

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 (St. Sylvester I)

Seventh Day of Christmas

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

***** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED @ NOON*****

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Mary, Mother of God

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2008 New Year's Day

Eighth Day of Christmas

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

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

New Year's Day is celebrated by the Church as the
Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: **9:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

Pope Paul VI designated January 1 as a day of prayer for peace

* There will be no Child Care on New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

(St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen)

Ninth Day of Christmas

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

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

9:00 a.m. Rosary (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Men's Spirituality (MC Room)

7:00 p.m. Women's Organization (Parlor)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus)

Tenth Day of Christmas

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

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

7:00 p.m. Life Teen Band Rehearsal (Church)

FRI, JAN 4 FIRST FRIDAY (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Eleventh Day of Christmas

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

12:00 noon AA Meeting (Rm off Kitch)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 (St. John Neumann)

Twelfth Day of Christmas

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6: CCE Classes resume @ 11:00

3 year old through 12th grade

MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 31, 1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18

6:55 a.m. + Dorothy Paikowski by Randy & Cindy Canale

8:15 a.m. Dec Family Members by Dr. Ruc & Doanh Tran

5:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of 2007

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, NUMBERS 6:22-27, PSALM 67

GALATIANS 4:4-7, LUKE 2:16-21

9:15 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Jerry & Kathryn C de Baca

11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving by Charlotte Joseph

Wednesday, January 2, 1 John 2:22-28, John 1:19-28

6:55 a.m. + Phero Le Dung by Binh & Baotram Tran

8:15 a.m. + Col. Don McCullough by Msgr. Ben

Thursday, January 3, 1 John 2:29—3:6, John 1:29-34

6:55 a.m. Special Intention Elleta Nolte by Tricia Vowels

8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 4, 1 John 3:7-10, John 1:35-42

6:35 a.m. Rosary for Vocations; 6:55 Vocations by Serra Club

8:15 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Alma Wood

Saturday, January 5, 2 John 3:11-21, John 1:43-51

8:00 a.m. + Murphy Family by Metzler Family

5:30 p.m. + Lauren C. Blackwood by Joe Blackwood Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, ISAIAH 60:1-6, PSALM 72

EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6, MATTHEW 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. + Jeff Moritz by Roy & Alice Moritz

9:15 a.m. + Betty Scruggs by Randy & Cindy Canale

11:00 a.m. + Alice Martin by Pat Leach

5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass for Members of Christ the King

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS for this week are:

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE.....

We now have come to the final week of the parish support program and thanks to the generosity of so many; we look forward to great things for our parish. We have received, to date, responses from 17% of our parishioners. We hope you will continue to give at the new level. If you have not responded to one of my letters, you may still do so.

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.

SIGN UP TO - DONATE BLOOD - SUNDAY, January 6

Following ALL Morning Masses

Cathedral Gathering Space

Every three seconds someone in this nation needs blood. The United Blood Service and the Social Ministries Commission, K of C #3008 and Catholic War Veterans encourage Christ the King parishioners to donate blood on Sunday, January 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Parish Family Center to help maintain an adequate blood supply. Every donor receives a mini-physical which checks pulse, temperature and blood pressure.



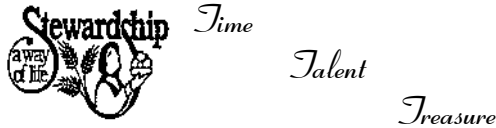
BULLETIN DEADLINE NOTICE:
Bulletin Deadline for January 13 & 20
NOON Monday, January 7, 2008

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

**RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS
December 16, 2007**

Envelopes	\$20,270.75
† Gift-Direct	
22 Children Envelopes + Cash	100.21
Plate	1,495.27
TOTAL	\$21,866.23
Women's Org Wine & Host	700.00
Miscellaneous	348.44
TOTAL	\$22,914.67
323 Identifiable Donors	
Building Fund	\$ 134.00
Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00	

**December 23, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
will be reported in January 6, 2008 Bulletin
Please remember CTK in your Will.**



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
- Our Parents by Doug & Terry Mires
- Bruns & Moore Family by Vince & Marie Bruns

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
- "Thanks" by Dr. & Mrs. Ruben Villa

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.***

*Christ is present today, every day and he watches to see if we will fulfill his commandment of love.
Find out at our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org!*



Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazarean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW

The priests, brothers, deacons and sisters of the new century are in the care of your family today. Tend to them well; encourage their gifts; pray for their happy response to God's call. (Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18) -Vocations Committee

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Parishioners attending the First Friday Mass at 6:55 a.m., are invited to join the Serrans in the Cathedral at 6:35 a.m. for recitation of the Rosary for Mary's intercessions for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.



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 1:00-3:00 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!

Next board meet will be January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

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

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.



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, Jan. 2, no regular youth activities. We will be back on schedule January 9 with "Joseph" at 6:30, JPYC. Happy New Year!

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of family. May we become a family for those who have no one to call brother, sister, father or mother. May we truly become a family who worships You with love and affection. Amen.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: "There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in." (Graham Greene)

Reflection: Holiness with the family is seen and measured not through words, but actions. It is more difficult to live "I love you" than to say it.

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. We will be back on schedule January 6 at 4:00 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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 "peace" within this bulletin will receive a prize.

