

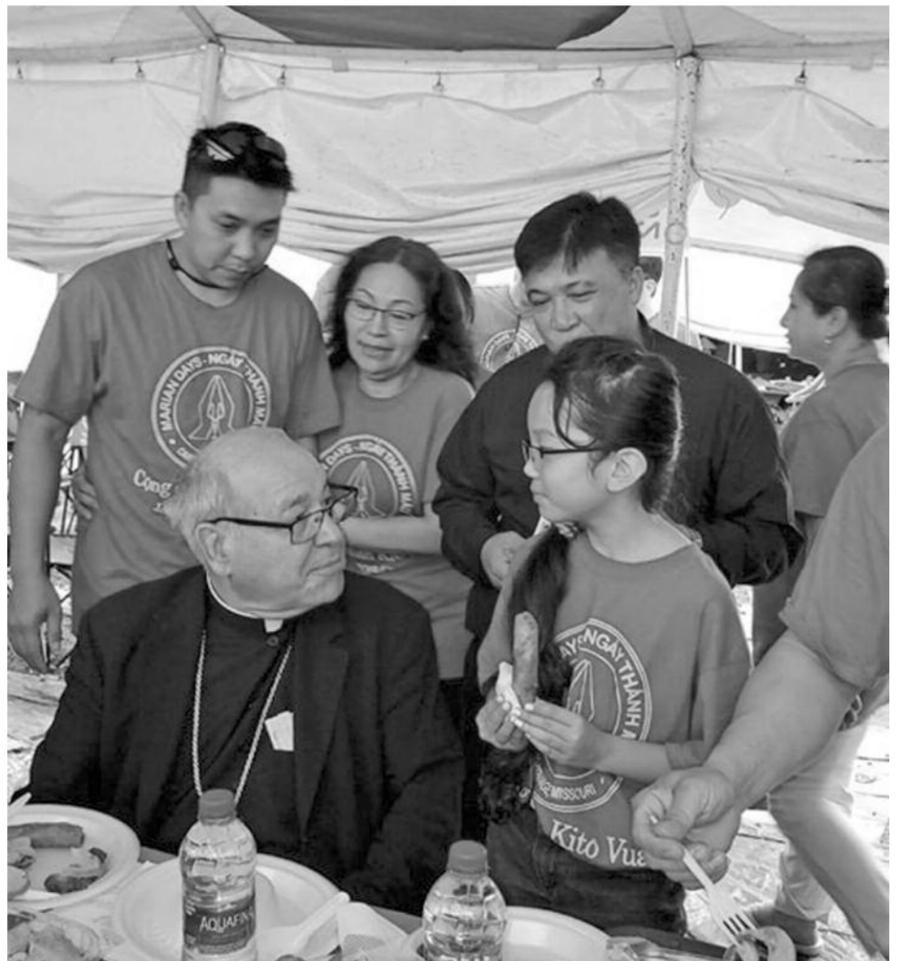
Attending Marian Days 2019 in Missouri

by Father Bernie

On the first weekend of August, there were about 70 people in the Vietnamese community at Christ the King who made their pilgrimage to Missouri for MARIAN DAYS. Everyone was excited to meet our Bishop Felipe Estévez and Bishop Thomas Thai Thanh Nguyen, our former pastor of Christ the King. In addition, the community also had an opportunity to spend time together on camping cots in the “little hut,” to spend time with Jesus in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, to celebrate the Eucharist, to attend spiritual workshops, and to join in the procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was truly faith-filled and fun days for everyone.

HÀNH HƯƠNG NGÀY THÁNH MẪU 2019, MISSOURI

Tuần đầu của tháng tám vừa qua, khoảng 70 người trong cộng đoàn tham dự hành hương Ngày Thánh Mẫu. Mọi người rất phấn khởi khi có dịp gặp Đức Cha Felipe Estévez, Giám Mục Giáo Phận, và Đức Cha Tôma Thành, cựu chánh xứ Giáo xứ Chúa Kitô Vua. Ngoài ra, cộng đoàn còn có những giây phút gần gũi, vui vẻ với nhau trong “túp lều lý tưởng”, phút linh thiêng bên Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể trong giờ Châu đêm, và hân hoan dưới mưa trong cuộc cung nghinh Đức Mẹ. Năm nay, anh Tài, đại diện cộng đoàn đọc thánh thư và hai chị Thế Dương và Ý Anh dâng của lễ. Thật là tưng bừng luôn.



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Father Boddie's Message

by Staff Writer,

In place of the usual Pastor's Corner, we'll tell you about Father Boddie's recent trip to the Holy Land. He joined a tour group from Houston and after travelling for two days they landed at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, and stayed in Netanya the first night.

Day Three: On the first full day of the tour they saw Mount Tabor, scene of the Transfiguration; Cana, the site of Jesus's first miracle; plus, the Basilica of the Annunciation, St. Joseph's Church, Mary's Well and the Old Market.

Day Four: They went to Capernaum where Jesus lived, and started His ministry; the Mount of Beatitudes (the location of Sermon on the Mount); and Tabgha, the site where the miracle of the multiplication of fish and bread took place.

Day Five: They went to Haifa, Mt. Carmel and Caesarea Maritima to take a glimpse of the ancient remains of Herod's, then on to the holy city of Jerusalem.

Day Six: In Bethlehem, they visited the Shepherd's Fields, and the Church of the Nativity that stands upon the site where Jesus was born. They also saw Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist, and the Church of the Visitation, where the Virgin Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth, and proclaimed the "Magnificat."

Day Seven: They visited the Mt. of Olives. This included a dramatic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives, revealing a city with 4,000 years of history. Next was the Pater Noster where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer to his disciples. You can walk the Palm Sunday route stopping at Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem.

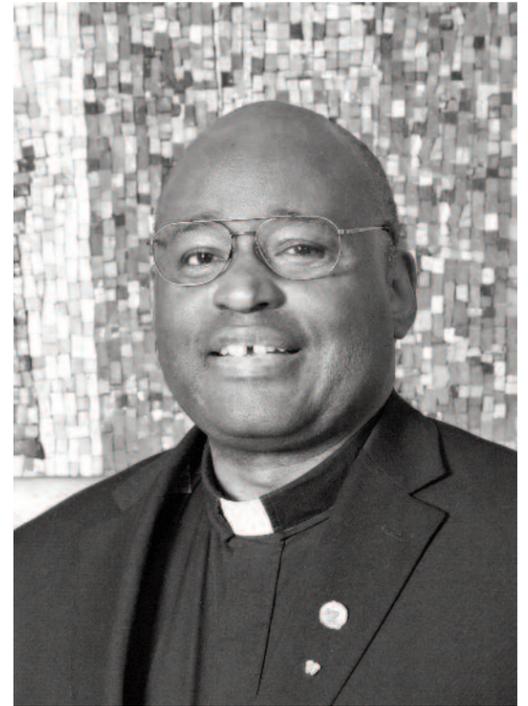
In the Garden of Gethsemane, they saw The Rock of Agony, where Jesus prayed his last prayer before His arrest, and visited the Church of all Nations. The afternoon found them driving to the hill of Mount Zion, the highest point in ancient Jerusalem. It is dominated by the Church of the Dormition, identified in Christian tradition as the place where the Virgin Mary died or "fell asleep," as the name suggests. The day ended at St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Our Lord thrice.

Day Eight: They retraced the last steps of Jesus during a walk along the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow) praying the Stations of the Cross. They celebrated Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, St. Anne's Church and saw the Wailing Wall, the most holy place for Jews. The rest of the day was open for visits to other holy sites, shopping or resting.

Day Nine: They visited Bethany, the site where Lazarus lived with his sisters Martha and Mary, then continued to the Jordan River to renew baptismal vows. While in the Jordan Valley they stopped at the oasis town of Jericho, visited the excavations, and viewed the Mt. of Temptation where Jesus fasted and was tempted by Satan. They also saw the excavations of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered.

On the way back, there was time for a swim (or rather a float!) in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea, renowned for its healing properties. Then the group headed towards Bethlehem for their return flight the next day.

Father Boddie enjoyed a wonderful trip and said that though areas were very busy, the atmosphere was surprisingly peaceful.



Christ the King Christmas Penance Service
Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.
What better way to prepare for the birth of our Lord?



Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 12/24/19 - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Vietnamese, 9:00 p.m. and Midnight

Christmas Day - 12/25/19 - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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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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Farewell Father Carey

Death of Bernard (Brian) Kevin Carey C.S.Sp.

From Congregation of the Holy Spirit – Irish Province

We regret to announce the death of Father Brian Carey C.S.Sp. He died on Saturday (12th October 2019) in Nazareth House, aged 88.

Brian was born on 23rd June 1931 to Ellen Mary (nee Brown) and James Joseph Carey of Bath Avenue Gardens, Sandymount, Dublin.

Following secondary studies in Synge Street CBS, he entered Kilshane in 1949 and was professed the following year. He then studied Philosophy in UCD, graduating in 1953 with a BA degree.



After perfecting in the Bursar's Office in Kimmage and in Rockwell College, he completed his four years of Theology studies in Kimmage in 1959. He would later do sabbatical studies in Ireland and in the Center for Biblical Formation, in Jerusalem.

Ordained in 1958 in Clonliffe College by Archbishop McQuaid, Father Brian was appointed to Kenya where he served for a decade and a half. Having ministered in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Mombasa from 1960 to 1966, he then spent 8 years in Bura, training catechists. His final year in Kenya was as Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Mombasa.

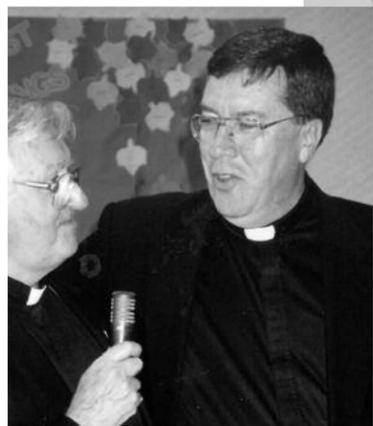
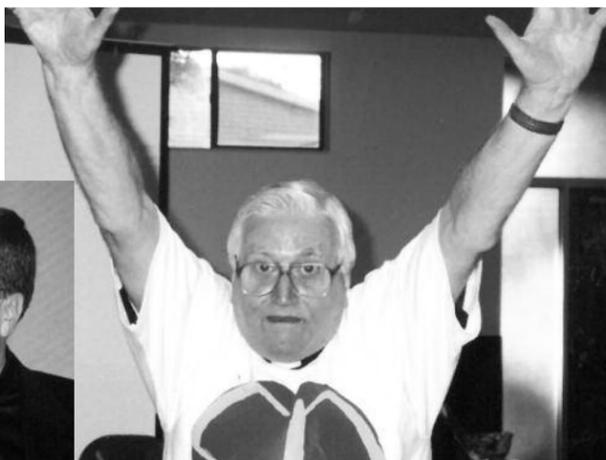


Returning to Ireland in 1975, he served in Greenhills Parish from 1975 to 1979, and spent a short time in St. Michael's College and in Ardagh parish (Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois).

In 1980 he moved to the USA and began two decades in pastoral roles. He was in St. James' Basilica, Jamestown, North Dakota (Diocese of Fargo) until 1989 when he moved to the Parish of Christ the King, Jacksonville, Florida. Appointed to Kimmage in 2001, he returned during the summers to minister in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Father Brian was resident in Marian House from 2015, moving to Nazareth House in 2018.

We offer our prayerful sympathies to his family, relatives, Spiritan confrères and friends.



Editor's Corner

by Cynthia Surles



Happy Thanksgiving! This newspaper should be in your hand before then, and we'll thank God and our fellow volunteers that we can rest for a month. We're always rushed in the last month as we work hard each quarter to get stories of interest to you. In addition to church and school articles we try to include items about the surrounding community and events that you might want to go to, but we try not to promote anyone in particular. That's your choice; our aim is to keep you informed.

When we sit around the family table at Thanksgiving we say our blessings for the food, family and friends that God has given us. Let's extend that thankfulness to all the other people we see once a day or once a month. We won't change the world but maybe we can change someone else's world if only for a few minutes. So many people are in jobs where they rarely hear "Thanks," or even, "Good Job!" Imagine being a cashier standing on your feet for hours and the customer in front of you gives him or her a bad time. A smile and some thanks from you can transform her day, and she may pass it on to the next customer. I wonder if God smiles every time we make someone else smile.

Everyone prays (and gives thanks when the prayer is answered), for the big things, a loved one who's ill or a better job so they can support their family. But how often do we give thanks to God for the little things: finding your keys, a green traffic light when you're running late, finding help or information you need, or simply a smile from a stranger when you're feeling sad? Let's treat others the way we'd like to be treated and thank God for the little things each day. Let's make God smile!

St. Francis Soup Kitchen to Close

by Shelby Miller, Clothes Closet Volunteer

After 40 years of serving "hundreds of the community's less fortunate, the poor, homeless and anyone in need of a nourishing meal" (Mission Statement), the Soup Kitchen will serve its last meal on December 28. A brief history: In 1979 Mary Korson and Father Antonio Leon began handing out sandwiches from the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. The ministry was known as St. Anthony's Bread for the Poor. In time, it was moved to the cafeteria of the former Immaculate Conception Elementary School now known as the Providence Center. A Clothes Closet across from the Soup Kitchen was established to distribute men's and women's clothing, shoes, hygiene kits, blankets and other items.

In the 1990s Mary Korson retired and Jim and Diane McVety became the Kitchen's coordinators. In July 2019 the Diocese of St. Augustine decided to close the Providence Center because it had become expensive and difficult to maintain. Catholic Charities, the center's primary tenant, moved its operations to the Jesse Ball duPont Center. However, the Soup Kitchen has no place to relocate and thus is closing.

