CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

to be known, loved, and sent

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday:
5 p.m.—*Standard Mass w/ Piano*

Sunday:
8 a.m.—*Spoken Mass*
10 a.m.—*Solemn High Sung Mass w/ Organ & Incense*
12 p.m.—*Standard Mass w/ Piano*
5 p.m.—*High Sung Mass w/ Organ*

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday:
8:15 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

Saturday:
8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(unless otherwise stated in the bulletin or by appointment)

First Friday of the Month:
11:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Saturday:
3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Sunday:
30 minutes before the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 noon Masses

RECTORY HOURS

Monday:
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tuesday—Friday:
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
(closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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(402) 391-6205

Prayer Request:
(402) 614-9433
prayers@ctkomaha.org

Religious Education & Sacraments:
(402) 391-3624

School:
Phone: (402) 391-0977
Fax: (402) 391-2418

Interested in becoming a parishioner?

Join us on March 1, 2020 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for a Parish Orientation Session. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Bulletin Submissions

Due by end of day Thursday the week prior. Email a brief description to bandemers@ctkomaha.org.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 26 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Masses with the distribution of ashes will occur that day at **6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6 p.m.** Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of **fasting** for all people 59 years old and younger, and a day of **abstaining from meat** for all people 14 years and older.

Thursday Confessions: We will offer additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the church on most of the Thursdays of Lent: Feb. 27; March 5, 12, & 26; April 2. Please take advantage of the gift of Jesus' mercy at these special times.

Scholarships for our 8th Graders: We are so proud of our school's 8th grade students who received high school scholarships based on their scores on their high school entrance tests. Here are the names of the schools and scholarship recipients: Creighton Prep: **Alex Duman;** Marian: **Caroline Krehbiel;** Duchesne: **Julia Allbery, Emily Love,** and **Kate Kelley;** and Mount Michael: **Henry Stanek**. Congratulations to them and their families!

High School Scholarship Winners: (back row, left to right) Alex Duman, Caroline Krehbiel, and Henry Stanek; (front row, left to right) Julia Allbery, Emily Love, and Kate Kelley on Feb. 11, 2020.

Stations of the Cross: Walk with Jesus through the traditional Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent.

- **2:15 p.m.—**Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Benediction (with our school children) [Feb. 28; March 6, 20, & 27; April 3]
- **5:00 p.m.—**Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Benediction (whole parish) [Every Friday Feb. 28-April 3]

Christ the King Sports Club Banquet: Every year our parish Sports Club puts on an amazing banquet that raises funds for our sports program, our parish Athletic Director position, and charitable outreach to student athletes in impoverished areas in our city. **Please note:** This year's Christ the King Sports Club Banquet will occur in latter April of this year. Further information will be forthcoming.

Soccer Field Rules & Fencing: Please take note of the new signs and policies installed on the fencing around our soccer field, and the activation of the magnetic locking mechanisms on the fence's various points of entry. These measures and rules are for the safety of our school children during school days and for the proper use of the field. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with these safety and security changes on our campus.

GATE LOCATION	UNLOCKED	UNLOCKED
	School Day	Non-School Day
Gate #1: SW side of school/top of stair-well near blacktop	6 a.m.-8 a.m.; 3 p.m.-9 p.m.	6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Gate #2: South gate near playground/ Shamrock Road	4 p.m.-9 p.m.	6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Gate #3: East side of soccer field/ church parking lot	6 a.m.-8 a.m.; 3:45 p.m.-9 p.m.	6 a.m.-9 p.m.

News and Events

Be Not Afraid Hour for Sunday, February 23rd, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: **The Church, Life, and Government:** Leaders of the Catholic Church will share how moral disorders affect the dignity of America and how every member of the Catholic Church is obligated to primarily support and respect the procreation and sacredness of human life. This hour includes praying the Rosary as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Preschool Parent Meeting: Learn more about Christ the King's preschool program for your 3, 4, or 5 year old on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Students must be 'of age' by July 31, 2020 to enroll in either the 3-year old or 4/5 year old programs. Please RSVP to ctkschool@ctkomaha.org or 402-391-0977.

