

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 3:00-5:00 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 Msgr. Ben Kasteel or Deacon Randy Canale. Attendance at Pre-Cana Classes AND Engaged Encounter Weekend required.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Following Sunday and Week-Day Masses. 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
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Spiritual Life Deacon Dr. Steve Tjia, 794-2134
Youth Ministry Terri Christensen, 798-1112

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11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings: 3 year old through Grade 12
St. Evangeline C. Olarte, MSLT - ext. 222
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3 year old through Grade 12
YOUTH MINISTRY: 792-6198
COORDINATOR: Rose Donaldson - rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org
FAMILY OUTREACH MINISTRY:
Charlotte Amato - ext. 218 Email: camato@ctkcathedral.org

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:
PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Christine Wanjura - ext. 208
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PHONE: 795-6477 • **FAX Number:** 795-9715
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER:
Director, Katie Huey, 771-9654

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Chancel Choir Sue Arnold, Director, 797-4367
Celebration Choir Dr. Jackie Quitevis, 795-4297
Organist Eduardo Alcazaga, 441-4499
LIFE TEEN: Audrey Pekowski, 785-2528

ORGANIZATIONS and MINISTRIES
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Coordinators Lyle & Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158
Altar Assistant Jeff Tucker, 783-0668
Altar Care Beverly Wink, 798-3030
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Marty Martin, 763-8312
Lectors Kathy Fells, 796-0319
Ushers Dan Kuss, 794-5727

Parish Visitation Team
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Homebound

Catherine Tjia, 794-2134
Linda Markusen, 792-6746
Matta Burns, 795-9220
Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824
Libby White, 698-8276
Deacon Randy Canale, 797-2210
Divorced/Separated Rita Stevens, 799-5836, Karen Keel, 794-4130
Senior Citizens Group Annah Thomas, 795-0952

Barbara McKenna, 793-0945
Gary Simmons, 794-4384
Roy Moritz, 799-5043
Pres., Alex Ambriz, 745-5088
Pres., Patty Shipton, 798-7001
Pres., Rufus Mark, 725-7931
Micheline Hyacinthe, 773-7130

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Jim Ambrose, Scout Master, 543-8450
Suzanne Thomas, 796-2521
Emma Childs, 793-6106
Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710
Bill Youngren, 746-5317
Lawrence D'Souza, 794-6553

Bettye Huddle, 799-5930
Carl Sundell, 368-6550
Jeff Malpiede, 765-8475
Mary & Larry Boone, 763-8416

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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

8:45 a.m.-1:56 p.m. Blood Drive (PFC)

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

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

11:00 a.m. Old Testament Scripture Study (PFC)

4:00 p.m. Life Night (JPYC)

MONDAY, APRIL 21 (St. Anselm)

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

7:00 p.m. Pre-Catechumenate Inquiry Class #6 (PFC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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

6:45 p.m. DivorceCare & DC4K Ministry (PFC/Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Bible Fest Planning Meeting (MC Room)

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 (St. George, St. Adalbert)

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)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

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

10:00 a.m. Korean Prayer Group (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. "Praying in the Spirit" Worship Service (Church)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (St. Mark, Evangelist)

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

12:00 noon AA Meeting (Rm off Kitch)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

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

3:00 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

"Praise & Worship Service"

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. with Sanctuary.

Give the glory and honor to the Lord!

This is a gathering of hearts, singing and praying to receive the Holy Spirit. Hear a faith testimony, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture and praying with each other.

Better is one day in his house than thousands elsewhere.

MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 21, Acts 14:5-18, John 14:21-26

6:55 a.m. Special Intention by Dr. & Mrs. Hal Green

8:15 a.m. Spec Int Charlie Aguilar by Mr/Mrs Bobby McMillan

Tuesday, April 22, Acts 14:19-28, John 14:27-31a

6:55 a.m. + Doc Riley by Keneal Swenson, Jr.

