

# 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.

President Marty Martin, 763-8312  
Vice-President Ken Kruczek, 794-5195

**COMMISSION CHAIRPERSONS:**

Admin/Maintenance Jack Pope, 796-0173  
Religious Education Roy Towle, 745-1820  
Liturgy Ken Kruczek, 794-5195  
Social Ministries Linda Markusen, 792-6746  
Parish Life Diane Acebedo, 791-2176  
Spiritual Life Deacon Dr. Steve Tjia, 794-2134  
Youth Ministry Terri Christensen, 798-1112

**BISHOP OF LUBBOCK DIOCESE:** Most Reverend Plácido Rodríguez

**RECTOR:** Reverend Monsignor Ben Kasteel - ext. 217

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:** Reverend René Pérez

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**DEACON:** Dr. Steve Tjia, 794-2134

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**DIRECTOR:** Charlotte Amato - ext. 222 - [camato@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:camato@ctkcathedral.org)

**COORDINATOR:** Celfida Hernandez

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

3 year old through Grade 12

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** 792-6198

**COORDINATOR:** Rose Donaldson - [rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org)

**CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:**

**PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. Christine Wanjura - ext. 204

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**GRADES:** 3 year-old through 12th grade

**PHONE:** 795-6477 • **FAX Number:** 795-9715

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

Chancel Choir Sue Arnold, Director, 797-4367

Celebration Choir Dr. Jackie Quitevis, 795-4297

Organist Eduardo Alcayaga, 441-4499

**LIFE TEEN:** Audrey Pekowski, 785-2528

**ORGANIZATIONS and MINISTRIES**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Coordinators

Altar Assistant Lyle & Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158

Altar Care Jeff Tucker, 783-0668

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Beverly Wink, 798-3030

Lectors Marty Martin, 763-8312

Ushers Kathy Felts, 796-0319

Parish Visitation Team Dan Kuss, 794-5727

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Homebound

Transportation for Homebound to Mass Catherine Tjia, 794-2134

Prayer Line Linda Markusen, 792-6746

Mom's Group Matta Burns, 795-9220

Women's Organization Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824

Loss/Grief Support Group Libby White, 698-8276

Divorced/Separated Deacon Randy Canale, 797-2210

Senior Citizens Group Rita Stevens, 799-5836, Karen Keel, 794-4130

Religious Vocations Annah Thomas, 795-0952

Grounds Supervisor Barbara McKenna, 793-0945

CTK School Board Gary Simmons, 794-4384

CTK Home & School Assoc. Pres., Ralph Rosiles, 749-0147

CTK School Foundation Pres., Patty Shipton, 798-7001

CTK Cursillo Movement Pres., Rufus Mark, 725-7931

Adopt-A-Student Program Art Chavez, 793-0979

Cub Scouts Rosalie Martin, 763-8312

Boy Scouts Charles Leatherwood, Cub Master, 795-2203

Girl Scouts Jim Ambrose, Scout Master, 543-8450

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Suzanne Thomas, 796-2521

Knights of Columbus (Council #3008) Emma Childs, 793-6106

Lubbock Catholic War Veterans Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710

Pro-Life Bill Youngren, 746-5317

Covenant Lakeside Aux. Lawrence D'Souza, 794-6553

Seniors for Service Mary Lou Trelford, 794-5387

Serra Club of Lubbock John Gaschen, 792-8893

Catholic Family Service Carl Sundell, 368-6550

Engaged Sponsor Couples Jeff Malpiede, 765-8475

Mary & Larry Boone, 763-8416

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

9:15 a.m. RCIA Dismissal (MC Room)

**11:00 a.m. CCE Classes: 3 year old-12 grade**

11:00 a.m. Parent Reconciliation Class (Cafe)

11:00 a.m. Scripture Study (MC Room)

4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass (Church)

5:30 p.m. Life Night (JPYC)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

7:00 p.m. Neophyte #1 (PFC)

7:00 p.m. Parent Reconciliation Class (Library)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

7:00 a.m. Finance Council Meeting

6:45 p.m. DivorceCare (PFC)