Fish Fry - Knights of Columbus Council 5045: Christ the King Knights of Columbus Council 5045 is hosting a fish fry on Friday, February 28th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The menu features fried cod, baked pollack, shrimp etouffee (while it lasts), grilled cheese, mac & cheese, tater tots, green beans, cole slaw and applesauce. Pop and adult beverages will be available. Adults can eat for $10.00, children from 5-12 are $5.00, under 5 are free, and family rates are available. Credit cards accepted.

Alan Ames of Australia: Alan brings his gift of healing through the Holy Mass and a Healing Service to the Omaha area March 9th, 6:00 p.m. at Christ the King, 654 S. 86th St., March 10th, 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick in Fremont, and March 11th, 5:30 p.m. at St. Bridget-St. Rose, Omaha. Alan has hundreds of documented healings and has his Bishop's approval to travel and pray for others. Bring a friend and pray for healing. More information www.alanames.org/en/.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group: The 2nd Tuesday of each month Fr. Patrick O'Kane will be the Celebrant and Spiritual Director for reconciliation, rosary, and prayers, with reconciliation beginning at 6:15 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel at St. John Vianney Residence, 7323 Shirley St., Omaha. Refreshments will follow. For more information visit www.padrepioomaha.org.

Thomas More Society: Join the Thomas More Society as we celebrate our 10th Annual Omaha Banquet on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center 14330 Eagle Run Drive. Begin with a social hourat 6:00 p.m., with the program and dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. You can purchase a table for 10 for $800, or an individual ticket for $80. Spend the evening hearing about the ways we continue to advance the fight to restore respect in law for life, family and religious liberty. Our featured speaker is David Bereit, former founder of 40 Days for Life and an experienced leader and strategic advisor to high-impact pro-life leaders and organizations. For information, contact Lauren Piller at lpiller@thomasmoresociety.org, or call 312-782-1680.

Diaper Drive: The JPII Newman Center, Maverick Students for Life, Essential Pregnancy Services and Spirit Catholic Radio are teaming up for a Diaper Drive. We need your help providing free resources to women and families seeking pregnancy help at EPS. All diapers and other boutique items are offered to clients of EPS at no cost. Drop off donations daily to St. John Paul II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st St., Omaha, between February 10th and March 13th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., or on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. For questions, or to schedule a different drop-off time, call the JPII Newman Center at 402-557-5575.

Parish Team

Pastor: Fr. Damien Cook

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Benjamin Boyd

Deacon: Jon Fulcher

Deacon: Randy Park

Parish Receptionist:
Shelli Bandemer - ext. 200

Business/Finance Director:
Rick Kucirek - ext. 212

Bookkeeper:
Mary Drake - ext. 201

Mass Intentions:
Gretchen Mack - ext. 202

Mission Development Coordinator:
Lori Dvorak - ext. 214

Parish Center Manager:
Rebecca Pietramale-Hazel - ext. 207

Director of Sacred Music & Organist:
Laura Rau - ext. 210

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor:
Eric Brink - ext. 221

Technology Administrator:
Brandon Odom - ext. 313

School Principal:
Chris Segrell - 402-391-0977

Religious Ed Director & Sacraments:
Christina Sanchez - 402-391-3624

Athletic Director:
Tod Kellen - 402-392-1052

Other Information

Sacrament of Matrimony:
Registered parishioners, call 402-391-3624 at least six months in advance to start marriage instructions. Wedding dates are set at the initial meeting with your Priest/Deacon.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Especially before your baby's birth, please sign up and take our baptismal class by calling 402-391-3624.

Sacrament of Holy Orders:
Those discerning a call to the priesthood should contact the parish priest or Rev. Andrew Roza, Vocations Director: 402-558-3100.

Anointing of the Sick:
A healing sacrament for the aged, children seven and over, the seriously or terminally ill. Call the Rectory (402-391-3606).

