

Morning Star Plans Expansion

by Carol-Ann Black

Earlier this summer, Father Boddie mentioned at a Pastoral Council meeting that Morning Star School would be adding a new high school curriculum to its existing kindergarten program. Depending upon the bishop’s schedule, ground breaking is planned for October of this year. As in—NOW! I realized that I knew little or nothing about Morning Star in spite of the fact that it has been located on the campus of Christ the King since 1963.

Morning Star is a diocesan school for children who learn differently—children who deal with speech and language impairments, Asperger’s syndrome, ADD/ADHD—the list goes on. In its original location in 1956 in Riverside, the school was staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and dealt mostly with children with physical impairments. By the time they relocated to Arlington it was 1963 and we were beginning to diagnose and attempt to treat various learning disabilities. This created a whole new dimension to the educational needs of our children.



The mission statement says:

The mission of Morning Star School as a Catholic special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine is to provide a strong foundation of faith, service, and academics for students with learning differences in an atmosphere of Christian love, acceptance and respect, encouraging all students to reach their full potential.



Morning Star is fully accredited and its highly structured academic program is taught by certified teachers using a combination of individualized instruction, team teaching and small group instruction. In addition there is probably the most loved member of the staff—Nova, a specially trained therapy dog obtained through Project Chance. He is trained to help students with autism and other developmental disabilities.



All of this is wonderful until you graduate from the eighth grade—then what? What schooling is available in the area? Not much and then that is desperately expensive. Solution—expand the program at Morning Star. And that has begun. Last year’s eighth graders are now part of the ninth grade, currently housed at Christ the King School. The students have always been welcomed at our parish school to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities, so that must feel quite comfortable for all involved.

But how about high school activities—athletics, social activities, proms and the like? Enter Bishop Snyder High School. The Morningstar students will be made welcome by Bishop Snyder HS, in its extra-curriculars that all young people want and need to be socially acclimated to the workaday world of higher education and the labor markets.

None of this will come without a price tag, and a major funding campaign will be launched in the near future. In addition Morning Star has annually engaged in fundraising with a golf tournament in the autumn and a gala in the spring.

I certainly look forward to watching the progress of Morning Star School as they celebrate their sixtieth anniversary of service to the Catholic community. If you would like any further information about the school you can reach the principal, Jean Barnes at 904-721-2144 or at the website www.morningstar-jax.org

A Word of Thanks.....

As most of you realize, following Father Boddie’s announcement several weeks ago, I have received a new assignment as Parochial Vicar at St. Luke’s Parish, Middleburg, effective August 15, 2016.

It seems like only yesterday that my bishop in India told me he was sending me to the United States where I would serve as Parochial Vicar at Christ the King Church in Jacksonville, Florida. This would be my first time leaving my country and so I knew there would be many adjustments for me in the days ahead and with this assignment!

Now as I prepare to move on to my next assignment, I do so with a great sense of gratitude.

~ I am grateful and thank Bishop Felipe J. Estevez for his acceptance and confidence in me to serve among his priests in the Diocese of St Augustine.

~ I am grateful and thank Father Boddie and Father Lam for welcoming me into their home and helping me feel comfortable in being here.

~ I am grateful and thank the Rectory Staff for their guidance with the day to day operations of the office.

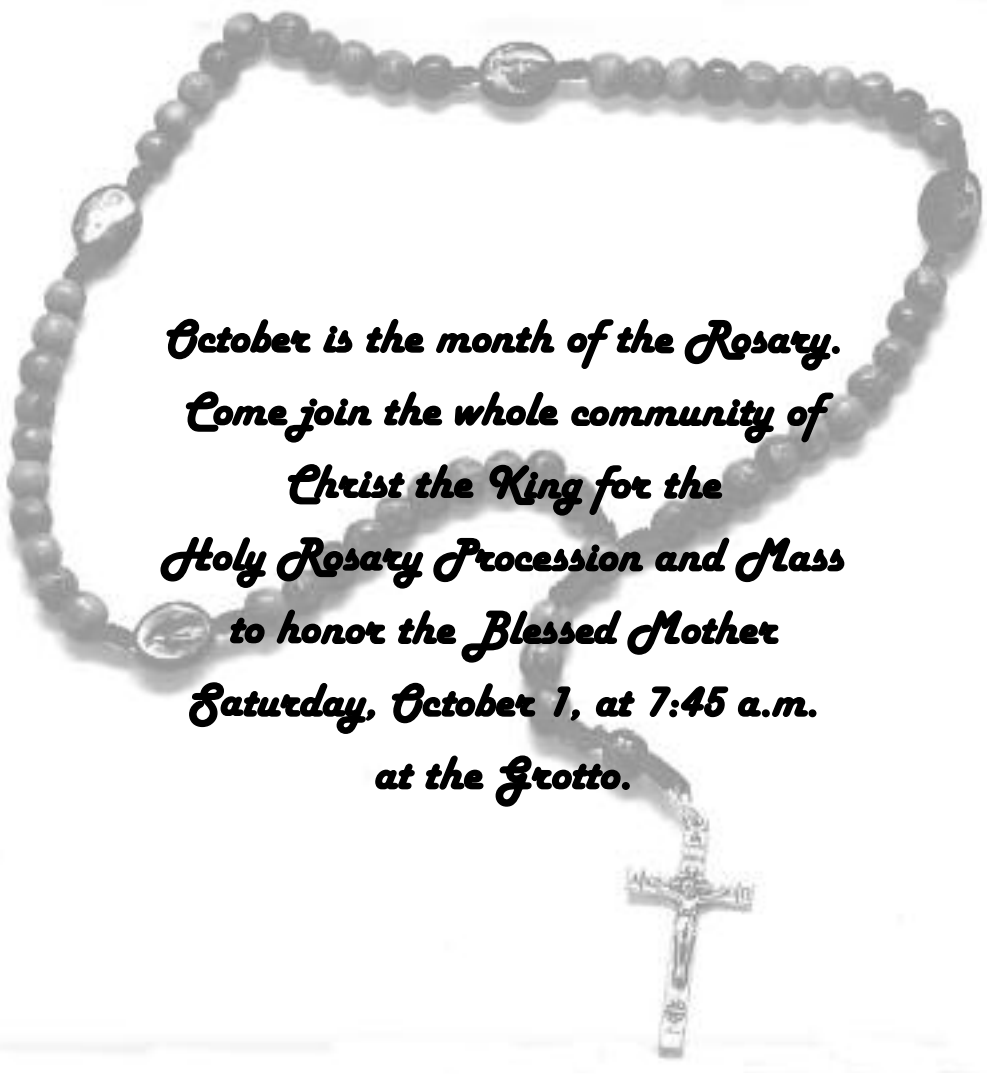
~ I am grateful and thank the parishioners of Christ the King whom I have come to know. It has been my great joy to share in the celebration of Mass and the sacraments with you. Additionally, it has been my joy to share in both the happy occasions through the participation in the many activities or ministries which you have been a part of AND in the times of sadness and comfort for you through hospital or home visits and funerals.

Certainly, the past two years have been a time of growth and gratitude for me. I will look back always and remember my time at Christ the King Parish fondly and with a grateful heart!

Although I move on now to my next assignment, I keep each of you in my continued prayers. Please remember me in your prayers.

May God bless you always!
Father Jaisemon Xaviour






***October is the month of the Rosary.
Come join the whole community of
Christ the King for the
Holy Rosary Procession and Mass
to honor the Blessed Mother
Saturday, October 1, at 7:45 a.m.
at the Grotto.***

***September 17, 2016
St. Andrew’s Church Hall
5:00 – 8:00 P.M.***

The World in the Park



St. Andrew’s Episcopal community is gathering to celebrate the nationalities of our community.

We are looking for those who love to cook to share their culture and to prepare a covered dish. Bring your recipe, so that those who love your special dish can recreate it at home.

CTK would like to have a table at this celebration filled with fabulous ethnic dishes from our members to share with the local community!

We invite those of you who simply enjoy fellowship and food to come out and meet our neighbors while taking a taste-bud trip around the world!

**Bring a dish? Info? Call Jeanie Wilks
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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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Letters



“The Green Beret”
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION, *Northeast Florida Chapter LXXXVII*
Secretary Bruce B. Pastorini
1958 Hovington Circle East, Jacksonville, Florida 32246
July 18, 2016

Dear Father Boddie,

Thank you and the Christ the King parishioners for supporting The Special Forces Association 2016 International Conference event for the memorial wreath-laying at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Wall. This event was to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the United States’ entry to support the democratic Republic of South Vietnam people against communist North Vietnamese aggression.

The event speaker was Former Command Sergeant Major Jimmie Spencer who is the National Chairman of the Viet Nam War 50th Anniversary. There were 21 Green Beret Medal of Honor recipients in the Vietnam War. Also present to help place the wreath were George and Terumi McClintock the father and step-mother of SSG Matthew McClintock who was a Jacksonville Green Beret who was killed January 5, 2016 in Afghanistan.

There are five remaining living recipients and four of them were at this wreath-laying event. Most other Green Beret attendees were veterans of Vietnam also. Most are in late 60s to early 80s and could not stand for the entire event. Your loan of 50 chairs was critical to the success of this event.

There is a special bond between South Vietnamese refugees and US Army Special Forces Green Berets. You could see it in the eyes of parish-ioner and maintenance man Henry Nguyen when he was talking to Vietnam War veteran CSM(Ret) John Page about where Henry was from in Vietnam and where John served while they loaded chairs from the Vietnamese Cultural Center. Listening to Henry and Sergeant Major Page talk was a touching moment.

Bruce Pastorini MAJ, IN (Ret)
Secretary
Special Forces Association – Chapter 88

Father Xavier

Your Christ the King Family wishes you a
fond farewell and blessings in your new
parish at St. Luke’s

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.

Editor’s
Corner

by Carol-Ann Black



This issue of the *Courier* has been a special labor of love by all of our staff. None of us allowed grass to grow under our feet over the summer and we got a late start. We’ve covered the map—Buffalo, Texas, Nebraska and for myself—Alaska. In this issue Dee Klima will tell you about her family visit in the Omaha area. With any good luck Nick and Bernie Klepac will write about their trip to Texas in a future issue.

A sure sign of our advancing calendar is the teachers’ Wishing Well, now front and center in the gathering area. Christ the King parishioners have the opportunity to fulfill wishes for classroom extras as the children will be back to classes early this month and autumn has *unofficially* begun.

