

Thoughts on Confirmation



Thien Nguyen

Going to Confirmation class was like learning about God. But after confirmation, I found the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives me signs to know that He is there with me. I'm now living with God and not just learning about Him. I am on a journey that God has for me.

Anh Nguyen

Confirmation was a big step to improve my religious belief. Confirmation is a way of expressing how in love I am with my Catholic faith. There are no words that can define the love that I experienced from God. Because of His love for me I want to know more about Him. God is like my boyfriend. He's always there for me.



Tiffany Tran

Receiving the sacrament of confirmation was a joyous moment I will cherish and never forget. The sacrament has helped me transition into a young adult as I made the decision to renew my baptismal vows and become a full-fledged member of the Church. Being anointed with the oil made me feel empowered, giving me the strength to profess my faith openly and practice it fearlessly. I have been blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will help me throughout my life to make good choices and to serve God.

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Words from our Pastor

Our Faith Journey

On November 23, the Solemnity of Christ the King, Christ the King Parish will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Christ the King Parish has always been known for our great witness of the Catholic faith. Our strong emphasis on Catholic education, Catholic childcare formation, strong religious formation, strong adult faith formation, and our strong R.C.I.A. process identify us.

From the founding families to our present families we continue to show the great legacy of living out and celebrating our Catholic faith. Christ the King Parish has always been a beacon of faith and hope even in tired and trying times.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary, we look towards the future. We as a parish are addressing our new needs and concerns in the Parish Pastoral Plan. This plan will be implemented in January of 2015.

Beginning in January 2015, the Evangelization Team will be going through a year of training and preparation for our new Evangelization calling. The Evangelization program will be implemented in 2016.

All of our efforts at Christ the King must be centered on the Eucharist and becoming people of the Eucharist. We must always keep focus on Jesus Christ in all we say and do.

We ask our Blessed Mother Mary for prayers and intercessions to help us keep focus on the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us, Mary, to continue to be the dynamic Catholic Faith Community of Christ the King that we have always been.



Rev. James R. Boddie, Jr.
Pastor
Christ the King Parish



***Christ the King
Christmas Penance Service
December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
What better way to prepare for the birth
of our Lord?***

***International Epiphany Celebration
January 4, 2015
Prepare and share your favorite ethnic dish.
From French to Indian
Hungarian to Haitian
We need all nationalities' cuisines.***



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The mission of *Christ the King Courier* is to provide our Christ The King Family with information and news regarding our faith and parish ministries. The goal is to share information, happenings, and stories that abound within the ministries of our parish in the hope that people can use this information to bring them closer to God and our parish church family. Wisdom and enlightenment are two of God's many gifts, and through *Christ the King Courier* parishioners can share in the joy, love, and fellowship of Christ the King Parish. Our desire is to serve our God, share his message of love and hope with all, and to encourage others to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ.

As the official publication of our parish family, *Christ the King Courier* sees the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians as exemplifying the content and character of this publication.

"As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body." Colossians 3:12-15.

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Stewardship Prayer

Stewarding Our Families at Home and in the Church

*Gracious and Loving God,
We gather in your name
as stewards of this hour:
to reflect, learn,
give, and receive.*

*This time belongs to you,
entrusted to us
to shine Christ's light on whomever we encounter;
among our family and friends,
colleagues and strangers,
in our church,
or in a world
desperate for your presence.*

*Teach us to use this time
prayerfully,
with prudence,
and with hearts that listen
for the promptings of your Spirit.*

*May we return this hour to you
with a fruitful account of our stewardship,
hopeful you will find us
trustworthy in the small matters,
so we may be entrusted
with even greater ones.*

*We ask this through Christ Jesus, Our Lord,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

*From the International Catholic Stewardship
Council, 2014*

Editor's Corner



Beginnings seemed to be the theme of our last issue of the *Courier*. August marked the opening of our school and our ministries began their season of activities. November looks forward to Advent and preparation for the Christmas season of course, but in many of our articles in this issue, we look back over our past. We take note of the 60th Anniversary of Christ the King Parish, the 450 year anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of St. Augustine and Veterans Day.

The exciting present is best illustrated in *Courier's* center pages with impressive news from Christ the King School. Articles cover the efforts to achieve STEM status for the entire school program, new and remodeled facilities to facilitate those efforts, and activities of the Family and School Association. Also included is an article about Green Apple Day, 2014, and one about the Seeds of Faith "business" that not only teaches our students how to produce edible and marketable produce, but the virtues of kindness and sharing.

We have two important articles from guest contributors. Patrick Kinnare, administrator at St. Joseph's Parish in Mandarin, wrote the article on stewardship (page 9) for the diocesan stewardship committee. I felt that it deserved wider readership and he graciously agreed to our including it in our paper. I do believe it should be even more widely read, because it is so straight forward. You don't have to meditate to "wrap your head around it." Its meaning and intent are quite simple. The thinking comes afterward and in application. The second guest contributor is Father Guy Noonan, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in St. Augustine. He relates the experiences of early Church fathers guiding the growth and changes in Christianity, during the centuries after the death and resurrection of Jesus, to the current synod just closed in Rome. Father Guy is not only informative, but reassuring as he explains some of the knotty problems resolved by various early Church councils. Be sure to read both of these excellent articles.

I expect that you will have noticed a new emphasis diocese-wide in Stewardship: *a way of life*. Bishop Estevez has re-formed the diocesan Stewardship Committee and placed much greater emphasis on the annual fund drive, which has been highly successful. But these improvements don't just happen. In addition he is encouraging the parishes to implement new efforts to make stewardship integral to all of our lives. Stewardship and the New Evangelization, which is a Church-wide effort, are complementary and intertwined and should bear fruit in our personal lives of faith and then in our parishes. A current book, by Sherry A. Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples*, The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus, makes clear that both of these concepts, stewardship and evangelization, are based on each of us forming a **personal relationship with Jesus**. There's something most of us don't give lots of thought to. Sherry Weddell makes the reader understand the deep spiritual benefits of this personal relationship with Jesus for ourselves and therefore for our families and our personal local societies and society as a whole. The title of the book is descriptive, but not scintillating. Her first two chapters are interesting and informative, but somewhat tedious—full of depressing facts and figures. Read them, maybe skim them, but don't let them discourage you. The best meat of the subject comes alive in chapter three and onward. And it will come alive. Her integration of stewardship and evangelization is very rewarding. I promise.

Christ the King readers, I hope that you enjoy every one of our articles. Please, let us know if there is a topic you would like to see in the *Courier*.

September 15, 2014

Dear Rev. Father Boddie,

Blessings in Christ!

How happy the good Lord must be whenever we reach out to those who need His love.

This is to express sincere appreciation for your generosity in so graciously welcoming us to your beautiful parish community, and allowing us to preach, sing and share about our ministries and works of mercy.

We are truly grateful for the warm hospitality and care shown to us during our visit. Your kind support is gratefully appreciated on behalf of the poor whom we serve. The good Lord will surely reward you all abundantly. We are also very grateful for Laurie and Susan's wonderful help in coordinating our visit and guiding us along, and for Matt's kind support with the music.

Without the help of generous friends, who care enough to reach out and help, our works of mercy among God's poor would not at all be possible.

Thank you and all your parishioners for helping us to build God's Kingdom among the poor and to feed His little ones. Keep shining brightly for Jesus, and be assured of our prayers and gratitude always. We look forward for your visit with us in Jamaica or any of our missions whenever you can. We would be happy for you to see the wonderful works you are supporting. God bless you as you continue to care for His flock with the tender Heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd!

In His service,
Bro. Augusto Silot, Jr., M.O.P.
Very Rev. Bro. Augusto Silot, Jr., M.O.P.
Superior General

Courier Guidelines Notice

Readers, you may notice in this and other issues of the *Courier* certain inconsistencies in rules for capitalization regarding God, the Bible, gospel quotes. The reason for this is that, when we use direct quotes from other sources, we cannot make any changes. Therefore, if His, He, Him referring to Jesus, God, or the Holy Spirit are not capitalized in the original, we do not "correct" them.

Why do Catholics Honor and Venerate Saints?

by Father Xaviour

All Saints' Day is a universal Christian feast honoring all Christian saints, known and unknown, who are now with God in glory. "Halloween" celebrated on the eve of the Day of all Saints, got its name from "All Hallows' Eve" or the vigil of All Saints Day. This is a day on which we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and heavenly glory as a reward for their faith. Besides, the feast is observed in order to teach us to honor the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (Tim. 2:5)

- 1- The saints put their trust in Christ and lived heroic lives of faith. St. Paul asks us to serve and honor such noble souls.

- 2 - The saints are our role-models. They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy, and unconditional forgiveness can be lived by ordinary people of all walks of life and at all times.

- 3- The saints are our heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Jesus, the only mediator between God and us (James 5:16-18, Exodus 32:13, Jer. 15:1, Revel. 8:3-4).
- 4 - The saints are the instruments that God uses to work miracles at present, just as He used the rod of Moses (Exodus), the bones of the dead prophet, Elisha (II Kings 13-21), the towel of Paul (Acts 19:12) and the shadow of Peter (Acts 5:15) to work miracles in earlier times. On the feast of All Saints the church invites us and challenges us to walk the walk of the saints and not just talk the talk. "Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). St. Augustine challenges us: "If he and she can become saints, why can't I?"

St. Augustine

By Ellin Iselin



It has been 450 years since Pedro Menendez sailed to a bend on the coastline of a place the Spaniards would call "La Florida" due to the vast foliage. Because Menendez and his crew sighted land on the feast day of St. Augustine (August 28), the captain called his new-found possession by the same name.

Fast-forward nearly five centuries later, and Christ the King parish is in a diocese dedicated to a man who

ingeniously mitigated the classical philosophers and the teachings of the Catholic Church, which Augustine designated as *The City of God*.

Augustine was born on November 13, 354 AD in the Roman Empire province of Numidia, which was located in North Africa close to present-day Algeria. As was common at the time, his parents practiced different religions: Augustine's father was a pagan, but his mother Monica passionately embraced Christianity. Monica's maternal influence on the young Augustine was heavy, and she enrolled her still-unbaptized child as a catechumen.

Academically, Augustine was trained in the Classics where he undoubtedly was influenced by the Greek philosophers and especially the dualism of Plato. Plato maintained that a physical body and spiritual soul were two separate entities, and Augustine worked this philosophical premise into Christian theology. An example of his thoughts from *The City of God* include the following, "...that God can prevent things that are born from dying, and things that are joined from being sundered, and things that are composed from being dissolved, and can ordain that the souls once allotted to their bodies should never abandon them, but enjoy along with them immortality and everlasting bliss, why may He not also effect that terrestrial bodies die not?" (424)

Augustine was a witness to the fall of the Roman Empire: the Visigoths sacked Rome in 410, and many pagan worshipers blamed Christians for it. *The City of God* is largely in response to that pagan charge. Augustine's faith was so strong he eventually made his religion his vocation, and in 390 he was named Bishop of Hippo, which is why he is frequently referred to as "Augustine of Hippo." He remained in Hippo until his death in 430.

Our own Bishop Felipe J. Estevez states in his pastoral letter about Augustine and his writings:

His *City of God* is a modern history in that it does not attempt to focus on a hero or a war or disaster, but on something bigger. He looks at his era and tries to find a thread to connect it to every other era. Augustine saw

everywhere, at every turn, the loving care of God, who as he said in his *Confessions*, is "nearer to me than I was to myself" ("Abandoning Ourselves to His Hands" 7).

In *The Confessions*, Augustine prays to God and analyzes his own spiritual development in Christianity. Augustine's other famous work is *On Christian Doctrine*.