The Soup Kitchen brought together not only Catholics from many Jacksonville parishes including Christ the King but people from other faith traditions. The volunteers were drawn to serve those who sought a meal and clothing by offering a warm welcome and showing kindness and care. The volunteers listened, smiled, and prayed. For many, it was a way to live out the corporal works of mercy. By serving at the Soup Kitchen, Bishop Kenny students and others fulfilled their service requirements; parishes collected clothing and shoes; organizations such as the Knights of Columbus prepared sandwiches; others made monetary donations. For all volunteers the ministry was one of love.

The McVetys are seeking different ways to continue the ministry of the St. Francis Soup Kitchen but without a physical building. The following is a prayer said each Saturday morning before the Soup Kitchen opens:

"For all our customers who come through the door today reaching out for help, that we may look through their eyes and see Christ and receive them with love and compassion, we pray to the Lord."

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.

The Kerygma Enigma

by HECTOR MOLINA • 7/19/2013

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Kerygma is a term that is largely unfamiliar to most Catholics. Kerygma (from the Greek *keryssein*, to proclaim, and *keryx*, herald) refers to the initial and essential proclamation of the gospel message. The word appears nine times in the New Testament: once in Matthew (12:41), once in Mark (16:20), once in Luke (11:32), and six times in the letters of St. Paul (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 1:21, 2:4, 15:14; 2 Tim. 4:17; and Titus 1:3). To put it simply, the kerygma is the very heart of the gospel, the core message of the Christian faith that all believers are called to proclaim.

Kerygma is distinct from “*didache*,” another Greek term that refers to teaching, instruction, or doctrine. While kerygma means the initial gospel proclamation designed to introduce a person to Christ and to appeal for conversion, *didache* (what we commonly refer to today as catechesis) concerns the fuller and more extensive doctrinal and moral teaching and instruction in the Faith that a person receives once he has accepted the kerygma and has been baptized.

Blessed John Paul II, in his 1979 apostolic exhortation *Catechesi Tradendae*, describes how catechesis builds upon the kerygma:

“Thus through catechesis the Gospel kerygma (the initial ardent proclamation by which a person is one day overwhelmed and brought to the decision to entrust himself to Jesus Christ by faith) is gradually deepened, developed in its implicit consequences, explained in language that includes an appeal to reason, and channeled towards Christian practice in the church and the world (CT 25).”

Thus, the initial kerygmatic proclamation and catechesis are two necessary and mutually enriching components of evangelization. However, in my experience I have found that there is general imbalance in the Church (on the diocesan and parochial levels), which unfortunately tends to place a much greater emphasis on catechesis at the expense of initial proclamation.

In his 1990 encyclical, *Redemptoris Missio*, Blessed John Paul II underscored how essential kerygma is in the life and mission of the Church:

“Proclamation is the permanent priority of mission. The church cannot elude Christ’s explicit mandate, nor deprive men and women of the “Good News” about their being loved and saved by God. “Evangelization will always contain—as the foundation, center, and at the same time the summit of its dynamism—a clear proclamation that, in Jesus Christ . . . salvation is offered to all people, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy.” All forms of missionary activity are directed to this proclamation, which reveals and gives access to the mystery hidden for ages and made known in Christ (cf. Eph 3:3-9; Col 1:25-29), the mystery which lies at the heart of the church’s mission and life, as the hinge on which all evangelization turns.

In the complex reality of mission, initial proclamation has a central and irreplaceable role, since it introduces man “into the mystery of the love of God, who invites him to enter into a personal relationship with himself in Christ” and opens the way to conversion. Faith is born of preaching, and every ecclesial community draws its origin and life from the personal response of each believer to that preaching. Just as the whole economy of salvation has its center in Christ, so too all missionary activity is directed to the proclamation of his mystery.

The subject of proclamation is Christ who was crucified, died, and is risen: through him is accomplished our full and authentic liberation from evil, sin and death; through him God bestows “new life” that is divine and eternal. This is the “Good News” which changes man and his history, and which all peoples have a right to hear (RM 44).”

John Paul II saw this primary or initial proclamation (kerygma) as an essential component of the new evangelization to which all of the faithful are called:

“The vital core of the new evangelization must be a clear and unequivocal proclamation of the person of Jesus Christ, that is, the

preaching of his name, his teaching, his life, his promises and the Kingdom, which he has gained for us by his Paschal Mystery.

The lay faithful too, precisely as members of the church, have the vocation and mission of proclaiming the Gospel: they are prepared for this work by the sacraments of Christian initiation and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit”. They have been “in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ.” Consequently, “the lay faithful, in virtue of their participation in the prophetic mission of Christ, are fully part of this work of the Church” and so should feel called and encouraged to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (Ecclesia in America, 66).”

If the kerygma is as vitally important to the New Evangelization as Blessed John Paul II claimed it to be, and if all of the baptized are bound to share the gospel with others, then why are we not devoting more of our energies toward the formation of the lay faithful in this initial proclamation?

After all, we simply cannot assume that all believers know the kerygma. How many Catholics do you know that would be able to comfortably articulate the essential elements of the gospel and lead someone to faith?

As evangelizers, we must first know the kerygma if we are going to effectively communicate it to others. Unfortunately, for many Catholics the kerygma remains an enigma. They may know certain aspects of it, “God loves you,” “Christ died for your sins,” but they are not able to confidently and systematically share this core message of salvation with others. I remain convinced that this is a challenge that must be addressed. It is not enough for pastors to tell their parishioners that they are called to evangelize. They need to teach them how to evangelize.

When I was director of evangelization for the St. Louis archdiocese, I spent a lot of time conducting parish seminars and workshops through which I would teach the laity the essential elements of the kerygma and how to effectively and confidently share it with others. Do you know what the participants quickly came to realize? This isn’t rocket science. You don’t need a Ph.D. in theology to do this. You don’t need to be a priest to do this. You don’t need to be a “preacher” to do this. Anyone can do it. They just need to be taught how.

I remain convinced that all dioceses and parishes should have a strategy and plan for forming the laity for kerygmatic proclamation and evangelization. For this reason I was encouraged to see this issue taken up at the recent Synod for the New Evangelization. The synod fathers addressed it directly in one of their 58 propositions, which were later presented to Pope Benedict.

“Proposition 9: NEW EVANGELIZATION AND INITIAL PROCLAMATION

The “first proclamation” is where the kerygma, the message of salvation of the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ, is proclaimed with great spiritual power to the point of bringing about repentance of sin, conversion of hearts and a decision of faith. At the same time there has to be continuity between first proclamation and catechesis, which instructs us in the deposit of the faith. We consider it necessary that there be a Pastoral Plan of Initial Proclamation, teaching a living encounter with Jesus Christ. . . . The Synod Fathers propose that guidelines of the initial proclamation of the kerygma be written. This compendium would include:

- Systematic teaching on the kerygma in Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church;
- Teachings and quotations from the missionary saints and martyrs in our Catholic history that would assist us in our pastoral challenges of today; and
- Qualities and guidelines for the formation of Catholic evangelizers today.

I know that Pope Francis has indicated that he is in the process of writing a post-synodal apostolic exhortation on evangelization that will interact with the propositions submitted. I believe that such an exhortation would give a greater impetus for bishops and pastors alike to take up this exciting and much-needed proposal, which I believe would contribute greatly to the formation of the laity for the new evangelization.

Advent Tree Time



Please take a tag from the Advent Trees and buy the gift requested. Before returning your gift, please ATTACH THE TAG FIRMLY TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE. This will ensure that your gift is delivered to the correct person. If you purchase a gift card, please do not put it under the trees. Please drop it off at the rectory or the Religious Articles store. All gifts are due back to the church at 5:00 on Sunday, December 15. Thank you very much for your participation in the wonderful ministry.



33rd Florida Respect Life Conference

by Nick Klepac

My wife, Bernie, and I, as the Respect Life Family representing Christ the King's Knights of Columbus Council 4727, attended the 33rd Florida Respect Life Conference in St. Augustine, October 11-12, 2019.

What is the Respect Life Conference? It is a witness to the strength and vitality of the Respect Life movement throughout the State of Florida and our Country! Respect life encompasses not only the unborn, but all stages of life from conception to natural death: abortion, death penalty, human trafficking, and euthanasia and any other man-made effort to destroy life.



Most Reverend Felipe J. Estevez, S.T.D., Bishop of St. Augustine, stated, "During this time when American society continues to become increasingly hostile to life, it is incumbent upon all Catholics to promote the sanctity of life."

The conference began Friday, October 11, at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of La Leche with a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend William Wack, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Dr. Mary Soha, pediatrician, author and vice-postulator for the cause of the Martyrs of La Florida presented "In the Heart of Our Mother."

Saturday, October 12, was held at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, St. Augustine. The morning began with a light breakfast and a presentation, "Listen, Put it in Your Heart" by Bishop William Wack. Dr. Robert Raspa, M.D. who is on the board of directors of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a former member of St. Vincent's Medical Center, presented "The Pill Reversal Reality," a proven method of stopping and reversing Planned Parenthood's preferred method of abortion.

Ron Wright, former Orange County Sheriff's Deputy, Florida's exonerated Death Row survivor spoke about "The Injustices of the Death Penalty." Vincent Rue, Ph.D., spoke of post abortion healing.



Star Parker, founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE), has authored several books. She is a regular commentator on national television and radio networks including the BBC, EWTN, and FOX News, and is a nationally syndicated columnist with Creator's News Syndicate,



which is carried in some of the largest newspapers and news websites in the country, reaching seven million readers weekly. Her rousing, energetic speech about what abortion is and what it has done to this country was very inspiring.



Reverend Leonard Chuwa, Ascension St. Vincent's State Director of Spiritual Care presented a moving speech on the culture of death and physician-assisted suicides. Tracy Winsor, director and co-founder of Be Not Afraid, spoke of "Care of Infants with Life Limiting Pre-Natal Diagnosis." Ruby Peters, Catholic Charities presented "How Can You Combat Human Trafficking."

The conference was overwhelming with emotions and information, leaving all of us energized to fight for life!



The conference ended with a Mass con-celebrated by Bishop Felipe Estevez (St. Augustine), Bishop William Wack (Pensacola-Tallahassee), Bishop John Gerard Noonan (Orlando), Reverend Chuwa (St. Vincent), Reverend Gillespie (Marion Consecration), and Reverend Timothy M. Lindenfelser (Pastor St. Anastasia Catholic Church).



Father Hugh Gillespie at CTK School

by Adriana Giles



Christ the King Catholic School had a wonderful visitor on August 26, Father Hugh Gillespie. Father was an inspiration to all teachers and students from Kindergarten to eighth grade when he came to talk about living a life consecrated to Mary. He explained to us that consecrating your life to Mary is a response. It is the response to God's call, by understanding that we belong to Him in a new way. Baptism is our first and most important consecration. We are destined and commissioned to the Glory of God and the salvation of the world. Through Baptism we do not belong to ourselves anymore but to Christ who impacts his life to us.

He explained to us that even though Mary was not the creator, nor the redeemer; it was God's will that Mary had something to do with our Christian life. She gives us the love of a mother and maternal care. This is a gift that we received in baptism. Mary is the perfect example of the Church and model of all the faithful. She is God's masterpiece and our job is to be like her. Consecration to Mary is to try to become our better self, "the perfect means." It is to commit ourselves to Christ and it is to understand that our goal and end is God. Consecration to Mary is a pledge to perform actions through Mary, in Mary and for Mary which is through Christ, with Him, and for Him. Our dedication to the Heart of Mary must maintain the vital unity between the Heart of Mary and the Heart of Jesus. At the end, we offer ourselves to God's Divine Consecration through Mary and the way to the Heart of Jesus.



A Call from God - WQOP

by Tom Moran, General Manager, Queen of Peace Radio

Perhaps you have heard a similar comment that goes like this: John Q Public is a good Catholic, because he goes to church every Sunday. But do you ever think John may need to respond to God's grace in other ways besides only weekly church attendance?

As Catholics we are called to spread the fullness of the Catholic faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 900) says that the laity "has the right and duty, individually or grouped in associations, to work so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all men throughout the earth." St. John Paul II advised laity to get involved and not sit on the sidelines. In the encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio* (1990), he says "Those who are incorporated in the Catholic Church ought to sense their privilege and for that very reason their greater obligation of bearing witness to the faith and to the Christian life as a service to their brothers and sisters and as a fitting response to God" (RM 11). Another way of saying "those incorporated in the Catholic Church" would be to simply say those who have been baptized and accept the Church's means of salvation. That is probably everybody who is now reading this article. St. John Paul II continues in (RM 33) to say that laity must respond to those "who were traditionally Christian but where entire groups of the baptized have lost a living sense of faith. We need a "new evangelization" or a "re-evangelization."

You can probably relate to this. And many people in your life may need that "new evange-



Penny and Bob Lord with Deacon George Barletta

lization" but like me, you are thinking that you are too busy.

Radio for the Soul: Over 22 years ago, a group of Catholic laymen in the Jacksonville Beach area took St. John Paul II's call for a new evangelization to heart, and formed Queen of Peace Radio in 1997.

At the very beginning, then President for Queen of Peace Radio, Chris Williams, a local dentist, admitted, "I didn't know anything about radio, nothing at all, but I had heard that Mother Angelica was willing to give away Catholic audio programming to anyone who would purchase a radio station." Dr. Williams brought the idea to his prayer group, gathered a few men

together with like-minded ideas and the evangelization project was launched. "We began with prayer," said Dr. Williams, now a father of eight. "Every day we would drive by this radio station that we wanted to buy, and pray that God would give it to us, if it was His will. One day, my eldest daughter said, 'Daddy, I'm claiming this radio station for us,' and shortly after that the folks that owned the station notified us they were willing to sell."

Saying you are going to buy a Catholic station is easy, but making it happen is not so easy. Dr. Williams worked with his group to set u p all



the first minute on the air - 1997

the equipment, computers, satellite receiver, and small recording studio to begin broadcast of Catholic radio in Jacksonville over AM-1600 at the beaches. The first few months the station operated on a lease until the purchase closing later that first year. It was going to take a lot of prayer and sacrifice.