Without a doubt, summer was not especially quiet around Christ the King. Convent renovations are nearly complete and our sisters will move into their new quarters soon. Our campus neighbor, Morning Star School, has announced plans to expand its mission to include high school students. The youth group has participated in the Steubenville in Orlando retreat and Jeanie Wilks, the new president of the pastoral council, has assumed her position officially. All of these are included in this *Courier* issue.

The article about Father Nieli, who will lead our parish mission in September, will surely entice you into participation. And Dennis McLaughlin’s article about his happy participation in a recent CRHP weekend may prompt you to sign up for the next weekend. I believe that the most spiritually thoughtful article in this issue is Martin Ibeh’s “Reflection on Healing in the Holy Year of Mercy.” Sit quietly with your coffee when you read this one. It will speak to you.

Finally, I want to recommend that you check out Nick Klepac’s article about the Knights of Columbus. “We Are Knights” appears in every issue of the *Courier* and highlights the Knights’ good works, which impact our local parishes, our seminarians and our students. It is important for us to be thankful for all their hard work on our behalf.

Saying Goodbye

By Cynthia Surles and Carol-Ann Black

All good things eventually come to an end and one of those good things is the presence of Kathy Daniels on the staff of *Christ the King Courier*. Kathy and her husband Richard will be departing for Sierra Vista, Arizona later this summer.



How will we miss Kathy??? Let me count the ways. First of all was her good humor. She had patience with all of us if we questioned why she set things up in a particular way on the pages she was organizing. And her way was usually the best way. Secondly, her faithfulness, even when her health had become a considerable obstacle to her coming in to lay out an issue of the *Courier*. She would grit her teeth and be at her computer. Next comes her willingness to do other than her computer work. So often when we needed a photographer on a moment’s notice, Kathy would oblige with her wonderful new camera.

And finally, we shall miss her wonderful Richard who would assist us all especially in “crunch week” just before sending our paper to the printer. Someone forgot to bring in supper for the group? Richard would hit Publix and we would all be fed. Unexpectedly, we needed our camera-wielding Kathy to snap a picture? Richard would show up with the camera in just a few minutes and the job would be done. Did we disturb his evening? I am sure we did, but he never said no and never complained.

We wish them both fair winds and following seas as they begin a whole new life away from the sea that was always near to them during their Navy years whether in Jacksonville or San Diego or Hawaii. Their new Arizona parish will be very fortunate to have them.

A Reflection on Healing in the Holy Year of Mercy



Jubilee of Mercy

by Martin Ibeh

“Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for it is you whom I praise” (Jer 17:14).

Illness is never part of God’s plan for the human race. It is a consequence of the fall of our first parents (cf. Rom 5: 12-14,19). Adam and Eve allowed the devil to enter into the “sacred garden” of their hearts. Consequently, the enemy of life planted his evil seeds there, which germinated, took root and bore foul, life-altering fruits. Yet, the Lord of life did not stop giving life. Out of evil, God brings forth good. Out of the hostile wilderness of infirmities, suffering and death, the Divine Healer brings forth the bloom of strength, healing and life. “[It] was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured...Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed” (Isaiah 53:4-5).

God wants us well. He wills our healing and life, for He is our Healer (Exod 15:26). Through the gift of His Son, God heals our physical sickness and, most essentially, our inner malady, softening and cleansing hearts hardened and sullied with evil passions, enlightening and guarding minds darkened with worldly thoughts, and reviving souls dead in sin. As the Gospel tells us, Jesus Christ came to the world so that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). The Lord never turned down those who approached him for healing. He challenged those who came to Him to have faith, for “everything is possible to one who believes” (Mark 9:23). Christ’s healing of many who were suffering from every kind of illness is a sign that “God has visited his people” (Luke 7:16), the kingdom of God has been established among his people.

The Gospel tells us that healing is the children’s bread (Matt 15:26). However, it is not all people of faith who receive healing from their physical infirmities. This is a mystery. Even so, we are confident that in His goodness and mercy, the Lord, who brings good out of evil, works through illness to accomplish His good plan in the life of those who put their trust in Him (cf. Rom 8:28). Illness reveals to us that we are not in control; God is the Creator and Master of our life. Apparently, both people of faith and unbelievers suffer illness.

In the Book of Job, we read about the devout man named Job, who suffers certain deadly disease (Job 2:5-10). Tobit also walks all the days of his “life on the paths of truth and righteousness” (Tobit 1: 3); yet he suffered an eye ailment that left him blind for years (Tobit 2:10). Even though both Job and Tobit were healed at some point in their lives, they later died of some ailments. Thus physical healing is not in itself, the victory over evil and death, but a sign of fullness of life, which Christ offers us through His redemptive suffering. Physical healing points to us the reality of eternal life that Christ offers us, a life free from pain, sorrow, sickness, and death. God permitted the sufferings of Job and Tobit in order to teach us His unfailing grace upon those who believe in Him and also to demonstrate their exemplary faithfulness despite their trials in life.

We know that St. Paul suffered what he called “a thorn in the flesh” (2Cor 12:7) all his life. Three times Paul prayed for healing but it was not granted to him. This was so that the power and life of Jesus Christ would be made manifest in his body. Paul’s painful thorn can encourage those whose faith is buffeted by the storms of affliction. God may allow one to suffer illness so that His miraculous power and glory may be made manifest (John 9:3). Even as we pray for healing for ourselves or for our loved ones, we should strive to unite all our discomforts and pains to Christ’s redemptive suffering for the salvation of the world.

By virtue of our membership and sharing in the life of Christ, we are “healers.” Through the power of the Holy Spirit operative in us, we are sent to bring the life of Christ to others, for in Christ we share in the prophetic mission “to bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free”

(Luke 4:18). However, there is a spiritual gift of healing specifically given to some for the building up of the Body of Christ. The Catechism teaches that the Holy Spirit gives to some persons the charism of healing as a manifestation of the power of grace available in the world (cf. CCC, 1508).

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul speaks of the charism of healing as one of the spiritual gifts given to some: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit...To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit...to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit” (1Cor 12:4, 7, 9). The Church has been

blessed with many saints and faithful people who are gifted and who use their spiritual gifts in service of the Church.

We can think of Padre Pio, St. Francis of Paola, St. Vincent Ferrer, and numerous other saints who exercised amazing gift of healing in the Church. I would also like to mention Brother Andre Bessette, a religious with the Congregation of Holy Cross, who had a gift of healing. He was nicknamed “Miracle-worker.” In his humility, he saw himself as nothing but a mere tool in the hand of God.


In our time, and at our doorstep, is Sister Briege McKenna of the Sisters of St. Clare in Tampa. She too has a gift of healing. She lays hands on people and many receive healing. In her book titled, *Miracles Do Happen*, Sister Briege describes her experience, “In the process of seeking for a deeper meaning of my religious life and a deeper, more radical commitment to the Lord, I believe that Jesus gave me a spiritual healing...Through the charismatic renewal, I experienced the release of the Holy Spirit...I had been in the chapel about five minutes when suddenly this extraordinary stillness descended on the chapel – it was like a cloud, like a fog. A voice said, ‘Briege.’ I turned to look toward the door because the voice was so clear it sounded as though someone had come into the chapel. No one was there, but I was conscious that someone was present. The voice said to me as I turned back to the tabernacle, ‘You have my gift of healing. Go and use it.’”

The gift of healing is not a human invention. It is rather God’s gift which we discover as we grow in our relationship with Christ. God may use any one of us (holy or sinful, poor or rich, young or old, man or woman) to heal others. The gift of healing is not necessarily a standard for judging holiness or intimacy with God. Not all great saints were known for their great ministry of physical healing. Charisms (spiritual gifts given to some for the benefit of the Church) are not a qualification for entrance into the heavenly kingdom. Jesus clearly tells us that the standard for entering into eternal life is charity, and not necessarily any special gift such as the gift of prophecy or tongues or healing (cf. Matt 7:22).

St. Jerome insightfully remarks, “To work miracles is sometimes not because of his goodness who works them: but it is the invocation of the name of Christ which performs them for the good of others.” St. Gregory the Great also remarks, “The proof of sanctity is not the performance of miracles, but to love one’s neighbor as oneself, and to think of God what is true, and to think better of one’s neighbor than of oneself.” Judas, the apostle of Christ who betrayed the Lord, in all probability, performed miracles of deliverance and healing (Luke 10:17). We have to keep in mind that, since Christ calls all persons to holiness of life (1 Peter 1:15), the personal holiness of God’s instrument of healing helps greatly in effecting more enduring fruit of faith in the lives of the healed and trigger conversion of hearts to those who witness God’s works of healing.

This Year of Mercy is a time to contemplate Christ’s healing presence in our lives. It is a time to respond to Christ’s invitation to put our faith into practice, to be more open to the Spirit of healing, to become a blazing tool of healing, to be more charitable, more compassionate and more merciful. As emissaries of Christ’s healing, we should always witness evangelical life: simplicity, humility, sanctity and charity. One of the ways we are called to share Christ’s healing presence is by visiting with the sick, the elderly and the handicapped. There is healing that comes not by saying it but by doing it. We don’t need to possess an outstanding gift of healing before we can heal others. Our visit, care, generosity and service to the sick bring a certain kind of healing. Through the ministry of our presence to the sick and the disabled, we are co-healers with Christ.





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Mark your calendars
November 12 – 13, 2016
Women’s session of
Christ Renews His Parish

Watch bulletin and website for
more information

A Reflection on Healing in the Holy Year of Mercy

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Someone once remarked that he found it hard to pray over the sick. If we can ask God to grant us blessings, why is it difficult for us to pray for healing? Christ assures us that He will grant us what we ask of Him in faith (Mark 11:24). We can pray over the sick but priests alone can administer the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (CCC, 1516). This is in accord with the exhortation of James, “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint (him) with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14). The Catechism (CCC, 1532) lays out the effects of this sacrament: unites the sick to the passion of Christ, for the good of the sick and that of the people of God; strengthens and gives courage to the sick to bear patiently the pains brought about by the sickness or old age; effects forgiveness of sins; restores health, if God wills it; and prepares one for peaceful transition to eternity.