In my doctoral studies I wrote a research paper on Augustine which displays the depth of his intellectual and spiritual capacity:

Augustine built on Plato's philosophy and wrote that the body and soul are combined once more after life in eternity— either in Heaven or Hell—once more using Plato's own words to rationalize that an omnipotent God is the Supreme Being and Will. The symbolism of a unified body and soul became instrumental to Catholicism, thus giving a sense of unity and community to priests and their faithful flock as Catholics strove to understand the mystery of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, flesh, transubstantiation, the Eucharist and of course the concept of "soul." Using Plato's teachings, as well as the works of Church leaders Cyprian and St. Ambrose, Augustine's writings, namely *The Confessions*, *The City of God*, and *On Christian Doctrine*, contributed to Augustine himself being canonized "St. Augustine," and his books being considered among the greatest of the Western World. (Iselin)

In subsequent centuries, St. Augustine of Hippo would influence many writers, philosophers and theologians including St. Thomas Aquinas.

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The Relevance of the Experience of the Early Church (48) and the Synod in Rome (October 2014)

Father Boddie has approved and Father Guy Noonan, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Augustine, gave me permission to include this recent letter to his parishioners.

October 17, 2014

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis called a Synod to discuss “Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” The first session this year (October 2014) is preparatory to more formal agreements next year (October 2015). It is no secret that there is a great debate between a) factions in the Church and b) varied geographical areas of the Church. It is also clear that the Pope has allowed this debate/division to be seen in public, asking the Synod reps to speak “freely and without fear,” and yet also asking that they listen humbly and seek truth wherever it shows itself, which is usually somewhere in the midst of the arguments and counter-arguments.

This is not new to the Church. In about 50 AD the Church debated publicly a huge issue: the unchallenged traditions of the mother church in Jerusalem regarding circumcision and new pastoral needs that appeared among the Gentile, non-traditionally Jewish converts (See story below.)

The issue was no small thing at the time. Circumcision is scripturally based and commanded in Genesis 17:10-14 (narrative arc of Abraham) as an outward sign of a man’s participation in Israel’s **covenant** with the god of Israel, as well as a sign that the Jewish people will perpetuate through him. Scripture, doctrine and tradition were all on the line.

And so a question arose: How does (a) the Church’s practice in a new situation and (b) the Church’s traditional teaching hold together while allowing for new insights because of a new pastoral/evangelization situation?

This issue was a great strain on the church of the time—on the newly evangelized (Greeks:Antioch) and traditional (Jerusalem) communities alike. It was solved after much debate back and forth, and even confrontation “between sides.” The same debate also showed people swaying and changing sides, at least temporarily, based at least partially on politics. Peter!

Keep this in mind when you see the present debate in the Church. Some during this Synod are emphasizing doctrine, others are emphasizing new pastoral needs and possible changes in church discipline/practice. These things take time to discuss, research and debate. That is for sure. But what is also for sure is that debates such as this are a fact of history and it would appear that Pope Francis wants you, me and the world to know that. Herein he is clearly taking a risk since most people do not know these themes of debate over doctrine and practice in history. Herein he is also doing the Church a great service—he is trying to move the Church forward in new pastoral situations that vary greatly (Western Europe/North America/British Isles/Australia, etc., vs, for example, the African nations).

Fifty years ago we did not have such a high rate of divorce, nor an increasingly global challenge to the legal understanding of marriage, nor so many young people (ages 20 – 35/millennials) who have simply drifted or walked away from all institutional churches, nor such a rapid communication Internet world, nor other things. The landscape has definitely changed — so of course a change in Church language and pastoral practice may well be needed. If not, then why bother to have the meeting in the first place!

But this is not the first significant public debate nor change.

THE COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM [c. 49 AD]

[Taken from the official Vatican Internet site.]

Around the year 48 an issue arose in Antioch concerning the circumcision of non-Jews, when some Christians coming from Judea claimed their freedom acquired in Christ Jesus (cf. Gal. 2:4), which even Paul and Barnabas invoked so as not to impose this rite of circumcision on pagan converts to Christianity. The community decided to consult the Apostles and Elders of Jerusalem. Thus, it sent Paul and Barnabas together with Titus, their Greek companion, as well as a delegation to accompany them to Jerusalem.

The Apostles and Elders of Jerusalem accepted Titus “uncircumcised,” thus recognizing the validity of Paul’s proclamation concerning the freedom of grace. The Assembly confirmed the main leaders of the Church and recognized the missionary vocation of Peter for the circumcised and that of Paul for the uncircumcised. As a matter of fact, a sort of partitioning of the missionary field occurred: James, Kephass, and John

were directed towards the Jews, while Paul and Barnabas were sent to preach to the pagans.

THE ANTIOCH INCIDENT

The incident occurred during Peter’s visit to Antioch and it bears witness to the integrity of Paul, who would not allow for any adaptations of the truth of the Gospel. What happened? At that time, a circumcised Jewish Christian could not sit at the same table with a Gentile Christian without falling into impurity. Peter had always testified to the supreme power of faith in Christ, which gathers together within itself all human beings. He continued to do so in Antioch until the arrival of other Christians sent by James, who presided over the community of Jerusalem. It was then that Peter, who had previously eaten with the Gentiles, withdrew and separated himself from them for fear of the circumcision party (thus concealing what he truly believed). Therefore Paul became angry. “I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.” (Gal. 2:11)

The compromise agreed upon in Jerusalem protected the existence of the mixed communities of the young Churches of Asia Minor, to whom Paul had preached. Nevertheless, full communion between circumcised and uncircumcised was difficult. Therefore, was the salvation in Jesus Christ considered secondary: Paul claimed new life in the faith, the gift of the Spirit and the primacy of the divine promise over the law. The controversy had originally occurred between, on the one side, James and the Church of Jerusalem along with Peter and Barnabas who, although hesitant allied themselves with James; and on the other side, the same Church of Antioch which in the end approved the compromise reached in Jerusalem (cf. Acts 15:31). Eventually, Paul left Antioch to visit the towns where he and Barnabas had previously taught, taking along with him Silas alone, who had been sent back to Antioch with Paul by the Apostles and elders in Jerusalem after the compromise had been reached. After this long novitiate, which endured 15 years, Paul entered into a new phase.

LET US PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS, THE BISHOPS AND THE LAITY PARTICIPATING AT THE SYNOD.

THIS IS AN HISTORIC TIME IN THE CHURCH. THE PRACTICE OF SYNODS WAS RE-INITIATED BY POPE PAUL IV FOR THE WESTERN/ROMAN CHURCH. HOWEVER, THE WIDE CONSULTATION (WORLDWIDE SURVEY LAST YEAR) AND THE OPEN DEBATE ARE VERY NEW INDEED.

Father Guy

Memories From Yesterday

by Frank Becht



Author’s Note: An old friend and long time parishioner of Christ the King (Bet Knight) was reviewing things saved over the years and came upon this old article in the Times-Union. The picture shown is as it was clipped from the newspaper.

This is a photo of Bishop Paul Tanner, the retiring bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, who dedicated the site of our new Christ the King Church at 742 Arlington Rd. in late June 1979. In the front row are Monsignor Mortimer Danaher, newly appointed pastor of Christ the King, the Most Rev. Paul F. Tanner and his assistant, an altar server from Christ the King School, and George Podein, President of the Parish Council. In the rear is none other than Father James Boddie, Jr., then Associate Pastor of Christ the King, peering into his future.

On February 1, 2014, Father Boddie returned to Christ the King as Pastor to continue his future. Christ the King has changed much and is in the process of further change.

Welcome back Father Boddie; we need your guidance!!!!

On the Path to STEM with the 2014 Green Apple Day of Service

by Stephanie Chinault



On Saturday, October 25, many parents, students, Boy Scouts, faculty and staff volunteered their time and talent to help out with Christ the King's Green Apple Day of Service. Service projects included installing solar panels, building raised vegetable beds, and finishing up our outdoor classroom by Strawberry Creek. The Knights of Columbus volunteered their cooking skills to prepare hot dogs for everyone.

The outdoor classroom, which includes a brand-new observation deck built by Boy Scout Christopher Luyando as part of his Eagle project, will be a great way for our students to get hands-on learning of the nature all around them. On the 25th volunteers continued to clear out a walkable path from behind the Vietnamese Center down to Strawberry Creek. Along this path, you will see a fox den and learn the names of the flora and fauna with new marked signs. The observation deck provides a clear view of the creek. The outdoor classroom is truly one-of-a-kind. There are many people to thank for providing this wonderful experience for our students. If you'd like to see it for yourself, simply follow the trail near the picnic tables behind the Vietnamese Center.

The solar panels will be used by Mrs. Hill's fourth and fifth grade science classes to power iPads. The additional raised garden beds will be utilized by the seventh grade Seeds of Faith team to grow and then donate fresh vegetables to L'Arche Harbor House residents. Vegetables include zucchini squash, lettuce, radishes, and others.

Also, Patrick Bresland, a recent FSU College of Engineering graduate, brought the solar car that his electrical engineering team helped design and build. Patrick is a former Christ the King student, Boy Scout and baseball player. The drivable car runs entirely on solar energy.

These Green Apple Day projects are part of Christ the King's School ongoing efforts to become an official STEM school. Focusing on STEM, which is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, will provide our students with the academic advantage needed in today's world. Please see the other articles in this edition of the *Courier* to learn more about all of the school's STEM related accomplishments.



Father Thanh's Installation



Father Thanh's family gathered at his installation as pastor of St. Joseph's.

Wrap Up Holiday Shopping with SCRIP

We all have those hard-to-shop-for people in our lives. SCRIP cards make your holiday shopping easier AND raise money for our school.

Beginning in November, you can purchase a wider variety of gift cards. In addition to the usual cards in inventory, there will be gift cards for Target, Toys"R"Us, Bath and Body Works, Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, and others.

Denominations start as low as \$10. These make perfect gifts for co-workers, teachers, babysitters, and others. It's also a great way to complete your Advent Tree gift shopping.

Stop by the Religious Articles store to see what we have. Thanks for your support!

Thoughts on Confirmation

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Tram Nguyen

Confirmation was a great experience. I feel closer to God. Confirmation is like confirming my commitment to God. This is just the beginning of my journey with Him. He will guide me throughout my life.



Huy Dinh

Right after my confirmation, my friends and family told me “Congratulations! You’re now confirmed!” But I always wondered... what is the true meaning of confirmation? God is so generous and he is always generous! He gave me the Holy Spirit along with all the gifts and fruits! I was taught by a great teacher that confirmation is like a glass of chocolate milk.

Let’s begin with the making of a simple glass of chocolate milk. Start with pouring chocolate syrup into the base of a cup. Proceed with pouring the desired amount of milk. If you observe, the vast majority of the chocolate syrup remains at the base of the cup and the milk simply sits on top of the syrup. Right now we have chocolate AND milk but not chocolate milk. We must stir together the two ingredients in order to have our delicious beverage.

Receiving the sacrament of confirmation, to me, is like the creation of chocolate milk. The chocolate syrup represents the Holy Spirit with all the gifts and fruits while the milk represents the confirmation candidates. It is through the sacrament of confirmation that we are able to mix together the amazing things God has given to us.

Receiving the sacrament of confirmation is a true blessing! Every day I feel happy and alive knowing that God loves me so much and that the Holy Spirit will help guide me through my troubling times. During nights where I have a huge pile of homework or during times when I feel absolutely terrible, I always take a moment to thank God for all the great things he has done for me and ask him if he may help me and send the Holy Spirit to come guide me. The sacrament of confirmation is not the end of the road for me and I know there will be much more to come. All I can do now is to help my community the best I can and pray that God gives me more opportunities to help the people around me.