"There's a lot of good Protestant religion on the radio," said Dr. Williams, "but very little Catholic presence. Now we can put the daily Mass, prayers, lives of the Saints, devotionals, as well as Catholic teaching on timely subjects, out for all the world to hear."

WQOP 1600 went on the air February 28, 1997. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day. And right away listeners were being impacted, and the mission to evangelize was unfurling. St. John Paul II addressed this opportunity back in the 1990's when he spoke in front of the Catholic Media Association. He said, "Radio offers perhaps the closest equivalent today of what Jesus was able to do with large groups through His preaching. Radio is an intimate medium which can reach people on the street, in their cars, or in their homes..." St. John Paul II also said "Radio may well be the most cost-effective means of reaching large numbers of people who may not want to read or may lack exposure to Catholic publications - but will be willing to 'eavesdrop' on Catholic radio stations."

Does Catholic radio really save souls? Within the first 18 months, dozens and dozens of letters were mailed to Queen of Peace Radio.



Most of the letters contained donations of support, and many with notes of thanks and appreciation. One such letter reads: "As a cradle Catholic, I used to be a pew-potato. I was not proud to be a Catholic and often said 'I'm not being fed' ... I knew it would only be a matter of time before I'd just leave the Catholic Church anyway, since no Catholic I knew could explain why they do what they do as a Catholic....On top of all of this I was hearing that one of my favorite protestant radio stations was being sold and it would be changed soon to Queen of Peace Catholic Radio. I remembered listening Friday, February 28, 6:00 p.m. as the old AM1600 WNCM went to AM1600 WQOP...I could not have imagined that this was an answer to my prayers. The first hour started ...Hmmm very good! Then another hour of good programming was followed by Mother Angelica who taught that we need to go to confession often, and explained why. The next day I could hardly wait to go to confession. I listened to WQOP a lot those first seven weeks and I began to have a reason to be a Catholic as this faith was explained and discussed more and more." So in the first three hours of broadcasting on-air over Jacksonville, a soul returns to the Faith!



Guests at the Station

Doing God's Work: The idea for using a satellite system combined with a computer software program to run the desired radio shows all day long was put together by the first General Manager, Paul Danese. He was in charge of the day-to-day operations. "Most of the station's daily programming are instructional shows, or listener call-in." says Danese. "Every one should be listening to WQOP...you'll be able to learn more about the Catholic Faith by regular listening than what we can teach with our limited time in RCIA."

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**Celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas
at 5:30 pm Mass in the church, December 6, 2019
Living Rosary and pot-luck supper in our parish hall**

Sponsored by the CK Council of Catholic Women and the CTK Knights of Columbus.



A Call from God - WQOP

continued

Announcements of Catholic Events: The first time WQOP began airing a 60-second announcement for Retrouvaille (that is a program retreat that helps troubled married couples rediscover a loving marriage relationship), 12 couples enrolled in the program to save their marriages. Also, when a Catholic pro-life dinner fundraiser was announced, the ticket requests swelled. And whenever a guest speaker is scheduled in town, and WQOP airs a related show featuring that speaker, the event is assured to be more fully attended.

But there was an ever present requirement to raise money in order to pay for all of this Catholic radio operation, too.

Heaven opened its doors: At first, the small group of laymen approached Catholic business people and collected money for the down payment to purchase it. They continued soliciting donations and raised a large chunk of what was needed to buy the station. The remaining amount came in the form of an interest-free loan from a man in another state.



Tony Zeaiter, Deacon George Barletta and Sister Clare

Richard Miller, owner of a Brightway Insurance Agency at the beaches, is the current President of Queen of Peace Radio. "God had given us a charge to do Catholic radio and until that changes, we're going to do it," Miller said. Miller adds, "Because of the generosity of several of our donors, they really made it possible. It was really a walk of faith."

The non-profit station is designated tax exempt 501 (c) (3), and it does not sell air time to others and does not play commercial advertising. Money for expenses comes solely from donations. Building the audience also helps with the station's fundraising goals. Word of mouth helps new listeners discover Catholic radio, as well as seeing the car bumper stickers in traffic. When lukewarm members of the church become more informed about their faith, then they become more active and integrated in their parish. They also always tend to give more. It is impressive to think that just driving to the store, or to work, with a bumper sticker in your car window, you can be quietly evangelizing, too!

There is a Spring Live On-air Fund Drive every year. As for the station's web page, queenofpeaceradio.com, there is a secure donation link on it, as well as the ability to listen live to the audio streaming on it. Many listeners have volunteered around the radio station, especially during the on-air fundraisers. Those encounters are always fruitful and exciting.

A Leap of Faith: Desiring to expand the Catholic radio signal coverage even better over the city of Jacksonville, Queen of Peace Radio acquired AM-1460 WZNZ on the Westside in July of 2008. So both AM-1600 and AM-1460 air the same programs (and their call letters were promptly swapped around, so AM-1600 is now WZNZ, and AM-1460 is WQOP). So now, more

Catholics as well as non-Catholics have tuned in. Westside listeners could now clearly hear the radio broadcasts, and much of the central Jacksonville now could hear an improved nighttime radio signal after sunset. This expansion required a lot of capital and necessitated Queen of Peace Radio to once again take out a loan. Yet the rewards for fulfilling the call to evangelize are priceless.



Jeff McCrory maintains Mary's Grotto

This article was written too late to get into the August issue of the Courier. Since then, ownership has changed.

On Sept 23, 2019, Queen of Peace Radio became a part of the Relevant Radio Network. The call letters remain the same. Questions can be directed to 877-291-0123.

You can still listen to 1460AM and 1600AM on the radio, put the Relevant Network app on your smartphone or go online to www.RelevantRadio.com to access the live stream.

Please continue to support Catholic radio in the Jacksonville area.



Epiphany International Celebration

January 5, 2020

All are invited!

Prepare and bring your favorite ethnic dish
From American to German and Filipino to
Vietnamese and Spanish
Share your cuisine with your parish family

Watch the bulletin for details

We Thank Thee

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell;
for the love that unites us;
for the peace accorded us this day;
for the hope with which we expect the morrow;
for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies,
that make our lives delightful;
and for our friends in all parts of the earth.
Let peace abound in our small company.

Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge.
Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere.
Give us the grace to accept and to forgive offenders.
Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully
the forgetfulness of others.
Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind.
Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.

Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors.
If it may not, give us the strength to encounter
that which is to come,
that we be brave in peril, constant in tribulation,
temperate in wrath,
and in all changes of fortune, and, down to the gates of death,
loyal and loving one to another.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Taken from the site <http://www.appleseeds.org/we-thank-rls.htm>

Emergency Pregnancy Services, Breakfast for Life

by Nick Klepac

Emergency Pregnancy Services (EPS) held its Third Annual Breakfast for Life Thursday, October 24, 2019, at WJCT Studio A from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

What is EPS? EPS is a nonprofit organization, created in 1974 committed to empowering women to make fact-based decisions about their pregnancy. All services are free and confidential, with no judgment or pressure. The event began with a breakfast. Prayer was provided by

Father George Vaniyapurackal, St. Paul's Catholic Church. Sandra Duggan, Executive Director of EPS welcomed everyone and provided a brief history and full description of the mission and goals of EPS. Presentations included client testimonies from Jodi Watkins and Tiffany Wells.



Their moving stories were heartfelt by everyone.

The Keynote Speaker, Evie West, provided a moving testimony of her experience as a former Los Angeles gang member and two-time mother who was faced with the decision to terminate her second unborn son.

Through her parents' prayers and her newfound faith in God, she left her gang life and moved to Cleveland, TN, and began school at Lee University. In 2001 she graduated with a BA and became a police officer. Her moving story and the decisions she made were inspirational, proving that God can "take your mess and make it your message of love, forgiveness, and restoration."

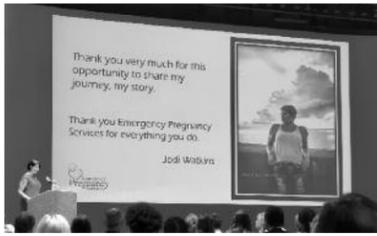
Please visit EPS at <https://www.emergencypregnancy-services.org/> EPS is in need of volunteers and financial support. If you know of someone that is considering an abortion or is just simply overwhelmed with their pregnancy, please have them visit EPS at one of their three locations:

Phone: 904-308-7510
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

ARLINGTON OFFICE
6903 Merrill Road
Jacksonville, FL 32277
Phone: 904-446-9009
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ORANGE PARK
2300 Park Avenue Suite 204,
Orange Park, FL 32073
Phone: 904-215-2797
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAIN OFFICE, RIVERSIDE
1637 King Street,
Jacksonville, FL 32204



The Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine Florida Celebrate the Jubilee of Seven Sisters

by Jeanette Ghioto

This past Saturday, hundreds gathered to honor a collective 480 years of serving the people of Florida by the Jubilarians of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Serving 85 years is 102-year-old Sister St. Margaret Zapf; serving 75 years, Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick; serving 70 years, Sister Mary Alexius Murray, and Sister Mary Beatrice Sullivan; and serving 60 years, Sister Catherine Bitzer, Sister Mary Kathleen Clark and Sister Kathleen Power.

Bishop Felipe Estévez welcomed guests to a beautiful Mass at the Cathedral Basilica and Father John Gillespie, Pastor of San Sebastian Catholic Church, preached the Homily reminding us all of the importance of Jubilee and of the work of these Sisters.

The Sisters of St. Joseph were originally called in 1866 from France by Bishop Augustine Verot to teach and catechize the thousands of children freed from slavery. For the past 153 years, the Sisters have continued this legacy by opening schools and missions throughout the state of Florida in service to their "dear neighbor."



First row seated: Sister Mary Kathleen Clark, Sister St. Margaret Zapf, Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick
Back row: Sister Catherine Bitzer, Sister Mary Beatrice Sullivan, Sister Mary Alexius Murray, Sister Kathleen Power



Seated: Sister Thomas Joseph McGoldrick
Left to right: Sister St. Margaret Zapf, Sister Mary Beatrice Sullivan, Sister Catherine Bitzer, Sister Kathleen Power, Sister Mary Alexius Murray and the Most Reverend Felipe Estévez, Bishop of St. Augustine
Not available for photo: Sister Mary Kathleen Clark.

St. Bede

by Carlos Iselin Rodriguez and Ellin Iselin



St. Bede, or more commonly known as St. Bede the Venerable, was born in 672 in Northumbria, England, and died in 735 in Jarrow, England. At the age of seven, he was brought by his family to a Benedictine abbey in the town of Wearmouth. He was moved later to the Monastery of St. Paul in the town of Jarrow. A mix of scholarly monks and a Christian atmosphere shaped Bede into a very intelligent person who later would become a saint.

At the time, he was probably one of the most scholarly individuals engaged in many of the sciences and similar ways of thinking: astronomy, philosophy, arithmetic, grammar, the principles of Aristotle, and many more! Bede was ordained a deacon at age 19 and ordained a priest at age 30. Up until his death at age 63 he was versed with teaching, reading and writing which led him to copy 45 different books of the Bible and about 30 writings of his commentary on those books. His influence on education in England was so great, that several cities and towns changed their education standards to copy his thoughts and ideas. Many nobles and wealthy people at the time desired to meet Bede.

Even today Bede affects our lives by helping us remember our past as well as being devoted to what we believe and do. One of his books, the *Ecclesiastical History*, tells us many events in human history that Bede recorded and may not be as common or easy to come by. Specifically, we can thank Saint Bede the Venerable for helping us to keep track of time. After all, it is his *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (Ecclesiastical History of the English People) in which he proposed the common marker of Anno Domini, A.D., or "Year of Our Lord."

Chronology was clearly Bede's calling because in 703 he also wrote *De temporibus* ("On Times"), and nearly a quarter century later he continued with *De temporum ratione* ("On the Reckoning of Time.") St. Bede did it all with the counting system of the first millennium using Roman numerals I, II, III, IV, V... instead of the Arabic numerals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...we have adopted today and which are necessary for higher math requirements of computers and space flights that rely on binary code and especially the placeholder "0." Thus it is St. Bede who contributed to the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Additionally, the education system and writing have been influenced by Bede. An astute observer of nature, Venerable Bede is credited with the nautical rule: Red sky in the morning, sailor take warning. Red sky at night, sailor's delight.

In conclusion, Bede is an inspiration to us all, and so we should model ourselves after him because of his intelligence and religious life.

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Parish Mission

by Jeanie Wilks

Our CTK Parish Mission was September 21-25. Father Bruce Nieli gave talks Monday through Wednesday, morning and evening, closing with a mission talk for the Spanish community on Wednesday night. The focus of the mission talks was kerygma which is Greek for “proclamation.”

In *Evangelii Gaudium* Pope Francis simplifies the kerygma in this way:

Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you.

St. John Paul II's *Redemptoris Missio*:

Proclamation is the permanent priority of mission. The Church cannot elude Christ's explicit mandate, nor deprive men and women of the "Good News" about their being loved and saved by God.

.....

In the complex reality of mission, initial proclamation has a central and irreplaceable role, since it introduces man "into the mystery of the

love of God, who invites him to enter into a personal relationship with himself in Christ" and opens the way to conversion.

Kerygma is the core of the Gospels, the introduction to Christ, and the invitation to conversion while catechesis or didache is the more extensive doctrinal, moral, instruction in the Faith.

It is imperative that we, as Catholics, become comfortable with kerygma and serve as disciples in the mission field of our everyday lives.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

by Jeanie Wilks



In 1521, Hernandez Cortez conquered Mexico City and in 1523, Franciscan missionaries began evangelizing the indigenous people. One of the early converts was Juan Diego.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to Juan Diego on the morning of December 9, 1531, as he walked the path of Tepayac Hill to Mass. It is said that he saw a beautiful lady who called him by name.