I have seen some family members, friends, Christians in prayer meetings, who hold hands or place their hands on their members to ask for God’s blessings and healing. This gesture of touch is not the same as liturgical or sacramental “laying on of hands,” which is reserved for those in ordained ministry. It is rather a sign of spiritual bondedness, of sharing in the common faith, of spiritual agreement and harmony of heart in intercessory prayer. It is a way of saying, “We are one in Christ,” “We share in your suffering and in your joy and ask that the Spirit convey upon you that which we agree in prayer.” Jesus touched most of those he healed. He touched a leper (Mat 8:3); Peter’s mother-in-law (Mat 8:15); and a man born blind (Mat 9:29). He took Jairus’ daughter by the hand and said, “Talitha, koum!” meaning, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (Mark 5:41). Christ’s touch bespeaks His compassion and care with His people. It is a sign that he is intimately involved in the lives of the people.

Today, the Lord of life brings His healing mercy to the sick. It is His will that they be well and whole. The Lord calls those who have been healed to walk with Him in the journey of mercy, to be involved in His works of healing, to invite and help others plunge themselves into the healing waters of Christ’s merciful love. Are you ready to be healed? Are you ready to become a co-healer with Christ? Why not join me to pray in the Spirit that the Lord may heal not only our physical illness but also our moral and spiritual ailments, our sinful desires and our lack of mercy. We pray that the Lord may breathe into us His healing “Breath” that we may be truly healed and become His refined instruments of healing in this Year of Mercy.



Reverend Bruce Nieli, CSP

by Jeanie Wilks



It is with great excitement that I write this article as Reverend Bruce Nieli, CSP will be at Christ the King in September 24 – 28 for our fall mission!

His list of accomplishments and journeys are impressive and lengthy but here I will simply highlight a few. Reverend Nieli is the Founding Director of the Center for Spiritual Development of the Archdiocese of New York. He served as the Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Austin, Texas, and as the Director of Evangelization, National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Currently, Reverend Bruce Nieli serves as:

- ◆ the Paulist National Catholic Evangelist and Missionary
- ◆ the Knight Commander, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem
- ◆ a Missionary of Mercy of Pope Francis.

Reverend Nieli is an inspirational speaker, preacher, pastor, and friend.

I was asked to write this article because I have known him for longer than I will say (because I hate to admit that I am getting older!).

God has always worked in wondrous ways in my life and my friendship with Father Bruce is one of those gifts. Suffice to say that we met when I was in University and serving as a youth minister and since then Father Bruce has served as my spiritual advisor and confessor, but most importantly, he has become a cherished friend.

Over the years we have had occasions to work in parish missions together again but Father Bruce has walked me through many difficult journeys in my life, known my sons before they were born and journeyed with us as they grew.

I will share just one example, though there is a multitude, of Father Bruce’s incredible spirit and nature.

When my eldest son prepared to ship out for boot camp, we had just lost my mother, and Father Bruce was serving in Memphis. My son’s ship date turned out to be Easter Sunday. After a few theological statements, Father Bruce found a way to be here to pray over him, watch him take his oath and board the plane!

My stories are but a few compared to the many lives Father Bruce has touched profoundly. If ever you should see his Facebook page, you would instantly be aware of the power of the Holy Spirit working through Reverend Bruce Nieli across the continents and cultures of our world.

I encourage you, your families and friends, your neighbors to make plans to share this time with Reverend Bruce Nieli and our CTK family in September. Even if you are only able to attend one session, I believe that you will find in it a blessing of renewal and grace.



Christ the King’s Parish Fall Mission
September 24 - 28
Presented by Reverend Bruce Nieli, CSP
Watch the bulletin for details.
Please plan to attend, and bring a friend.

Christ Renews His Parish - a personal view

by Dennis McLaughlin

I have tried to put my feelings and words into an accurate portrayal of this important recent event. As I reviewed the events of the day, I felt great feelings of delight and surprise at the many honest expressions of warmth throughout the weekend. Many times, while waiting in line for dinner or after Mass, in informal contacts with members, meals shared, I was treated with a continual sense of gladness and appreciation of my presence there and joining them in this primary Christian and “private” affair.

Throughout the two days of getting together and meals, my cane became the source of many kind gestures, offering to help me struggle with my walker over stairs, helping to prepare a plate at meals. Delicious meals were served by an enthusiastic crew from another parish and later, led the men in a happy song of divine grace. The offers to help me were genuine and never a contrivance. As a newcomer to CHRP, I felt the relationship between these men was one I had rarely seen before...an unusual “give and take” of Joy.....in fact, what I sensed.....was almost as if Jesus were present with these men who are His disciples. The social scene was there, as described in the Last Supper. The Presence of Christ was there in the room.

For me these were spiritual moments. Another surprise!....Those who were enjoying our first CHRP meeting, (yours truly included), received an “avalanche” of beautifully-written cards of good wishes from the CHRP men and their wives.

There was always friendly banter between the men, smiles, laughter and back-patting. Then, at a prescribed time, three men arose, carrying a crucifix, a bible and a robe around the gathering of the men of Christ the King, three times, with the grace of Jesus Christ.

The first speaker of the day stepped up to the podium and was greeted with much-anticipated applause. The main event in the meeting was a personal statement from a chosen speaker who spoke of his life history from the beginning: where he was born and how he lived his early life...his family, education, marriage and his friends and how he shared the rest of his life with society. His story included how he enacted his goals, described events in his life that had meaning and came to grips with problems met. If there were failures and what he had learned from them; if there was sin; how he dealt with the shame and his Creator. These were poignant moments felt by all of us in the room. An unease ran through my mind, as I shared his discomfort and felt love for his pain. There was an appreciative applause for his story and, above all, his true honesty before his God and his friends, I believe, brought truth to the renewal of spirituality in this man’s life.

As is the policy of CHRP, these stories are only shared in the privacy of CHRP, in the presence of the crucifix, and Jesus was there with us. Please acknowledge my response and formal commitment to CHRP at Christ the King Catholic Parish as of May 15, 2016.

Father Thanh’s 25th Anniversary



by Kathy Nichols

What a milestone for an immigrant boy who landed in our country 28 days after escaping Vietnam. He describes the storms and lack of food and the crowd of people on that boat. But God was with them. Father Thanh was ordained on May 11, 1991, in Hartford, Connecticut. He describes his priestly vocation as very hard work, but also, very rewarding. There are challenges and misunderstandings at times, but there is tremendous grace that accompanies it. He finds joy in sharing with us the Word of Life and the Bread of Life; in pouring the saving waters on the heads of our little ones; in conveying to us God’s own forgiveness; in witnessing to the love that young couples share in marriage; and praying with our loved ones as they prepare to meet our Lord and Savior.

Bishop Felipe Estevez presided at the noon Mass at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Mandarin on June 26, 2016. Over 20 concelebrating priests showed their support and shared in the ceremony, including Father Amar, Father John Tetlow and Father Terry Morgan. He was most proud that his 10 brothers and sisters, even the oldest one from Vietnam, were in attendance; also, some of his classmates who entered St. Joseph Seminary in Vietnam 50 years ago were there! He had all of them stand up in church so we could see them!

His desire to be a “Humble, Small-Church Priest” was not realized when he was transferred from Christ the King to be the pastor of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, one of the largest in our diocese! It was a pleasure to attend this celebration, which ended with a reception in Cody Enrichment Center.

Note: Some of this information was from his message in St. Joseph’s bulletin on June 19, 2016

Celebrating Father Thanh’s Ordination Anniversary



by Frank Becht

Recently, Betty and I received an invitation from Claretta Lamusga to a special dinner to honor Father Thanh Nguyen, (our former pastor) on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We had no idea who the other attendees might be. At 6:00 p.m. we were the first to arrive along with the Hardies; almost immediately, Father Thanh arrived and then the Winiewiczzes. This was a closely knit group of friends who had supported Father Thanh for the many years he had served as parochial vicar and finally pastor.

There was some question as to Father Thanh’s ordination date: it was May 11, 1991, in Hartford, Connecticut. St. Joseph’s Church planned a special Mass and celebration on June 26. The bishop was the celebrant.

As normal, the evening began with the serving of favorite drinks. This was followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Claretta. From then on it was an evening of eating, drinking and recalling many happenings and stories of the past. It was not a one-sided conversation—for everyone had a story, a myth or criticism to recall.

The gathering of the Bechts, Hardies, Lamusgas, and Winiewiczzes was no surprise, for they were active supporters of Father Thanh for many years like many other Christ the King families.

What seemed to bother Father Thanh a great deal is the fact that he came a half a world away to face the challenges of today. He misses his family and family life. Maybe that’s the normal feeling for a “missionary.”

We thank you, Father Thanh, for your dedication.

The Big Church With A Tree In It Needs Your Input!

by Paul Ghiotto

In this article I am soliciting information for the sixth and last of a series about various buildings – present and past – on the church grounds. During the fall months of 1955 Christ the King Catholic School began its first year on the second floor of Immaculate Conception Catholic School in downtown Jacksonville while the spanking new Arlington campus and its first church were being constructed. Fast forward to 1977 and the present church was just getting off the drawing boards. In order to finish the series with the proverbial “bang” I am asking for input from anyone reading these words to please share with me, lowly foreign correspondent of the now defunct Arlington Mullet Wrapper newspaper, their experiences with the church with the tree in it.

If you have an interesting, intriguing, mystifying, death-defying, stupefying, life shattering/altering, or any other type of “ing” story to share with your fellow parishioners, please contact me by phone, email, or letter at the following: 904-727-5040 (leave message if I’m not home), paulghiotto@hotmail.com, or 7237 Arlet Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32211. You can also stop me on the street and thrust your remembrance into my grateful hands or drop them off at the rectory in an unstained, brown paper folder marked “Big Church With A Tree In It Story.”

As an example, Frank Becht has already regaled me with one tale in which he shared the following: “When Monsignor Lenihan was still the pastor at CTK he wanted the parishioners to build a new church. At San Jose Catholic Church the then pastor, Monsignor Mortimer Danaher, wanted his parishioners to build a new church. Neither parish wanted to do so. When the bishop swapped these two priests around they both went to their new churches and each had a new church built!” Go figure!

Other examples:

- Special events at CTK – weddings, missions, confirmations, music concerts
- Priest stories – favorites only!
- Who picked out the design of the current church, didn’t include any windows in it, but left the tree?!
- What one likes about the church building, what one doesn’t, suggested improvements (escalator to main entrance from parking lot?)
- Funny Things That Happened On The Way To the Opera – er church
- Choir stories
- Altar server stories
- Favorite memories of parishioners past and present

Please don’t make me write this next and final article all by my lonesome self. I know you can do it. Yolanda Cerqueira and Emma Duncan, help!