Religious Education | 402-391-3624

Religious Education Class Information

No Class: Wednesday, February 26th – Ash Wednesday

Class: Wednesday, March 4th

Confirmation Meeting

Sunday, February 23, at 2 PM in the Parish Center

For Candidates and Parents

Looking Ahead…

Class Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 25th

Please Pray For...

Herb Crowley, Marilyn Kreifels, Marge Haller, William Gaughan, Joyce Olson, Joyce Thelen, Violet Woitaszewski. *If you or your loved one should need to be listed for a longer period of time, please contact the rectory.*

Military

Let us pray for peace and for all service men and women; especially for those family members of our parishioners who are serving in the Armed Forces: *Andrew Armstrong, James Carl, Alex Dworak, Madelin L, Jonathan L, Joo Lee, Michael Maides, Wyatt Musgrave, Will Spellman, Jonathan Yerby, Harold Sorrell, Jamila Jahic.*

Eyes on Education

Returning Home—welcome back Mrs. Stokes!

Once upon a time Mrs. Stokes taught 3rd grade at Christ the King School. Fast forward to 2019 and she is back! Mrs. Stokes loves the small class size and hardworking attitude of her students.

It is a real privilege to weave faith and prayer throughout the school. This is a highlight for Mrs. Stokes. The students look forward to priest visits and ask great questions! Third graders also love to study scripture. The students truly enjoy reading parables and discussing the message or acting them out. Creatively sharing Jesus' messages to classmates is fun.

Third grade is the first year for merit cards! The students are very proud of their well-deserved merits. This great group has plenty!

Educational games such as 'sparkle', 'around the world' or team competitions are always a hit. Students welcome the challenge of answering questions on the spot and enjoy the friendly competition. Educational games are not only fun, but they really help students retain knowledge!

Perfecting writing skills is an important goal too. Writing letters to *Home Instead Senior Care* residents was a meaningful Christmastime project. They not only learned writing skills, but also got to know a special community. In another writing activity the students explained what they would do if they had one hour with Jesus. Mrs. Stokes says, "Their answers were endearing, amazing and sometimes humorous. The children are never at a loss for words when they profess their faith"

Third grade loves math manipulatives! All types of learners benefit from white boards, counters, flip-books, dry erase self quizzes, games and the use of ipads. Students are engaged because they enjoy the variety and find the methods that work best for their learning.

Mini-Society is a traditional third grade social studies activity. Students love it! These young entrepreneurs create a business that provides goods or services and devise a market plan. They learn financial responsibility, developing a budget and understanding the importance of saving money. Compound interest is also introduced.

Parish Support	
Budgeted for the week ending February 16th*	$30,500
Support received	$29,678
Variance-positive/(negative)	($822)
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019—6/30/2020	
Budgeted Year-to-date	$1,188,500
Year to date support	$1,150,944
Variance-positive/(negative)*	($37,556)

* Includes giving by Automatic Withdrawal of $16,987 on 15th.

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish, Christ the King, as a member of your family in your will. Always consult your attorney first, but you may also direct questions to Rick Kucirek at 402-391-3606, ext. 212 or Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or aj-lamar@archomaha.org.

Annual GAP Fund Reminder: A very generous parishioner has offered to do a match up to $5,000 through the month of March. Please take this wonderful opportunity to help us reach that goal and therefore add $10,000 to this year's GAP fund. **Any** amount will help get us there!