6:45 p.m. DCK4-Kids (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Life Teen Core (JPYC)

7:00 p.m. Administration/Maintenance (MC Room)

7:00 p.m. Loss/Grief Support Group (Rm off Kitch)

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV 21 Presentation of the Virgin Mary

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

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

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)

**7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving (Church)**

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

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (St. Cecilia)

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

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

**8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass (Church)**

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (Pope Clement I, St. Columban)

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

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

### SAT, NOV 24 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions)

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

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

**NO 5:30 P.M. MASS**

**Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours:**  
The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23.  
Have a Blessed & Thankful Holiday  
with your family and friends

### **MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Mon, Nov 19, 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 43-57, 62-63, Lk 18:24-43*

6:55 a.m. Novena

8:15 a.m. + Wolodymyr Zyla by Irene Zyla

*Tuesday, November 20, 2 Maccabees 6:18-31, Luke 19:1-10*

6:55 a.m. Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Novena

*Wednesday, Nov 21, 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31, Lk 19:11-28*

6:55 a.m. Novena

8:15 a.m. + Schu Schumacher by Beryl Schumacher

**7:30 p.m. + Herman Metzler by Metzler Family**

*THURS, NOV 22, 1 MACCABEES 2:15-29, LUKE 19:31-44*

**8:00 a.m. +Nicki Arocha by Michael Gonzales/Marcus Arocha Families**

*Friday, Nov 23, 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, Lk 19:45-48*

6:55 a.m. + Rita Rabak by Rosemary, Andrea, James

8:15 a.m. + Betty Scruggs by Helen Ribordy

*Saturday, Nov 24, 1 Maccabees 6:1-13, Luke 20:27-40*

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Belco by Karen Belco

**5:30 p.m. NO MASS**

*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2 SAMUEL 5:1-3, PSALM 122*

*COLOSSIANS 1:12-20, LUKE 23:35-43*

8:00 a.m. + Clyde Blakeley by Paul Walton

9:15 a.m. + Mike Walters by Nancy Larson & Jan Bryant

11:00 a.m. + Delfin Blanes by Rita Yee

4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass for Members of Christ the King

**5:30 p.m. + Francis & Mary Ellen Henry by Charlotte Amato**

**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS** for this week are:

Betty Smith, Loyal Bessire

Randy Jacobs, father of Amber Jacobs

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

**PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE.....**

**4% and still counting!**

Last week we received responses from 4% of our parishioners. This has resulted in an increase over our usual collection of close to \$2,000.00. Full participation will benefit everyone in the parish. I hope to hear from you next week!

Sincerely, Msgr. Ben

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

A special offering on non-perishable food items or money for the poor and needy will be brought forward during the presentation of the gifts at the Thanksgiving Liturgies on Wednesday, November 21, 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 22, 8:00 a.m. This offering will be donated to Catholic Family Service.

### **HOLIDAYS & GRIEVING**

The holidays are fast approaching. These can be difficult times when we are grieving the loss of a loved one.



We invite you to come as we share some suggestions that may be helpful for you and your family on Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center (Room off the Kitchen).

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS

**November 11, 2007**

Envelopes .....	\$16,233.00
† Gift-Direct .....	295.00
7 Children Envelopes + Cash .....	72.38
Plate .....	1,334.20
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$17,934.58</b>
Miscellaneous .....	388.27
 <b>TOTAL</b> .....	 <b>\$18,322.85</b>

320 Identifiable Donors

Building Fund ..... \$ 74.00

Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00

*Please remember CTK in your Will.*



Time

Talent

Treasure

Check out the story about the scientists & God  
at our Website: [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)!

### VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW

*By patient endurance you will win your life.* Be patient with yourself, and with God, as you await the sign of your call. (Luke 21:5-19) -Vocations Committee

### MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- Nov. 24 ..... NO 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Nov. 24 Christ the King Cathedral Golden Jubilee Gala
- Nov. 25 .. Cathedral Mass of Thanksgiving 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 meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted with activities for all age groups. Call Kim Sipowicz 799-1824.