Deana Dinh

My Confirmation was a life-changing experience. At confirmation when Bishop Estevez was blessing us, I realized that starting from that day forward, I needed to do better, be a better person, and work on my faith with God. The retreats at church with my confirmation class really opened my eyes to the love of God. I also realized that there are so many things to be grateful for. I now thank God for the things that He gave me when I asked for it. Before Confirmation I never thanked God for the people and things in my life. There were many things I took for granted that I am very grateful for now. I am thankful for the house I live in, an education, and my two loving parents. I realized that He gives me so much. I also realized that I need to strengthen my relationships with God, especially throughout my day. I try my absolute best to only do things that God would be proud of me doing. I try to sin less. I also pray more at night. Before, I went to Mass with my parents because they made me. But with the retreats and my actual confirmation, I actually want to go to Mass to praise God and learn more about Him. I now see that I truly am blessed. Confirmation made me a better person. I hope I can continue to go out and make good choices to make God proud of me.

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Rosary Procession



Christian Stewardship

by Patrick Kinnare
Parish Administrator, St. Joseph's
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Stewardship, a term we hear often in the life of the Church is a broad all encompassing one yet in the minds of many Catholics it has a singular point of reference, money. It is the hope of this essay to furnish the reader with a more robust understanding of this word, for stewardship is discipleship. Scripture is seasoned with various accounts of stewardship, sometimes using the term servant in place of steward. A steward, first and foremost is a servant, in fact he is the servant *par excellence*. The steward has been given full authority over the estate; he governs the home in the absence of the master. Think back to the Old Testament story of Joseph. Pharaoh elevated him to second in command over all of Egypt, only Pharaoh himself was above Joseph¹. What great power and authority Joseph was invested with! Yet with great power necessarily comes greater responsibility.

When turning to the New Testament and the concept of stewardship we can look to the parable of the talents². This well known tale records the dispersion of various amounts of money by the master of the house to three of his servants. Two of the servants used their talents in a successful and fruitful way doubling their master's investment. The third simply buried his talent for safe keeping. Upon his return the master rewarded the first two servants for their good stewardship but in regard to the third servant, he was severely chastised and banished from the home.

What are we to make of these two examples of stewardship as found in scripture? What message does the Lord want us to grab hold of and use as a means to direct our life of discipleship? First, is the notion of gift. One can only be endowed with the role of steward. The master himself is the cause; he takes the first initial step of bestowing this gift/title upon the servant. Stewardship is only given; it cannot be acquired by force or by right. Secondly there is an obligatory response of fidelity and productivity by the one who has received the gift of stewardship. The master's bequeath is laden with expectation.

In this initial entry into the nature of stewardship it would appear that it is purely temporal in its scope and range of effect. Stewardship appears to be something pertaining solely to the earthly life, focusing on material wealth and existential power. There is truth to this; stewardship does operate in the temporal realm however stewardship as viewed through the lens of the Kingdom of Heaven is a stewardship which has been "baptized" so to say. Stewardship as taught by Christ is one that once it has been given demands not simply a doubling or tripling of the initial gift, it requires rather a return to the giver of the whole life and self of the receiver. Christian stewardship modeling temporal stewardship is one that originates with a Divine movement. "...God's initiative always precedes every human initiative, and on our journey toward Him, too, it is He who first illuminates us, who directs and guides us, ever respecting our inner freedom."³ We see this gift/giving in the Incarnation. In the Incarnation God does not give a something, rather He gives a Someone. God's gift is not some, or part of Himself, but His whole self, His entire and complete Divinity takes on flesh in the womb of our Lady.



This same out pouring and giving of His entire self is not a onetime action. The entire life of Christ is a perpetual giving; it is a relentless giving of His entire person to us His children. This gift climaxes on the Cross and is extended to us down through time in the Most Blessed Sacrament. In the Eucharist we receive the same entire gift of God that became Incarnate. In the Sacramental life of the Church we are given the Divine life. We are given the means, via grace to return to God and those around us the gift of ourselves. Christ calls us not simply to give back a portion of what He has given us, rather He calls us and strengthens us to give our entire self just as He did from the moment of the Incarnation, through Calvary and to this day in the Eucharist.

Stewardship is therefore discipleship and discipleship is stewardship. The authentic life of a Christian extends far beyond the limit of the obligatory observation of the Sabbath. "...[T]his faith of mine... is the fruit of a relationship, a dialogue, in which there is a listener, a receiver, and a respondent; it is communication with Jesus that draws me out of the "I" enclosed in myself to open me to the love of God, the Father."⁴ The life of the Christian steward is nothing more than the physical manifestation of the life of Faith. One who has allowed God to enter into their heart with complete openness and trust will necessarily respond with the sharing of their time and talents.

St. Joseph's is a vibrant parish shining forth with the joy of Pentecost. The parish, modeling the inner life of the Trinity desires first and foremost relationships. We ask you to share with us your most precious gift, namely yourself. Please pray that the Lord will guide you to serve the parish in the way that harmonizes with your talent and time. St. Joseph's will continue to grow only in relation to the gift of self of its parishioners. Our Lord has abundantly blessed each of us with unique qualities and characteristics. Allow the grace of Christ to shine forth through your gift of self to not only the parish and the diocese but to the whole of creation.

¹ Gn.41:39-46

² Mt. 25:14-30

³ Pope Benedict XVI, *The Transforming Power of Faith* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2013) pg 30

⁴ Pope Benedict XVI, *The Transforming Power of Faith* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2013) pg 20

Cursillo Celebrates 40 Years in the Diocese of St. Augustine

by Tony Marinucci

The members of the St. Augustine Diocese Cursillo Movement gathered on Saturday morning October 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. John XXIII parish hall on the Christ the King Campus to begin a day of celebration honoring its 40th anniversary as a viable and active ministry within the diocese.

It also served as a welcome for the new members of Cursillo who had just completed the 111th men's weekend (men's first weekend was held in 1974) and the 110th women's weekend (women's first weekend was held in 1975). Participation in a weekend is a prerequisite for one to become a member of the Cursillo Movement. The recent weekends hosted some 50 men and women attendees from parishes throughout the Diocese.

The Cursillo weekend focuses on showing Christian lay people how to become effective Christian leaders by providing a foundation for each attendee to live what is fundamental for being a Christian - the love of God and love of Neighbor, (the first and second commandments) and to serve God accordingly. And to practice evangelization as the Catholic Church has commissioned each of us to pursue in order to strengthen, not only the Church, but society as a whole.

The weekend includes fifteen talks, some given by priests and some by lay people. The major emphasis of the weekend is to ask participants to take what they have learned back into the world and go forth to serve the Lord and transform the environments in which they live (home, neigh-

borhood, church, work) into a God-loving, God-fearing environment pleasing to God.

The Cursillo weekend is that method which provides the basis for after-the-weekend—4th-day transformation* by continuing to reinforce and strengthen personal, spiritual development acquired during the weekend. Weekly small group meetings are for the purpose of sharing with each other the precepts of piety, study and action. Each person in the group discusses what he or she accomplished during the preceding week and how they affected the environments in which each one is a part.

We are all called to continue our life's journey by actively participating in furthering our spiritual life through ministries offered by the Church. Cursillo is such a ministry that will strengthen your spiritual life while enjoying camaraderie with other members of Cursillo and accomplish what the Lord has asked of each one of us - to spread the gospel.

Come and join us and participate in the next Cursillo retreats to be held in February 2015. One weekend will be the men's weekend and another will be the women's weekend.

*After-the-weekend - 4th-day transformation is the rest of your life...

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Sisters of St. Joseph Celebrate Jubilee

Some came from faraway lands, others a little more close by. Either way, they came with a purpose and a mission that has lasted decades and touched the lives of thousands. On October 18, at 10:00 a.m., five Sisters of St. Joseph were honored at a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Augustine, celebrated by Bishop Estevez. Hundreds of people from all over the state of Florida and beyond came to honor their teachers, mentors, friends and family.

Sister St. Margaret Zapf, SSJ

Sister St. Margaret was born in Miami, FL on July 15, 1917, to Max and Elva (Kilgore) Zapf. The fourth child of eight, she was baptized Helen Florence Henrica.

Sister was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph and was inspired by them to contemplate a call to religious life. Her discernment led her to enter the Congregation on September 15, 1934, in St. Augustine. Sister speaks of her great joy and gratitude to God for calling her to "His Service."

In 1938, Sister began her ministry among God's "little ones" and continued in the teaching ministry for forty years throughout the state of Florida.

Sister St. Margaret earned a B.S. Degree at Barry University (Miami Shores) and an equivalency Masters in Religion from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, and St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

From 1958 – 1965 Sister was missioned in Puerto Rico and taught grade school and music. Returning to the United States, she continued teaching and took on the responsibilities of Coordinator of Religion/Liturgical Music in the parish and school. Coming full circle, Sister eventually began ministry at her home parish of Gesu.

In 1981, Sister arrived at Mercy Hospital (Miami) to begin a third life-ministry of pastoral care. That year she earned her C.P.E. at Methuen, Massachusetts, and completed the second unit at Mercy.

Sister presently resides at Our Lady of Lourdes Convent in St. Augustine where she continues her ministry of Centering Prayer and community assistance.



Sister Noreen O'Connor, SSJ

It was September 1939, when "Nan" O'Connor left her homeland in Ireland for the missions of Florida. The third child in a family of eight, Nan attended the Presentation Convent in Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland. During her school days in Ireland, she grew to love Sister Michael. "I owe my vocation to her," Sister recalls.

Nan always dreamed of going to the foreign missions. Nan traveled to Killarney for an interview with Sister Chrysostom. Within weeks she was on a ship heading to Florida. Sister never looked back. She enjoyed the blessings of her teaching career to the fullest, teaching first grade up and down the east coast of Florida, and also serving as principal of St. Juliana's School in West Palm Beach for six years.

While many young people were in her care over the years, her heart was especially touched by the children of St. Mary's Home in Jacksonville, where she served as the administrator with sweetness and gentleness.

For over 30 years Sister served as the remedial teacher at Sacred Heart School, Lake Worth. Both at Sacred Heart and St. Edward's parishes where she lived, Sister was delighted to assist with First Communion classes.

Though she now resides at All Saints Nursing Home in Jacksonville, Sister Noreen embraces her ministry of prayer and rejoices in the graces of 75 years in the Lord's service.

Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick, SSJ

Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick was born in 1926 in Queens County, New York, and educated in the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Brooklyn through the tenth grade. Sister completed high school as a resident at St. Joseph Academy, St. Augustine, in 1944. Following graduation, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph, and professed her final vows in 1950.

Over the past seventy years, she has ministered at St. Joseph Academy; Cathedral Parish School, St. Augustine; St. Theresa School and Notre Dame Academy in Miami; Bishop Kenny High School and St. Paul School (Riverside) in Jacksonville, and St. Peter Claver School in Tampa. Sister also served as president of St. Joseph College in Jensen Beach from 1970-72. She was then called to leadership in the Congregation as General Superior through 1978.

Sister completed a Specialist Degree at Florida Atlantic University in 1979 and returned to teaching. With many positions to her credit, Sister is most fondly remembered as "teacher" by her students and "mother" to the boarders at the Academy in St. Augustine. In 2000, she was appointed archivist for the Congregation. In 2007, she authored and published BEYOND THE CALL, a history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine.

Currently, Sister is the curator of the O'Reilly House Museum, located at 32 Aviles St., St. Augustine.



Sisters of St. Joseph Celebrates Jubilee

Sister Josephine Marie Melican, SSJ



Sister Josephine Marie (Dorothy “Dot” Melican) was born in San Diego, California, to James Patrick and Cordelia Melican. In 1950 Sister was enrolled at St. Joseph Academy (known as 7th and Market) for her freshman and sophomore years. When Bishop Kenny opened in 1952, the Academy was closed, and the students were transferred to BK, where she finished her junior and senior years.

Upon graduation in 1954, she entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph, which was located in Jensen Beach.

In 1956, she began teaching elementary grades in St. Petersburg, Hollywood, Miami, and St. Augustine; in 1965, she was assigned to Immaculata High School in Miami. In 1969, she was asked to consider going into the field of gerontology. After receiving her Master’s at Columbia University, NY, in 1971, she became the Administrator of All Saints Home, where she remained for ten years. During the next few years, she was missioned at Mercy Hospital, Miami; Port St. Lucie, and Florida Manor Nursing Home, Orlando. In 1995 she was called to St. Augustine, where she became Coordinator of Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, the residence for our retired, frail, and ill Sisters. In 2005, she went to St. Joseph’s Convent, Miami, for five years, and returned to Lourdes in 2010 as administrator/coordinator.