Vocations Corner

Seminarian Spotlight

Please Pray for Nicholas Paltz

St. John Vianney Seminary

https://archomaha.org/vocations/seminary-life/nicholas-paltz/

Traveling Crucifix for Vocations sign up:

https://bit.ly/39sLIjK

Weekend Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 29, 8:15 a.m.	Saturday, February 29, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, March 1, 8:00 a.m.
Reader: J Grant **EMHC:** G Mack **Servers:** R Schermerhorn, W McDermott	**Reader:** K Speer **EMHC:** T Speer, J Griffis, R Grummert **Servers:** J Strominger, G Swoboda, E Holzapfel, H Krypel-Noonan	**Reader:** T Becker **EMHC:** R Kemler, K Kemler, A Becker **Servers:** E Bender, V Becker
Sunday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.	**Sunday, March 1, 12:00 p.m.**	**Sunday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.**
Reader: M Wise **EMHC:** S Komen, A Kauffman, L Thomas, J Sheridan, M Zarbano **Servers**: J Richter-Egger, M Johansen, A Duman, J Strunc, R Strunc	**Reader:** B Kohout **EMHC:** M Miller, D Kohout **Servers:** I Alfieri, C Neumann	**Reader:** P Mergen **EMHC:** S Brown, J Korff, M McElligott **Servers:** C Quinn, G Brown, Z Haddadin, R Schermerhorn

All of our liturgy scheduling is done through Ministry Scheduler Pro. Access to the site can be done by going to rotundasoftware.com/ministry/ctkomaha. You can also install the Ministry Scheduler Pro app by searching for "Ministry Scheduler Pro" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

The Week Ahead

Parish Organization Calendar

PC: Parish Center
KC: Knights of Columbus Room
Guild: Ladies Guild Room
PC 1: Room on left in PC
PC 6: Room on right in PC

Sunday, February 23, 2020
7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.....Church: Confessions
8:30 a.m.—9:50 a.m.....KC: Sunday Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.....Church: Confessions
11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.....Church: Confessions
1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.....Church: Baptism Prep Class
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.....PC: Confirmation 2020 Enrollment
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.....Church: Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Monday, February 24, 2020
12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.....PC 6: Prime Time Bridge
3:00 p.m.—4:40 p.m.....KC: St. Nicholas Choir Rehearsal
3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.....Guild: Walking with Purpose
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.....PC: K of C 4th Degree Potluck
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.....PC 6: Group Bible Study
8:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.....Church: Exodus 90

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.....Guild: Ladies Guild Rosary Group
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.....PC 1: Parents Club
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.....KC: Children's Choir
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.....Guild: Private RCIA Classes
7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.....PC 6: Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.....Church: Prep Rally for Mass
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.....PC: Ladies GuildCraft Circle 4

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.....Guild: St. Rita Prayer Group
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.....KC: Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.—8:45 p.m.....KC: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m..Guild: Discovering Christ Prayer Team
3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.....KC: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.....Church: Thursday Night Confessions

Friday, February 28, 2020
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.....Church/North Hall: Burning of Palms
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.....Rectory: Finance Council Meeting
2:15 p.m.—3:00 p.m.....Church: Stations of the Cross
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.....PC: K of C Fish Fry
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.....Church: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29, 2020
3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.....Church: Confessions
7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.....KC: AA Meeting

Sunday, March 1, 2020
7:30 a.m.—8:00 a.m.....Church: Confessions
8:30 a.m.—9:50 a.m.....KC: Sunday Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.....Church: Confessions
11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.....PC Hall: Coffee with the King
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.....PC: Choir Lunch
11:10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.....PC 1: New Parishioner Orientation
11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.....Church: Confessions
6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.....Church: Be Not Afraid Holy Hour
6:10 p.m.—9:15 p.m.....PC: Youth Group

Mass Intentions

"†" indicates deceased "Intention of" indicates living.

February 24 - Monday
8:15 † Deceased Members of the James Dunlap Family
12:10 † Deceased Members of the Cuadrado Family

February 25 - Tuesday
8:15 † Margaret and Larry Rist
12:10 Living & Deceased Members of the Albert F. Sueper Family

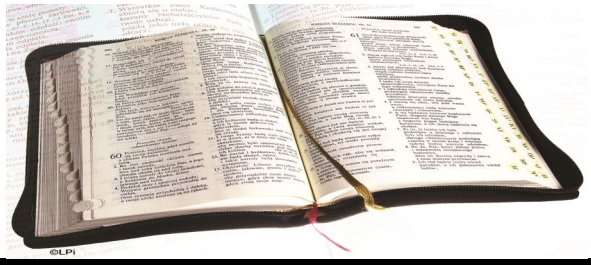
February 26 - Wednesday
Ash Wednesday
6:30 † John Werner
8:15 † John Kaplan, Sr.
12:10 Intentions of Isabel Moore
6:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Christ the King Legacy Society