CURSILLO ANNOUNCES ITS THREE - DAY WEEKEND COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

For those Catholic Men and Women who want to deepen their relationship with Christ, Cursillo extends its invitation to participate in the September and October weekends to be held at Camp St. John at Marywood, St. Johns, Florida.

Each weekend consists of time spent away from one’s everyday life for the purpose of: a) self examination, b) developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, c) group and private prayer, and d) private meditation, in order to better understand that each one has been called to share God’s love with others.

The program is conducted by a team of religious and lay persons who present a series of topics including, but not limited to:

- The role of the lay person within the Church.
- Grace and the Sacraments and their meaning.
- The value of prayer and the study of God’s word and teaching.
- Develop leaders to bring Christ to others in the communities in which we live: (home, church, work, neighborhood, city, state and country).

Weekend Schedules:

(Men) - September 29 – October 2, 2016
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A Summer Gathering



by Lucille Guzzone
Usually during the summer months people take vacations. School is not in session, and the warm temperatures cause many people to slow down and relax more. For these reasons parish activities are relatively suspended and meetings are very few. Church life continues to consist of weekly Mass.

Attendees shake the hand of the priest and mutter a quick hello to a fellow parishioner as they exit the church.

A group of parishioners, however, decided to meet weekly for seven Thursday evenings in order to participate in small group sharing. Linda and Don Podany opened their home to the gatherings and served as hosts to Page and Mike Peeler, Sue and Bruce Pastorini, Jean and Ken Maroney and Lucille Guzzone.

Their text book was Prayer with Mary issued by Renew International Publications. They participated in prayer, song, and Bible reading. Each week presented a specific theme for deep reflection and suggestions for beneficial goals to carry out in their daily lives.

To complement the study, refreshments such as summer fruit, light sweets and a selection of favorite beverages were shared by the group.

The meeting ended with prayer of thanksgiving and blessings for a group of parishioners whose camaraderie endures throughout the whole year.

Christ the King’s Soup Kitchen Volunteers

by Frank Becht

For many years Christ the King volunteers have spent each Friday morning at the Immaculate Conception Church in downtown Jacksonville to help prepare a Saturday noon meal for the homeless and those in need of support.



On one week peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a meat sandwich, along with a cup of soup and sweet snack and drinks are provided. Every other week, a full hot meal of meat and vegetables with dessert is served.

Volunteers from all over town, from many different churches, come to help prepare the weekly Saturday meal. Many drive alone. At Christ the King Annie Sabatino provides transportation for a number of volunteers from the parish, who luckily live nearby in the Arlington area. There are many drivers who travel much further, making for a long morning and more auto expenses, but they are so dedicated to helping those who need the Soup Kitchen, they come back week after week.

On some Saturdays the Soup Kitchen also provides clothing, eye glasses, books or other donated items.

Please note the volunteer picture shown above (not all are shown): Terry Yip, an avid supporter, is missing. Also shown in the picture is Dot Crement, a friend of the volunteers. Please make it your goal to thank all the volunteers for their efforts to help the needy in our community. They would love to have you join them.

Recently, Jim and Diane McVety, who have been directors of the Soup Kitchen for over 10 years and volunteers prior to that, announced their desire to retire from the position. They are looking for a new director/co-director to fill the position that requires 40-50 hours per week—like running a business.

The director/co-director has a wide range of responsibilities in order to support the large group in need of nourishment. Everything is done to respect the dignity of the poor and to serve them hospitably. The directors are responsible for coordinating the efforts of volunteers to accomplish the goal of properly serving those in need in the Jacksonville area. Perhaps you would like to join this amazing group of dedicated volunteers. Call Jim or Diane McVety at 904-620-0535.

Corpus Christi Procession



Miracle of Trinity Heights

by Dee Klima



Upon my return to Omaha, Nebraska, this summer to visit family and friends, my two sisters and I made a trip to Sioux City, Iowa, to a place called Trinity Heights—a peaceful place nestled next to fields and woods – on the north side of Sioux City. It is a sacred destination for prayer, praise and reflection.

Although the history of this place goes way back to 1912, I will tell you how it is today, starting with Bernie Cooper who believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary orchestrated the creation of this nationally known shrine that was once a deserted tract of land with three dilapidated buildings and now draws over one hundred thousand visitors a year!

Bernie taught, coached and administered for seventeen years. After his retirement, the board of directors of Queen of Peace asked Bernie to take the job of executive director. He accepted provided that there would be NO fund-raising involved in the job. He said he would depend entirely on the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph to move the hearts of those selected to help in the development of Trinity Heights. They have never had a fund drive or asked for money. They believed the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph would take care of the cash as long as the board was sensible in its spending and spiritual in their living. The daily rosary, each and every day, was and still is, their only fund raising effort. That is the real miracle of Trinity Heights.

The history of the land is important because it shows the dedication of the land for spiritual guidance that covers a century of time: 1912 – 2011. Did Jesus and Mary have a plan for Trinity Heights back in the 1900s?

Aside from the construction of a high school and college early in the century, the land was never commercialized even though it had been owned by a developer. In 1987 Queen of Peace, Inc. purchased the land.

In the years Trinity has been open two thousand men graduated from high school and over five thousand men from college. These young men developed a deep devotion to their school, their classmates and to the Blessed Mother. The alumni have donated over a half million dollars in donations, wills and trusts.

At this time Father Harold Cooper, his mother and a few other ladies began going to the Trinity property and saying the rosary daily while sitting in their cars. Their prayers had one petition, “Mary, please make the land available to us so we may place a statue on the hill in your honor!” This practice of saying the rosary has been consistent ever since.

In 1987 Father was able to purchase the Trinity property of fifty-four acres for ninety-three thousand dollars. The land was theirs! Their prayers had been answered.

Trinity Heights is a magnificent place of prayer and inspiration. A thirty foot stainless steel statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands on the property. It is said, “The sun rises over Mary and sets behind her Son at dusk.” You will be awed and inspired by these magnificent statues.

I cannot begin to do justice to this beautiful place but will try to mention some of the amazing things you will see here—beginning with the life-sized, twenty-two-foot-long wood sculpture of the Last Supper. It is one of only three in-the-round design wood sculptures of the Last Supper in the world. It was completed in 1993 by award-winning carver, Jerry Traulfer of La Mars, Iowa, after seven years of work. He and his wife donated it to Trinity Heights.

You can view the outdoor Cathedral which was designed to include six grottos honoring approved apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As you walk through you can view Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Knock, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, along with the Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Heaven’s Special People.

As you stroll on through the property you can view the bronze statue of St. Francis of Assisi, Moses coming down the mountain with the Ten Commandments; Rachel Weeping with her Children and St. Peter and St. Paul.

The Veteran’s Memorial is a special place for families to honor a beloved veteran. The memorial—bricks laid in the shape of the cross—lies at the entrance to the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It serves as a spiritual tribute to our veterans.

I hope I have given enough information to make you want to visit Trinity Heights to see for yourself how incredible it is! The flowers, plantings, trees and birds create an ideal setting to stroll, pray and reflect.

Twelve homes were built on the south end of the campus for senior residents. Some of them became volunteers and participate in the devotional opportunities that are available. What a beautiful place to spend your later years! The board continues to study the possibility of developing the forty acres to the north that could lend itself to more senior housing and an extended care facility.



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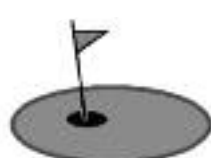
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THE ANGELUS

by Betty Becht

Do you pray the Angelus daily? The Angelus is a Catholic prayer that is recited at 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. daily. As a child and living in the country, whenever the Angelus bells rang, it was a signal for everyone working in the fields to go to the house for lunch. For many years at St. Mary’s of the Knobs, the Benedictine nuns, rang the bells by means of a long rope. Now it is done electronically.

When Father Amar was here at Christ the King, he started the praying of the Angelus in the rectory at 12:00 noon. Everyone who is in the rectory at this time meets in the hall and this beautiful prayer is recited either by a priest, Sister Nancy or one of the volunteers.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit, (Hail Mary).
Behold the handmaid of the Lord, Be it done unto me according to your word, (Hail Mary).
And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. (Hail Mary).
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

Let us Pray:
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, your Grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen
May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

So, when you hear the church bells ring at noon, please stop and say the prayer.



Nocturnal Adoration Still Needs You!

by Paul Ghiotto



Currently the Christ the King Chapter includes members from Christ the King, Assumption, Holy Rosary, Resurrection, and Blessed Trinity. The seven “rotating” bands are led by the following individuals:
Band One – Paul Ghiotto; Band Two – Ron Lynch; Band Three – Richard Sollee (Assumption); Band Four – Al Martin; Band Five – Augustin D’Orazio; Band Six – George Pruitt; Band Seven – John Lewis; Band Eight – Anatole Maher (Resurrection).

Two “non-rotating” bands spend an hour of adoration beginning at 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Monica Crisp leads the 6:00 a.m. Band and Leo Milano heads the 7:00 a.m. Band. Anatole Maher directs non-rotating Band Eight which anchors the 10:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m. slot on Friday night.

A “special” salute goes out to Al Martin and Anatole Maher who are the last of the original members when the local NAS chapter was formed in 1962 !

Due to attrition, most Bands only have two or three active, participating members.

CTK Ministry heads: please consider adopting an hour each month for adoration. You may come during any hour between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following morning

Since 1962, members of the Society have given one hour of adoration on the **First Friday/Saturday combination** of each month. Members spend part of the time reciting prayers contained in an official Society handbook and in periods of silent meditation. Adoration is held throughout the night beginning officially with the 10:00 p.m.— 11:00 p.m. hour and ending with the 7:00 — 8:00 a.m. hour the following morning. Benediction and Holy Mass follow the last hour of adoration. The only commitment required of Society members is that they try their best to come at their appointed hour to pray with others before the Blessed Sacrament.

Vietnamese Community

by Deana Dinh.

The Vietnamese Community at Christ the King, this year, had seven students receive First Communion on June 05, 2016. Thank you, Father James Boddie, Father Lam Nguyen and Deacon Peter Dang for their guidance.

Receiving any sacrament is a very exciting experience. With each sacrament comes great preparation for the individual. As we all know, children go through an entire class learning about certain elements of Catholicism in order to be considered ready to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. I had the honor of being an assistant teacher to the First Communion class.