Upcoming Events: February 18-22 Prayer Path Labyrinth in the PFC, 3:00-9:00 p.m. Footsteps in Faith February 23 & 24. Saturday, March 1, Groom, Texas, Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to these events.

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 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. Contact Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710, for membership or more details on events.

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

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 Mantoath: 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.

THANK YOU.....

to Rix Funeral Home and Catholic Extension Society for the generous donation of our parish calendars for the Year 2008.

RETROUVAILLE - A Lifeline for Married Couples

(pronounced: Retro-vi)

- ◆ Do you feel lost and alone?
 - ◆ Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other?
 - ◆ Are you constantly arguing or fighting?
 - ◆ Have you thought about separation or divorce?
 - ◆ Without the time or desire to communicate.
 - ◆ Does talking about it only make it worse?
 - ◆ You don't know how to change or where to turn?
- Call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the Website www.retrouvaille.org

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

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.

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.

SPIRITUALITY FOR WOMEN

Our spring semester will begin Monday, January 14, meeting weekly on Mondays nights in the parlor from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Using the book A Spirituality of Wholeness: The New Look at Grace, we will explore the life-giving dynamics of our Catholic Christian understanding of GRACE. Women of all ages welcome. Cost for the semester is \$12.00 and books will be distributed at the first class. Call Ann Krier with questions, 793-3379.

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.

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. **NOTE: the Parish Office will be closed at noon on Monday, Dec. 31.** - 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



Now that we have celebrated the Birth of Jesus and eagerly awaiting the beginning of a New Year, we are reminded that we need to continue our celebration of Christmas. The Feast of the Epiphany (manifestation of God) is celebrated on January 6. The celebration of giving glory to God is recognized by all nations symbolically through the Magi. The pamphlet "How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic" in our Sunday Visitor notes that Epiphany is a traditional day to bless homes. This blessing incorporates inscribing the year, bracketing the initials of the Magi (Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) above the door, usually in chalk (i.e. 20+ G+ M+ B+ 08). Another tradition claims the

initials stand for *Christus mansioem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless this home". The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is another celebration consider the last "Christmas" feast day. The feast is celebrated on the first Sunday after Epiphany and signifies God's revelation of the divinity of Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan River. The day is used by the Catholic Church as a day where baptized Catholics are invited to celebrate their own baptism, our "new birth" in Christ and our own commitment to enter the Catholic Church. Our 2007 year has been a memorable one at Christ the King. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a Church on the South Plains. With the grace and blessings of God we have much to be thankful for. Our achievements were accomplished by many who came to call CTK their new place of worship. Their dream now belongs to a new generation who will not take it to the next level in meeting the needs of our members and serving as the Lubbock Diocesan Church. We offer our sincere thanks to our fore-father for establishing our church; "built in the middle of a cotton field". We ask God to send his blessings on our Cathedral Church, School and to its parishioners. May all continue to support the efforts that are sought by the representatives of our Monsignor, parish staff and parish ministers as we begin the 2008 year. -Latha Tucker, Communications, 783-0668

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS. . . DID YOU KNOW . . .

Christ the King Cathedral Students have the opportunity to participate in many athletic events: football, volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, golf, and cheerleading? ...the 2007 varsity football team won the TAPPS Bi-District Division II Six-Man Championship for their area? ...the high school's enrollment doubled to 52 students this year? ...overall school enrollment is up 14% this year to 360 students? ...all students receive daily religion class from certified catechist? Elementary students receive at least 2½ hours of instruction per week; Jr. & Sr. high students receive 5 hours of instruction per week. ...all students participant in daily communal prayer service? Students also participate in class Masses, All School Masses and special feast day celebrations. ...9 teachers on staff have Masters Degrees and 3 have Doctorates? In addition, we employ 1 professional engineer, one registered nurse, and an attorney. All of our teachers have Texas State teaching certification. ...the Jr. High boys football team had 26 players (yes, we are 6-man)? The team won 2nd place in their district, West Texas Christian Athletes Association. ...CTK Cathedral School is accredited by the Texas Catholic Accreditation Commission, which is recognized by the Texas Education Association? ...our accreditation requires that we are in session 180 school days and that we follow a state adopted curriculum? ...CTK high school students graduate with 4 years of math, science, religion and history credits? ...Advanced Placement classes are taught by AP certified teachers? Last year many students received college credit for AP classes. Students also have the opportunity to take dual credit classes through South Plains College. ...a teacher wish list is posted on the school's Website at www.ctkcathedralschool.org to give ideas of specific donations that can be made to the school? ...in the four years that the Friends of the Foundation annual drive has existed, the foundations's investment funds have grown from \$315,000 to over \$560,000? ...growth trends for CTK Cathedral indicate increases in enrollment that will require the need for additional classroom space as early as next year? Yes, all this is true! With your support and prayers, CTK Cathedral School will continue to grow and succeed at its mission of providing students with strong academic and athletic programs enabling children to achieve their full potential in a faith-filled journey. We thank you for your support and involvement and wish you a very blessed New Year!

-Christine Wanjura, Principal

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: *Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is kindness, with Him is full redemption.* (Psalm 130:7) Healing is possible; there is hope! We can help. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, February 1, 2, 3. Call 577-5912 or lbb_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com

SILVER JUBILEE BIBLICAL CONFERENCE

Foot Steps in Faith will host "Jesus and The End Times" February 23 and 24, 2008. This is 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. Contact David Powell at 239-0804.