February 27 - Thursday
8:15 † Lee Roberts
12:10 † Clarence and Helen Matya

February 28 - Friday
8:15 † Fred Riebersehl
12:10 Intentions of Jean Korff

February 29 - Saturday
8:15 † Tim Grant
Mass for Sunday, March 1
5:00 † Mary Jane Abboud

March 1 - Sunday
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 † Marie and Ed Garrison
10:00 Intentions of Irene Thompson
12:00 † Mary Udron
5:00 For the People



This Week's Readings

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]//Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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Axel Theimer, Conductor

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020 • 7:30 p.m.

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FREE ADMISSION - BUT FREE WILL DONATIONS REQUESTED & WELCOME

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40 DAYS OF MERCY: LENTEN DEVOTIONS & LITURGIES AT CHRIST THE KING

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

Fasting

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This consists of one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If one cannot do this for health reasons, they are exempt.

Abstinence from Meat

Those age 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all of the Fridays of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses with the Imposition of Ashes

- **February 26:** 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross with our school are held on the following Fridays of Lent at 2:15 p.m.:

- **Feb. 28; March 6, 20, & 27;** and **April 3**

Stations of the Cross in the evening are held every Friday of Lent at 5:30 p.m.

- **February 28-April 3**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday:

- **April 10:** 1 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Regularly Scheduled Confession Times (All Year)

- **Saturdays:** 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Sundays:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and, when available, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. during the *Be Not Afraid Holy Hour*

Additional Times During Lent

- **Following Thursdays in Lent** (Feb. 27; March 5, 12, & 26; and April 2): 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- **April 10:** 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEALS

During the season of Lent, all are invited to community fellowship meals in our Parish Center.

Fish Fry Dinners (by the Knights of Columbus)

- **Fridays:** February 28; March 13 and 27 from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Meatless Mexican Dinner (by the Ladies Guild)

- **Fridays:** March 20 from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Altar Free-Will Spaghetti Luncheon
(all donations assist the poor in our community)

- **Thursday, March 19:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

BEST LENT EVER

Sign up for a free Lenten email program with daily inspirational videos from renowned Catholic writer and speaker Matthew Kelley at **DynamicCatholic.com/Lent**.

ALAN AMES

Approved Catholic & charismatic healer Alan Ames is visiting Christ the King Church and will speak and conduct a prayer service for physical and spiritual healing. All are welcome.

Monday, March 9: 6 p.m.

- **Mass** (Church)
- **Talk & Healing Service, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (after Mass in the Church)

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IPF DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Institute for Priestly Formation is offering a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 14 beginning with the 8:15 a.m. Mass and concluding at 12 noon. There is no charge for the event, however, free will offerings are welcome. The event is open to all. **Pre-registration is required.** To register, call Linda at 402-280-3901 or visit www.PriestlyFormation.org:

- **Saturday, March 14:** 8:15 a.m.-12 noon

PARISH MISSION

This year we are hosting ***Heart of the King: A Parish Mission for Mission.*** Parish missions were called "missions" because religious missionaries—taking breaks from their overseas ministry—would preside at them and take up collections to support their efforts. The days are now here, however, when ALL OF US are called to be missionaries in our own families and community. Experience and receive the power of the Spirit and practical guidance in how to share the Good News with others over these three prayerful and inspiring consecutive nights:

- **March 15, 16, & 17:** 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., beginning in the Parish Center each evening

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph it is the custom to decorate his altar with homemade breads, cakes, pastries, cookies, fruit, etc. These baked goods are not meant to be eaten but showcase the bakers' skills and artistry, fashioning them in the shape of crosses, lambs, lilies, flowers, and other Christian symbols. All of the decorative foods are blessed after a special Mass and the "Tupa-Tupa" ceremony in which parish children dressed as St. Joseph, Mary or other Saints take part. A delicious free-will offering spaghetti luncheon takes place afterwards. All donations to the luncheon are given to those in need.