8:15 a.m. Spec Int Patricia Bates by Betty Bates

Wednesday, April 23, Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8

6:55 a.m. + Loyal Bessire by Beverly Wink

8:15 a.m. + Rene Alonzo by Pauline Moreno

Thursday, April 24, Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11

6:55 a.m. Communion Service

8:15 a.m. + Dustin Stork by Evelyn Hill

Friday, April 25, 1 Peter 5:5b-15, Mark 16:15-20

6:55 a.m. Communion Service

8:15 a.m. + Bob Paikowski by Roy & Jerry Grimes

Saturday, April 26, Acts 16:1-10, John 15:18-21

8:00 a.m. + Benita Piccio by Rita Piccio

5:30 p.m. + Beryl D'Mello by John & Judy Stout

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17, PSALM 66

1 PETER 3:15-18, JOHN 14:15-21

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

9:15 a.m. + James Hegdal by Joan Hegdal

11:00 a.m. + Arthur Opperman by Opperman Family

5:30 p.m. + Frances Emma Jackson Wheatley Cook by Albert & Gloria Wheatley

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS for this week are:

+ Mitalda Brady, + Lupe Cantu

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

TODAY: NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER for

..... **CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS**

WAYS to HELP

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA): CASA needs dedicated and committed people willing to be a voice for abused and neglected children with the legal system. For more information regarding CASA volunteer training and qualifications, contact Peggy Espinoza, Recruitment and Training Director, 763-2272, Email peggyelubbockcasa.org.

Visit the website www.lubbockcasa.org.

Make a difference in the life of an abused and neglected child.

DONATE BLOOD TODAY

SUNDAY, April 20, 8:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Parish Family Center

Social Ministries Commission, K of C #3008

and Catholic War Veterans encourage parishioners to donate blood to help maintain an adequate blood supply. Every donor receives a mini-physical which checks pulse, temperature and blood pressure.



MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....

June 9 through 13 Bible Festival

June 20-21, 2008 All Class Alumni Reunion

June 21, 2008 25th Anniversary Mass of Lubbock Diocese

September 7 Jamaica

October 8 CTK School Friends of the Foundation

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS

April 13, 2008

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| Envelopes | \$14,909.00 |
| † Gift-Direct | 320.00 |
| 14 Children Envelopes + Cash | 69.54 |
| Plate | 1,549.40 |
| TOTAL | \$16,847.94 |
| Miscellaneous | 366.31 |
| TOTAL | \$17,214.25 |

328 Identifiable Donors

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| Building Fund | \$ 9.00 |
| Average Needed Each Week: | \$18,350.00 |

Please remember CTK in your Will.



Time

Talent

Treasure

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Phyllis Manriquez

In Memory of:

- Beryl & George D'Mello Judy & John Stout
- Gloria Ochotorena by Vince & Leeann Ochotorena
- Boyd Engleman by Donna Engleman
- Juanita Gonzales by Pablo & Linda Perez
- Fr. Santos "Sonny" Balsamo by Elvin & Liza Caminade
- Lee & Frances Martinez by Alice Ramirez

In Honor of:

- Msgr. Ben Kasteel by Joe, Gloria, Favian & Gabriel Barron
- Judy & Gary Simmons by Libby White

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

***Is there an epidemic of Diver's Disease among us?
Read about it at our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org!***



"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

VOCATIONS VIEW: *Don't let your hearts be troubled.* The Lord shows the way, just ask him. (John 14:1-12) **Please remember to keep in prayer the following members of Christ the King who are in the Dicaonate Program:** Gary Simmons, and wife Judy; David Close, and wife Lewrie; Lyle Fetterly, and wife Nancy; Ron Vowels, and wife Tricia; Benny Phillips, and wife Rosemary. -Vocations Committee

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

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 **MAY 8**. **These sessions will not be offered again until September.** Please call Pat in the parish office at 792-6168, ext. 221 or E-mail pleach@ctkcathedral.org to register.