### ADOPT-A-STUDENT



November is a month of remembering and giving thanks for our many blessings. Christ the King Cathedral School staff families and students wish to thank all our adopted parents, grandparents and friends for their generous support. The following

person have graciously donated \$11,857.50 to date:

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| Pauline Ahrens             | Damon & Tiffany Andrews |
| Dr. & Mrs. Glenn Boris     | Michael & Angela Canale |
| Dcn. & Mrs. Clarke Cochran | Maynard Coffin          |
| John & Betty Connors       | Paul & Mary Lou Mosser  |
| Roy & Jerry Grimes         | Jackie Piercy           |
| Thomas & Dorothy Mullen    | Bud & Estella Reissig   |
| Michael Puentes            | Ron & Kathy Thomas      |

Most Rev. Plácido Rodríguez

Christine McInerney, in honor of Sue Arnold

In Memory of:

- Mary Ann Mehta, Alice Lapaglia, Rose Marie Banks & Ramona Bosquez by Dcn. & Mrs. Randy Canale
- Mary Emma Tobin by CTK Cathedral School Faculty/Staff
- Frehse & Engleman Families by Donna Engleman
- Tom & Theresa Hurley by Tom Hurley
- Eric J Martin & CTK Alums by Marty & Rosalie Martin
- Mary Ann Mehta by Dr. Kishor C. Mehta
- Arthur C. Opperman by Ophelia Opperman
- M.V. Joseph by Dr. Benny & Mrs. Phillips
- Mary Emma Tobin by Andrew & Linda Swift
- Mary Emma Tobin by Roy & Pam Weaks
- Ned Tobin by Fred & Eileen Nobrega

*Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent to others belong to us as well.* (Voltaire) Thank you for your continued support. -Rosalie Martin, Chair Adopt-A-Student

### FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:



Eric & Margaret Heinrich  
Gerald & Tricia Billingsley  
James & Risalda Garza

***In Memory of:***

George Peng by The Peng Girls  
George & Beryl D'Mello by Judy & John Stout  
James Hegdal by Joan Hegdal  
Anita Longoria by Jim & Jo Ann Lovering  
John & Janet Scoggin by Steve & Ann Krier  
Herman M. Johannsmeyer by Jerry & Sharon Grant  
"Schu" Schumacher by Beryl Schumacher  
John Trelford & Amy Duerksen by Mary Lou Trelford  
Bill & Virginia Cirone, by Walt Abney  
The Ben Haiduke Family by Gilbert & Glenna Haiduk

***In Honor of:***

St. Rita of Casia by Maria Apodaca

If you would like to offer the flowers in the sanctuary for the month of November place your offering in an envelope marked *November* 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.***



In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word". May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.



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](mailto:rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org)

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

**Dogs & Frogs (3-4th) & EDGE (5-8th):** Nov 21, No youth activities. Please remember the CTK 50th Celebration on November 24 & 25. Count your blessings and remember the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours by his gift.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Prayer for the week:** *Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. May all young people recognize these gifts and work to fully understand the importance of what they can bring into their lives. May we take the time to look at our fingerprints and see the awe and wonder of your work. Amen.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Take time to think of the radical way Jesus prayed, played and lived His life in complete surrender to God. It is with this same incredible love and intensity that we should be entering into Mass.

**Reflection:** The word of God comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.

**LIFE TEEN Band:** Where can you show appreciation for your gift of music? By sharing your talents with the parish community. If you are 19 years of age or older, the band is waiting for you!. Contact Rose, 792-6198, or Audrey, 785-2528, for an audition.

**LIFE TEEN MASS: TODAY,** Sunday, Nov. 18, Life Teen Mass at 4:00 p.m. If you have signed up to serve at the Mass, please be here at 3:45.

**LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): TODAY,** Sunday, Nov. 18, "You Gotta Hear This" at 5:30 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the JPYC. Please bring snacks.

**LIFE TEEN CORE:** Must be 19 years and older to be considered for this ministry. Background check and Safe Environment Training required. We will have a special luncheon on Saturday, December 1 at 12:00 noon at the JPYC. The Core, Band and Youth Director will be available to answer any questions you might have about Youth Ministry and share their testimonies with you. Please RSVP at 792-6198.