Throughout the class, the students were exposed to many key parts of their faith. One major element they were taught is the story of Adam and Eve and its importance. Another element that was taught is the Ten Commandments as well as examples of sins to avoid in our lives. Since they were in this class to receive a sacrament, they also learned about the other sacraments. Our class mainly focused on reconciliation or confession. This was because we needed to prepare them for their first confession.

We did hands-on activities during class in order to better understand the curriculum. One of the activities we did was supplying them with construction paper, colorful writing utensils, and strips of paper containing lines of “The Act of Contrition.” The children really enjoyed this activity and it allowed them to learn effectively.

I had so much fun teaching the first communion class and I’m very glad I was able to have this experience.

Home Mass

by Frank Becht

It’s been several years since a Home Mass was said, but just recently circumstances were such that one took place in Alderman Park on the spur of the moment at 10:30 a.m. on June 3.

Bernie Voor, a long-time parishioner became seriously ill and had not been able to attend Mass for several months. By a stroke of luck, Bernie’s first cousin, Father Joe Voor from Louisville, Kentucky, had planned a trip to Orlando, Florida, to perform a wedding of another Voor family member on Saturday, June 4.

Thus, Father Joe was able to stop by Bernie’s home on June 3 and celebrate Mass at Bernie’s home. This served two purposes. First, to celebrate his ordination to the priesthood in Louisville, Kentucky 66 years ago and secondly, to provide Bernie with the opportunity of attending Mass. There was a total of eight people in attendance, five family members and three friends, seated around the dining room table for a beautiful Mass and short homily to bring back fond memories. Shortly after, Father Joe was on his way to Orlando. It was a memorable occasion that will long be remembered by all of us.

Thank you Father Joe.



St. Francis of Assisi



by Ellin Islin

As was mentioned in the May 2015 edition of the *Courier*, St. Anthony was greatly influenced by St. Francis, and the latter is the founder of the order named after him. He’s one of the most beloved and popular of saints (probably because he’s the guardian of our pets), but how much do we really know about the life of St. Francis of Assisi?

Although most of us probably do not go so far as to call our cherished animals “brothers and sisters” as St. Francis did, he was a free spirit in the truest sense.

Born to a privileged family in Assisi, Italy, in 1182, Francis Bernadone was a wild partier who spent his money lavishly. However, he was well-liked by the townspeople because of his happy, charming, generous personality. He just wanted to live life to the fullest and have a good time. However, he also felt compelled to give money to the poor because he was so fortunate. Francis’ father Pietro was not of the same mind; he desired to keep his wealth for himself and his family. Aside from Francis’ natural inclinations, it could be surmised that Francis’ mother was the greatest direction on his moral compass for it was she who taught him about God. Additionally, Pica Bernadone gave her son her utmost atten-

tion. She told Francis romantic stories about heroism and knights. Similarly, Pica carefully observed Francis’ own strengths as a nurturer. For example, if Francis returned home missing an item of clothing or if food disappeared from the table, Pica could be sure Francis had taken care of a beggar who was in the vicinity.

It was the lepers though who changed Francis forever. Initially, Francis greatly feared the people who suffered the terrible disease of leprosy. He was afraid of their rotting bodies and the disfigurement caused from the loss of fingers and noses. In short, he could not stand to be near these humans who were cast aside to live in colonies at the edge of the city. Yet, there was one day when Francis encountered a leper that he faced his fear. Not only did Francis give the man some money, but Francis hugged the leper as well. Then he continued his mission by embracing an entire colony.

Francis’ benevolence continued when in 1206 he received inspiration while praying in the chapel in San Damiano near Assisi. Francis heard a voice telling him to repair the church. Francis attributed the voice to God, and he pledged to rebuild the structure, which of course would be a costly endeavor. The differences in fiscal philosophy between Francis and his father came to a head when Pietro Bernadone hauled his son into the town plaza for a court appearance regarding Francis’s handling of money especially concerning the San Damiano chapel. Although he was admonished in front of the residents, Francis was no stranger to public displays: He went “full monty,” stripping himself of his clothes and throwing his gold back at his father. In a sign of defiance, from then on Francis took a vow of poverty and retreated into the woods wearing only a simple tunic with a rope tied as a belt. Soon other men (many of high societal stature) decided to follow Francis. The name Francis gave to each of the men was “friar,” meaning brother; thus began the Franciscan order.

In the forest, Francis learned to love the beauty of nature as God’s gift. In fact Francis came to see God as the ultimate artist, and therefore destroying (killing) any part of his divine creative work was a grave sin. Francis considered even the lowliest of creatures worthy of admiration. For instance, Francis forbade his friars from chopping down trees. Albeit, if the trees were dead, they could be used for firewood but only after the worms were removed before burning.

That Francis considered all God’s creatures akin to siblings explains St. Francis’ popularity because he is the patron saint of our four-legged family members. Francis’s compassion for animals translated multifold to his fellow humans. He decided that in spite of his economic and political influence, his purpose in life was to help others.

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Religious Education 2016-2017

by Lucille Guzzone

Religious Education program for children not attending Catholic schools will begin September 7, 2016. Information including registration and permission forms and event calendar can now be found on the church website. Look under church ministries. It is recommended that your children are registered before classes begin. Completed forms and tuition may be sent to the rectory in care of Lucille Guzzone, DRE. Registration may also take place at the “Meet and Greet” evening before and after the opening Mass.

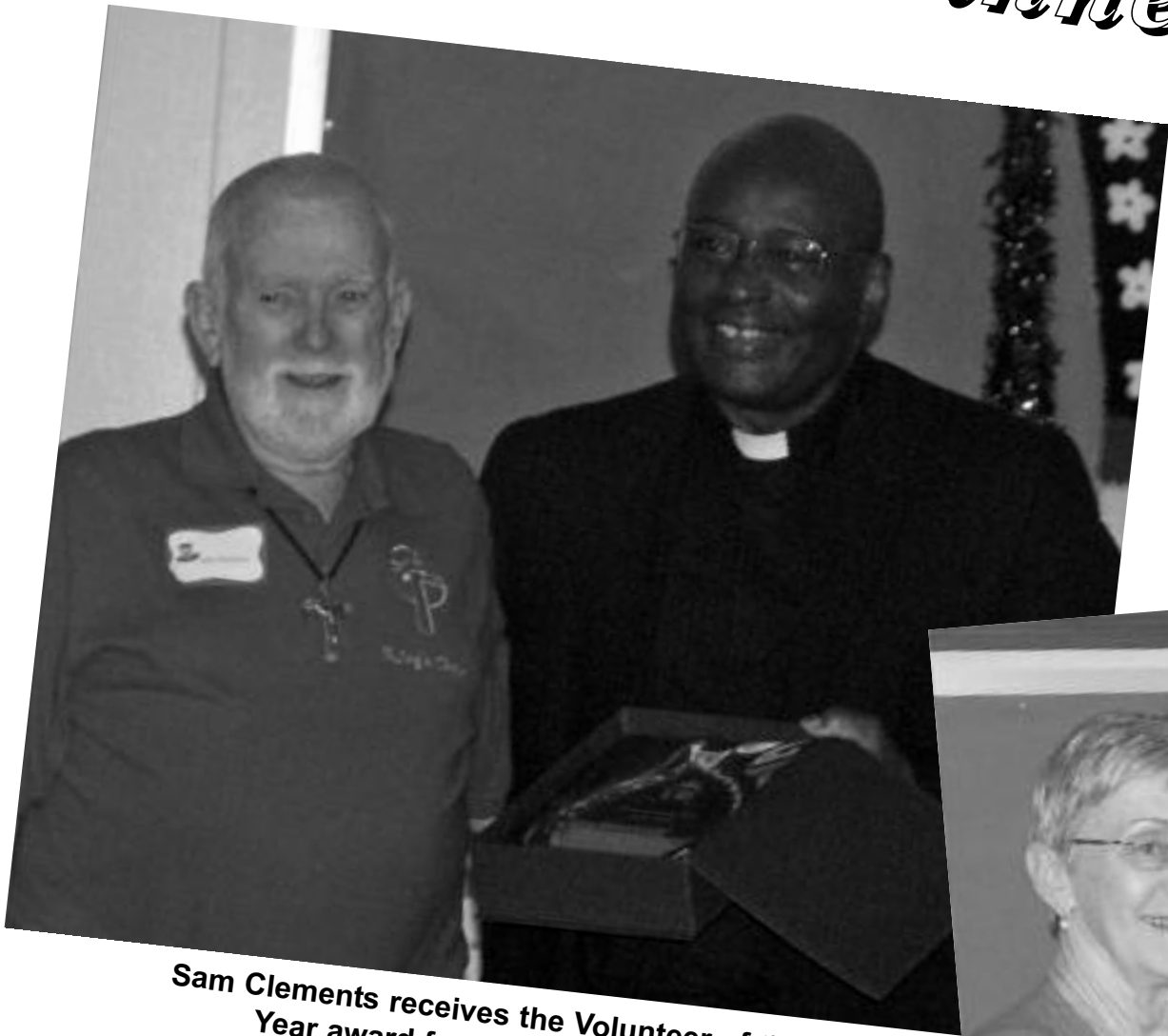
Kindly make note of the following:

- ✠ September 7, 2016 - the opening Mass of greeting, at 6:30 p.m., for all families including the children.
- ✠ Meet and greet teachers in the school classrooms - 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.
- ✠ Classes begin - September 14. Most classes will start at 6:30 p.m. and run one hour. Those older children who did not receive the sacraments at the appropriate age will begin their special class at 6:00 p.m. The tuition is \$40 per child and \$5 for each additional child per family.

Religious Education will end for the year with the First Holy Communion Mass, May 7, 2017.

Please contact Lucille Guzzone with any questions or concerns. Contact information is in the bulletin.

*Volunteer Appreciation
and Awards Dinner 2016*



Sam Clements receives the Volunteer of the Year award from Father Boddie.



Christ the King Council of Catholic Women incoming president, Carol-Ann Black, accepting Ministry of the Year award.



Michele Norton receives an Outstanding Achievement award from Father Boddie.