Presently Sister is living at St. Joseph Convent, Orlando, and ministering in St. Margaret Mary Parish in Winter Park (Orlando).



Sister Margaret Jeanne Keller



A native Floridian, Sister Margaret Jeanne Keller was born in Miami to Victor and Margaret Keller. Sister was educated in parochial schools, attending St. Mary’s School in Miami and Notre Dame Academy, where she was a member of the first graduating class.

Sister had thought nursing would be her career; but God had other plans, namely the field of education. Sister Margaret Jeanne taught for 25 years in schools throughout Florida. She was principal at St. Stephen School in Miramar for 10 years, challenging the staff and students to personal wholeness. Sister received both her Bachelor and Master Degrees from Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

A compassionate heart and listening ear were strong threads in her “tapestry,” especially while serving as Administrator of Lourdes Convent (our congregational retirement/infirmiry community) for 8 years. She served as Spiritual and Retreat Director at St. John Neumann Retreat Center in Tallahassee for 7 years. Sister also ministered for 10 years in the Diocese of Palm Beach, as Pastoral Minister at St. Edward Church and as Episcopal Delegate for Religious. In 2012, Sister Margaret Jeanne returned to St. Augustine to serve as an assistant at Villa Flora – Brown Hall Renewal Center and to assist at Our Lady of Lourdes Convent. Presently, Sister is the Coordinator of Our Lady of Lourdes Convent. Sister continues to serve the Congregation as Directress of Affiliates, working with women who are discerning God’s call to religious life, and mentoring women in the Postulancy.



In Memory of Sister Marie Therese Evrard, SSJ April 29, 1925 —August 15, 2014

“Sister Marie Therese discovered Jesus Christ as her treasure, as her Beloved. The joy of this encounter remained within her at all times. As a musician, she led many to encounter the joy of believing. She sang with her whole being in a passionate way, because she was passionately in love with the Lord. “

Bishop Felipe Estévez St. Augustine



Seeds of Faith

by Deidre Hicks

Christ the King's seventh grade students have developed their own non-profit organization called Seeds of Faith. With guidance from their teachers, Seeds of Faith operates a business to grow and then donate fresh vegetables to L'Arche Harbor House residents. The students act as business executives, marketing and accounting personnel, and as farmers.

Some of the students recently gave speeches and a video presentation after all of the Masses to share the Seeds of Faith business mission with the parish. At the October school board meeting, Father Boddie expressed satisfaction at how articulate and poised the students were while giving their speeches. Thanks to all who gave generously at Mass, Seeds of Faith was able to raise almost \$400 to help with maintenance of the gardens. Donations are still welcome.

The garden beds are located between the school buildings behind the media center. Currently, the beds are overflowing with zucchini squash and radishes. At the October 25th Green Apple Day of Service, four new planter beds were added to help increase the bounty. There are now a total of seven planter beds.

The following is an abridged version of the speeches written and presented by our students.

Seeds of Faith is a seventh grade year-long science, history and math project. We grow food and then we will be donating all the food we raise to Harbor House.

Our mission is to use our efforts to benefit others, run a successful corporation, do our best to be outstanding Christians, grow crops to help others, and use our faith for a greater purpose.

Our project started in sixth grade. We all had to make a resume and apply for one of five different jobs. The jobs we were able to choose from included corporate, marketing, accounting, research and development and farmers. Then our supervisors (Mrs. Gagnon, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Moneyhan) picked a position for each of us. Now we run our company and work hard every day to

make it better.

We all have many responsibilities. Our corporate jobs include our president, vice president, and secretary and they are the business managers. Marketing takes care of advertising and presentations. Accounting is in charge of budgeting and keeping track of all our finances. Research and Development plans crop rotations, square foot gardening, and pest control. Farmers are in charge of planting, harvesting and maintaining our crops. We all work together to have an amazing business.

We have recently formed a partnership with L'Arche Harbor House. Harbor House is a home started in Canada in 1964 for people with intellectual disabilities. It has grown into a worldwide organization with 137 homes. This is our first year partnered with Harbor House. We both have a similar goal...to help others in a Christian way. All our crops will go to Harbor House. We would also like to work on building raised beds so they can have a garden as well. Then we would work to help them maintain their garden.



Small School, Big Dreams

by Deidre Hicks

For the past couple of years, Christ the King has been readying itself to potentially become one of the first official STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) schools in all of Florida. Currently, the Florida Department of Education (DOE) is developing standards that schools will need to meet to become a certified STEM school by the DOE.

Christ the King has been partnering with other respected institutions to ensure that it will be ready to meet the standards soon after they are released. We have worked closely with UNF. Due to Principal Stephanie Chinault's request, the Director of Notre Dame University's STEM Institute, Dr. Matt Kloser, led a Visioning Session on November 5 for Christ the King and other organizations.

Christ the King is no stranger to academic excellence. In 2010, our small school was awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award. To be named one of the first official STEM schools in the state would be another very big feather in our cap!

The following is a brief description of the various improvements and ongoing projects the school has undertaken to achieve its lofty goal:

Recent Facility Improvements

Thanks to a very generous donation, the school was able to make these updates this past summer:

The old library and computer lab were redesigned into a state-of-the-art Media Center which includes a TV production studio, large monitors around the room for iPad, computer and video display, iPad charging stations and more. And yes, there are still books.

There is now a brand-new science lab located in the fourth grade classroom. It will be used by the fourth and fifth grade to conduct experiments. This is in addition to the lab in the middle school building. The classes will also be utilizing the new solar panels installed on the Green Apple Day of Service to charge iPads.

Ongoing Projects

Planter beds maintained by first grade.

Daily Weather Monitoring by third grade.

Outdoor Classroom - Located behind the Vietnamese Building, this outdoor classroom has seats made out of tree trunks, an observation deck that looks out onto Strawberry Creek, walking paths that go past a fox den and markers for the flora and fauna. It is truly a one-of-a-kind experience that will be able to be used by all grades for hands-on learning.

As stated above, newly installed solar panels will allow for iPad charging by fourth grade. Elementary students share the use of iPads for various assignments. All middle school students lease their own iPads for the school year. Much of their work is completed on the iPads. All middle school students conduct their own science fair experiments. Many go on and place at the Regional Science Fair each year.

Long-Term Projects

Strawberry Creek Research

Once a week, sixth grade students walk to Strawberry Creek to monitor and record the creek's tides, wildlife activity and overall health. This project is in its third year of study.

Seeds of Faith

Per the other Seeds of Faith article, seventh grade students form their own non-profit corporation. With guidance from their teachers, Seeds of Faith operates a business to grow and then donate fresh vegetables to L'Arche Harbor House residents. The students act as business executives, marketing and accounting personnel and farmers.

Science Club

Middle school students can participate in a weekly science club to complete various projects. Most recently, they built a terrarium for the fourth and fifth grade science lab. In February, they will participate in a Science Festival sponsored by MOSH and the Jacksonville Zoo.

Green Apple Day of Service

For two years in a row, CTK has been participating in the Green Apple Day of Service. Last year, due to our overwhelming participation, we won a \$500 grant. Hopefully, this year we can repeat that honor.

This is the third year that the school has hosted an extracurricular Lego-Robotics Club. One of the unused rooms has been transformed into a Lego Robotics paradise. We have different sessions for elementary and older students.

As you can see from this long list of accomplishments, Christ the King is well on the path to realizing its dream of becoming one of the first official STEM certified schools in Florida.

Diocese of St. Augustine Catholic School 450th Celebration

by Stephanie Chinault

On October 29, 2014, Christ the King Catholic School celebrated the anniversary of its founding within the Diocese of St. Augustine. It was a joyful event.

Four hundred and fifty years ago, on September 8, 1565, moments after forces led by Pedro Menendez landed in what is now St. Augustine, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales celebrated Mass. One historian has described the scene as follows: "Amid the booming of artillery and the blast of trumpets the standard of Castile and Leon was unfurled. The chaplain, Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, carrying a cross and followed by Spanish troops, proceeded to meet the general who advanced to the cross. He kissed the cross on bended knee, as did those of his staff. The solemn Mass of Our Lady's Nativity was then offered." After the Mass, Father Grajales began work on the mission church he named Nombre de Dios – Name of God.

This year we will participate in a year-long celebration of the anniversary of the first permanent established parish in the United States, St. Augustine's Cathedral Parish. This is the place where Christianity first flourished in the United States. It is also the 450th anniversary of the founding of the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine.

St. Augustine wrote a book entitled *Confessions*. St. Augustine wrote "You touch me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."

This quote sets the theme for our Diocesan schools' 450th Anniversary Celebration. The symbolism of fire and treasure represents the gift of faith and knowledge our students have received in Catholic schools.

Beginning with the first Catholic school founded in the Diocese of St. Augustine 139 years ago, St. Joseph Academy, students, teachers, parents, pastors and parishioners will participate in a devotional ceremony. The intent is for participants to realize the history and influences on the growth of our Church and Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

The symbol of fire and treasure will be represented in the form of a torch and treasure box, which will travel from school-to-school beginning in the order in which each Catholic school was founded. A special devotional will be celebrated. Schools will select a picture or symbol significant to the history or mission of the school. School ambassadors will present the selected item and place it in the treasure box. These new ambassadors will take the treasure box and torch and present them to the next school on the chronological list. Each Diocesan school will be visited by the previous Diocesan school, celebrate this devotional, and add their history to the treasure box.

A digital representation highlighting a school's participation in these devotional and other celebratory activities will be created and added to a book which will be presented to the Bishop at a Mass in April at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Ambassadors from each of the schools will participate in the Mass.



Student council president Marissa House and Vice President Aidan Webb accepting the cross and treasure box.



The actual Treasure Box



The item CTK placed in the box.

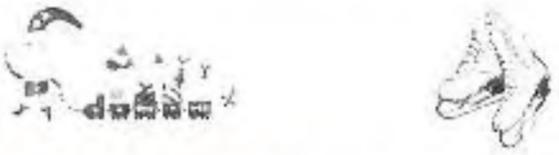


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- Ice-Skating
- Train rides with Santa
- Pictures with Santa
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For all of the details, such as schedule, pricing, pre-ordering Chicken Dinners, and signing up to volunteer, visit www.ctkcatholic.com/winterwonderland





Bishop Kenny representatives deliver the cross and treasure box.



Tim Talks

A thorough review of parish metrics (including data such as the number of baptisms, marriages, deaths, RCIA and Religious Education registrations, and sacrificial giving trends over the past decade) was part of the process.

All of this information was used to determine the current health of our parish community, and to gain insight into what fellow parishioners see as the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities for improvement, and potential threats. This data is currently being used to identify goals and objectives that will become a focus for the entire community over the next five years.

Without your honest feedback or your willingness to participate in focus groups and surveys, formulating a strategic plan that is relevant and meaningful would have been impossible. As the plan comes together, it has been the goal of this committee to make sure that the final product is a reflection of the input you have provided. This is your parish, and this is your plan.

As we head into 2015, we will begin the implementation and tracking of the Pastoral Plan. Once again, we will need your assistance in helping us to stay on track in achieving our goals and meeting the objectives laid out in the plan. We will also need volunteers who are willing to join us in the implementation process. This is your opportunity to have a hand in helping us to stay on task with the strategic initiatives we have developed throughout this process in order to assure success.

The Pastoral Planning Committee would like to thank each of you for participating in the formation process. Now that we are coming to the end of putting together the blueprint for the future of our parish community, the work of setting this plan in motion becomes the priority, and once again, your help is needed.