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-other Friday (during the winter months) at 10:00 a.m. with activities for all age groups. May 2 meet at the nursery at 8:30. Bring a breakfast snack item. Call Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

for CONVALIDATION

The Lubbock Diocese Family Life Ministry will have five sessions in preparation for convalidation of marriages beginning April 29. Couples will not be admitted without written or verbal approval from their pastor to the Family Life Office. For registration or information, please call Pat in the parish office at 792-6168 or E-mail pleach@ctkcathedral.org, .or Deacon Jesse Esquivel in the Family Life Ministry Office at 792-2234.

HONORARIUMS

Wondering what to buy a loved one for Confirmation? Mother's Day? Graduation? Wedding? Anniversary? Serving our Nation? How about an **HONORARIUM** to CTK's memorial fund. It's a great way to honor someone and at the same time build up our community of faith. Envelopes are available in the church gathering space or the parish office.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!



**June 21, 2008, "Silver Jubilee" Mass
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
2 Diocesan Choirs - -**

Children: 8-12 years of age,
currently singing in choir at school or church.
Adults: high, low, loud, soft, young, or old
currently helping with music in a parish.

Must attend rehearsals: Sunday afternoons, June 1, 8, & 15.
Call 792-6168, for information and application forms.

F.Y.I. . .
\$10,602.50 was paid to Catholic Benefit Group for church and school employees for the month of April.



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): April 23, Bunco game night. Prizes awarded to the Bunco winners of the night! Please bring snacks.

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us love and direction. Help us to be good disciples and to live our life in a way that is honorable to You. May our hearts not be troubled with worry and doubt, but instead be comforted by the knowledge that You are coming back for us. Amen.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me."

Reflection: "Faith is the substance of things hoped and proof of things invisible to mortal sight." -Danta Alighieri

Sanctuary-LIFE TEEN Band: Contact Rose, 792-6198, or Audrey, 785-2528, for additional information or to check the band's schedule.

LIFE TEEN MASS: The First Sunday of each month; **next Mass is May 4 at 5:30 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend and support YOUth Ministry.

LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): Today, April 20, 4:00 p.m. at the Picnic area by the JPYC. "Praise & Worship with Sanctuary". Spend an hour singing to the Lord. Prepare your hearts to be open to receiving him. Please bring your own lawn chair.

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 and Life Teen Ministries. Leaders are in GREAT DEMAND!

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 "finger" within this bulletin will receive a prize. Call 792-6198 and to receive your prize or see Rose at Mass.

"Praying in the Spirit" Praise & Worship Service: Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us for an hour of Praise & Worship, Scripture, Testimonies, Adoration, Healing, Prayer and Worshiping God. Singing His praise is praying twice.

Back-Packing Retreat Trip is planned for July 18-20 to Pecos Wilderness. A meeting will be April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in JPYC.

Registration will be closed at this meeting.

Diocesan Youth Rally for high school students Saturday, June 7, at Holiday Inn Civic Center. Cost \$40 per person. We are all

the Body of Christ and need to connect our many parts.

EDGE Lock-In June 13/14, "Go & Be" at the JPYC. The Lock-In will begin after Bible Fest at 11:00 p.m. You must pre-register . . . no registration at the door will be accepted.

Ceta Canyon May 30-June 1 "Hands & Feet Retreat". Parent & student meeting to finalize on April 23, 6:00 p.m. Bring copy of insurance card and final payments at this time.

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Altar Server Mass and Appreciation Dinner. Prayer for Vocations is important for the future of His Church. It's an honor to serve here at CTK and we thank you for being a GREAT host.

Jamaica 2008 will be September 7. We are asking for bingo and raffle donations. This event supports Youth Ministry and we appreciate your support. Contact Rose, 792-6198, for information.

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 Cub Master Marc Shipton, 787-7641, pshipton@cmspropertiesinc.com, 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 Jim Ambrose, 780-7617(H), 543-8450(C) jimatroop513@sbcglobal.net or Richard Scheppler at 790-0160.

Check our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org

Inspirational Page



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3008

Serve your church, community, family, and youth by becoming a Brother Knight. Contact Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710. We are forming a softball team for our Council 3008. We will need at least 14 Brothers to participate. Contact Pete Lara, 470-1970, or aralee1@swbell.net.