A from Edie

by Edie Hubert

Music, the arts and humanities have always been a source of connection, a means of emphasizing what all people have in common. The arts connect us to those around us, but also to what lies within. Utilizing the creative process to facilitate and strengthen connections to self and others has been the driving force behind the Arts in Medicine movement that began in the 1990s at several medical institutions including the University of Florida. Engaging patients in the creative process can jumpstart the connection to inner spirituality, sense of self and strength, enabling them to transcend the stress of their external circumstances. Studies have demonstrated that these encounters with the creative process can alleviate a patient’s perception of pain, lower blood pressure, and restore heart and respiration rates to more normal levels. An activity as simple as coloring can help quiet the mind and start the process of restoring balance amidst chaotic circumstances.

In the same way, encounters with art and beauty can open our hearts to the presence of God in ourselves, others, and all around us. Beautiful architecture in a cathedral inspires us to transcend our earthly troubles. As our eyes follow the vertical lines of the pillars and stained glass windows to the domed ceiling above, our thoughts are lifted upward. When we hear beautiful music in a quiet holy space our thoughts are calmed. We listen to the rhythm and harmony and our breathing and thoughts become more rhythmic and harmonious. If the music has words we also engage that part of our mind, and if we participate and sing along we are fully involved in this form of prayer, along with all the other people around us who share the need to connect with the Eternal. Despite our earthly circumstances of nationality, ethnicity, race, gender or any other label that divides us into groups, every human being has a desire to connect with God and with each other. That is something we all have in common.

There have been many traumatic events in recent months, and the news coverage seems intent on focusing on the most divisive aspects. We are barraged with negative images, name calling, the constant creation of an “other” group that is different than we are and to be feared. It becomes difficult to focus on what is good and beautiful and timeless. It becomes difficult to see what Jesus sees in others, because the voices of society tell us to label and focus on what makes people different.

I think our Music Ministry has an obligation to offer as much beauty and opportunity for participation as possible, and so this Liturgical Year we are offering some events to emphasize the idea that what we all have in common is more important than what separates us from each other, and from God. Christ the King is a tremendously diverse and loving parish, and hopefully some of these programs will inspire others from our larger Jacksonville community to connect, share and celebrate with us.

These events will include music at the October 25 meeting of ICARE in our Sanctuary. ICARE brings together groups of many faith traditions who all work together to improve everyday circumstances for those less fortunate. We will have an Advent Lessons and Carols service and include musicians and readers from other denominations, highlighting our shared beliefs. We will have opportunities for our diverse choirs to collaborate: The Vietnamese Choir, Blessed Beyond Belief, the Adult, Children’s and Handbell Choirs. We will continue to feature young visiting musicians in our special services. We will have recital programs in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the parish hall. We will be working to improve our own skills by attending workshops and participating in training programs and, most importantly, will do our best to include familiar hymns and psalms so that everyone can sing together, as one, during Mass. These are just some of the ways the beauty of music can bring us together.

If you have any requests for favorite hymns or special songs you would like to hear, or if you would like to participate in any of our groups, please do not hesitate to let me know! You can talk with me after Mass (4:00 p.m. Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. on Sundays), send an email to me at edie@ctkcatholic.com, or leave a message on my extension at 724-0080 x310.



Please consider joining one of our groups:



Children’s Choir: This group is for young students who love to sing. We rehearse each week either just after dinner one evening, or after school, depending on the schedule of everyone who signs up. We sing at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, for special holidays (Christ the King,

Advent, Easter) plus a few more Sundays. Rehearsals incorporate rhythm and note reading, Kodaly hand symbols, beginning theory and sight reading. We offer solos to students who are eager and willing to practice their part at home.



Adult Choir: This group is for anyone who wishes to sing in a choir. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:00p.m.-8:30 p.m. We sing at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and for other special services. If your schedule does not allow you to participate in Wednesday rehearsals, but you

would like to sing with the choir, please contact me and we can try and work out a solution. This year we will incorporate some vocal training for singers, with visiting voice faculty workshops. We are in need of MEN’S VOICES. Please consider joining our group. We are happy to welcome singers of all ages!



Handbell Choir: This group rehearses one evening each week. We ring to augment choral music and also work on pieces for handbells alone. This year we are working to increase our technical skills and will be attending an August workshop near Daytona, and another in Orange Park. New members would be welcome to join us for these workshops. Handbell ringing is a lot of fun, you do not have to be a great reader of music, but do

need to be able to read rhythms. It is a wonderful physical activity that involves the whole body in making music. High school ringers are welcome to join us!

Cantors: Our cantors rehearse on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:00 p.m. This year, like the Adult Choir, we will be incorporating vocal training as well as offering National Association of Pastoral Musician certification for those who wish to participate.

Wendy Klinkenberg is the director of Blessed Beyond Belief, the contemporary group that provides music for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening liturgy. Young Dinh is the director of the Vietnamese Choir, which provides music for the 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon Vietnamese liturgy. For more information about these groups, the directors can be contacted in the church after these Masses, through me, or directly through the church office.

We have a lot of fun learning new music, relearning old favorites, and working together as a team to create beautiful music. Please consider joining us, even for a season – maybe for Advent and Christmas, or through Lent and Easter. Contact me at edie@ctkcatholic.com, 724-0080 x 310, or come have a chat after Mass!



Christ the King

Council of Catholic Women

A new season and a membership drive

by Carol-Ann Black

Christ the King Council of Catholic Women was named the Ministry of the Year last year at the volunteer dinner in May. Now we begin a new season of new challenges. There will be several events that we will organize for the benefit of the parish in general and a number that will center specifically on increasing our membership, so that we can continue to serve the parish as we have done for so many years.

We will have two upcoming events that will center on membership. The first will be a talk by Staci Duncan and myself, after all the Masses in the weekend of August 20/21. We will explain what CKCCW is all about and invite our parish sisters to join our ranks—to become part of all we do for the parish, our general neighborhood and the world.

The second event will be Council of Catholic Women Sunday on October 9, as declared by Bishop Estevez. Current members will attend Mass as a group at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It is hoped that a large number will indeed be in attendance decked out in their blue CCW scarves.



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- A preview of our autumn calendar:
- September 6 - 9:30 a.m. board meeting, Shirley David Hall
 - September 29 - following 5:30 Mass, first general meeting, SDH
 - October 3 - 9:00 a.m. board meeting, SDH
 - October 9 - CCW Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Mass
 - October 2-16 - Children Matter drive for school supplies
 - October 20 - South Jax Deanery dinner, hosted by CKCCW, after 5:30 p.m. Mass, Parish Hall
 - October 27-30 - Florida CCW Convention, at the Crowne Plaza, Jacksonville Airport
 - November 7 - 9:30 a.m. board meeting
 - December 2 - Living Rosary after 5:30 p.m. Mass, followed with dinner
 - December 10-11 - Christmas bake sale and raffle, SDH, after all Masses
 - December 6 - Cards and Coffee at Marywood, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A wonderful way to start your Advent devotions. Call 904-287-2525 to register.

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Middle School Ministry

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary,
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Edge Middle School Ministry is for all 6th-8th Graders. We meet the first and third Fridays of the month from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (located behind the gym). This is an amazing ministry where we work to grow in faith and fellowship through activities, laughter, and food! If you would like information on Edge, or would like to be on our Parents email list to receive newsletters and upcoming events and information, please email Ctkonedge@gmail.com or call Zack Dodge at (904) 423.7737



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Queens and Kings



The Queens and Kings’ May meeting was a crazy-hat and ice cream social. Members came up with some clever ideas for their hats. Dot Crement came in first in the women’s division with her derby hat covered in roses and betting tickets and a horse, of course. Al Martin came in first place in the men’s division with his fishing hat. Everyone made their own sundaes with a variety of toppings. What a treat on a hot day!

The June meeting was a fun afternoon. Members brought in picnic lunches to be swapped. Numbers were given out when you came in and later on, when they were drawn, you went up and picked out a lunch. Dot Crement won first place for her neat idea of a hobo lunch. Hers was wrapped in a kerchief and tied to a stick. Wanda Magne came in second. We were entertained by the Village Players. They performed skits (light-hearted plays and monologues) called Bits and Pieces. Members of the Village Players are actors with varying degrees of theatre experience. They are all volunteers. Performances are free of charge although donations were accepted to help defray expenses.

Our next gathering will be on September 11. Anyone 50 years plus is welcome. Hope to see you there.





We are Knights

Serving Christ the King and Resurrection Catholic Churches

by Nick Klepac DGK and Frank Becht PGK

Corporate Communion

Family Spirituality Night - “Symbolon”

Come and enjoy the learning of our Faith and the Church for the next presentation on Friday, September 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located on 6030 Arlington Expressway (www.council4727.com). For more information contact Robert Roldan at 904-534-8581 or email adayformen@gmail.com.

We may be familiar with different aspects of our Catholic faith... but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally-known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism.

This is a Potluck event. Please bring a dish to share. Refreshment drinks available.

This presentation is open to all CTK and Resurrection parishioners.

Bunco Night

Another great Bunco night was held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16, with the next one scheduled Saturday, September 17. This event is open to all parish members of both Christ the King and Resurrection. Come out and join us for Bunco. Over 59 million people play this game yearly. Bunco is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill, although we have a few regular players that would disagree!

Road Cleanup

The Knights, under the direction of Mike Stirna, conducted the monthly road cleanup on Lone Star Road (second Saturday of each month). We meet monthly at the parking lot of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church at the corner of Lone Star Road and Carlotta Road at 8:00 a.m.

Walk for Life

The Knights, and other members from Christ the King, walk and pray each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in front of the abortion clinic on University Boulevard, weather permitting. Come join us and let our pro-life voice be heard. Knights and other members from Resurrection walk and pray each week in the same location. See the Resurrection Parish bulletin for the schedule.

The Knights and families will be attending their quarterly corporate communion at Resurrection on Sunday, October 2 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you are a Knight, please wear your council shirt and of course bring your whole family. If you aren’t a Knight, this is a great time to come to the church reception area and find out more about the Knights and their activities. Becoming a Knight is a great opportunity to put your faith into action.

Family Dinner and Movie Knight

The Knights will host a potluck dinner and movie night at the hall, open to all, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be “The 33.” In 2010, 33 Chilean miners were buried alive following a mine collapse. After 69 days, 200 stories down, with time running out... This is a great story of resilience, faith and triumph.

ACA Cleanup

The Knights will be holding a summer cleaning Oct 8 at their hall on Arlington Expressway at 8:00 a.m. All Knights and their families are invited to come out and chip in.

K’Cees Wine and Cheese Membership Social

The K’Cees are holding a wine and cheese membership social August 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Knight’s Hall on Arlington Expressway. Membership is open to any Catholic lady over 18 years of age. Any wife or relative of a Knight is welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Staci Duncan at 904-588-6243.