The lady then told Juan Diego, "It is my earnest wish that a church be built here to my honor. Here I will demonstrate, I will manifest, I will give all of my love and compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, of all of you who live united in this land, and of all of mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those

who seek me, and of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

She told Juan Diego to go tell Bishop Zumarraga upon which tradition states that Juan Diego asked her her name and she responded in his native language of Nahuatl, "Tlecuatlecupe," which is translated as the one who crushes the head of the serpent.

When Juan Diego approached Bishop Zumarraga and told him of his conversation, it is said that Tlecuatlecupe is pronounced in such a way that it sounds like Guadalupe which was a city in Spain with a Marian shrine which is what Bishop Zumarraga understood. However, after listening to the story the bishop sent Juan Diego on his way saying that he would reflect on the matter.

Juan Diego returned to Tepayac and told Mary of the bishop's response. Mary sent him to try again and once more Bishop Zumarraga listened patiently. Upon this second encounter, the bishop requested a sign to prove his story.

Juan Diego again reported the matter to the Blessed Mother, who

told him to return the next day to receive proof for the Bishop.

On December 11, Juan did not return to Tepayac as his uncle, Juan Bernardino, had become very ill. Juan Bernardino asked Juan Diego to go and bring the priest to hear his confession and administer last rites.

On December 12, Juan Diego left to find a priest but was careful to avoid Tepayac Hill as he was ashamed that he had not returned to meet Mary the day before as she had instructed him to do. Even though Juan had taken a detour, the Blessed Mother stopped him and said to him, "Hear and let it penetrate into your heart, my dear little son; let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you; let nothing alter your heart or your countenance; do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety, or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything that you need?"

Mary then assured Juan Diego that his uncle's health had been restored and sent him to pick flowers from the top of the mountain. When Juan reached the summit, which was normally dry and barren, he found roses like those grown in Castile but foreign to Mexico. He gathered the roses into

his tilma and brought them to Mary. Mary arranged them and sent Juan Diego back to the bishop.

After waiting for some time, Bishop Zumarraga agreed to see Juan a third time. Juan Diego repeated Mary's message and opened his tilma to present the roses to the bishop. Upon seeing Juan's open tilma, the bishop began to weep for beyond the roses he saw the magnificent image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and asked forgiveness for doubting.

Bishop Zumarraga took the tilma and laid it upon the aorta in his chapel. By Christmas of that same year, an adobe structure had been erected upon Tepayac Hill in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe which was dedicated on December 26, 1531.

December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe and on Saturday, December 7, at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, we will honor her once again at CTK in the tradition of the church with a bilingual celebration beginning with the Matachines and their dance honoring the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Advent Talks

by Deacon George Barletta

Advent comes from the Latin "adventus," meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly of something having great importance. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ as well as a time of celebration and penance.

We celebrate Advent, not only as a way of remembering Christ's first coming as a newborn child, but also for His continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of His final return.

We have come to believe and appreciate the spiritual significance of Advent, and have begun to celebrate the season through reflection and joyful expectation.

In order to help you to prepare and participate in Advent, Deacon George will conduct Advent Spirituality talks in the Shirley David Hall.

Topics will include:

- Getting prepared for Advent.
- Prayer, contemplation and reflection.
- How Advent can make a difference.
- How do I find joy during and after Advent?

Advent talks will begin on Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Shirley David and will continue for the following three weeks.



Why I Stand Up for Life



by Nick Klepac

The law says abortion is legal.

The Church says (from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*):

“2270 Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

“2271 Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law.”

“2272 Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life. “A person who procures a completed abortion incurs excommunication latae sententiae,” “by the very commission of the offense,” and subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law. The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the crime committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society.”

So I stand. I stand to tell those killing babies (Planned Parenthood), the U. S. Government, and the parents who choose abortion that I believe each child has the right to life, regardless of its color, size or age.

The government and the organizations actively killing babies state that a woman should have control of her own body, women have a moral right to decide what to do with their bodies, the right to abortion is vital for gender equality, and the right to abortion is vital for individual women to achieve their full potential.

I say, “If the woman had *control of her own body* as she claims, there would be no need for abortion. They and their partner should question their actions before conception, not after. ‘Before’ indicates choice and responsibility, ‘after’ indicates an excuse.”

Mother Teresa said, “It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

I stand because I cannot understand how a ‘mother’ and a ‘father’ could kill their child.

I stand because our country is destroying itself.

Mother Teresa said, “America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts — a child — as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign.”

I stand because I can hear the babies crying in pain.

Will you stand with me?



Life Chain 2019

by Ryan Gallagher

It was perfect football weather. The intermittent cloud coverage amidst the lofty breezes of fresh sea air might have been all the Jags needed to top the Panthers had Sunday’s game been in Duval. On this particular Sabbath, Jaguars hopefuls were ready for a Charlotte showdown between two exciting, emergent offenses.

While friendly matches between competing professionals are one thing, the adversary we Catholics face in topping pro-abortion sentiment and complacency comes very much unwelcomed. The Catholic Church has faced challenges before, yet none as consistently consequential to socio-political discussions and the legacy of Christ we see from mothers volunteering to have their unborn destroyed. Those participating in the Life Chain display along Atlantic Boulevard on the afternoon of October 6 did not intend to distract Jaguars fans from reaching their pre-game destinations, as many intended to view the game as soon as possible... (I know I did); however, such luxury could wait. These volunteers sought to advance a discussion in line with the Church’s view that the desecration of unborn babies is fundamentally against what it stands for, its Catholic Catechism, and the mercy of Jesus Christ, above all.

Standing out against the tolerance of this evil is wholly necessary and doing so as a parish serves to accomplish this in our own backyard. Nick Klepac, a parish Knight of Columbus, says, “As Catholics and as a parish, we must stand for justice. All Americans, regardless of color, size or age have the right to life. I believe if women had control of their own bodies as they claim, there would be no need for abortion. They and their partner would question their actions before conception, not after. ‘Before’ indicates choice and responsibility, ‘after’ indicates an excuse.” He continues, “In 2018, there were 70,083 abortions in Florida. People say, ‘well what about incest or rape?’ Florida reported that .01% of pregnancies ending in abortion resulted from an incestuous relationship and .14% of pregnancies ending in abortion were due to rape. That means that 99.85% of the other pregnancies ending in abortion were a choice.”

Father Boddie, our pastor, was present to lead us in evangelical leadership - definitely lending his grace to the occasion. Our wonderful parish sisters were there as were many regular Mass attendees. Smiles abounded. Comprising nearly thirty attendees celebrating the beauty of life, our Christ the King parish was amply represented. We pray that we inspired and continue to inspire warmth and welcome to the idea that there is always a better option...

Dress A Girl Around the World

Because every girl deserves at least one dress.

(reprinted with permission)



Dress a Girl Around the World started when founder Rachel Eggum Cinader needed a project for the Hope 4 Women International's tailoring program in Uganda. She remembered a pillowcase dress pattern she had been given & took it with her on her trip. Rachel & her sister Joan taught the women at Smile

Africa to make the dresses. A month later, Pastor Ruth, the program's director sent pictures of the Karamojong girls wearing the dresses the women had made. The Karamojong are the lowest, most despised class in Uganda & seeing the girls' smiling faces in their beautiful new dresses inspired people to inquire about making dresses. Fifty dresses were then sent to Honduras & those photos of girls beaming with pride got everyone hooked!

Today, Dress a Girl has thousands of sewers across the U.S., Canada, Australia, the UK, Sweden, the Philippines, Uganda, Germany, Norway, Japan, & many other countries around the world. They gather for a day or an evening of sewing dresses in living rooms, basements, backyards, dining rooms, schools, churches, & civic centers. They join together because they believe that every girl deserves the dignity of owning at least one dress.

Together we've dressed over 800,000 girls across 82 countries including many communities in the U.S. A full list of countries is available on our website.

If you would like to sew with us please begin by downloading our Sewing Handbook <http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/sewing-handbook>. It includes guidelines, patterns & sewing tutorials essential for sewing the dresses. The program has moved away from the original pillowcase pattern so that multiple styles & sizes can be created. Each dress is lovingly made with new, sturdy, & beautifully-colored cotton.

We have ambassadors all over the world that are listed on our website. You can contact an ambassador in your area or contact Rachel directly at Rachel@h4wi.org to find ways to get involved or learn about opportunities to volunteer & upcoming events.

Even if you don't sew, there are still ways to get involved. Go around the world with us as we hand deliver dresses to girls in need & at risk & show them that they are loved. A financial gift enables us to ship dresses to groups who will hand carry them to other countries.

If you would like to help this program continue to reach girls around the world you can send a tax-deductible financial gift to: HOPE 4 WOMEN INTERNATIONAL P.O. BOX 4 • FOREST CITY, IA 50436

Imagine a world where every girl owned at least one dress. Dress a Girl Around the World delivers dresses & hope to girls in need & at risk around the world. In receiving "God's best dress," not only are these girls being gifted what could be their first ever new dress, they're also receiving our 4 Pillars of Hope: Dignity, Health, Joy, & Love.

Dignity

Our goal is to restore a sense of worth to vulnerable girls suffering from extreme poverty. Some are abused, used as slaves, or outcasts who may feel forgotten by God & feel invisible to those around them. Being given a beautiful new dress & being told it was made just for her by someone who loves her & prays for her can give her a new feeling of self worth & dignity.

Health

We are told that having a Dress a Girl label prominently attached to a dress indicates that these girls are under the care of an organization & it could help to deter would-be predators. We also provide education in basic health & hygiene practices which leads to better health for the girls & their communities.

Joy

Imagine a little girl being given a brand new beautiful dress made just for her & being celebrated like a princess. She twirls around in joy & smiles. For most of these girls, this is a new, exhilarating experience.

Love

As a Christian organization, the foundation of everything we do is to show the love of Jesus. We make great efforts to ensure we exemplify love in a way that spreads like wildfire. Our hope is that once the people we help experience God's love, they will pass it on in their communities.



Dress a Girl Around the World is a program of Hope 4 Women International.

Hope 4 Women International is a 501c3 organization & has been serving women & girls at risk around the world since 2008. For more information about dressing girls, international trips, & empowering women, please visit our websites. H4WI.ORG and dressagirlaroundtheworld.com

CKCCW Celebrate Council Sunday

by Shelby Miller CKCCW President

CKCCW celebrated Council Sunday on October 13 by attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Identified by our blue CCW scarfs, we were readers and gift bearers for the Mass. A video from the National Council of Catholic Women, whose 100th anniversary will be celebrated in 2020, was shown at all the weekend Masses. At our Mass, Staci Duncan, President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, spoke a few words after the video. She encouraged women of our parish to "come be a part of something bigger than yourself, build friendships, change lives, support your parish, grow in your spirituality and confidence..." After Mass the Knights of Columbus generously cooked and served a complimentary breakfast for our members and parishioners. We were pleased that Emma Duncan, one of our oldest members, was able to join us as we celebrated not only Council Sunday but our 65th anniversary at Christ the King.

Upcoming CKCCW events:

Nov. 23 - 24 and Dec. 7 - 8 raffle tickets and Honey Baked Ham gift cards will be sold after all weekend Masses. Raffle prizes: first: two Jaguar tickets with parking pass; second: fire pit with accessories; third and fourth: children's bicycles with gift cards for helmets.

Dec. 6 Living Rosary after the 5:30 p.m. Mass jointly sponsored with the Knights of Columbus. Following the rosary, a pot-luck supper will be served. All parishioners are invited to the Mass, rosary and supper.

Dec. 14 - 15 Bake sale and raffle.



Passing Parade



Meet the Pastor

CTK at Ballgame



Jean Sell turns 90



Procession in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary



by Father Bernie

On Sunday, October 6, the community had a prayerful procession in honor of Our Lady around the church grounds. Immediately after the procession was the incensing and offering of flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and then the Eucharist. It was touching!



RƯỚC KIỂU VÀ DÂNG HƯƠNG, DÂNG HOA KÍNH MẸ TRONG THÁNH MÂN CÔI

Trước thánh lễ Chúa Nhật mừng 6 tháng 10, cộng đoàn có tổ chức cuộc cung nghinh Đức Mẹ chung quanh khuôn viên nhà thờ. Ngay sau cuộc cung nghinh là phần dâng hương của các bà mẹ, và dâng hoa của các em. Thật là cảm động!



Morning Star School 2019 Gala & Auction Was a HUGE Success!

by Maria Johnson, Director of Development Morning Star School

What an amazing evening of celebration for Morning Star School... the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine! Over 200 guests attended this year's fundraiser on September 28. It was an evening of celebration as we greeted old friends and welcomed new ones to our Morning Star School family. We're happy to share that this year's Gala and Auction was by far our most successful event ever, raising over \$77,000 for our school! We are extremely grateful to our sponsors, our donors, our guests and our volunteers. A huge shout out to Father Boddie and Christ the King Church for always supporting the event. Thank you for being part of our success! Your generosity lets us know how much you care about the children we serve.



The Eucharist Youth Movement and CCE Class, Vietnamese Language Classes 2019-2020

by Father Bernie

Following last year's parent meeting, and after joint meetings with the teachers, we have made a few changes for the Catechism/Vietnamese Language Classes and the Eucharistic Youth program.

All students are enrolled in the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM). The purpose is: unifying the list, easily arranging class, and making it convenient for teachers and parents. This year, we have 81 children and 22 teachers/leaders in the program. At 12:00 p.m. the EYM begin their activities: 1:00 p.m. all children go to classes, and at 2:00 p.m. all join the community at Mass in Church.

Last Sunday, October 20, the EYM had a ceremony to welcome new small group leaders. Thanks be to God and Our Lady.