**Youth Ministry Core:** We have Wednesday and Sunday night activities, retreats and relational ministry opportunities. 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:** We are praying that adults with children or teenagers will be 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](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)

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

**Upcoming Events:** November 24/25 Christ the King Cathedral Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration. November 29 Praise & Worship service 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, 8:00 p.m. Mass - start signing up for your part in the Christmas Pageant.

**"Praying in the Spirit" - Praise & Worship Service:** Thursday, November 29, we will have a Praise and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. The service will include Scripture Readings, Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer over and with each other. Please make plans to prepare your hearts and minds for Advent. This service promises to lift you up and open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

**Thank you** to all the organizations, youth in ministry and their parents who helped with the soup meals. It was a great success. Special thanks to the dish washing crew: Peggy Aguilar, Margaret Heinrich and Boni Marquez. Thank you also to the Life Teen Core who helped with the retreat at Our lady of the Angels. You are what I'm thankful for!

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 513:** CTK Cub Scout Pack 513 Pack 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.

#### ADORERS NEEDED

We have several hours in need of a scheduled adorer. Please call or E-mail Lyle or Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158, or E-mail [nanfett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nanfett@sbcglobal.net)



#### 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.

#### ATTENTION PROCLAIMERS (LECTORS)

Please pick up your Cycle A workbook in the sacristy. Thank you.

#### ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Social Ministries will be sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas. Volunteers are needed to help in making phone calls. If you are available to help with this rewarding ministry, please call Linda Markusen at 792-6746 after 7:00 p.m.

Check our Website: [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)  
for an inspirational prayer.

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**We rejoice over new members.....**

Keri Beliveau . . . . . Godparents, Bob & Denise Stites  
Lanay Sappington . . . . . Godparent, Maria Gonzales  
Rachel Sappington . . . . . Godparents, Chip & Rama Shaw  
were baptized, confirmed and admitted to the Eucharist Table.

Our "new" Catholics will now begin the Mystagogy (Miss-dah-go-gee) this week. Literally, it means "spending time studying the mystery"; that mystery for us is the dead and risen Christ. Please continue to pray for our Neophytes, spouse and godparents as they adjust to being and living as Roman Catholics.

### "PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT"

#### PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

**Thursday, November 29,**

**7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral**

The service will include Scripture Readings, Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer over and with each other. Please make plans to prepare your hearts and minds for Advent. Please bring a friend or neighbor.

This service promises to life you up  
and open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

### ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER???

If you are attending and supporting Christ the King Cathedral on a regular basis, make sure that you are formally registered in our parish. From time to time, people ask for various kinds of letters (e.g., letter of reference, letter to be a Baptism godparent, etc.). People sometimes become annoyed when we inform them that we cannot comply with their request because they are not registered. The fact that you've been "coming here for years" is no substitute for not having registered.



**are  
you  
in?**

**If you have not completed and turned in a parish census registration form, you are not registered.** If you were registered but moved some time ago without leaving a forwarding address, you may no longer be registered. If you harbor any doubts as to your registration status, call the parish secretary at 792-6168. **ALSO:** We have provided you with another way of registering or, you may even **update** your census information, including a new phone number, through our Website [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org).

**It could be one of the most important calls you'll ever make. Or, the most important Internet activity you'll ever perform.**

### CELEBRATION of BELONGING

Come share your memories of the RCIA Process at the Celebration of Belonging, Thursday, December 6, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Bring your spouse or a friend. Please call 797-2210 or 792-7761 if child care is needed.

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### 9-Day NOVENA to CHRIST THE KING

**Beginning on November 16, 2007**

**Ending November 25, 2007**

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You to be the King of the universe; all that has been made is created for You.

Exercise over me all Your sovereign rights.

I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life.

And in an especial manner I undertake to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church, so far as in me lies.

Divine Heart of Jesus,

I offer You my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgement by every heart of Your sacred kingly power. In such wise, may the kingdom of Your peace be firmly established throughout all the earth.

Jesus, King and center of all hearts, by the coming of Your kingdom, grant us peace.  
Amen.