Squires Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers ceremony was held Sunday, July 17, at 1:00 p.m. The Position of Chief Squire is Chris Futch; Deputy Chief Squire is Ron Ron Harden; Bursar Squire is Jonathan Hymes; and the new Notary is Brad von Seggern.

PBJ’s for the Saint Francis Soup Kitchen

Friday, July 29 Deputy Grand Knight Nick Klepac and his wife, Bernie, K’Cees president, hosted the quarterly Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich-making for our homeless neighbors. With the help of many Knights, families and friends, over 600 sandwiches were made. Everyone enjoyed sharing pizza afterwards. The next PBJ event will be October 28.

New Fraternal Year Officer Installation

The Knights held their annual fraternal year installation of officers at their hall Tuesday, June 28. The officers for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year are:



Grand Knight Steve Bell	Chancellor Mark Gregorio	Lecturer Robert Roldan	One Year Trustee Roland Ferrizzi Jr. PGK
Chaplain Father James Boddie	Recorder Robert Owens	Warden Jim Rogers	Two Year Trustee John Klinkenberg PGK
Deputy Grand Knight Henry (Nick) Klepac	Treasurer Netito Espejo	Inside Guard Ricky Whiteford	Three Year Trustee Dennis Scobie PGK
Financial Secretary Ralph Mosley PGK	Advocate George Dewey Jr.	Outside Guards Charles Chrissman & Christan Castro	Insurance Agent Derrell Murphy

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Squires Host BBQ Cookout

The Squires and their counselors cooked a BBQ lunch for the residents of L'Arche House June 26. A grand time was had by all.



Annual Golf Tournament

The Knights hosted their annual golf tournament at Blue Sky Golf Club, May 1. Numerous golfers and sponsors made this another successful fund raiser. The tournament was followed by a delicious dinner and awards ceremony at the Knight's hall.



Vacation Bible School



From these pictures it is obvious that Resurrection’s children had a fabulous time at their Vacation Bible School. Next year Resurrection and Christ the King will join forces to offer a similar summer event for all of our children.

Wayne Weible at Christ the King

by Carol-Ann Black

The Wayne Weible program at Christ the King on Friday evening was very interesting and for me, thought- provoking. I had never met Wayne before and know little or nothing of the Medjugore apparitions. I do, however, have a number of friends who are committed believers and I wanted to gain a little insight into the events and the devotion inspired by them.

After reciting the rosary, which is always a wonderful way to begin anything, Wayne went on to describe the history of the apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugore and the effect that his visits to this remote corner of the old Yugoslavia have had on his life and soul. I understood that six young children had met the Blessed Mother near their village about thirty-five years ago, but I didn’t understand that the apparitions continue to

this day—every day. Perhaps it is time for me to sign up for a pilgrimage to see Medjugore for myself.

When Wayne finished his talk, he was available for questions with the group and on an individual basis and we had access to copies of his books. To wrap up the evening there was a reception supplied by Christ the King Council of Catholic Women. This turned out to be quite an amazing part of the evening, because, simple as it was, almost everyone came over from the church and then stayed for nearly an hour gathered around the tables just talking. And I am happy to say there were some new faces present and participating.

It was definitely a spiritually and socially rewarding evening. Thank you, Sue Pastorini, for doing the organizing.

Letters from Jail

Letter from Colonel Mustard



Who would’a know’d—that being invited to a dinner party could be so thrilling, daring, scary and fun, as I write this in my jail cell while the rest of my “friends” (if you could even call them that!) are free. Those rats didn’t even help me, but we all had our reasons for being there. For me, the soup was so delicious, until the unfortunate events started to unfold. There were drinks, laughter, investigating and blood. I wish I could say I regret my actions, but a Colonel couldn’t have his name ruined by a no-good so-called magic-loving freak! So Mr. Black had to go, and

Letter from Ms. Scarlett



As I sit here in this dreary jail cell with my so-called friends, I’ve begun to reflect on just what happened on the night of the Peacock’s party.... I remember walking in, ever so elegantly, on the arm of the strapping Professor Plum. We drank and laughed with the Colonel, Ms. White, and all of the other guests. I have so many beautiful memories but I do remember there being a bit of mayhem as well though ... beautiful gifts used for horrendous crimes and good friends killing those who threatened their livelihood. The worst part was finding poor Wolf Black, bludgeoned in the



he was already supposed to be dead, so did I really commit a crime is what I ask myself in this cell. (I wish I could say the same for the rest of the criminals!) We all knew Mrs. White was out for blood! But we all could’a of gotten away with the whole thing - if it wasn’t for all youse detectives that also came to the party and kept a close eye on us! I do have to say it was one of the most eventful nights I have had in a while. So you bet in a couple years, when my charges disappear, I will be at another one! So all in all I would like to thank you for your presence at the party, and if I happen to be out next year, I will see you there #freeColonelmustard
From your well a stemmed Colonel Mustard

On behalf of the youth ministry team we would like to thank all who came out in fellowship and community to help our youth once again experience God’s gifts and love for them on our summer trips; this ministry couldn’t continue to lead teens closer to Christ without your love, prayers and support.

library; he was such a handsome and giving man. After having spent time meditating and reflecting I have come to realize that I was NOT in the wrong. Did I kill the Police Chief? Yes. Am I sorry about it? No. He was using my “dance studio” to his advantage. He didn’t care about the people that he swore to protect. All he cared about was himself and I’m glad he’s gone. The only regret I have is denting my candlestick. So yes, Miss Scarlett did it in the dining room, with the candlestick and she is darn proud of it. I did this world a favor!

Sincerely,
Ms. Scarlett

Thank you to all of the parishioners who bought tickets and came out to this year’s murder mystery. We could not do the things we do without your support. We realize how blessed we are to have such an amazing church family, so from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

We truly love each and every one of you, God Bless.



RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

Kevin O’Neal
May 4, 2000

I am the symbol of freedom.
I fly high proudly watching over my land from shore to shore.
I clothe the naked and feed the hungry.
I am home to the homeless.
I defend the defenseless around the world.
I restore hope where hope is lost.
I cry for the countless souls who have given their precious lives to defend me.
I fly forever in their honor.

I am despised by some whom I have fed and sheltered.
I see contempt in their eyes when they look upon me.
I am trampled by blind vengeance meant for their old rival.
I am mutilated and burned by ignorance and hatred.
I am desecrated by my enemies to incite rage among my children.
I see tears in their eyes as I am sacrificed on the altar of self-serving injustice.
I live in their hearts to comfort them in dark times.
I will not abandon them.

I am a survivor.
I unite a proud and diverse people under one banner of love and security.
I bridge the divide between right and reason.
I represent the greatest nation on the face of this earth.
I have resided here more than two centuries.
I will be here long after you are gone.

Submitted by Darlene O’Neal

Several years ago, I submitted this poem that was written by our son, Kevin. He was proud to have served in the United States Air Force, and with great respect, displayed the American flag. It seems appropriate, at this time, to remind Americans to stand up and be proud of our country and the American flag.



Youth Ministry Fall Retreat
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MURDER MYSTERY SUSPECTS



Christ the King Youth Group

CTK Youth Group

by Summerlee Edenfield

My name is Summerlee Edenfield and I have attended many retreats, meetings, Steubenville last year and even went on the mission trip to Jamaica last summer with the Christ the King youth group. What I have experienced with them I don't think any writing could explain. I have made such amazing friends, grown so much closer with Christ and every time I'm around this wonderful group of people I feel like I'm safe, like I'm at home. Mr. John and Mrs. Wendi do an amazing job with this youth group, John brings everyone together and makes everyone feel so comfortable around each other. Wendi has the most incredible band that when they sing you can really feel God. It's amazing. There's also the fantastic core team that is always so helpful everywhere we go and makes everyone feel safe and secure with anything we tell them. The experiences I have had with this youth group, I wouldn't trade for the world. Even though I work a lot and I was not able to go to every meeting, when I did go I never wanted to go back home. One thing I do know is that each and every person there will always have my



back and if I ask for any prayers I know they would be there for me, as I would for them. I love them and CTK!

Steubenville 2016

by Taylor Bonnichsen

Steubenville is such a great experience, not just for me but for this youth group. This conference touches so many lives, including mine. This year I am expecting to get more one-on-one time with Christ and get to know some new people and spread the word of God. This trip is especially important to

this youth ministry because this is a place of comfort for us because we are around so many other Catholic teens and I believe that is what helps us learn more about Christ and the love He has for every one of us. The past two years that I've gone, I have experienced Christ in many different ways; the first year I experienced him through the wonderful music and last year I experienced him through my friends and the teens around me. I would have to say that adoration is my absolute favorite part of this trip because it is so moving and so beautiful, just by the way it touches me and how it touches all these other teens around me. Normally there aren't very many dry eyes in the room. The room becomes so bright with the Holy Spirit and it's such an amazing experience. I definitely cannot wait for this year's experiences and fun memories.

Steubenville

by Deanna Dinh - Vietnamese Mass

Retreats and conferences are always fun, especially with the right people. Though I've attended Steubenville only one time, it was such an amazing experience that I am going again this year. Steubenville just felt very surreal to me last year. I find it so heartwarming that all of these people have traveled and gathered in order to praise our Lord. Being around the loud music, the fun company, and receiving inspirational talks is what Steubenville is all about. Steubenville is something that I've been looking forward to all year, but nothing can beat Christ the King youth retreats. Thank you all for supporting the youth, we all appreciate you.