ADORERS NEEDED

"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. - From Blessed Faustina. We currently need someone to fill the 7:00 p.m. Sunday and 12:00 a.m. Friday time slots. Please contact Lyle or Nancy Fetterly, E-mail nanfett@sbcglobal.net or 798-7158.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Success as accepted by societal standards is not required by



Christ of his followers. Only faithfulness to the Word is required in our daily decisions and activities. God has entrusted to us the gifts of time, health, talent and treasure. Using today to honor God is the best preparation as we work for the kingdom.

-Rosalie Martin, chair, Adopt-a-Student Program

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL (DCA)

The DCA will begin next weekend. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we can all walk together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, charity, and education.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

There are many circumstances along the journey of faith that causes one to consider SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. Help with integrating spirituality into one's daily life, to expand one's way of praying, to identify and trust one's own experience of God, or to develop a sensitivity for social justice and action just to mention a few. At Christ the King Cathedral we are eager to provide the confidential setting and trained companionship to help you explore such discernment in how God is moving in your life. Please call or Email Charlotte Amato, camato@ctkcathedral.org or 792-6168, ext. 218, to learn just how helpful this spiritual relationship can be.

DIVORCECARE & DIVORCECARE for KIDS

In a bad marriage; pondering divorce? We want to invite you to DivorceCare. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Family Center. Along with the adult DivorceCare is DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K). DC4K provides a safe, fun place where your children ages 5-12 will learn to understand their feelings, express their emotions appropriately, feel better about themselves and develop coping skills. Parents must be attending DivorceCare before children can be left at DC4K. For more information call Rita Stevens, 799-5836, or Karen Keel, 794-4130.

FAMILY OUTREACH MINISTRY HERE to HELP

Do you have a child, spouse or relative in a residential center such as a State School, State Hospital, Nursing Home, Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center or Mental Health Center? Do you have a child, spouse or relative in jail or prison? Do you have a child in Special Education classes or have a child with special needs who is not receiving all the services they require? Do you have a disability and need assistance with having your needs met? If you have any of these needs or you know someone who does, please contact Charlotte Amato, Director of Family Outreach Ministries at 792-6168, ext. 218 or email camato@ctkcathedral.org.

CLASS of 2010 COOKBOOK is HERE!

The "Cooking With the Class of 2010" cookbook includes hundreds of favorite recipes from parents, teachers, students and parishioners that everyone will enjoy! What a great Mother's Day gift! If you would like a cookbook call Christy Duran, 795-8283 or email cduran@ctkcathedral.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER XVII

June 1, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Fundraising Event for Catholic Family Service Catholic Renewal Center, 4th & Toledo

Tickets \$100: entitles the holder and one guest to attend. Ticket holder is entered into a drawing for a grand prize valued at \$10,000. Attendance at the event is not required to win the drawing. Call Cynthia Quintanilla or Jeff Malpiede at CFS office, 765-8475 to reserve your ticket. Donations for silent and live auctions are also needed.

DIOCESAN SILVER JUBILEE MASS

Bishop Plácido Rodríguez and priests of the diocese will concelebrate together with as many as 15 visiting bishops, including Cardinal Daniel J. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Archbishop José Gomez of San Antonio and Archbishop Michael Sheehan of Santa Fe. *All faithful Catholics are invited to gather for this historic liturgy at the site where the Diocese of Lubbock was created in June 1983.* Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. Call 792-3943 for more information.

RACHEL'S CORNER

"I experienced a great inner healing as a result of attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the unconditional love of Christ and grieve the loss of your little child." -Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and experience the mercy and unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Abortion AfterCare-Healing, 577-5912, lbb_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com.

DONATE: CFS RESALE CENTER

Having a garage sale? estate sale? just need to get the clutter out of your house? Drop off your donations at the Resale Center during business hours...drive through our alley and ring our door bell. Furniture and larger items, call 763-8315, to schedule a pickup 2-3 days in advance. For donation guidelines go to www.cfslubbock.org/resalecenter.htm.