This is where the rubber meets the road, and the plan takes action. If you are interested in being a part of the process, assisting in rolling the plan out and assuring success, please reach out and let me know. Contact the rectory, or you can email me directly (fbtjax@gmail.com). We will gladly accept any assistance!

Finally, I personally want to thank the dedicated volunteers who have been involved in this process from the start. Their dedication to putting together a plan that is both relevant and meaningful has been an inspiration. The information we have obtained over the past year has been sobering at times, but the mindset of the committee has remained focused on helping our parish community to overcome the challenges and to continue to thrive long into the future.

Thank you to Susan Riker, Frank Japour, Chris Hildreth, Carol-Ann Black, Tony Marinucci, Ed Wey, Kelli Moneyhan, Steve Franklin, and Eleanor Dioso for all of your hard work in this effort. A special thank you to Father James Boddie for providing the spiritual guidance, and pastoral insight into this process.

Over the past eighteen months or so, a small group of dedicated parishioners and parish staff have been working diligently on a process that would ultimately lay out a roadmap for our parish for the next five years. We are currently compiling the data we have received, and will soon publish the Pastoral Plan for Christ the King.

Throughout this process, we have asked parishioners to provide input, starting with a census we conducted earlier this year, and continuing with extensive surveying of the entire parish community including the general population, all ministries, the school, child care center, affiliated organizations, and former parishioners.

We have hosted multiple town hall and focus group meetings to dig deeper into what people think about our parish, what we do well, and where we need to improve.

That Man Is You! Begins Its Second Year of Serving the Men of the Parish.

by Tony Marinucci

That Man Is You! began its second year on September 11, 2014 after coming off a "banner" first year. The sessions are held every Thursday beginning at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 7:30 a.m. in the Vietnamese Cultural Center on the Christ the King campus.

The program has become one of the fastest growing men's programs with over 475 parishes and 25,000 registered men participating in 42 states, Canada, New Zealand and England. Last year at this time there were 400 parishes and 20,000 men. The growth speaks for the tremendous acceptance and success of the That Man Is You! program. And our Christ the King program was somewhat instrumental in two parishes beginning their own That Man Is You! programs and another parish committed to come on board in September 2015. Evangelization in Action!

Paradisus Dei provides the That Man Is You! program to Christ the King Parish free of charge. It is provided to men attending at no cost other than a love offering towards the middle of the 13 sessions that make up the semester of sessions. And the parish, in order to conduct the program, provides the accommodations, food and refreshments at no cost to the participants other than a "love offering" for the food and refreshments provided at each session. And based upon the acceptance and response received, the parish is fully committed to continue the program.

Men are invited to attend any session at any time. The theme of this year's semester is "The Battle over the Family" presented over 13 consecutive Thursdays beginning September 11 and ending December 11.

The sessions will consider the current societal program of attacking the modern man and his family. This semester's program is centered on searching for and coming up with practical means for transforming the family home into the foundation for the renewal of society through the renewal of family values.

By way of the media, most of us are aware that the problem of children living in a fatherless home or fathers that are marginally present in the home is growing at an alarming rate in our country and throughout the world.

We, as men, have the responsibility of preserving the family unity not only because we, as Catholics, are taught that responsibility but it is also our responsibility for the preservation of society as dictated by God himself through the popes and the Catholic Church.

The sessions will help men to experience a renewed sense of purpose in combating the attack upon the family, create a more harmonious family home life and help realize the dignity and beauty of the most beautiful union ever bestowed upon man by God – the union of man and woman.

By attending the sessions, you will exhibit to your loved ones the manly art of caring and receive their blessing for attending to what is at this moment the most critical need in all of society - the preservation of the family and its values.

Come and join your Brothers in Christ and receive the blessing of the Lord.

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Knights of Columbus Military Scholarship Program

by Frank Becht, PGK

In 2011, the Knights of Columbus established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians to become Catholic chaplains to serve the men and women in uniform. At that time, approximately 280 were available when the need was for over 800.

In 2002, Dennis J. Stoddard was appointed as a Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus. Dennis has a long history of serving the needs of others in our country, Church and community. He served in the Marine Corps and then with the Jacksonville Sheriff's office for 27 years, where he became a Certified Criminal Justice instructor. After retiring from the Sheriff's office, Dennis taught physical education at Christ the King School, served as a Eucharistic Minister, Treasurer of the School Advisory Board and a member of the Parish Council.

In 1977, Dennis became a member of Council 4727, climbed the chairs and became Grand Knight from 1982-84. He then became involved in various state positions and was elected State Deputy from 1999-2001. In the various state positions Dennis was instrumental in incorporating Knights of Columbus programs. With all of these accomplishments, it is understandable that The Supreme Council would call upon Dennis to become a Supreme Director and to take charge of developing the Military Chaplain Scholarship Program.

Dennis and his wife Linda have continued as members of Christ the King Parish and he is currently the acting Vocations Coordinator. It is with this background that Dennis encourages the men of the Parish to consider becoming Knights and that families encourage their young men, ages 14-18 to join the Council Squire Program after which they may become full-fledged Knights.

Dennis has submitted the following Scholarship report. Further to the Order's 5-year (2011-2015) commitment of \$1 million to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services and its co-sponsored program, I am pleased to announce that we have to date (first three years) received donations of \$871,680.59 for our military chaplains program.

Background:

The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program was created as a formal relationship between the American Military Services and cooperating U.S.

dioceses and religious communities to encourage men to pursue priesthood in the U.S. military and throughout the Church by supporting vocations drawn largely from the armed forces.

The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program financially supports men who show evidence of a vocation to priestly ministry in the armed forces. Contractually, co-sponsored means that the Archdiocese for the Military Services and the seminarians' home dioceses or religious communities agree to share equally the cost of all seminary related expenses, with the understanding that the man will serve as an active duty military chaplain upon graduation from seminary, ordination, and completion of at least three (3) years of priestly ministry with his diocese or religious community.

The Knights of Columbus has for many years enjoyed an unmatched friendship with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, and I am delighted that we can extend our legacy of support through this important program to support both seminarians and the military, two causes near and dear to the hearts of all Knights. Many of our Christ the King parish members have donated to this program and we now see the fruits of their generosity.

Since the inception of our program 9 co-sponsored priests have been ordained and are serving our military and another 38 men have entered the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program. We have several men who are pursuing acceptance into a seminary and then into the program. In addition we have an additional 12 men who are in various chaplaincy candidate programs but are not co-sponsored at this time.

My goal is to raise the \$129,000 balance of our \$1 million commitment this year, which would close out our campaign one year earlier than expected.

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Knightly News

by Frank Becht, PGK, and Nick Klepac

First Friday Mass - on September 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the hall, Mass was celebrated by Father Richard Perko. Father had a great homily and joined us for a delicious "Sloppy Joe" dinner. On October 4, the Council was honored to have Father Xaviour, new parochial vicar at Christ the King, say Mass at the hall.

Coffee and Donuts - Our Council made a commitment to Christ the King to help serve coffee and donuts on the first Sunday of the month after the 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Brother John Lewis supervises this ministry.

Road Cleanup - the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Lone Star road and Townsend Blvd, the Knights conduct a road cleanup of Lone Star road westward to Lillian Rd; under the direction of Mike Stirna.

Knights of Brotherly Care - After John Porter assumed leadership of Brotherly Care the first of 2014, there has been considerable activity in visiting the sick and homebound members and families of Council 4727 during our monthly visits. Brothers John Porter, Frank Becht, John Molloseau, and Joe Bosovick attended Mass September 13 at Resurrection and then visited Mickey Moneyhan and family, Fran Parish, Grace Berkey, and Marge Yarborough.

Right to Life Chain - Approximately 150 parishioners including Knights from Resurrection and Christ the King attended the Right to Life Chain on Atlantic Boulevard October 5. This was one of seven "life chains" held in the Jacksonville area and well over 1,500 built in America and Canada.

Family Dinner/Movie Night - October baby - on September 23, the Knights cooked up some hotdogs, popcorn and fixings and watched "October Baby" at the hall, a wonderful movie to start our 40 Days for Life trek.

Christ the King Country Store Cookout - the Knights cooked hamburgers and hotdogs November 7 in support of our school.

Feast of Christ the King - the Knights will cook breakfast for all morning masses at Christ the King November 23. Come out and join us for breakfast and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King!

Shall We Dance? - The Knights are hosting an evening of fun November 22 at the hall. Social Affair Dance Studio will be teaching us how to dance. It will be a night of fun with light hors d'oeuvres being served. Proceeds will go to our seminarians. Space is limited; \$5 for K of C 4727 Knights and their families, or \$8 for non-members. If you are interested in joining us, call Maryellen Bell at 655-8250.



Doc Broome Ball - the 47th annual event was held Saturday, September 27, at Christ the King Kingdome. Entertainment was provided by Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue. It was a bring-your-own-bottle affair with food, setups, and snacks provided. There were numerous drawings for door prizes and a "Jacksonville Jaguars" quilt donated by Bernie Klepac. The big raffle was for a one-week resort vacation in the Smoky Mountains, a portable 3500 watt generator, a 40" HDTV and a Blue-Ray Player. A special dance was held for participants married over 50 years: Jim and Mary Ann Middleton, married for 61 years were the highlighted couple. Past Grand Knight Butch Ferrizzi hosted this very successful event attended by over 200 people.



Holy Rosary Procession and Mass - held October 4 at Christ the King beginning at 8:00 a.m. Knights in full regalia participated in the procession and Mass, which was followed by a luncheon



Forty Days for Life - on several days the Knights of Columbus and several parishes participated in Forty Days for Life by saying the rosary/Divine Mercy chaplet at the Women's Choice at 4131 University Blvd. South. We wish to thank our good priests for leading us in prayer:

9/24/14	Father Denis O'Shaughnessy
9/25/14	Father Edward Murphy
9/26/14	Father George Maniangattu
9/26/14	Father Rene Roberts
9/27/14	Father Xaviour

Mary Queen of Heaven
Immaculate Conception
Holy Family
Retired
Christ the King

Knightly News



Annual Memorial Mass - the annual Memorial Mass was held on Friday, November 7, at the hall. The Mass was celebrated by Father Boddie, Jr., Christ the King pastor and our Chaplain; concelebrated with Father Xaviour, Christ the King parochial vicar. Following the Mass, a special service was held honoring our deceased brothers and K'Cees. A special reception followed the Mass and Memorial.



PBJ's for the Soup Kitchen - scheduled for November 28, Nick and Bernie Klepac will hold their quarterly PBJ Friday night. With ample help, the crew will make over 600 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in about an hour or more for the St. Francis Soup Kitchen to hand out to the homeless on Saturday. After making the sandwiches, the crew closes the event by going for pizza.



Bunko Night - the K'Cees hosted their second Bunko Night at the Knight's hall October 25. About 30 players enjoyed the "throwing of dice" game, friendship, appetizers, sandwiches, and dessert. A rather late night; no one wanted to stop playing!



Family Mini-Golf Tournament - the third annual tournament was held September 14 at Adventure Landing on Beach Blvd. Brother David McClellan was the event director. Many participants and various activities made this a successful event with proceeds going to the Seminarians from Christ the King and Resurrection.



Ladies Appreciation Night - Held October 18 at the Riverside club at the top of the Wells Fargo building, downtown Jacksonville. What a view! A great evening, starting with all the men presenting roses to their ladies and thanking them for all they do. Wonderful food, great conversation and fellowship.



Veterans Day – 2014

by Paul Ghiotto

“A-ten-hut! There are Veterans present in our church community! Welcome home, Vets! Thanks for serving your country!” And a BIG “Thank you” to those serving in Reserve, Guard, and active duty units today! Our Country is forever in your debt.

Veterans Day 2014 gratefully acknowledges the sacrifices made by America’s military veterans and the families that have stood behind them and continue to support them.

So how does one become a veteran? Every veteran has a different story to tell. Here’s a portion of my story.