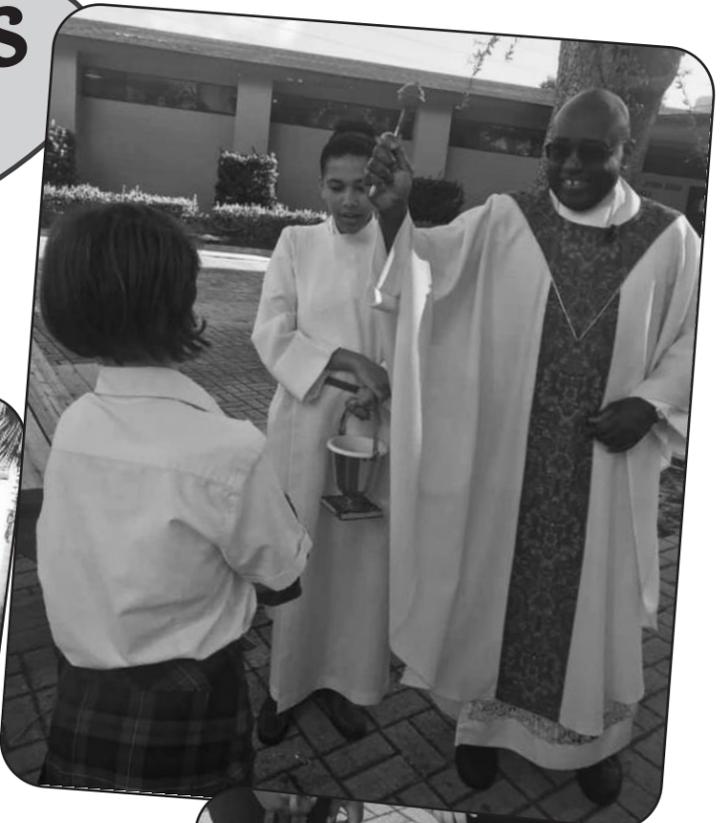
THIỆU NHI THÁNH THỂ & LỚP GIÁO LÝ, VIỆT NGỮ NIÊN KHÓA 2019-2020

Năm ngoái, sau phiên họp với các phụ huynh, và những buổi họp chung với Ban Phục Vụ và các thầy cô, chương trình Giáo Lý, Việt Ngữ và Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể năm nay có một vài thay đổi:

Tất cả các em ghi danh học Giáo Lý, Việt Ngữ đều được ghi danh vào Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể để cùng sinh hoạt chung. Mục đích là: thống nhất danh sách, dễ dàng sắp lớp, thuận tiện cho các thầy cô, và các bậc phụ huynh. Năm nay Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể và các lớp Giáo Lý, Việt Ngữ có tất cả 81 em, 22 thầy cô, huynh trưởng, và trợ tá phụ trách. Hôm tuần trước các em có nghi thức tuyên hứa và lên khăn của một số đội trưởng và đội phó thật là cảm động. Tạ ơn Chúa và Đức Mẹ.

Chương trình sinh hoạt năm nay như sau: 12:00 pm các em sinh hoạt Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể, 01:00 pm các em học giáo lý, hoặc việt ngữ, sau đó tham dự thánh lễ chung với cộng đoàn lúc 02:00 pm.

The Blessing of the Pets



by Adriana Giles

Christ the King Catholic School had its wonderful annual tradition, The Blessing of the Pets, on Thursday, October 3, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Students, parents and pets gathered around Sheppard Square right after the school Mass. We had all kinds of pets both big and small. Thank you, Father James Boddie, for the special ceremony you performed next to our elementary school building named after St. Francis. We also want to thank all of the parents and parishioners who brought their pets for this special blessing.





Feast of St. Francis



How I Save on Groceries and Other Goods



by Cynthia Surles

Most people want to get more for their money. I hope I can help you do that with a method that has worked for me. When I was in my twenties, I used to cut coupons out of the Sunday paper and put them on my kitchen counter for “later.” Then I would go to work the next morning and grocery shop on the way home. And where were the coupons? On the kitchen counter waiting “patiently,” until they expired and I threw them out.

Then I discovered coupon wallets. Office Depot had a fancy one on sale and I decided to try it. I set up my own basic categories: Bottle and Cans, Dry Foods, Fridge, Freezer, Personal (toiletries, make-up etc.), Paper and Plastic, Cleaning Products. I also had a Miscellaneous category if something didn't fit the main categories, such as battery coupons or diapers for the diaper drives. Since there was another divider available in the wallet I added a restaurant category for the Red Lobster and Longhorn coupons. I even have a divider for the Bed, Bath and Beyond Coupons which don't expire, despite the dates on them.

I don't use 3-ring binders for grocery coupons. I occasionally see customers with them in the grocery store but that doesn't work for me. The coupon wallet stays in the car when not in use. The car is always with me so the coupons are always with me.

As you know, the grocery stores have sales cycles. New ads for Winn-Dixie and Harvey's and others start on Wednesday and they arrive in the mail (usually late in my neighborhood); Publix sales recycle on Thursday and there's an ad in the Wednesday Times-Union. Be sure to check the green and purple flyers in the Publix store front rack also. They have coupons in addition to sales and it's always wise to combine coupons with sales. Buy ahead rather than wait till you're out and pay full price.

I keep a 3 x 5 spiral notebook in my purse and each week I write down the BOGO deals (Buy One, Get One) that I want, along with other items that I need, or are on sale. That way I am always prepared if I happen to be near the grocery store when I'm running a different errand.

Be aware you can use a coupon for each product you buy so if you buy a product on a BOGO deal you can use TWO coupons. I always try to have two coupons for any product I might buy. Two months ago, I stopped at Winn-Dixie and coupons for \$2.75 were attached to a display of Hellmann's Mayo jars at the front of the store. The jars cost \$5.49 for one but were on a BOGO special that week. By using two coupons ($\$2.75 \times 2 = \5.50) I actually gained a penny! When you see deals like this, it's a good time to get extra for a food pantry - a real win-win situation. Remember, stores win too - they not only get the value of the coupons from the manufacturer but they get an eight percent handling fee as well.

Another example was in the Publix green flyer a few weeks ago. SPAM Lite, while not the healthiest choice, can be a versatile staple during hurricane season or a nice inexpensive change occasionally. It was on sale (2 for \$5, a good price), and the green flyer had a coupon for a free carton of eggs (\$1.45) when you bought two cans. If you also had a “\$1 off 2” coupon for SPAM, you ended up with about \$8.00 worth of product for only \$2.55.

Coupons can be cut out of the flyers that come in the mail or in the Sunday paper. (If you are a **senior** be sure you are getting the **senior discount** for the Times-Union.) You can also print what you want from coupons.com. There are also other coupon web sites, but I find coupons.com the easiest to use, and I know I can trust it.

You can also pull coupons directly from a store's web site. Some of these coupons are store coupons and a lot are manufacturer's coupons. You can use one of each on a single product. Combine two coupons with a sale and you save a lot of money, even more if it's BOGO!

Did you know that BJs Warehouse Club, Walgreens, CVS, Dollar General, and Family Dollar have both manufacturer coupons and store coupons on their web sites? If you have rewards cards for these businesses the savings will be automatically applied when you use your rewards card, or type in your phone number. Why spend more than you have to? Just a little extra time spent in preparation at home can save you a lot of money at the store.

You can get on a list to receive e-mails from Crazy Coupon Lady (<https://thekrazycouponlady.com/>) and she will keep you informed on all the latest deals, on a lot more than groceries.

There are also smartphone apps you can use like Fetch Rewards, Ibotta and Shoparoo [benefits our school], plus others. They track your purchases and give you points or money back. I can't help you with those, but maybe one of our readers would like to tell us their experiences in a future issue.

Do you have other helpful savings tips? Write an article for the next issue, and share those tips with us.

How to Hold a Civil Dialog

by Gerald Schmidt

We Americans are unlike many other peoples in that we place a high value on freedom of speech. We have valued it from the very beginning of our country. We place so high a value on it that it is enshrined in the First Amendment to our Constitution.

There are people who will tell us that we should never discuss religion or politics. As Catholics, and more especially as members of the Legion of Mary, we strongly disagree with these people when it comes to talking about religion. Talking about religion is precisely WHY we go door to door.

There is no aspect of human existence that the Catholic faith does not cover, and certainly politics and religion are two of the more important categories that SHOULD be discussed.

All of us have received a high-school diploma; some of us have received at least some college education. Two of the things that a high-school diploma, and a college education are supposed to teach us are:

- A. how to think and
- B. how to hold an intelligent discussion with someone with whom we disagree.

I want to establish some ground rules for such a discussion.

1. We must assume that the person has reached their position with the best of intentions, using their best wits - that's Christian charity.
2. We must avoid making unkind comments, either of them, or of their ideas.
3. We must avoid letting our tempers and voices rise. Stay relaxed.
4. We have to listen until they are finished with any point, not just impatiently tolerate them, waiting to jump in.
5. We must relinquish the floor when we are finished and give them a chance to respond.
6. We must not “gang-up” on them: two against one. We wait until we can have a one-to-one discussion, preferably in private.
7. We must genuinely be out to establish truth, not win an argument.
8. We must establish that both sides mean the same thing by the words chosen. If the person has made a wrong choice of word, let them back track and find a better one.
9. We must realize that it may take many discussions to understand each other.
10. We end the discussion on a friendly tone.

These points will serve us well in our door-to-door work, too.

CTK School Commemoration Bricks



by Adriana Giles

Would you like to contribute to our school? Would you like to leave a lasting impression? You can! We have bricks for sale! The bricks surrounding the flag pole at the front of the school office can be purchased for \$35, \$60, or \$100. Each size has a different limitation of lines of type. This money is used for our school endowment. For details call Mrs. Anderson at 724-2954.

Dreams of Jeanie

by Jeanie Wilks

“Breaking news”

It seems that no matter what station I choose to watch, or more accurately, listen to as I rush around with my coffee in hand, petting dogs, and packing my school bags, I am startled by the announcement of “breaking news.....” at which time I am compelled to pause and watch or I used to be, which is what concerns me.

“Breaking news” used to be reserved for something such as a presidential assassination, a declaration of war or a peace treaty, something which affected each of our lives profoundly in some manner. Today, “breaking news” is most often a weather announcement, a traffic announcement or a small headline but not what, by past definition, would be worthy of the title “breaking news.” It is no longer reserved for moments of great magnitude and it is now utilized on a daily basis.

The sad truth is that I have become anesthetized to such calls to pause as they have increasingly and repetitively interrupted my mornings and have become a nuisance call rather than a call of

importance; much like “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” the media has stripped the importance of the message and, like the villagers in the fable, I no longer pay heed when the media calls me with “breaking news....”

Basic psychology has shown that repeated exposure to things does rob them of their value. In a world filled with the constant drone of crises, of murder, of shootings, video games and movies that show little-to-no value for human life, and popular music videos that are bordering on indecency, are we being programmed for insensitivity or is it a simple monetary formula, like the coliseum of the ancient world; is it both?

Whatever the answer is, there are signs that humanity is swimming against this tide with movies such as “I Can Only Imagine” which brought in more than \$17 million dollars and ranked third at the weekend box office. Programs such as ICARE, K9s for Warriors, and a plethora of other organizations are trying to place humanity as our headline news.

However, we cannot be complacent and sit back while others are carrying the workload. If we are to enter recovery and wake people



up from this zombie-like world, then we must, each of us, offer a few hours here and there to volunteer our time and talents to restore wakefulness to our world.

The media makes money from terror and crises and humanity’s inhumanity to humanity... let us each, in our own way, restore humanity to the world through the use of our talents; whether we volunteer in liturgical ministries, com-

munity groups, or simply know and assist our neighbors. It is through these efforts that we are aware, awake, and prepared; it is here we learn the truth that there is good in our world still; that there are people who care and that we truly are very much alike!

There IS hope and THAT should be “breaking news....”!

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival

by Father Bernie

Mid-Autumn Festival is a children’s day. This year it fell on September 13. The children were excited a few weeks before the festival to rehearse, to practice dancing, and to prepare lanterns, clothes, food ... Their entertainment program was so cute.

MỪNG TẾT TRUNG THU

Trung Thu là ngày tết của nhi đồng. Các em đã xôn xao, nôn nao mấy tuần trước để tập kịch, tập múa, cũng như chuẩn bị lồng đèn, quần áo, đồ ăn thức uống để gây quỹ cho phong trào... Chương trình văn nghệ mừng Tết Trung Thu thật vui và dễ thương.



Stacy Setser Wins Again

On Friday, October 4, 2019, Stacy Setser of the First Coast Dolphins traveled to San Sebastian, FL with eight other members of her team; the team was competing in the Florida State Special Olympics in swimming. The swimming competitions took place on Saturday and Sunday. Stacy’s favorite stroke is the breast stroke. She won two medals: a gold for the 100 meter and a silver for the 50 meter.

The team was coached by a former CTK member - Mary Lyons. They stayed at a hotel, ate together, swam, and went to a dance. It is always exciting for the competitors to culminate their year by competing with other swimmers from throughout the state.

Stacy had not attended the State competitions since 2016. In order to qualify for State, the swimmers had to earn first place at the District and County competitions, have attended nearly all practices, and be blessed enough to be chosen in their lottery of qualified swimmers. These swim meets are held at the Cecil Field Aquatic Center on Normandy Blvd. They practice weekly at Episcopal High School.

Stacy has been swimming in the Special Olympics for over 35 years. “Go Stacy Go!”



The English Lesson

submitted by Cynthia Surles

Anytime we publish something from the Internet we try to be very careful to honor copyright laws and give credit to the original author. Many articles on the Internet have been passed on so often that not only has the author's name and original source been lost, but words and phrases get changed too, so it becomes less and less like the original. Some information has been passed along in paper form long before there was an Internet.

The English Lesson (to the right) is on many websites in many different versions, short and long. What amazed me was finding what looked like an original version in a School and Home Association book, George P. Brown, Editor, published for the September 1905 to June 1906 school year!