ANNUAL RURAL LIFE MASS CELEBRATES

..... SILVER JUBILEE
The annual Diocese of Lubbock Rural Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez at St. Isidore Church in Abernathy on Thursday, May 15, Feast of St. Isidore, the Farmer, at 6:00 p.m. A BBQ supper follows the Mass. BBQ meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes to share.

\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

St. Gregory's University in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, seeks to make the gift of Catholic higher education more affordable for Catholic families. They will offer \$1,000 scholarships to every Catholic student who qualifies to attend St. Gregory's and who has a recommendation from the parish or a Catholic high school counselor. These scholarships will be awarded on top of any academic, activity or need-based scholarship awards which the student would otherwise qualify.



Welcome to Our Church House

For the last seven days (April 15-20) Pope Benedict has been in the United States. Pope Benedict, born Joseph Alois Ratzinger, was elected on April 19, 2005, at the age of 78, making him the oldest pope elected in three centuries. In preparation for the pontiff's visit Our Sunday Visitor offered a few FAQs about the man who leads 1.2 billion Catholics. "Why did he take the name Benedict? He took it in honor of Pope Benedict XV, an advocate of peace during World War I and St. Benedict of Nursai who helped to resurrect civilization in Europe during the Dark Ages." "Is it true he served in the

German Army during WWII? Like all German youths, the young Joseph Ratzinger was forced to enroll in the Hitler Youth at the age of 14. He did so under duress as he was already in the seminary. He never joined the Nazi Party. In 1943 the 16 year old was drafted into the German Army and ordered into an anti-aircraft unit that protected a BMW factory making aircraft engines. Due to an infected finger he never learned how to fire a gun and spent his time in the unit with an unloaded gun. As he later noted in an interview with Time magazine, he may have been forced into the German Army, but he was never really a soldier. He later deserted and went home. At war's end he was an American prisoner of war for five weeks." "How many languages does he speak? Aside from his native German, Pope Benedict speaks Italian, French, English (with a soft Bavarian accent), Spanish, Dutch and Latin fluently. He also has some knowledge of Portuguese and can read ancient Greek and Biblical Hebrew." Since being named the Catholic Church's XVI pope, according to CRUX of the News, he is described by many as: "vigilant pastor, one who has used virtually every medium possible—book and speeches, sermons and encyclicals to guide Catholics back to the essential message of Jesus and the gospel". "What is the key theme of his pontificate? The first and most important is to proclaim anew for the world the call to a 'a living relationship' with Jesus Christ". He has also made Christian unity a priority and has reached out to other religions, in particular Islam, to foster respect for religious freedom and mutual understanding among the faiths of the world.

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"We Pray for Children" by Ina Hughes

We pray for children . . . Who put chocolate fingers everywhere, . . . Who like to be tickled, . . . Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, . . . Who sneak Popsicles before supper, . . . Who erase holes in math workbooks . . . Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those . . . Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, . . . Who can't bound down the street in new sneakers, . . . Who never "counted potatoes", . . . Who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in, . . . Who never go to the circus, . . . Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children . . . Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, . . . Who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish, . . . Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, . . . Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, . . . Who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those . . . Who never get dessert, . . . Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, . . . Who can't find any bread to steal, . . . Who don't have any rooms to clean up, . . . Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, . . . Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children . . . Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, . . . Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, . . . Who like ghost stories, . . . Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, . . . Who get visits from the tooth fairy, . . . Who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool, . . . Who squirm in church and scream on the phone, . . . Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those . . . Whose nightmares come in the daytime, . . . Who will eat anything, . . . Who have never seen a dentist, Who are never spoiled by anyone, . . . Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, . . . Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children . . . Who want to be carried . . . *and for those who must, . . . For those we never give up on . . . And for those who never get a second chance, . . . For those we smother . . . And for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.* We pray for children. Amen.

(We Pray for Children, 1995, William Morrow publishers)