Parish Mission Statement

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Public
Mass Schedule

NOTE: You have to sign-up for Mass due to limited seating options. More information online at www.ctktopeka.org

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday - Notice time changes
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Monday - Saturday
8:00 am

Facebook Live
Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday
8:00 am
Sunday
9:30 am

Reconciliation

Drive Through Confessions
Wednesday
6:00 pm—no one is in line
Saturday
3:00 pm—no one is in line

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Check our website at www.ctktopeka.org
for the most up-to-date information regarding our parish.

17th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

SUNDAY JULY 26, 2020

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Four Essential Habits for Intentional Discipleship

Prayer • Learning • Generosity • Sharing the Faith
Parish Office Contacts: 785-273-0710
Please call the office (before traveling to the church) to ensure that staff will be available to meet your needs.
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July 27, Weekday
8:00 am † Robert Boeh

July 28, Weekday
8:00 am † Elizabeth “Liz” Conrad

July 29, St. Martha
8:00 am † The Torres Family

July 30, Weekday
8:00 am Special Intention— the Lee Baby

July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8:00 am † Charlotte Meier

August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am † Bob Breen
4:30 pm Vigil—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time † Jim Gerstner

August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am † John Kelly, Sr
9:30 am † Bernadette Kruetzer
11:30 am † Kate Billinger

Receipts for Week of July 9, 2020 to July 15, 2020
Report for fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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Remember in Your Prayers

There Is Power in Prayer!
Christ the King Prayer Ministry has 115 parishioners ready to respond to your request to pray for a loved one or a friend in need that is sick or confronted with a challenge in their life. If you have someone needing prayers, contact Annie Lackey at 554-7875 or email lackeyannie12@gmail.com
Some Thoughts on Divine Providence

In our second reading today St. Paul claims, “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28). This is a bold statement. Most of us have experienced tragedy and suffering of some kind or another in our lives. Most of us are also probably the sort of people St. Paul has in mind when he makes this claim. Given this, how are we to understand this claim?

This brings us into the territory of Divine Providence. This refers to the way that God continues to order all of creation. One of the fundamental principles of the Catholic understanding of Providence is that God is always laboring to bring about our good, our salvation. At bottom this principle is based on how God brought about our salvation. The Crucifixion of the Incarnate Son of God is the greatest possible evil, yet it is precisely from this that God draws forth salvation. Hence St. Paul asserts that all things work for good for those who love God. In His providential care for us God is always laboring to bring about good, our salvation.

This principle is balanced by others. God never wills or does evil. He also allows us our freedom, even the freedom to choose sin. This is part of what is called God’s permissive will. He “permits” evil and sin. In doing so God also allows us to experience the consequences of our sins: suffering, tragedy, misery, etc. At the same time, God is always working to turn our sins and their consequences to work for our salvation.

This is a big topic, and I have only scratched the surface. Hopefully it has provided some food for thought. God is always working for our good, so let’s thank Him for the good He is working to bring about even when we don’t clearly see it.

Until next time, God bless you,

Fr. Matthew

Volunteer Opportunities

Have you found your usual volunteer activities curtailed due to COVID 19 but you’re still anxious to contribute? There are many opportunities available to you, some of which will allow you to maintain some physical distance.

If you want to help your own parish with your time or your talent or your treasure: https://ctktopeka.org/stewardship/time-talent

If you are blessed with treasure and would like to help at the diocesan level: https://www.archkck.org/waystogive

If you want to help your fellow community members: https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/

If you want to respond particularly to needs due to COVID 19: https://unitedwaytopeka.galaxydigital.com/need/?tag=COVID+19+Local+Volunteer+Response

Please watch the bulletin for upcoming opportunities to help young people and their schools as we near the start of the fall semester. Regardless of their educational format, our students and teachers will need our help.

Christ has clearly stated that He expects us to love our neighbors, and not just for the sake of our neighbors. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us: “Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.” (CCC 1

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe you are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. Though I am not able to receive Communion, come into my heart, that I may know you more deeply, love you more fully, and follow you more closely in my life. Amen

Congratulations…

To Camden Mark Bryant, Kehlani Kailynn Reynoldson & Braedyn Watkins who received the gift of God’s life in Baptism on Sunday, July 19th. Thank you to their parents and godparents.

Drive Through Food Pantry!