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### AROUND THE DIOCESE

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#### PEP COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL

The Pep Community will hold their 62nd annual Thanksgiving Festival on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall in Pep. Dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost \$9/adults and children under 10/\$4. Take out \$9. The festivities include a Country Store and raffle. For more information contact Anna Walker (806) 933-4696.

#### CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. A special collection will be taken up in all the Diocesan Parishes next weekend. Be part of the numbers that care; give generously to the CCHD Appeal. For more information visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org).

*Welcome to Our Church House*



I have to admit that temptation began about one month ago when I took note of how some department stores had already begun making the transition from autumn to Christmas. I can now understand why we lose focus of the "reason for the season" when right before our eyes our world transitions so quickly in preparing our homes for the holidays. We find ourselves in the midst of thinking, I'll wait until Advent to prepare for Christmas. Pope Benedict XVI's homily at midnight Mass 2006 expressed the gift that God gave the world as "God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is

how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby - defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child." Our Sunday Visitor noted in their pamphlet "How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic", that the celebration of Christmas has countries around the world carrying on traditions that represent their meaning of God's gift to our world. "Las Posadas, traditional in some Latin American cultures, is a procession with prayer and song dramatizing Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem. In Poland, Oplatek wafers have nativity scenes pressed into them. Blessed by the priest, these are brought home to the family and laid on a bed of straw. Then pieces are broken off and shared with a prayer for the blessing of the next near. In the Philippines many erect parol, or star-shaped lanterns, along the roadways and in front of houses as signs of welcome and hope for peace. The two most popular and recognized Christmas traditions world-wide are the feast of St. Nicholas (December 6) and Epiphany (January 6). This Christmas make a conscious effort and display the signs and symbols that represent our Christmas faith that says - family is celebrating Christmas as a Catholic. Now is the time to mark in our calendars important dates: the Sacrament of Reconciliation or confession, advent scripture studies, reading the four different scripture readings for the Christmas Masses - will allow us to prepare and stay focused in keeping the "Mass" in Christmass.

-Latha Tucker, Communications, 783-0668

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**CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS - ATTENTION ONE & ALL**

You can help CTK raise money for Professional Development. Christ the King Cathedral School has been given the opportunity to help a national testing company norm their standardized tests. This company will pay the school for every test administered. Like the SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT, etc., companies need to have a nationally normed reference group for their tests. They also test groups to determine if all test questions are valid. CTK has the opportunity to make \$12-\$15 for every test administered! The school students will have the opportunity to take some of these tests at school, but there is also an opportunity to parents, grandparents and teachers to stretch your minds and help raise money for the teacher's professional development fund. Please register to take this C-TONI test. This particular test requires adults from all age groups, educational backgrounds and ethnic backgrounds. Tests will be offered November 29 at 6:30 p.m. and December 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the school library. The test involves looking at pictures and answering the questions. The test takes about an hour and money raised will be used for professional development of our staff. You may only take the test one time. Please register at [www.pshipton@cmspropertiesinc.com](http://www.pshipton@cmspropertiesinc.com) or call the school office. All registrants will be qualified to win a \$40 gift card to Lujan Mexican Restaurant (what are you waiting for!). Also, there will be a \$30 gift card given to our oldest test registrant. So, come test and help CTK teachers enrich their education. If you have any questions, please call the school, 795-8283 or Patty Shipton, 798-7001. Congratulations to our HS football team on winning the Tapps 6-man district 1 title for the second year in a row! And congrats to the JH football team for winning 2nd place in the WTCAA playoffs!

-Christine Wanjura, Principal

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**Practicing Thanks-giving**

We spend a lot of time buying and preparing food for Thanksgiving. This year, let's prepare heart, mind and spirit with a daily practice of gratitude: create a living prayer of thanksgiving by providing a service to a neighbor - doing a chore or running an errand...thank a person at work for doing his or her job well...in gratitude for the bulletin sponsors, support their business and tell them how much you appreciate their sponsorship...write a tribute in your journal to a person - living or deceased - who has lifted your spirits and help you understand that you are a child of God...reflect on the blessings you receive from the community where you live or worship.....