THE ARBITRARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes;
The one fowl is a goose, but two are called
geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be
meese;
You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest
of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hices;
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But the bow, if repeated, is never called bine;
And the plural of vow is vows, never vives;
If I speak of a foot and you show me your
feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called
beet?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set is teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called
beeth?
If the singular is this, and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss be nicknamed keese?
Then one may be that, and three may be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose.
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say
methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, and
him,
But imagine the feminine, she, shis, and shim.
So the English, I think, you all will agree,
Is the greatest language you ever did see.
—Chicago Teachers Federation Bulletin.

Queens and Kings

by Annie Sabatino

Welcome back! Grandparents Day was the theme for the September meeting. We also had a guest speaker, Cynthia Nichols, an attorney. She brought to our attention that we need to get our personal affairs in order if we haven't already done so. She spoke in a language we could easily understand and answered any questions people had for her.

The meeting continued with wishes for birthdays and anniversaries being celebrated during the month of September. Prayers were said for all members that are ill or in the hospital.

Oktoberfest was held on October 13. Food was sausage and kraut and all the goodies that go with it.

Our next meeting will be November 17. Our Thanksgiving dinner, Turkey and Ham, will be served and members will bring in side dishes to go with it. Bill Rice will be there to entertain us. His songs are always welcomed. Bill is a physical therapist during the day and has been a guest at the Queens and Kings many times.

Guests are always welcome. If you care to join us, we meet usually on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Membership dues are \$5 per year. Check the church bulletin for dates of our meetings.



The English Lesson

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If the singular is this and the plural is these,
Why shouldn't the plural of kiss be named keese?

Then one may be that, and three may be those,
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose;

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.

The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim!

So our English, I think, you all will agree,
Is the craziest language you ever did see.

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, slough, and through?

Well done! And now you wish, perhaps
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.

And dead; it's said like bed, not bead;
For goodness sake, don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat;
They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother.

And here is not a match for there,
Or dear and fear for bear and pear.

And then there's dose and rose and lose,
Just look them up, and goose and choose.

And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword.
And do and go, then thwart and cart.
Come, come, I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Why, man alive,
I'd learned to talk it when I was five,
And yet to write it, the more I tried,
I hadn't learned it at fifty-five!

<https://www.ling.upenn.edu/~beatrice/humor/english-lesson.html>
http://www.fun-with-words.com/double_english.html

Father Bernie returns to Vietnam

by Jeanie Wilks

Fr. Bernie returns to Vietnam when he is able, in order to serve the poor across the nation. He has a mission team with ten to fifteen members, including a parishioner from CTK's Vietnamese community on this trip, who coordinate with him prior to his arrival.



L a s t year his team helped build a bridge in

Giong Rieng, Soc Trang; a few months ago, they helped build a shelter for boys in Vinh Son 6 and fifteen rest-

rooms and showers for girls in Vinh Son 4 in Kontum as well as helping to drill two wells for clean water in Gia Lai, a remote area in central Vietnam.



This trip will be a two week journey to visit 10 orphanages in

the middle and the south of Vietnam including Gia Lai, Kontum, My Tho, Binh Duong, Thu Duc, and Soc Trang. They have rented a thirty six passenger bus for the



mission team and some trucks to haul construction supplies for their treks to these sites as they plan to help build sixteen structures so that over 600 children will have a place to gather for CCE classes in Kontum. In addition, they are supplying scholarships and school supplies for CCE and will also deliver 2,600 "gift



boxes" for families which include 10 kg of rice, a large woven mat, a blanket, salt, sugar, soy sauce, and gently used clothing.

Fr. Bernie shared that some of these treks can be as long as 14 hours through mountainous jungle areas but he and his team find the journey to be both faith-filled and fun!

They ask our continued prayers

for the orphans, the poor, and for the team.

May God's Name be glorified!

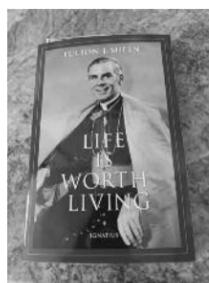
Let's Read

by Lucille Guzzone

I always wanted to be a librarian. However, I changed my college major to English Education because job opportunities for educators at that time were more available. So, after completing teaching high school English for thirty years and working twenty years as the parish Director of Religious Education, I was looking for a new path in the area of education.

The word "library" was still mulling around in the back of my mind.

So, I asked Father Boddie if we could set up a parish lending library. Permission was granted, and soon shelves in the Gathering Area were full of generously donated books, all from parishioners. Later, the children's corner was developed. Checking out the materials has been successful, but I recognized that the same people were using the books. I thought that perhaps those people would be open to sharing what they were reading. That way they could spread the word about the wealth of information available to all parishioners, of all ages and interests. Hence, this column, "Let's Read." I shall present the first "book review."



I recently read *Life is Worth Living* by Bishop Fulton Sheen. As people of a "certain age" recall, Bishop Sheen had a weekly television show in the 1950's. His lively personality was part of his popularity with all people, regardless of their religious beliefs. He never had a script and used a blackboard to

illustrate his lessons. He was awarded the Emmy, and in his acceptance speech, he proclaimed that the only writers he "employed" for his program were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Life is Worth Living is the most popular one among the seventy-three publications he wrote. It consists of a collection of his themes which were previously presented in his TV programs. The points of interest are full of spiritual inspiration, practical living, and plenty of wit. They are short essays about various topics. He writes about "Marriage," "The Rise of Communism," "Inferiority Complex," and "How to Tolerate One's Teens." There are plenty of other diverse topics, as well. The beauty of the book is that it does not have to be read chronologically as one reads a novel. The "Contents" is the place to go to find a topic which interests the reader.

My review of this book is not entirely detailed simply because the purpose of this article is to invite readers of the *Courier* to peruse the parish library, choose a book, read it, and then share its contents with others.

A wealth of knowledge and spiritual enrichment is available through the collection of the various materials belonging to the church.

The invitation for any member of this parish to share a reading experience is available and cordially extended. The *Courier* staff is encouraging all to use this column in future publications to summarize, analyze, explain and express a thought or two about a recently read book taken from our own library.

Feast of St. Michael

by Jeanie Wilks

The Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel is celebrated on September 29 each year. St. Michael is traditionally the patron saint of those in the military, police officers, and mariners. We have many members of CTK who live a life of service in the military, as police officers, fire fighters, and EMTs. As first responders are on the front lines, we honored and prayed for all of them at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on September 29 of this year for the first time officially. They rightfully received a standing ovation after the blessing as each of us has or will be touched by the presence of these angels at some point in our lives.

Often people assume St. Michael serves as a guardian angel to these first responders, which is certainly true, but there is another perspective that is often overlooked in today's society as we paint angels to be gentle guardians but

biblically, angels are warriors who serve on the front lines to protect, save, and bring messages to those whom God sends them to. When viewed in this way, the patronage of St. Michael to first responders and military members has a much deeper and richer symbolism. Our military members and first responders walk into battles, they protect, they wage war between life and death, they serve to rebuild and salvage, and they are the warrior angels in human form.

One prayer of St. Michael:

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of
the devil.
May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray;
And do you, O prince of the
heavenly host,
By the power of God,

Thrust into hell Satan and
the other evil spirits
Who prowl about the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Firefighters specifically have St. Florian as their patron. St. Florian was a Roman military leader who commanded troops in present day Austria and was tasked with organizing fire brigades and is said to have saved a town by throwing a single bucket of water on the blaze. He also refused to implement Diocletian's ban on Christianity and suffered torture and death as a result.

Prayer to St. Florian:

St. Florian, patron of fire-
fighters I present to you all
firefighters, especially
(name person). I ask that
you pray for their protec-
tion. Ask the Lord to keep

them safe from all harm and
to bless them with courage
and wisdom as they serve
their communities.

EMTs often also adopt St. Luke as their patron. Their prayer:

Most charming and saintly
Physician, you were ani-
mated by the heavenly
Spirit of love.

In faithfully detailing the
humanity of Jesus, you also
showed His divinity and
His genuine compassion for
all human beings.

Inspire our physicians with
your professionalism and
with the divine compassion
for their patients. Enable
them to cure the ills of both
body and spirit that afflict
so many in our day.
Amen.



We are Knights

Serving Christ the King Catholic Church

by Ryan Gallagher

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. Come out and help keep our community clean.

Knights of the Brotherly Care - Knights meet at Christ the King on the first Saturday of every month to attend Mass. They then distribute Holy Eucharist and/or provide fellowship to our fellow Knights/spouses who are unable to attend Mass or are homebound. If you know of a brother Knight/spouse in need, please contact Dennis Scobie at 904-535-8205 or email at md12848@yahoo.com.

First Friday Masses - The Knights host a First Friday Mass each month at our hall on Arlington Expressway. All are welcome to join us. Mass starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

Jaguar Football at the K of C Hall - The Knights continue to excite with Jaguars tailgating at the K of C Hall with all away games shown on national TV Sundays. Times and dates will be published in the bulletin. Please BYOB and bring a dish to share for our famous game day potlucks. Go Jags!

K'Cees' Bunko Night - Another great Bunko night was held Saturday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. with the next one scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2019. This event is open to everyone. Come out and join us for Bunko. Over 59 million people play this game yearly. Bunko is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill, although we have a few regular players that would disagree! You must call and reserve a seat to play, and for dinner. Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP/buy ticket on line at <https://council4727.com/kcees-rsvp-page> or call Laura Morris at 904-874-7100.



Walk for Life - The Knights and other members from Christ the King walk and pray each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in front of the abortion clinic on University Boulevard, weather permitting. Come join us and let our pro-life voice be heard. We also have openings to stand on Powers Avenue.



Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Making - The Knights, families, and members of Christ the King created over 600 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the St. Francis Soup Kitchen Friday, August 30. Several participants then meet at Pizza Hut on Merrill Road for dinner. The sandwiches were then delivered to the Soup Kitchen Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. to feed the homeless. The next PB&J event is November 29.



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Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive) - The Knights annual Tootsie Roll Drive was held at Publix (Merrill and Townsend) September 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Publix (University and Atlantic) September 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Knights also held the drive at CTK Parish after all Masses on September 28 and 29. A total of \$2,770 was collected.



Memorial Mass - The Knights held their annual Memorial Mass for all deceased Knights and K'Cees at Christ the King, Saturday, November 2, at 4 p.m. The Memorial Candle Lighting ceremony was held after the Mass followed by a light dinner.



Upcoming Events

Charity Presentation Dinner - The Knights will host several charity organizations at their hall, November 26, at 6:00 p.m. to present to them checks from their annual Golf and Benefit Ball. This year, Emergency Pregnancy Services, Morning Star School, Camp I Am Special, L'Arche Harbor House, Inn Ministry, and Legacy of Care are invited. Each charity will set up a table providing information about their mission in serving the Arlington/Jacksonville area. This is a potluck event. Come out and learn about these wonderful organizations serving our community.

First Friday Mass and Living Rosary at CTK - The Knights and the CKCCW will host a Mass, Living Rosary and potluck dinner. Please join us in this wonderful event Friday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m.

K'Cees' Christmas Party - The annual K'Cees' Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 15, at 1:30 p.m. Please visit the K of C Council 4727 website at <https://council4727.com/kcees-christmas-party> to RSVP/buy tickets.

Summer Camp June 23 - June 29, 2019

submitted by Michael Orf, Senior Patrol Leader - Troop 5



Left to Right: Sean R., Carlton P., Davin P., Aaron R., Noah M., David S., Zach J.; Andrew M., Luiz D., Thomas O., Caleb W., Sean P., David H.

During my time at summer camp I was surrounded by amazing people both youth and adults. While I was there, I participated in an archery program that I really enjoyed. As I progressed in the archery program I went all the way to earning the highest award the camp gives, the "Golden Arrow," that I can wear on my uniform. This award, however, needed to be purchased and I didn't have enough to pay for it. One of the adults noticed that I didn't get to buy it and she managed to get her nickels, dimes and quarters together, spending the time to come up with enough of her coins to help me get the award." "During our week of summer camp, our Troop had shown immense Scout Spirit, and we were recognized by the camp and almost won the Spirit Stick.



Thomas O. with the Spirit Stick

Thomas Orf Jr. (12 years old)
Pink Panthers Patrol Leader - Troop 5



Left to Right: Silvia L., Thomas O., Hank H., Eric S., Emily S., Eve W., Brian S., Noah M., David S., Chris S., Bonnie M.

When I and two other youth went to the 'mountain trip' this year, (my troop has every other year), we hiked part of the Appalachian Trail, and went white water rafting and explored popular tourist locations. We visited a historic town called Jamestown in South Carolina and visited multiple museums. We ended up hiking for two days on the Appalachian Trail and getting rained on in the process. Overall, the hike was definitely enjoyable even with the rain. As for the white water rafting portion I ended up falling out, but luckily I fell in an area with little rapids so it was easy for me to get back on the raft. Due to the small amount of youth that attended, I and the two others did all of the cooking and most of the cleaning. The trip was a great experience and I would

recommend it to anyone who has some form of past camping experience as it can be a totally different experience than a normal camping trip.

Thomas Orf Jr. Life Scout (12 years old)
Pink Panthers Patrol Leader - Troop 5



Luiz D. and Aaron R.



Left to Right: David S., Thomas O., Noah M

Camp was stellar. I believe out of all the fun things I did, archery was the best. I think it was fun because I learned not only the parts of a bow and the parts of an arrow but we also got to learn to shoot them!

Another fun thing was all the troop spirit and how everyone was so excited and it gave a positive "vibe." I also really like the way everyone works together to help each other out.

Luiz DeAssis - Tenderfoot Scout (12 years old)
Pink Panthers Patrol - Troop 5



Left to Right: David S., Davin P., Carlton P., Andrew M.