As high school juniors all males in Duval County schools were given the armed forces entrance exam. Principals were told it would be a good practice exam for the SAT. Once the scores came back recruiters descended upon those who could walk and chew gum at the same time. The Naval Reserve offered a 2X6 program – one year delayed entry while attending drills, two years active duty, and three more years of drilling afterwards. Since college was going to be on my nickel I figured I’d join. I knew I’d do well on the NROTC exam and figured that my joining the Reserves would show my undying love for the sea service.

So there I was, a senior at Bishop Kenny High School in September, 1965. The Naval Reserve recruiter was telling my parents what a great move I was about to make. Since I was still 17 my parents needed to sign the enlistment papers. My Dad, a WWII Navy vet signed quickly, my mom not so fast. Dad told Mom: “Hon, go ahead and sign. Tom Hartley (the recruiter) and I were in the Reserves together. He knows what he’s doing.” My Mom replied: Maybe so, but our son could go to war!” “Whoa, Nelly (I was thinking), what’s that, Mom?” Two years later I was aboard a Navy cruiser heading for Vietnam. Mothers can be so intuitive!

One problem. My eyesight uncorrected – I wore eyeglasses – was too poor to be accepted into NROTC as I was informed by a Navy corpsman at his office on Riverside Avenue (about where the Yates YMCA is today). This I discovered after joining the USNR and aced the ROTC test at JU.

Hello! I learned my first Navy lesson: the recruiter’s job is to get you, it’s someone else’s job to keep you!



At my first drill I was told that if I accrued a total of 20 years of active/reserve service that at age 60 I would qualify for a pension for life. “60 (!?)”, I said. “I’m still trying to make it to 18! My Dad’s only 48!” So here I am, age 66, an authentic veteran on a Reserve pension. Recruiters can be so intuitive!

Joining the military quickly takes one away from the comfort of one’s peer group at home. Talk to military veterans and one of the best memories most have and miss most is the camaraderie they enjoyed with friends they made while in the service. Despite the hardships of training, separation from loved ones, dangerous assignments, etc. what keeps most going is the shared experience and the humor that can always be found in any situation.

As Dorothy famously said: “There’s no place like home!” Every service veteran looks forward to coming home. When my uncle, Ronald Ghiotto, returned from the Korean War where he was an Army artilleryman, he

decided to surprise his parents and not tell them he was coming home. Arriving at his parents’ home at 23rd and Main Street in Jacksonville in the dark at a very early a.m. hour, he found the front door locked. This was something his parents hadn’t done before. Lacking a key he picked up some pebbles and began tossing them at his parents’ upstairs bedroom window. Eventually the window was pushed up and from inside a gruff voice demanded: “Who’s throwing rocks at my window?” Sgt. Ghiotto replied: “Dad, is that you?” My grandfather answered back: “Who the hell else would be in your mother’s room at this time of night!?”

I read recently that since September 11, 2001 that more than five million people have served in the U. S. military with almost half having joined since that fateful day. It’s nice to know that America’s sons and daughters are still willing to put their lives on the line for us and defend the freedoms we hold so dear.

Attend and enjoy the parade this year on Tuesday, November 11.

(note: The handsome sailor in the picture above is my late Dad, Joseph Ghiotto, Navy Petty Officer, Second Class, Baker, 1944)

The Pharisees—The Bad Guys???

by Yolanda Cerqueira



Were the Pharisees really the bad guys or have they just been given a bum rap? My attention was called to this one morning in late August while reading the commentary on Matthew’s Gospel 23:13-22 from The Word Among Us.

Who exactly were the Pharisees? My impression was that they were the people who went around trying to make life miserable for Jesus; however Jesus always managed to outwit them. This only frustrated them more; so they tried harder to trick Jesus into saying something that would give them the opportunity to arrest him and end his growing popularity. The Pharisees were fearful of him; they felt that He was causing them to lose their status in the community. This they could not allow. All of this being said, I still wanted to know when the Pharisees came on the scene and what was their role in Jewish life?

When one reads the New Testament the thought arises as to whether it is fair to the Pharisees. They definitely are not shown as people to be admired. It would not be remiss to say they were narrow-minded legalists. Nothing gave them greater pleasure than to try to bait

Jesus. Jesus referred to them on several occasions as “hypocrites, brood of vipers, and money lovers.”

Even today the word “pharisee” has a negative meaning. If you look in Webster’s Dictionary (1984 edition) you would find the words self-righteous, sanctimonious, among other unfavorable terms.

So is there anything good that could be said about the Pharisees? Did they do anything right and should all the Pharisees be grouped together? To answer that we must go back about 160 BC. The Maccabean Revolt had just taken place. At that time the area had been under Greek control and it must be stated with strong emphasis that the Greeks had a profound effect on the thinking and the culture of the Jewish people.

We are not exactly sure when the Pharisees came on the scene but we do know that they were formed in opposition to some of the beliefs that the Maccabeans held. Even though the Maccabean rulers had rid the land of Greek control, they became rather lax leaders as time went on. The Pharisees wanted to adhere to the laws of Moses while the Maccabeans began to take on the pagan Greek practices even though they had ousted them from the area. Greek art and literature were greatly admired. The writings of the Greek philosophers continued to influence many people. The magnificent temple in Jerusalem that King Herod built had all the markings of an Hellenistic temple with its courts surrounded by porticoes with Corinthian columns. Most surprising was to learn that the upper classes were the ones who most copied the culture of the Greeks. The gymnasium was a big hit with the wealthy and at that time one did

not wear clothes in the gyms. Even today it is the wealthy and the celebrities who initiate new fashions and ideas.

The Pharisees definitely should be given credit for wanting to keep the tenets of the Jewish faith pure. It began as a religious movement for laymen and was not political. Even though the Pharisees and Jesus were constantly at odds with each other it was very interesting to learn that Jesus and the Pharisees held many beliefs in common. They both had very high moral standards and ideals of perfection. Each of them taught the Golden Rule and both were crusaders in helping the poor. The Pharisees clung strongly to the belief that a Messiah was coming to save their people but unfortunately their passion for the Law clouded their vision of the possibility that God was offering them something new through Jesus. The Pharisees also strongly believed in an afterlife and a resurrection which is what Jesus taught his followers.

At the time of Jesus the Pharisees were educated and studied the Scriptures and taught the Jewish people how to follow God’s laws. They certainly started out with the right motives and were packed full of good intentions. So what happened?

Why were they called hypocrites and brood of vipers by Jesus? For many of them, but not all, they practiced the tenets of the law but the spirit of the law (mercy, love, kindness) was so sadly missing. Some of us today act as a “pharisee” when we do not practice what we preach or when we close our hearts to what God may be offering us personally. I suppose there is a little bit of “pharisee” in all of us starting with this writer. It gives one pause to think —



The Sounds of Music



Snap! Crackle! Pop! These are all sounds that many of us will remember were the trademark of the childhood cereal Rice Krispies. For anyone sitting in the pews lately, you've also noticed that these sounds have become the noises we hear from our beloved organ. I'd like to add to the list "hum, buzz, hiss, boom, click, and clack" (believe me, I can go on). It's become increasingly clear to anyone attending Mass at Christ the King that the organ is not in good shape. Preventative maintenance did not happen over the years, and things have now snowballed to a point in which a simple fix is not an option. The organ, which is an electronic instrument (not a wind-blown pipe organ) is 20 years old. Technology simply wasn't that great back then, and most of the major digital components that make the instrument work have reached their full life expectancy. Even if we were to "fix" it, we would be simply getting it back to 1994 standards. We've looked and researched every option possible, and replacement is the only cost-efficient method. We are charged with being good stewards of our resources, and the best choice is to start new rather than continue to pour money into an unreliable instrument.

Many of you have asked me "Why are we buying a used organ?" This is a valid question. Allow me to clarify. The organ that has been selected to be installed is the instrument from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in South Florida. It was donated to the hall by a private donor. The hall, however, never really wanted an organ. When the donor died, the hall almost immediately contacted the local Allen Organ dealer to come and get it. During its time at the center, it was played

a grand total of six times. It was played in a dedication recital, two more organ recitals, and three times with the local symphony orchestra. It's spent the majority of its life backstage. At the time of its installation, it was one of the most technologically advanced digital organs ever produced, boasting Allen Organ's newest technology to accurately reproduce real pipe organ sounds. When Dunne Music took possession of the instrument, they immediately had the computer boards updated to current specifications and they also had the amplifiers rebuilt. The audio system on the organ is also new. So, in essence, this organ is brand new. It has high quality wooden keyboards and several other custom console features, including a rolling platform that

allows the organ to be easily moved around for concerts and other functions. All of this would cost us over \$350,000 in today's market if we had the organ built by Allen brand new. We are getting it for \$75,000. Again, that's the bargain of a lifetime. Plus, the organ comes with a full warranty for five years, the very same as Allen's brand new instruments. Allen Organ is the world's largest producer of digital church organs. It began using digital technology back in 1972, decades before any competing brand got the technology. Every part in an Allen Organ is manufactured and built by American workers in Allen's Macungie, Pennsylvania factory, which is still owned by the Markowitz family who

founded the company. Allen provides service for its oldest instruments, which are over 70 years old at this point. By investing in an instrument of this quality, Christ the King will have an instrument that it can rely on for generations to come. Many Allen organs that are significantly older than this one are playing each Sunday in Jacksonville churches and producing glorious music.

Many of you have also expressed concerns about the size of the instrument since it's coming out of a performing arts venue. I have described the new organ as being a "symphonic" instrument. Allow me to clarify this for a moment. The modern organs that we see in America are comprised of voices and sounds from many distinct schools of organ building. The most prominent are the German organs, French organs, and English organs. German organs are known for their clarity of tone and



bright sound, which allows the intricate music of Bach and his contemporaries to be played with clarity and precision. In the late 1800s and early 1900s in France, the infamous organ builder Aristide Cavallie-Coll revolutionized the art of organ building by producing the first truly symphonic organ. French organs are known for their deep and heavy foundation tones and fiery brilliant reeds. This produces an exciting effect in French romantic organ literature, such as Cesar Franck, Charles-Marie Widor, and Marcel Dupre. Across the English channel around the same time period, noted English organ builder Henry Willis developed an organ capable of brilliantly accompanying choirs and producing an orchestral sound. English organs are known for their heavy foundations, thin reeds, and many characteristic solo stops (flutes, oboes, English Horns, clarinets, trumpets, tubas, etc.). These organs are able to produce a wide variety of sound combinations which allow for excellent choral and instrumental accompaniments. American organs have borrowed from these three schools of building to try to produce a "middle ground" that could decently play everything. The organ at Christ the King right now is almost entirely German in design, so it limits the type of music that can be played on it. The new instrument reflects all of the above mentioned schools of organ building. It has a wider variety of sounds. These sounds rarely (if ever) get used together. The organ simply allows the organist more creativity in how to prepare a piece of music. There are more tonal options to better produce sounds fitting for worship and other events held at Christ the King. The voices and sounds I employ for hymns, for example, would in essence be unchanged from one organ to another. The new organ however provides me many different options for how to make a partic-

ular hymn sound, whereas our current instrument only gives me very limited possibilities. Many have asked "why the fourth keyboard?" The fourth keyboard is what controls the solo division of the organ (which our current organ does not even have). This includes those different "color" voices that I mentioned before plus a few others. These are grouped together on one division of the organ so that the organist can quickly access them versus if they were spread all across the instrument.