Topeka Family Support Center
(234 South Kansas Avenue – Topeka)
Days: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Times: 9:00AM – 12:00PM; 1:00PM – 3:30PM

Corita’s Sandwich Ministry is up and running. Their hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 1:00PM.
Clothing Donations Accepted!
Doorstep has started accepting donations! If you are willing to donate, your items must be brought to the south door on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9am–2pm. If you have Christmas in July donations, let a volunteer or staff member know, so they can assist you and put those items in the correct place. Thank you and help spread the word!
doorsteptopeka.org
785.357.5341

Communications & Marketing Specialist Job Opening
Christ the King Church is seeking a qualified Communications & Marketing Specialist. Ideal applicants will have experience or education in marketing/communications with knowledge of design software, such as Publisher and/or Adobe Suite, website design & maintenance knowledge, ability to edit documents, be detail oriented and be a team player. Position could be part time (25 hours plus) or full time, depending on the candidate. Interested applicants may contact, Connie Fischer, 785-273-0710 or cfischer@ctktopeka.org, with inquiries or to submit resumes.

Christ the King Religious Education
SAVE THE DATES: First Communion & Confirmation Dates for the classes of 2020

FIRST COMMUNION: August 23 at 2PM. Due to Covid-19 only immediate family members and those receiving the sacrament will be able to attend.

CONFIRMATION: the Abbot will be at Christ the King September 2 and September 3. At this time we believe we will only have those being confirmed, their sponsors and their immediate families. All is subject to change if restrictions are in force on these dates. Questions please contact: Dfrost@ctktopeka.org.

WHAT WILL RE/CCD LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?
Awesome question! And the full answer is not available at this time Here is what we are thinking about.

1. In person classes for students with in the guidelines set forth by the county and the schools.

2. Home study with online access

3. Family RE/CCD with monthly in person/online meetings.

4. Sacramental Prep: RCIC, First Reconciliation & First Communion, Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2. Each student preparing for a sacrament will be required to complete Spiritual Exercise worksheets for their grade level.

5. Please help by taking the following survey to help us meet your needs. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3ZXLF9

HELP IS NEEDED: We looking to think outside the box in ways to share the faith this year. Please share any thoughts you might have with us via email to Deb. We will have a meeting July 29 for anyone interested in helping with the program. We need: Catechists, Assistants, Monitors, Escorts, Tech Folks, Cleaning Crews, & more!

….You may not see the RE/CCD section in the Bulletin each week. Please contact Deb if you would like a weekly RE Newsletter. The newsletter contains updates of what is happening in our ministry, suggestions for family learning and activities.
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Listed below are family members or close friends serving on the active duty who could use our community’s prayer support for health, well being and safe return.

**Marines:**
LCpl Josh Bayless, Cpl Connor Freking, Ssgt Josh Griffeth, Sgt Erick Hahn, Gysgt Jesse Hampton, LCpl Jared Henderson, Pfc Conner McGehee, LCpl Matthew Moore, Gysgt Nathan Perez, LCpl Raymond Riis, Ssgt Phillip Sullivan, LCpl Matthew Trusty

**A Prayer for our Military:**
Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY**

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We will examine an number of Apparitions of Our Lady in the next few months. Have you ever heard of the Miraculous Medal? Did you know that July 18th, 1830, Mary appeared to a Charity nun, Catherine Laboure, (canonized 7/27/1947), in her convent in Paris. That same month, the Revolution toppled the monarchy of France. The Church was once more being attacked. In November Mary gave Catherine Laboure a medal showing our Lady pouring graces upon all. It is said this medal became the instrument of many miracles many people called it “the Miraculous Medal”. It is said that Mary knew that a miracle was needed to bring France back to God. St. Catherine Laboure is the Patron Saint of the elderly, infirmed people and the Miraculous Medal. Her feast day is November 28.

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**Drive Through Confessions:**
Wednesday: 6pm- until no one else is in line
Saturday: 3pm- until no one else is in line, however we ask that you show up at 3pm. Due to the heat and lack of shade, the priests will leave after the last car in line that day.

**Youth Group**

Big congratulations to the many seniors that are celebrating their High School graduations. Keep the faith in all you do. Always remember that you have a home here at Christ the King.

Here is a quote from Saint Pope John Paul II to reflect on for the week. “We are not the sum of fears and failures. We are the sum of the Father’s love for us and the capacity to do his will.”

If you are a Junior High or High School student please text createanimpact to 84576 to get updates on what is going on in our program. Parents please email fire@ctktopeka.org to get updates about what is going on in our programs.

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Check out Aubry’s Angels Rosary Garden!

The world as we know it has been full of chaos and uncertainty of what will happen next. Aubry’s Rosary Garden located directly south of Christ the King, is perfect for granting you that peace and serenity you may be searching for so badly. I urge you to take some time out of your day to pray the Rosary here while enjoying all of the bright and delightful flowers, along with the calming sounds of the outdoors.

Check out this link for a video invitation - https://youtu.be/3k6mfS27af

Here are some pictures taken right after a quick rain shower on Tuesday, July 21.