I had a good time at summer camp, except for Luiz "bombing" our tent. It was like one thousand degrees every night (maybe from the bug spray and mosquito nets). I enjoyed using my camel pack. The food was edible, even tasty-ish, I loved the croutons. Every day, I got dressed, ate, and then swam for an hour. Afterwards, I went to chess and robotics class. On my breaks I would go into the shop to say "hi" to whoever was in there and shop for a knife (once). After that I went to lunch and then movie making. In movie making, my teacher murdered a tick that was on the table. Then I went to camping where I chickened out on doing the repelling wall because it is high (and they wouldn't let me go on the side I was comfortable with). After camping, I went to the ecology area where I petted snakes and things before class, if time permitted. Then I enjoyed

learning about the weather. We had a break between our class and dinner. After dinner, I'd go to bed with a fan (with no guard on it) in my face to keep me cool. The opening and closing campfires were cool. We almost won the spirit award. The ones who won were not much better, and (very) lazy, but they still won! I earned all of the merit badges except camping, because I missed a requirement. Then my parents came on Friday night. There was a dance party. My mom fell asleep at the dance party. I'm nervous and excited to go to a different summer camp next summer.

Aaron Resch - Scout Rank (11 years old)
Pink Panthers Patrol - Troop 5

This summer Troop 5 decided to go to the Appalachian Mountains. we white water rafted on the Ocoee river and then a few days later we packed up our hiking pack and tied on our boots and set out for the trail. We hiked for two days, one of which was in the rain; rule one on the Appalachian Trail is always carry rain gear. A lot of us ended getting soaked to the bone but we still continued hiking. We got almost to the top of Albert Mountain in North Carolina when we found out that the shelter on top of Albert Mountain had been moved down the mountain so we hiked half way down the mountain to the nearest shelter and stayed there for the night. Then waking up early the next morning we began our hike back to base camp. We arrived at base camp before lunch and removed our boots and packs and allowed them to dry and finished off the day with a dinner of Hungarian goulash and a good loaf of French bread.

David Smith- Second-Class Rank (14 years old)

Pink Panthers Patrol- Troop 5



We did a lot on the mountain trip! I built a dam in the stream with David Smith. Everyone hiked the Appalachian Trail but we were happy to come back to camp. We cooked meals, built good fires, had good conversations... well, the adults did. We had one or two bears come through camp. I got a bear print!

Noah Mulder- Scout Rank (12 years old)

Pink Panthers Patrol- Troop 5



The Meninak Lodge was the best place to be at summer camp. Everyone in Troop 5 seemed to have fun. We played a lot and had fun in and out of our classes. Some of us got home sick but we stuck it out the whole week! It was worth it!

Noah Mulder- Scout Rank (12 years old)
Pink Panthers Patrol- Troop 5



School News

Day of Service

by Regina S. Joiner



Christ the King School hosted its first Day of Service on September 28. It was such a great turnout! We had 75 adults and 45 students show up to help beautify our campus. One of my favorite sayings is “many hands make light work” and that was definitely the case.



Thank you to our many volunteers that showed up from the school and church community. We were able to rearrange and organize the rooms in the gym, re-locate a planter so a pool can be installed for a Robotics competition, paint the first grade planters used for their STEM project, weed the blueberry planters, and clean up outside of the Kindergarten classrooms. We also cleaned up the beds around the school office, Shirley David Hall, and the playground, along with spreading pine straw around the campus.



The most noticeable project was the demo and cleanup of the wall and planters outside the gym. New sod has been put down and the Family School Association purchased new metal picnic tables and bench. The school has exciting plans for the new spirit rock.



There is still work to be done around campus but what a difference a day makes! We hope to make this at least an annual event. Thank you to our school and Church family for donating your time to make a difference!

Annual Baseball Outing

by Jeanie Wilks



On August 9, we made our way to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville for our CTK annual Friday family outing to cheer on our home team, the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp!

We enjoyed fellowship and laughter over dinner in the famous Florida summer sun. As the game began, the sun set, and the river breezes began to gently cool the stadium.

We cheered, visited, ducked the foul balls; Scampi, the mascot, came by to sit a while and provide photo opportunities for the fans; and the players interacted with the crowd baseball as it should be!

After an incredible game the night closed with a fireworks display to rival those on the Fourth of July.

Ken Babby, the owner of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, was on the field with the team throughout the game. Ken has worked diligently with his team and staff to make a difference not only in baseball but in our community.

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp have family nights, when a family of four can attend a baseball game, with refreshments included, for less than a movie. The field is open for dollar movie nights on the big screen; Scampi and Southpaw make visits around town, including visits to CTK on Sunday mornings. They host Christian concerts after games, as well as a host of other community events, and military members are always honored.

The Boys of Summer an ageless American tradition

Universal Mission Project 2019 - 2020

by Adriana Giles

There are so many exciting things going on at Christ the King School. In fact, the middle school started their Universal Mission project to become a Green Tree School. We are partnering with the Florida Project Learning Tree. On May 24, 2019 all of our teachers received training on Green Tree Schools and are now part of the Florida Project Learning Tree. They were trained on how to incorporate Green Tree into their STEM projects. The slogan of the Green Tree School is “students lead the way.” Our purpose is to inspire our students to take responsibility for improving the environment at their school first so then they can take their knowledge and lead the way at home and in their community. We want the students to learn how to collect data, empower their designs and lead an action project that uses their STEM skills learned through the entire school. Students are empowered to make changes and to take ownership of their projects to reduce their environmental footprint.

Our students will examine their school energy use, waste and recycling, water consumption, school site, and environmental quality and establish benchmarks. By using the results of their investigations, students select, design, and implement one project by groups, and measure their impacts. The benefits to becoming a PLT Green School often includes: significant cost savings, improved student learning, particularly in science and math, enhanced student leadership skills, recognition within the wider community for our school’s accomplishments, a solid foundation for a lifetime of environmental stewardship, and even better, a healthier school.

Students already started their investigation by having a field trip. Middle School visited The University of North Florida (UNF) Campus to observe how they became a Green Tree University. The students got a tour and explanation of all the different parts of the UNF Campus where they have become green. One of the places they visited was their green cafeteria landscape and outdoor areas.

Christ The King Cheerleaders

by Adriana Giles

It has been an exciting cheerleading season. Our cheerleading squad had a two-week Cheer Summer Camp in preparation for the new basketball season. The five months of training paid off! Your cheers and enthusiastic spirit help both our teams during this great season.



A special thank you goes out to Ravens cheerleading coaches Mrs. Michelle Kargbo and Mrs. Chelsie Pierce for training and helping the squad. Also, thank you for creating a permanent space in the CTK gym for the CTK Cheerleading Squad to practice.

Cheerleaders: Emilia Hernandez, Carrigan McCook, Andrea Perez, Chloe Vila, Camdyn McCook, Helena Dawson, Ella Dioso, Malayah George, Mallory Joiner, Juliana Weldon, Ayla DeWitt, Camila Giles, Carolina Joiner, Regina Maiz Raigosa, and Savina Shmoee.

Thank you to the Ravens cheerleaders for their school spirit and encouragement through the season!



School News

Christ The King Cross Country Team

by Adriana Giles



This is our third year participating in the Catholic Schools Cross Country League. Our Cross Country Team is made up of runners from Christ the King and Morning Star. They all did well, earning ribbons for placing in the top 15 and medals for placing in the top 5 in some races. Zachary Joiner placed first in three Junior Varsity races.

A HUGE thank you goes out to Coach Ian Wallinger and teachers Deanna Piesko, Rachel Sdelmayer and Alex Underhill for training with the students. Thank you for your time and patience coaching almost 30 runners! We also thank the Cross Country parents and teachers for their love and support during the races; we had a great time seeing all of our fantastic runners and also their enthusiastic coach, parents and teachers.

Boys' Junior Varsity Cross Country: Oakley Bishop, James Cochren, Zach Joiner, David Martinez, Jacob Shashy, Liam Underhill, Brandon Wright, Stephen Dornier, Ninziza Aimable, Kolbe Binder, Thomas Curley, Brian Martinez, Jan G. Bianchi-Santana, Anthony Capri, Tyler Kuepper, and Julian Rumfelt.

Girls' Junior Varsity Cross Country: Monica Alraheb, Alexis Graves, Rosemary Ouellette, Lizzie Owens, Fumike Onasayo, Violet Beaudry, Alya Dewitt, Cami Giles, Aleena Lundy, Caroline Joiner, Sophia Piesko, Emma Giles, and Kemi Onasayo.

Congratulations to all runners, you raced like true Ravens!



CKAA Christ the King Athletic Academy

by Adriana Giles

Christ the King Athletic Academy is back. They offer T-Ball at Christ the King for boys and girls from four to eight years old. CKAA is using our two school fields for practices and they said "we have the best looking fields in Jacksonville for an elementary school." At the moment they have four T-Ball teams of different ages. They had their kickoff with a CKAA party at the softball field on Friday, September 27. It was a great family event where they had food and games. They also introduced the T-Ball teams and all had a lot of fun. I hope you were there. CKAA is helping Christ the King School by installing an AC unit in the concession stand, restoring the wooden bleachers, and also painting where it is needed. All this rehabilitation is in progress.

If you are interested in getting information please call or email - www.ckaajax@gmail.com or call (904) 718-4429.

Christ the King Basketball Team

by Adriana Giles

Basketball season was phenomenal and exciting for everyone at Christ the King and Morning Star. Our Ravens boys and girls were undefeated as of October 23.

Thank you to the basketball coaches, Coach Elmo Gonzalez, Coach Travis Webb, and Coach John Lundy. Your dedication and support is an inspiration. Kudos also go to the parents and fans that were cheering at every game!



Boys Varsity Basketball: Matthew Arteaga, Oakley Bishop, Oluwaji Eziemefe, Zachary Joiner, Liam Underhill, Marshal Wnorowski, Amari Cummings, Ben Powell, Chris Castillo, Davis Ennis, Miguel Fernandez, Michael Gabor, Leo Lombardo, Saimon Shmoe, and Akol Tong.

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball: Tristann Vila, Sterling Fick, Zachary Burge, Walter Moore, Andrew Raye, and EJ Wnorowski.



Girls Varsity Basketball: Isabelle Dionisio, Skylar Fick, Alvie Hopely, Julie Meehan, Kaitlyn Webb, Zahnae Johnson, Avriana Lundy, Gracie Kuepper, Kennedy Yates, Julianna Burge, Rilee Kargbo, Kylie Negron, Kyla Redcloud, Reagan Burge, and Katelyn Gabor.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball: Victoria Simmons

Congrats to all basketball players, coaches, parents and fans for a great season!

CTK Honor Society Inductees 2019-2020

by Patty Ruhl

The Christ the King Honor Society is proud to present the 2019 - 2020 inductees:

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| Monica Alraheb - President | Emilia Hernandez - Secretary |
| Erica Charleus - Treasurer | Alvie Hopely |
| Isabelle Dionisio - Vice President | Zachary Joiner |
| Oluwaji Eziemefe | David Martinez |
| Alexa Fallis | Rosemary Ouellette |
| Alexis Graves | Jacob Shashy |
| | Liam Underhill |

School News

CTK School - New Faces

by Adriana Giles

We are excited to announce that some new teachers and staff have joined the CTK family this new school year!

Mrs. Katie Gabor is teaching our youngest students in VPK. Katie has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She taught second grade and VPK at St. Michael's Catholic School in Fernandina Beach. She is an alumna of Christ the King Catholic School and Bishop Kenny. Katie has three children, all of whom are attending Christ the King.



Ms. Lauren Vaccaro is one of our kindergarten teachers. She is a UNF graduate, where she majored in elementary education. Lauren worked for two years in FOCUS, which is a college campus Catholic group that specializes in youth retreats. We are so blessed to have such a role model to our young children.



Mrs. Caitlin Zeal is teaching fourth and fifth grade math, science and religion classes. She majored in math at the University of Central Florida; she also has a master's degree in education. She taught for 10 years before joining CTK.



Mrs. Rachel Sedlemayer is teaching social studies and language arts in middle school. She came to us from a private school in California. She moved to Jacksonville with her husband as he was transferred here. Rachel graduated from the University of San Diego and she has been teaching for more than 20 years.



Mrs. Deanna Piesko is our math teacher for middle school. She has two daughters, the oldest attends Bishop Kenny and her youngest attends Christ the King. Her youngest daughter is a member of our Junior Varsity Cross Country team. Deanna is a graduate of the University of Central Florida. She came to us from Orlando where she worked at a Catholic school teaching math for more than 20 years. Deanna is one class away from graduating from her major in theology.



Mr. Jeremy Mckinnies is teaching music from Kindergarten to eighth grade. Mr. Mckinnies is a graduate of Jacksonville University. Jeremy is also working on his masters degree at the University of North Florida, where he will graduate as a music conductor. He previously worked at San Juan del Rio Catholic School in our Diocese.

Welcome to a new year at Christ the King Catholic School!!!

by Adriana Giles

The teachers of CTKS would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous support and contributions to the wishing well. If you still want to contribute something, please stop by the CTK school office. Thank you!!

We have a spectacular year ahead of us. Our STEM Coordinator Mrs. Gagnon will continue running the CTKS Engineering Lab. We will have new projects and engineering curriculum for the entire school. Also our middle school will be working on their Universal Mission this year; our goal is to become a Green Tree School. We are all very excited!

On July 9, Christ the King School Athletics Department with St. Vincent's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry held their second annual event. We engaged the Arlington community, as well as our school and parish families, letting them know that no-cost school and sports physicals were available as well as select immunizations. In addition to the medical services, the school held a used uniform sale. Our parents always appreciate a deal. As always, our event turned out to be very successful thanks to all of the help from our volunteers. The Athletic Department's goal is to hold this event annually and continue to outreach to the community around us.

CTK Helps Hurricane Victims



by Adriana Giles

We were informed that many victims affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas are now living in our Diocese. In response to the real need of displaced Bahamians, students collected items such as diapers, baby food and formula, snacks, canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter and jelly, bug spray, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, new board games, children's coloring books and crayons.

Thanks to the generosity of our parents and students, Mrs. Engelhardt and the teachers filled a truck with all the supplies. You truly showed us the spirit and generosity of a CTK Raven!