Another very important aspect regarding volume of the instrument is what we call "voicing." When a new pipe organ is installed in a church, every pipe must be regulated to the building in order for it to sound at an appropriate level and produce the desired tone. Digital organs have a similar method of installation. When the components of the organ are put in place, the process of voicing begins. Each individual stop (voice) is adjusted for volume and tone. The process can take days, but it is necessary to make sure that the new instrument will sound the best that it can in its new home. Organs, unlike any other instrument, rely very heavily on the room itself to determine its final sound. Coming into Christ the King and out of a 1900 seat stage, the organ is naturally going to be scaled back significantly. It is going to be a different sound than you are used to, but it will not be overwhelming by any means. You will hear more depth of sound owing to the more advanced technology driving this instrument. For those of you who are familiar with wind-blown pipe organs, you will hear a much more accurate reproduction of pipe sounds. Recently, I witnessed the installation of a new organ in First

Presbyterian Church downtown. They acquired a very large five-manual (keyboard) instrument from a Baptist Church in Texas (I guess everything really is bigger out there). First Presbyterian is about 60 percent of the size of Christ the King's main church building. Many of you are probably wondering how we didn't blow out the hundred-year-old stained glass the first time we turned the organ on. The answer, again, is voicing. We knew that we had a lot of organ that would fill the church with ease, so we knew that we would not need to overdo it as far as volume levels of the individual stops. The result is absolutely breathtaking. Because of the variety of sounds it can produce, the depth of the organ is unprecedented. In the very capable hands of the Allen Organ Company and Dunne Music, this installation of our new organ will be one of the most magnificent in the area.

I hope this has shed some light on the project to some of you. I am always available to talk and answer any questions you may have about the project. I thank those of you who have contributed toward the new organ. We still need another \$55,000 or so before our goal is realized and the organ can be delivered. So I ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation toward the campaign. Any donation, no matter how great or small, is highly appreciated and it shows Christ the King's long-term commitment to high quality sacred music.

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Compassionate Communication

A Guide for Compassionate Communication

TWENTY-ONE STRATEGIES FOR KEEPING THE PEACE

Submitted by Sue D'Orazio

Three Strategies for Beginning a Constructive Dialogue
 Six Strategies to Contain Disruptive Emotions
 Six Strategies to Improve Communication
 Six Strategies for Finding Creative Solutions

The first step in effective communication with anyone is to remain calm and relaxed.

Cardinal Rule: when it comes to dialoguing with others, anger *never* works.

Two nonnegotiable items that are essential when dealing with strong emotional issues are first, confrontations are by appointment only. Second, during the conversation, either person may call for a time-out at any time he or she chooses. This may last for a few minutes or several hours, even days, but it is the responsibility of the person who calls for the break to suggest a specific time to reconvene.

It is most important to adhere to the steps with the asterisks.

THREE STRATEGIES FOR BEGINNING A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

- * 1. Pick the right time.
- 2. Find the best location.
- * 3. Open the dialogue with kindness.

SIX STRATEGIES TO CONTAIN DISRUPTIVE EMOTIONS

- * 1. Avoid provocative language.
- * 2. Soften the tone of your voice.
- * 3. Don't blame.
- 4. Be aware of nonverbal communication.
- 5. Monitor your anger and recognize the danger zone.
- 6. Call for a time-out.

SIX STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

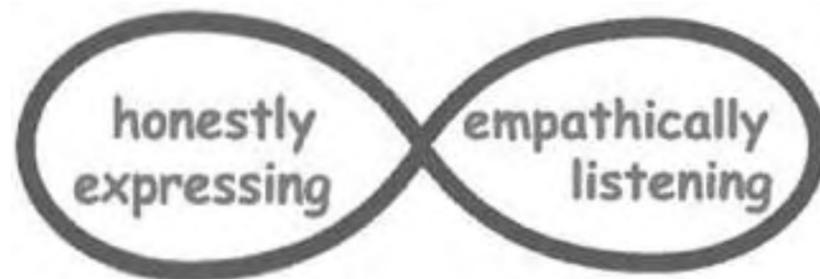
- 1. Be Specific.
- * 2. Show respect for your partner's point of view.
- 3. Take equal responsibility.
- * 4. Don't monopolize the conversation.
- 5. Ask for clarification.
- 6. Avoid mind-reading.

SIX STRATEGIES FOR FINDING CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 1. Search for constructive ideas.
- 2. Try brainstorming.
- 3. Sit with your problem for a week.
- 4. Implement your plan.
- * 5. Close with kindness.
- * 6. Get a progress report.

It is recommended that we post these strategies on our bathroom mirror or refrigerator and review them once a week. Personal relationships are complicated, but practicing these guidelines can help enhance human kindness and acceptance.

This information is only an outline for compassionate communication. It is copied with permission of the authors from a beautiful book titled **HOW GOD CHANGES YOUR BRAIN** by Andrew Newberg, M.D., a leading neuroscientist, and Mark Robert Waldman, a therapist.



Working in the Vineyard

by Yolanda Cerqueira

We are all probably familiar with the parable Matthew 9:35-38 in which Jesus goes around to the towns and villages teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing all manner of disease and illness. The crowds are large and Jesus is so touched by their needs that he says to the apostles, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

In the year 2014 the times might have changed but there are still many among us who are lost and feel abandoned by God. There may be some in our own families, the neighbor up the street, perhaps the person you pass entering or leaving church. These lonely souls are there just waiting for someone to reach out; that person could be you. That is why when you leave our church there is a big sign that says, "Entering the Mission Field."

One of our parishioners Charm Sauls had such an experience this summer and she used it to full advantage. Charm runs the Country Store and she was working in the St. Mary's Room collecting and sorting items. Charm was alone when a parishioner came in bringing a lady with him. Charm and the two chatted for a while and the lady seeing that Charm was alone asked if she could stay and be of any help. Charm was delighted and put her to work immediately sorting through the donations.

The two ladies talked as they worked and Charm learned that her name was "Leslie" and that she had passed by the church several times but never came in because she was afraid. Charm told her that she had prayed that God would send an angel that afternoon to help her and in came "Leslie."

"Leslie" told her that she was Catholic but had not been to church in over 30 years. Charm invited her to 5:00 p.m. Mass that afternoon and Leslie promised to be there and she was. Before Mass Charm gave her an angel pin for being an answer to her prayers.

That Saturday happened to be the installation for our pastor Father Boddie, so after the Mass Charm invited her to the installation dinner and to have the opportunity to meet other parishioners. "Leslie" gladly accepted the invitation and enjoyed herself so much that she stayed for over two hours visiting with other ladies. Since then, "Leslie" has been helping Charm in the St. Mary's Room and she continues to attend Mass every Saturday. She has expressed several times how good it feels to be part of the Church.

This is just one little example of how reaching out to an unfamiliar face can bring untold blessings to the individual and to the one who extended the welcoming hand. We can all do the same, not necessarily in the same manner or circumstances but as it was written in the first paragraph the vineyard is ever so full but the laborers are very scarce. Will you be the next laborer for Jesus?

Charm made the comment that a stranger is only someone you have not yet met and after meeting they become friends. She went on to say, "If we talked to people and really listened to what they say, we open the door to many possibilities—perhaps even to bringing them to the Lord."

Charm and her husband John have hosted exchange students from Asia for many years. These students had no religion but were aware that Charm and John believed in God. When 9-11 occurred they heard from four of their former students informing them that they had everyone in their respective offices say a prayer for our country as we survived this horrendous disaster. It was a prayer that Charm had written.

Update on "Leslie"

In very late October Father Boddie came to the St. Mary's Room to see how things were progressing for the Country Store Sale. "Leslie" was there and personally met Father and they chatted for quite a while. She said that Father was a very warm and friendly person and because of that "Leslie" will meet formally with Father in the rectory this week.

CTK School Family and School Association

By Sharon Shashy

Christ the King School Family and School Association is off to a great start this school year! We recently held our Annual Halloween Festival, and it was a blast! Along with all of the great costumes on display, we had a class pumpkin contest, games, food, crafts, decorating pumpkins, and a spooky haunted house! We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make it a wonderful night for our families, and to our families for supporting FSA.

With your help in our various fundraisers, FSA is able to help the school offset costs of projects, and to raise funds needed to make it the great school it is. Mark your calendars for December 13, and join us for our Winter Wonderland! You can enjoy ice skating, food, crafts, games and so much more! FSA has so many exciting events happening around the school this year, and we look forward to seeing everyone come out to share in a great time! Bring your smiles and laughter, and be a part of all our wonderful school has to offer!

Like us on our FSA Facebook page. You will find valuable information about upcoming events, and items pertaining to your Family and School Association.

President-Sharon Shashy,
Vice president-Marisol Preston,
Treasurer-Kristen Fritz,
Secretary-Liz Garcia
Volunteer Coordinator-Colleen Webb



The Way, Free Medical Clinic

by Carol-Ann Black

Does a trip to a neighboring county count as a “mission trip?” I believe that the members of the Northeast Florida Maryknoll Affiliate would say, “Yes, indeed.” On August 14, with no suitcases, no passports, we boarded our transports and headed from Jacksonville, FL to Green Cove Springs, FL. Perhaps an hour’s drive. Once there, we embarked on our visit to *The Way, Free Medical Clinic*. *The Way* is the embodiment of the meaning of the word mission. Here the uninsured, indigent, and undocumented can receive high quality medical care, many, for the first time in years.

Our first stop was at a local lunch place, where we met and visited with the founders of this medical mission. Jeanne Gallina and her husband had the first notion of opening the clinic in 2005 and by 2006, they had launched it under the guidance of the Clay County Health Department, with a small staff of volunteer doctors, nurses, interpreters and clerical help. The inspiration that led them to creating *The Way* came by way of a peace and justice weekend retreat. It was not a preconceived, preplanned venture. It was, rather, pure inspiration brought to reality with lots of perspiration.

The clinic has expanded steadily and has moved more than once. They are now able to offer basic medical services, laboratory testing, referral services, prescription medications, wellness education, and ob/gyn services. Because Jeanne Gallina is not only capable, but charming, the clinic operates with tremendous amounts of cooperation from the local medical community in the realm of patient care, and from the county government/health department because *The Way* eases the burden on local emergency rooms—a great saving for county health care budgets.

Patients receive general medical services on the first and third weekends of each month. OB/GYN clinical services are offered by appointment only, Monday through Thursday. Patients are lined up on open days long before the doors are opened. They are seen on a first come, first served basis, and are able to take advantage of referrals to other medical facilities as needed. In the words of one of their volunteer doctors, “Our clients expect nothing, but are grateful for everything.”

So how does this “mission trip” to Clay County relate to our Maryknoll Affiliates group? We shall see what the future will present to us. *The Way* is always in need of volunteers. Some of our members have gone on medical mission trips to various countries. Some have language capabilities, courtesy of Maryknoll. Surely there is a place for us to assist in this local mission effort.



by Frank Becht

The following is a quarterly report from EPS for services rendered by the three locations in the Jacksonville area.

The following statistics are based from July 2014, August 2014, and September 2014.

Total Number of Clients seen: 839
Total Number of Tests: 421
Total Number of Ultrasounds: 146
Total Number of Lives Saved: 9
Total Number of Diapers Given: 5,005
Total Number of Maternity Clothes Items Given: 340

Contact Information

EPS has become an organization of interest to many at Christ the King and Resurrection and their ministries. The Knights of Columbus has been a major supporter and fundraiser in recent years. Many women from both parishes have provided volunteer office support and materials for children and families.

EPS is appreciative of this much needed support and we ask for your continued efforts to help them meet their goals of saving lives of the most innocent.

Contact EPS at
Riverside—904-308-7510
Arlington—904-446-9009
Orange Park—904-215-2792

Absolutely Priceless

Submitted by Charm Saults
Taken from the Internet

An elementary school teacher had twenty-five students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. It’s hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight may surprise you. While reading, keep in mind that these are first-graders, six year-olds.

Don’t change horses...until they stop running.
Strike while the...bug is close.
It’s always darkest before...Daylight Saving Time.
Never underestimate the power of...termites.
You can lead a horse to water but...how?
Don’t bite the hand that...looks dirty.
No news is...impossible.
A miss is as good as a...Mr.
You can’t teach an old dog new...math.
If you lie down with dogs, you’ll...stink in the morning.
Love all, trust...me.
The pen is mightier than the...pigs.
An idle mind is...the best way to relax.
Where there’s smoke there’s...pollution.
Happy the bride who... gets all the presents.
A penny saved is...not much.
Two’s company, three’s...the Musketeers.
Don’t put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...you have to blow your nose.
Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.
If at first you don’t succeed...get new batteries.
You get out of something only what you...see in the picture on the box.
When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way.
A bird in the hand...is going to poop on you.