Decorative Foods & Fruits: Decorative baked goods and fruit for the St. Joseph Altar may be dropped off in the hallway near the Rectory door from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. on Wed., March 18.

Thursday, March 19:

- **9:30 a.m. Mass at a Special Time in Honor of St. Joseph** (the regular 8:15 a.m. School Mass is replaced by this Mass).
- **10:30 a.m. Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar and "Tupa-Tupa" Ceremony** (all children wishing to take part should come dressed as St. Joseph, Mary, or another canonized Saint. These children will receive directions for the ceremony.)
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free-will Spaghetti Luncheon in the Parish Center** (all donations will be given to help the poor through our St. Vincent de Paul Society)

MERCY HOUR

All are invited to attend this hour of Eucharistic Exposition, heartfelt music, and prayers for healing. The Mercy Hour is followed by an appetizer and dessert potluck in the Parish Center. Bring some food to share and enjoy the fellowship.

Saturday, April 4:

- **7 p.m.-8 p.m. Praise & Worship** (Church)
- **8 p.m.-9 p.m. Appetizers & Dessert Potluck** (Parish Center)

TENEBRAE

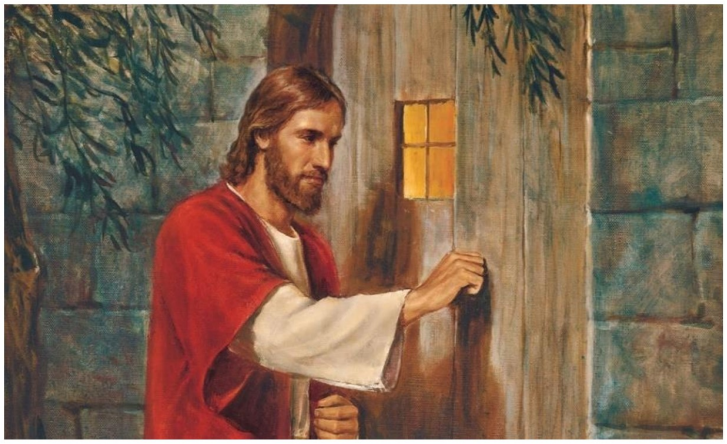
Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a prayer service during Holy Week focused on the Passion of Christ. The proclamation of scripture, singing of hymns, extinguishing of candles, and silent reflection allow for meditation on God's wondrous love shown through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

- **Wednesday, April 8:** 7 p.m. (Church)

EASTER EGG HUNT

All are invited to a free family-friendly Easter Egg Hunt on the soccer field on Holy Saturday. Enjoy the hunt and prizes. Foods will also be available. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in our school gymnasium.

- **Saturday, April 11:** 11:30a.m. (Soccer Field)



YOU

are personally invited to make an upcoming CHRISTIANS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (CEC) Weekend

MEN'SCEC Weekend, March 13-15, 2020
WOMEN'SCEC Weekend,March 20-22, 2020

An opportunity to strengthen and ignite your faith!

CEC is a combined effort of laity and clergy offeringa personal encounter with Jesus over a 2½ day weekend experience, beginning on Friday evening and ending on Sunday night. You are strengthened spiritually as you live and study with priests and laity with talks, discussion, prayer, and song.Held at the St. Columban Retreat Center, 1902 S. Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE, the all-inclusive cost is $100 for food & lodging.

Pre-registration is required. If married, both spouses are encouraged to make a CEC weekend in the same season or within a year of one another.

Anyone who has been on a Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) Weekend can serve as your "sponsor" or we can get you a sponsor. To get registered, contact your CEC Parish rep, Helen Andrews (402-630-8918), rainbow4helen@cox.net .
More info at www.cecomaha.org.