Steubenville Conference

by Huy Dihn

Over 3,000 people were under one roof with only one goal and that was to praise our most

ciate the miracles he had worked into my life... What is special about this conference is that it can build a great foundation of faith for anyone including an individual



beloved Lord. With so many people in one room, it's hard to believe that I felt singled out or how I felt Jesus' presence in ME. But upon realizing that so many others were just as deeply engaged, it became clear how strong the Steubenville conference could impact anyone. My very first conference was last year and the experience is beyond what words can describe. I had a longing for Jesus and I began to appre-

like myself who has struggled to keep on the path towards eternal salvation. Regardless of the rather high costs, I believe the experience is a tiny investment that results in a payout that will strongly impact the youth. From the wonderfully gifted speakers to the spiritually led singers, the Steubenville conference by far motivated me to pursue a stronger relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Steubenville

by Ashley Anderson

Over the weekend we took some of our teens to this year's Steubenville Conference in Orlando, Florida. This conference was one for the record books; it was so beautiful and so inspiring. The presenters did a fantastic job of reigniting the Holy Spirit's fire in the teens. The most moving part was, of course, Adoration. There is something incredibly special about being in a room with 2,500 other Catholics, worshipping Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Adoration. We were incredibly blessed to be able to also go to Universal's Islands of Adventure on Monday after the conference ended. It was beautiful to spend time with the teens in such a fun environment. As a chaperone I can say that it was such a wonderful experience to be with them in an environment where everyone is having fun and riding rides. We really got to know the kids in a different light and I am so happy that it worked out so well. To all the parishioners and church staff, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your continued support. Whether you gave money or prayed for us, it made a huge impact on the kids and we are forever grateful. We are so blessed to have not only your support, but also to be a part of such a strong and loving community. We thank you and we love you!

Welcome to a New School Year at Christ the King Catholic School!!

by Adriana Giles

The teachers of CTK would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous support and contribution to the wishing well. If you still want to contribute something please stop by the CTK school office and ask our lovely staff about it. Thank you!!

We have a spectacular year ahead of us with lots of new projects and engineering curriculums for the entire school. It is important for our children to learn critical thinking, problem solving, and conflict resolution. It is the attainment of these skills that will give them the best opportunity for success in the future. All kids will have hands on activities according to their age group. We are very excited about this new curriculum and to see the children working cooperatively to learn new and beneficial skills. We will have an engineering hour every week for every school grade. This hour will be guided by our new STEM coordinator.

CTK School New Faces

by Adriana Giles

We are excited to announce some new teachers and a previous teacher who will be rejoining the CTK Staff this new school year!

Ms. Sarah Witt will be teaching fourth and fifth grade math, science, and religion. She graduated from Notre Dame, spent a semester abroad in Ireland, worked as an assistant teacher and now she is working on her masters’ at Notre Dame.

Ms. Meghan Randinelli will be teaching middle school Language Arts. Meghan has a Masters degree from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, and she worked as an ESL teacher abroad. She also worked as an English and ethics teacher at Notre Dame High School in Salinas, CA, until last school year.

Mrs. Joy Baltz will be teaching middle school math. Joy has been teaching math at Pocahontas Public Schools in Arkansas. She has a child in the fourth grade who will be attending Cathedral Parish School.

Ms. Jordan Newberry will be teaching physical education. Jordan has been working at St. Mark’s Episcopal Day School as a PE teacher. She was also the head JV Girls Lacrosse Coach and the assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach at Episcopal School of Jacksonville.

Mr. John Mongillo will be our STEM Coordinator. John has a master’s degree in science education and worked as a science teacher for 10 years in grades 6, 7 and 8 in Rhode Island. He also was the Editor in Chief for the McGraw-Hill K through 9 science program books.

Welcome back Mrs. Michelle Tackett, who will be working with Mrs. Kabat in Kindergarten.

Welcome to all our new and returning Christ the King School staff members!

Coming September 22 Deacon Santiago Rosado Doctors Without Borders

The world needs faith, peace and love today more that ever. Only the Word of God can provide these blessings to all peoples. Our parish is privileged to be blessed with a visit from Deacon Santiago Rosado, of San Sebastián Church, who shares the Word as he travels the world with Doctors Without Borders.

He shall be here to present some of his experiences with us on Thursday evening, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Let’s learn how we too can spread the Faith and the love of God to our fellow man.

Be sure to mark your calendar.

The Deacon is busy traveling right now, so he is unable to provide a short autobiography in time for the *Courier* deadline.

If I get it from him, I guess I’ll put it on the website and in the bulletin.

Thanks,
Lucille

CTK School Retirement

by Adriana Giles

The CTK school family wants to extend best wishes to Martha Farah, who retired from the school in June. Martha has been a family member of CTK School for 28 years. She has not only worked this many years in the office but also had her three children graduate from the school. Martha’s retirement is our loss, but it is well-deserved. She has always been recognized for her courtesy, amicability, and dedication to the office, the parents and the students.

Please join us in extending best wishes to Barbara Boutte, who retired from the school in June. She has been a tremendous teacher at CTK for 25 years and she will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike. In addition Barbara’s own child graduated from CTK, and she was one of the founders of the CTK FSA—the Christ the King School Family School Association.

Thank you, Barbara, for guiding through example, for inspiring with passion, and for living through loving.

Barbara and Martha, congratulations on your retirements and thank you for your years of dedication and hard work!



Bishop Kenny Honor Roll Fourth Quarter


Principal’s Level

Harrison Abercrombie
Sarah Crocco
Isabel Devore-Suazo
Blessing Essien
Nicolina Graves
Regine Hilaire
Bryanna Racke
Victoria Reep
Emily Tackett
Michael Winston Jr.

Honor Roll

Reed Abercrombie
Shelby Asher
Ehsan Atallah
Paulo Barrera
Taylor Bonnichsen
Jared Bowling

Emily Duncan
Marisa Garcia
MaCayla Harrell
Marissa House
Hogoe Kpessou
Christopher Luyando
Christian Lynch
Caroline McClellan
Kathleen McClellan
Carolyn Morgan
Gina Nguyen
Michael O’Connell
Sarah Pietrusza
Shadia Salem
Nicholas Taylor
Makenna Vance
David Williams
Hannah Williams
Katherine Wnuk
Madison Yates
Janica Erin Zenarosa



Country Store Items Needed

Remember! We are accepting donations in the St. Mary’s room on Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until October 29.

Small items and supplies can be dropped off at the religious article store. We need paper towels, Mr. Clean, tags, package tape, and plastic bags - sandwich, quart, gallon, 2-gallon sizes.

Questions??? Need a pickup??? To bring in a large item call Charm at 721-9827 or 377-1299.

American Heritage Girls (AHG)

by Adriana Giles

- Are you looking for a girl’s scouting group for your daughter?
- Do you want your daughter to make more friends and gain confidence?
- Do you want your daughter to expand her understanding of her faith?

We have the group for you!

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a scouting national character development organization that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

Who can join?

Any girl age 5 to 18.

The CTK AHG troop 1125 has the privilege of being comprised of girls from many Catholic schools: Christ the King, Holy Spirit, Resurrection, Immaculate Conception, and Assumption as well as home-schooled girls.



CTK AHG troop 1125

Our Mission

“Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.”

We participate in various activities and fundraisers including: National Day of Service, father/daughter event, cleaning the CTK Grotto twice a year, rosary processions, Catholic outdoor adventure, camping, mother/daughter event, Lenten service project, and of course earning badges through the school year.

See you at our Ice Cream Social in August!

We meet every other Monday on the CTK campus.
For more information please contact:
Jeanette Sullivan, Troop Coordinator
Phone: 904-614-5498
email: fl1125ahg@gmail.com

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Meet Jeanie

This is one of those awkward moments when I have been asked to write about myself

Perhaps the best way to begin is that I have never ended up where I expected to be but God has given me such incredible experiences that I am grateful for the journeys.

I have always been an educator and involved in the community in some way. Raised and adopted by my grandparents, I was imbued with a strong work ethic and a bit of evaluated risk taking (Papa played professional baseball in the 1940s and 50s and as a result, the St. Louis Cardinals hold a special place in my heart along with the Jacksonville Suns!)

I attended the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston, Texas at a time when Fame Academy in NYC was the only other such school in the nation.

Before University, I dreamed of being an attorney but after working in law firms and courthouses, I became a bit disillusioned that this was the way to change the world.

Instead I majored in Bilingual Education, with a few minors here and there, believing that education might be a more effective way to profoundly impact the world.

After University, I became a public school teacher and a “Kate Greenaway” character in Dickens on the Strand in Galveston, Texas.

I left teaching after four years to become a National Trainer and Regional Manager with international companies until I married and had sons.

For fourteen years, I was a stay-at-home and a home-school mom.

We moved often, eventually settling in Lake City, Florida, where I was “drafted” into the Olustee Festival and Battle Reenactment (in which I continue to be involved every February), the Alligator Festival (working with live alligators and Seminole alligator wrestlers), and other community events.

It was here that I returned to the public schools so that I could work and be on the same schedule as my sons. My fifth grade students



promptly named me Mortgydpjinn (one part Morticia, one part gypsy, and one part djinn (genie)).

After several years, I received a phone call in December asking if I would be willing to take a floating position as a high school English teacher (these classes had chased away four other teachers). I accepted the challenge.

My students were never certain of what would happen next. They said that I was “a splash of red in a black and white world” ...as well as gossiping that William Shakespeare was my boyfriend! Eventually, I became Department Chair and with my partner teachers developed a thriving drama program which continues today.

When both of my sons were occupied by their own lives, I felt it was time for this city girl to return to a city. Jacksonville was the closest city so I moved here. At the end of my first year of teaching in Jacksonville, I was considered surplus but there was a shortage of music teachers. Therefore, I pulled out my college transcript, took the music teaching exam, gained a new certification and taught music on the Westside of Jacksonville.

In May, 2014, my life was to change again. My great aunt and uncle, who lived in Arlington, had need of assistance. I was given the privilege of being with and caring for them both until they passed.

While with them, I began attending Mass at CTK.

One Sunday a call was made for volunteers to serve on the parish council. In the past, I have gladly served as youth minister, music minister, and liturgist but NEVER wanted to be any part of a parish council! However, something stirred in my gut. I resisted.

During this time, I was also searching for a way to help protect this incredible Jacksonville treasure known as Arlington for I had begun to fall in love with this area. Each Sunday a call was made until it began to feel like a summons. I called Father Bruce Nieli, CSP who asked one simple question of me. “Is there a better way to serve the Arlington area?”

The next day I called Father Boddie and met with the council. I have served wherever I was able.

This year there was a request for volunteers to run for council president. I remained silent until I received an email asking if I would consider running for this office.

Now, here I stand.

Jeanie Wilks, President, Pastorial Council

Article on Father Nieli, C.S.P. on page 5



Take me out to the ball game
Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and
Crackerjacks,
I don't care
if I never get back!
Let me root, root, root
for the home team,
If they don't win, it's a shame!
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,
At the old ball game!

Thursday, September 1, 2016



(Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville)
(CTK Family and friends)

(all you can eat burgers and hotdogs)

(\$20 per person – food and game)

(last week of the regular season)

(seeing out summer with
The Boys of Summer!)