Coach Elmo Gonzalez is our new Athletic Director. He is an alumnus of Christ the King Catholic School and Bishop Kenny. Coach Elmo and his brother created the Arlington Basketball League, where they instruct kids from K to eighth grade in basketball during all seasons. Coach Elmo is also in charge of renting the CTK Gym to various groups. If you know of anyone needing to rent our gym, please ask them to contact Coach Elmo.



Welcome our new Christ the King faculty and staff!

Christ the King First Quarter Honor Roll and Star Students

submitted by Adriana Giles

For over ten years, our Christ the King students earning straight A's or A/B honor roll have been recognized by the Knights of Columbus, Council 4727, for their academic prowess. The Council has welcomed this opportunity to treat both students and their parents to a scrumptious breakfast, providing energy to keep their brains working hard. All of the Knights find it a true pleasure to serve those leaders of tomorrow who are studying right here at Christ the King! - Ryan Gallagher
 Congratulations!

HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll Fourth Grade

A/B: Violet Beaudry, Reagan Burge, Zachary Burge, Ayla Dewitt, Katelyn Gabor, Camila Giles, Caroline Joiner, Aden LaFontaine, Aleena Lundy, Alexander Negron-Salas, Knox Parde, Sophia Piesko, and Andrew Raye.

Honor Roll Fifth Grade

A: Blosson Alayande, Cameron Pickering, Juliana Weldon, and Sophia Younan.
 A/B: Ashlyn Anderson, Julianna Burge, Ella Dioso, Davis Ennis, Mallory Joiner, and Chiamaka Nduka.

Honor Roll Sixth Grade

A: Stephen Dornier, Miguel Fernandez, and Sophia Shad.
 A/B: Leo Lombardo, Avriana Lundy, McCook, Davin Payne, and Luke Rodil.

Honor Roll Seventh Grade

A: Fola Alatyande and Lizzie Owens.
 A/B: MJ Cascone, Emma Decker, Paul Elhadj, Elizabeth Harden, Julie Meehan, Aidan Sperow, Brandon Sullivan, Chloe Vila, and Kaitlyn webb.

Honor Roll Eighth Grade

A: Monica Alraheb, Erica Charleus, James Cochran, Isabelle Dionisio, Oluwaji Eziemefe, Alexis Graves, Emilia Hernandez, Zach Joiner, and Rosemary Ouellette.
 A/B: Oakley Bishop, Alexa Fallis, Skylar Fick, David Martinez, Bela Ness, and Jacob Shashy.



STAR STUDENTS

These are students that worked hard and applied themselves.

First Grade: George Ishak
 Second Grade: Alayshia Thomas
 Third Grade: Dailyn Manubag
 Fourth Grade: Naima Jones
 Fifth Grade: Alexa Reyes
 Sixth Grade: Leah Brannen
 Seventh Grade: Carrigan McCook
 Eighth Grade: Ava Frattle

STEM:

First and Second Grade: Josh Cascone
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Blossom Alayande
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Camdyn McCook

Art:

First and Second Grade: Maddox Taylor
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Vanessa Reep
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Kalo Ness

Media:

First and Second Grade: Anjeli Munoz
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Emma McAlum
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Alexis Graves

Music:

First and Second Grade: Jacob Gabor
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Ninziza Aimable
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Alexis Graves

Physical Education:

First and Second Grade: Benjamin Bradner
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Allie Turner
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Zach Joiner

Spanish (World of Language):

First and Second Grade: Amelia Martin
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade: Thomas Curley
 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade: Merrick Dunham

Christ the King Faculty and Staff would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 4727 for always providing breakfast for our Honor Roll students every quarter.

Bishop Kenny Honor Roll 1st Quarter 2019-2020

First Honors

Julliete Alraheb
 Christian Flores
 Laila Jean-Bart
 Courtney Pham
 Camden Thornton
 Emily Williams
 Kathleen Yarborough

Mallory Frattle
 Fallon Hicks
 Erin Kress
 Steven Lutheran
 Peter Mahfouz
 Lily McCauley
 Gavin Meehan
 Karolina Moreno
 Chinonye Nduka
 Jericho Rey Palomo
 Brandon Pham
 Serena Richards
 Torin Sapp
 Lacey Taylor
 Aidan Webb
 Kylie Wnorowski

Second Honors

Elyssa Audije
 Rebecca Baldwin
 Cori Buckelew
 Emilie Chinault
 Hunter Daniels
 Diego Dionisio
 Steven Dionisio



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Thank you for your support.

American Heritage Girls Troop 1125 (AHG)

by Adriana Giles

Our Mission is: "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country."

This has been a marvelous year for the Christ the King American Heritage Girls as more families and girls joined the troop. Besides having 28 amazing girls in the troop ages 6 to 12, we also have 20 wonderful families supporting our mission statement.

Our first day of service this year happened on August 3 at Morning Star. The girls and moms helped to clean tree debris, rake leaves, pull weeds, and plant flowers. On September 23 the troop participated in the AHG National Service Day. The girls did their annual fall cleaning of the CTK Grotto in between the school buildings. They also helped on September 28 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the CTK campus-wide day of service. The girls and moms helped to clean the gym.

The AHG annual Diaper and Baby Wipe Drive to support Emergency Pregnancy Services (EPS) happened the first and second weekends in October. As always, the contribution of all the parishioners was overwhelming. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

American Heritage Girls Troop 1125 at CTK would like to thank all the parishioners for their generous support and contribution to the Diaper and Baby Wipe Drive that will benefit Emergency Pregnancy Services (EPS). Your wonderful support will help many mothers and children in our community. Thank you for helping us teach our daughters the wonders of sharing, selflessness, community, and service to others.

We also had an amazing time camping at Camp Chowenaw Park on the weekend of October 18. Even though it was rainy and cloudy for the

most part, the Tenderhearts, Explorers and Pioneers amazed us by setting up camp, cooking, setting up tables, cleaning after meals and helping to take camp down. We went on hikes: to clean the camp, to explore at night time, and during the day to explore all the different camps around the park. We had badge activities like: fishing, camping and Daughter of the King. The girls and moms had an incredible time. We are looking forward to our spring camping trip.

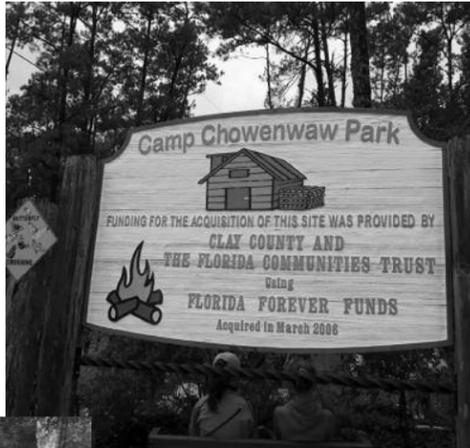
The girls also raised money for Wreaths Across America. On Veterans Day weekend they stood outside Publix, Lowe's, and Ace Hardware. The money collected will be used to purchase wreaths that will be laid at veterans' gravesites at the National Cemetery in Jacksonville on December 14.

If you or anyone is interested in our organization: our mission is: "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country."

American Heritage Girls is a scouting national character development organization for young girls ages 5-18 that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement.

Who can join? Any girl ages 5 to 18. We participate in various activities and fundraisers including: National Service Day, the annual Diaper and Baby Wipe Drive to support Emergency Pregnancy Services (EMS), father/daughter event, cleaning the CTK Grotto twice a year, rosary processions, raising money for Wreaths Across America, Catholic outdoor adventure, camping, mother/daughter event, Lenten service project, and of course, earning badges throughout the school year.

We meet every other Monday on the CTK campus. For more information please email: fl1125ahg@gmail.com



A Prayer for the Golden Years

(This prayer by Monsignor Danaher was written many years ago. The year is unknown but he was pastor of Christ the King Church from June 1977 through July 1997.)

Lord, you know better than I
that I am getting old.
Some people say I am old now;
May God forgive them!

Please keep me from the fatal habit of giving a speech on every subject and every occasion. I have said too much already.

Keep me from trying to straighten out everyone else's life, while giving a helping hand to those really in need. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom it seems a shame not to give some of it away, but since I want a few friends to mourn my passing, please help me keep my mouth zipped. I find I am living my life over again in the little details which are of no interest to anyone but me and God.

As I get old I am developing some aches and pains; help me to keep them to myself. Let my love of You, my God, and my neighbors increase from day to day; let me not talk about my heroic exploits of the past.

I hesitate to ask for the special grace to listen to the tales of others, but, at least, help me to listen to them patiently as if I believed them.

~ Amen ~
Love and Prayers,
Monsignor Mort Danaher

SIMBANG GABI 2019			
December 15	(Sun)	St. Joseph Parish	8:00 PM
December 16	(Mon)	Holy Spirit Parish Sacred Heart Parish, Blanding	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
December 17	(Tue)	Resurrection Parish Most Holy Redeemer Parish	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
December 18	(Wed)	Blessed Trinity Parish	7:00 PM
December 19	(Thu)	St. Catherine of Siena Parish	7:00 PM
December 20	(Fri)	Christ the King Parish Basilica of the Immaculate Conception	7:00 PM 7:00 PM
December 21	(Sat)	St. John the Baptist Parish San Juan Del Rio Parish, St. Johns	7:00 PM 7:30 PM
December 22	(Sun)	Blessed Trinity Parish	7:00 PM
December 23	(Mon)	Mary Queen of Heaven Parish	7:00 PM

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“Old” Arlington Has a “New” Neighbor

by Paul Ghiotto

Anyone who has lived in the Arlington section of Jacksonville for the past sixty years has seen a lot of changes. One place in particular has always caught the traveler's eye because it is right on the east bank of the St. Johns River, is white, is twelve stories high, is surrounded by oak trees, and once had both a business school and radio station in it. Alright, if you guessed it is the McDonald's in Town and Country Shopping Center you would be wrong – McDonald's isn't that old!

Allow me to introduce you to the not for profit Riverton Tower Senior Center which is the new name for what longtime residents simply referred to as Jones College (located in the Riverton Tower.)

Recently, *Courier* editor Cynthia Surlis and I made a trip to Riverton Tower to meet with Ken Jones, Jr., the Center's director of facilities and son of the late founder of the local business college and radio station. Ken generously shared his time and knowledge of his role in his family's past operation of its sprawling college footprint both in Jacksonville and throughout the State of Florida, and his current role. Incidentally, Cynthia is herself an alumna of the Arlington campus as she worked there for five years from 2008 to 2013, first in the admissions office and then in career development. Ken and Cynthia fondly recalled the names of many of the college's employees, some of whom were “real” characters!

Jones College began operations at its Arlington campus in 1964 after operating for years out of a private home in Riverside. Its “Beautiful Music” easy listening radio station began in 1964 as 1220 AM and switched to 90.9 (WKTZ) on the FM dial in 1973. Listeners will recall the name of personalities/announcers Ed Bell and Dick McMeekin who provided both political commentary and light-hearted musings of the day. The station was a welcome alternative to the ever-changing pop/country/rap/etc. music scene. In addition, students of the two-year college's radio broadcast degree program got hands-on experience in running a station. Distinguished graduates include nationally-known comedian Joe Piscopo (1969) and local businessman and city government stalwart Jerry Holland.

Conveniently, the college offered both daytime and night classes. I told Ken about the summer of 1969 when I worked as a temporary toll taker at the plaza booths at the east end of the Mathews Bridge opposite the college. We toll collectors referred to the end of nighttime classes and its speedy exodus of students as the “Jones College 400!”

Sadly, the college closed its doors in December 2014 but – good news! – listeners can still catch the former radio's soothing music via a streaming service on tablet, cell phone, or home computer by going to jonescollege-radio.org and installing the app. (note: grandparents, ask your grandchildren how to set this up for you!)

Ken Jones is proud of his family's efforts to provide, since 1918, over 14,000 students an affordable business college alternative, one which catered to those interested in obtaining quality employment following graduation.

The “new” Riverton Tower Senior Center, an apartment home community centrally located to most everything in Jacksonville, operates housing for persons 62 years of age and above. Apartments come in three sizes – studio, one bedroom, and two bedrooms on eleven floors. Ken, who with his wife lives in the Center, gave us a tour of the current renovations being done on the fourth floor apartments so we could see the layouts without disturbing current residents. Each apartment with its spacious balcony offers a great and private view of the outside world.

The apartments and all of the amenities offered at the Senior Center present an outstanding living opportunity for people who wish to downsize their lives and possessions but who aren't ready or have the need to enter either an independent or assisted living arrangement.

Another interesting aspect of the building is that one floor has apartments that are modestly furnished and equipped for people who need a temporary living arrangement for themselves or others. For example, patients of the UF Shands Hospital's cancer proton therapy treatment program often rent an apartment. Doing such keeps them in a quiet and secure place unlike what they would experience in a busy hotel. A hospital shuttle bus is even available to take them to and from Shands which allows out of towners not to have to worry about navigating area roadways.

Cynthia and I were surprised at the modest rental rates being charged – which include electricity, water, and refuse. We were deeply impressed by Ken's desire to keep all costs as low as possible while maintaining a quality living environment, especially for persons of limited means.

Interested persons can find complete information about the Center and its beautiful tree-lined campus by either visiting the property itself (call for an appointment first at 743-5090 ext. 111) or accessing its internet website at riverton.jones.edu. I believe one will be pleasantly surprised by the extent of work that has already been done – and is being done – on site. Oh, and by the way, the complex has a stunningly beautiful outdoor pool, too!

So, welcome “new” neighbor to the “old” neighborhood. We hardly missed you!

(Note: The purpose of this article is to provide its readers knowledge of happenings around Christ the King Church's suburban environment and, in this instance, not to recommend one business over another. The next edition of the *Courier* will feature the historic Norman Studios complex on Arlington Road which last year attained recognition as a national historic landmark by the U. S. Department of the Interior.)