. So, you may be meeting others who are visiting us as well. There may be some who are visiting with us who have considered the possibility of being part of our worshiping community every Sunday. If so, we hope that you keep coming for worship. This means registering with the parish and actually being a part of it by your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. You may call the parish office, 792-6168 or register at our Website www.ckcathedral.org. If there are visitors who feel that somehow or other they dropped out of the picture as Roman Catholics at one point in time and now would like to be active again, we welcome you. If there are visitors who are not Roman Catholics who would like to know more about Christianity in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, we welcome you. If there are visitors who were reared as Roman Catholics, but who feel that they are not part of the Roman Catholic Church due to marriage, we invite you to call us so that we can discuss your particular case and see if there is anything we can do to regularize your situation and bring you back into the sacramental life of the Church. Or maybe you would simply like to come in and chat. We have one priest and a parish staff. We are here to serve. If you have talents (and who doesn't?) we have seven commissions that work out of the Pastoral Council and assist the pastor in the work of the parish. They would be glad to have you jump in and help!