Queens and Kings

by Annie Sabatino



Queens and Kings started off the September meeting with an ice cream social.

Barbara Hanuscin brought in several photo albums for members to browse through and reminisce.



Barbara also brought to everyone's attention what the themes would be for the coming meetings and asked if anyone had any ideas to bring them up.

Reservations are needed for the Christmas meeting. The dinner will be catered and the cost will be \$15.00 to be paid in advance.

The October meeting was held and Leon Kidd played his guitar and entertained the group with music.

The November meeting will be a Thanksgiving feast. The turkey will be there. Members are

encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts.

Want something fun to do on a Sunday afternoon for a couple of hours once a month? Come join us in the Shirley David Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Dues are only \$5.00 a year.



by Lucille Guzzone

Weather wise it was strange to realize that Halloween was just a couple of days away! It was more like a balmy spring evening. But calendar-wise, it was October 29, and the children

of the Religious Education classes were ready to display their saints' outfits along with a presentation of their knowledge of their chosen saints' lives.

After opening prayer and introductory remarks about the background of the Holy Day, the children approached the microphone and told their stories. Many saints, from a tiny St. Paul carrying his Letters to two St. Lucys, one carrying a palm branch and one her eyes, shared their stories.

The gathering was blessed with the presence of Pope Lam and Cardinal Xaviour who dropped in for the proceedings. Father Boddie, along with the children's families, were elated with such honored guests.

All the children were treated with Halloween candy before leaving for home, and a few of the leftover chocolates were given to the deserving teachers to enjoy!



CKCCW

By Carol-Ann Black

Plans for this season of CKCCW activities began in July and the kick-off event was the general meeting on September 25. Father Boddie said Mass for us in the chapel and then joined us for the covered dish dinner that followed. His supportive attendance is most appreciated.

The reception following the Rosary Procession was as usual organized by our membership and as usual was a great success. It is always a pleasure to work with other ministries and their members. Fil-Am and Vietnamese dishes are always favorites after the procession. Were you lucky enough to have at least a little bit of the flan? To die for!!!

The meeting of the South Jacksonville Deanery was held at St. Paul's at the Beach on October 16. It was nice to see friends from other parish affiliates and hear what they are planning for the year upcoming and what they have done that has been successful in the realm of membership and fund-raising. Christ the King was well represented, and Father Boddie was the speaker for the evening. Monsignor Haut, our spiritual advisor, said the Mass and expanded our spiritual world by sharing his knowledge of the saint of the day—St. Hedwig. Not someone you think of on a daily basis, but surely a woman of great wisdom and forethought. (When this woman of considerable wealth was widowed, she chose to go into the convent. She had seven children, all of whom scrapped and bickered constantly. She was certain that if she relinquished control of her estate, the money would be dissipated and all the good works that she had done and planned to do would not happen. So, although unusual for the time and her new life situation, she continued to hold the purse strings and continued her good works on behalf of the poor. Hedwig lived from 1174 to 1243.)

So much for the done activities. What comes next? Living Rosary on December 4, Holiday Bake Sale and Raffle on the weekend of December 13 - 14, and our winter General Meeting at Copelands on January 15. Keep an eye on the bulletin for information on these activities.

Another Success Story for the Country Store

The total was: **\$5,065.00**

I would like to thank:

- Larry Turner
- Barbara DuPuis
- Denise Smith
- Stanley Moore
- Ed Wey
- Dee Klima
- Nikki Wallace
- Sandy Hill
- Caroline
- Kristina
- Brian

These are the people who worked on Wednesday & Saturday and for all the days of the sale.

I would also like to thank all the other volunteers for their help and those who donated needed supplies.

May God Bless each of you. I certainly do.
From my heart,
Charm

American Heritage Girls Off to a Great Start this Year!



by Kelli Moneyhan

Christ the King’s American Heritage Girls, Troop FL 1125, has started the year off with a bang! The girls witnessed for Life during the “40 Days for Life” campaign and many earned the Respect Life patch exclusively awarded by AHG. One of the reasons for the success of AHG is the fact that it promotes Christian values in scouting and is a perfect match with Catholic beliefs. We are very thankful that our girls can live their Catholic faith while learning both scouting and social skills.

The troop has also “adopted” the grotto and has worked hard to prepare it for the Rosary Processions which are held twice a year. The girls pressure-washed the stone wall and walkways, pulled weeds, planted new plants, and spread mulch in order to beautify the grotto. We are thankful

that we are able to give back to the parish community that shows us so much support! We have received many positive comments from parishioners pleased to see the girls actively involved in the Catholic faith.

October was a busy month. We started the first meeting off with a special Reptile Education night where the girls were able to touch and hold a variety of God’s creatures and learned the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes. This information came in handy because many of the girls attended the All Florida AHG Camp at the end of the month. They were also able to participate in canoeing, archery, rocketry, rope climbing, knot tying, and geocaching during the weekend campout.

Please keep an eye out for our Fall Fundraiser where we will be selling “Catholic Gear” after all Masses. Thank you for supporting our girls in their third successful year of scouting!



Venturing Scouts

By Jenna Blenker
BSA Crew 5, President

Boy Scout Venturing Crew 5 went to the U.S. National Whitewater Center located near Charlotte, North Carolina in August. We spent several days whitewater rafting on a manmade river. Other activities included paddle boarding, zip-lining, kayaking and navigating several different rope obstacle courses. It was so much fun! On our last day we went to the Hendrix Motorsports Complex. The race cars were so cool looking! Charlotte, NC was beautiful and hopefully we will go back someday.



Christ the King Catholic Church Turns 60!



By Paul Ghiotto, CM*

About a hundred years ago – when I was six – a number of brave and enterprising souls, among them Rosalee Andrews, received the word that a new Catholic church was about to be formed in the wilderness of Jacksonville and, based on where one lived, these folks would have to begin attending

the next week. Okay, so it wasn't a hundred years ago and the "wilderness" of which I write was actually "Arlington," not Old Arlington or East Arlington, just plain old Arlington.

My parents, Joseph and Frances, accompanied by their three young children had "immigrated" to Arlington from Jacksonville's East 12th Street in 1950. This was quite an ambitious move since the Mathews Bridge wasn't completed until 1953. Hitching up the Chevrolet, Dad and Mom forded the river via the Main Street Bridge and moved to a house on what was then called Lee Street. Neighbors across the street, Jack and Jewel Newman, were also Catholic and the four became lifelong friends.

They and others were happily attending Assumption Catholic Church at its location in San Marco on Naldo Street when Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley of the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine (which covered the whole state at the time!) decided that, "Yes, those poor people needed their own church." Bustling new neighborhoods like Glynlea, Lake Lucina, and Southside Estates were teeming with the faithful and deserved their own place.

Thus it was that the congregation first met in October 1954 in a surplus WWII Navy building which had been erected on the new location of the Jacksonville Junior College (later Jacksonville University off Chaseville Road (later University Boulevard). Heat for the building was provided by burning coal or kerosene. The Christ the King Catholic Church community of 125 members was up and running!

The first pastor was Father W. Thomas Larkin, a New York native, who arrived in September 1954. Initially he had to reside in the St. Mary's Home (later Harbor House) on Arlington Road. Emma Duncan, an original member, remembers that they had to put up some partitions to separate Father Larkin's sleeping quarters from that of the nuns! Eventually, the congregation built a rectory at 742 Mickler Road and a little one room office building in the back yard (right across the street behind the present Kingdome). Fran Woods headed up the first Ladies Guild of 29 women.

Getting too big for their britches, the community moved for services to new digs in the spanking new on-campus Swisher Gymnasium. Finally, in January 1956, the "new" church building on the present church grounds opened along with grades two through four on the top floor. Rosalee Andrews remembers all the bazaars, her circle's goldfish pond booths, the guild-sponsored dances, and how the women scrubbed the first church's pews until they were shiny.

Emma Duncan remembers that the men first met in the "summer house" in the woods across the parking lot (where the scout hut is now). This small green wooden building had screens, no A/C! She remembers Jim Fogarty and others building the long gone but famous "Clubhouse" in December 1956 at the top of the hill in the parking lot. Home to the Holy Name Society and the CYO, among others, this building deserves a plaque.

She also remembers setting up a table and selling snacks at the first softball games held back in 1961 when home plate was where deep center field is today. The snacks cost \$5 to purchase and if not enough sales were made then she had to fork over the difference.

Fast forward another fifty-six years and here we are in 2014 blowing out a birthday cake with a fire extinguisher!

While parish communities consist of many meaningful and different ministries which bind its members together in one mission, a parish is so much more than buildings and classrooms and gyms and meeting rooms.

In preparing to write the story of sixty years of our Catholic community, I was doing some research into church records. On a whim I began adding up how many names of priests and/or deacons were listed as having administered the sacrament of Baptism from 1954 to 2014. Now how many of you readers, other than Frank Becht, guessed "151?" That is the actual total and I double-checked by taking off my shoes and socks and using the extra ten digits.

On Halloween (!), October 31, 1954, Father Larkin baptized little Keith Thomas Masters. Thirteen years later Father Larkin baptized Edward McCoy before heading off to the St. Petersburg area. However,

he came back in October 1998 and baptized one more baby – forty four years after his first one at CTK!

The most recent baby baptized at CTK was Penelope Shaeffer with Deacon James Scott serving as the "dunkmaster."

As a charter member of this church I was excited to come across names of many priests who have served our congregation that even I – "Mr. Historian" - had forgotten. Here's my list of the ones folks probably remember most and the year of their first baptism at CTK:

W. Thomas Larkin – 1954
 Walter J. Bueche, CSSR – 1956
 Leo Danaher – 1958
 James Gloechler – 1958
 Michael Devine – 1959
 David Page – 1959
 O. T. Carl, O.P. - 1961 (former Baptist minister)
 Jaime Lara – 1963
 John J. Lenihan – 1967
 Vincent Haut – 1969
 John Sheppard – 1969
 John J. Hampson – 1970 (married me and wife, Hazel)
 Thomas Pyne – 1970
 Greg Fay – 1975
 Mortimer Danaher – 1977
 James Boddie – 1979
 James O'Neal – 1982
 Seamus O'Flynn – 1982
 Joseph Whitehead – 1984
 Gerald Vallee – 1988
 Alan Bower – 1989
 Thomas McCarthy – 1991
 Brian Carey, CSSp – 1991
 Neil Carr, SJ – 1993
 Thanh Nguyen – 1996
 Deacon Dave MacNamara – 1997
 Robert Baker – 1997
 Robert McDermott – 2000
 Guy Noonan – 2001
 Joseph Lamonde – 2002
 Deacon Richard Perko – 2003
 Joseph McDonnell – 2005
 Steven Zehler – 2007
 Silverio di Fazio – 2010
 Pawel Duda – 2011

If one multiplies 10 years of priestly studies by 151 priests – both seminary and post-seminary – then we are looking at a total of 1510 years that these men have endured in order to just get us started on our faith journey!

Other church records document how many priests and bishops have presided at confirmations, weddings, and funerals. After looking at all records of priestly service one comes away completely awed at the devotion to their flock at CTK over the past 60 years. Whether a person serves just one day as a priest or his entire adult life, or in some cases as a second career, my hat is off to each and every one of them. All made a difficult decision and answered a call from God that had tremendous influences upon their lives and ours. Have we been worth it? Have we thanked them enough, and on a regular basis?

A church community is many things to many people. What roles have you assumed in parish life? What does your parish mean to you?

Happy 60th Birthday Christ the King parish! You're looking good!

*charter member

