



## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

to be known, loved, and sent

# REST

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

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### Interested in becoming a parishioner?

Stay tuned for the next New Parishioner Orientation. 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  
[ctkparish@ctkomaha.org](mailto:ctkparish@ctkomaha.org).

### SABBATH MASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 8 a.m.
- 10 a.m.
- 5 p.m.

### DAILY MASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Monday - Friday: 12:10 P.M.  
Saturday: 8:15AM

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- Monday - Friday:  
11:00 a.m. premiere  
  
Sunday:  
8:00 a.m. premiere

**Youtube:** [youtube.com/ctkomaha](https://youtube.com/ctkomaha)

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory is closed until further notice.  
  
Let us all continue to pray for one another, and the Church.

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# From Fr. Cook

**Faithful Citizenship:** This weekend we commemorate the birth of our nation on July 4th, 1776. Our U.S. history is filled with triumphs, ingenuity and boldness and, like any nation, it also has its sins, divisions and imperfections. In the midst of it all, our fellow countrymen and ancestors have sacrificed much to preserve and promote unity within our land and the values of life, liberty, religious freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. The flag of the United States of America is a lasting reminder of our past and our solidarity with each other. She extols the virtues we, especially as Christians, hope to embody.

The American Flag contains much symbolism. The thirteen red and white stripes remind us of the thirteen original British colonies who became our first thirteen states after declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. The color red also represents courage and resolve and white symbolizes innocence and purity.

The “union”, the unique rectangle of blue in the upper left-hand corner of the flag, holds fifty white stars. Each star represents one of the current fifty states of the United States of America. Nebraska was admitted into the union on March 1, 1867. She is the 37th state of our United States. The field of blue, upon which the stars hold fast, stands for the values of vigilance, perseverance and justice.

There are various titles associated with our flag. It is sometimes referred to as Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, and the Star-Spangled Banner. *The Star-Spangled Banner* is also the title of our National Anthem. We sing it at patriotic events and, since 1917, it is customary to play and sing the song at baseball games. It was composed by John Stafford Smith (music) and Francis Scott Key (lyrics).

We also offer the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. While the pledge has been altered several times since its original composition by Francis Bellamy in 1892, the current Pledge of Allegiance reads:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Section 4 of the Flag Code describes how we should make the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It “should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.”

When any flag ages to the point where it is no longer



Flag by Jasper Johns

a “fitting emblem of display”, it should be destroyed in a tasteful fashion, preferably by burning. Our parish Knights of Columbus annually collect dilapidated flags and host dignified ceremonies to dispose of them. As Catholics, we dispose of blessed objects in similar ways. In reverent fashion, we break, return to the earth, bury or burn holy things when they have deteriorated beyond fitting use.

While we respect the flag and as patriotic as we may be, we Christians take a pledge greater than to our country. Above any terrestrial, national or political affiliations, we pledge our lives to Christ, our Savior and True God. He and only He is the Lord of our lives. This is why they say that the Christian is in the world but not of the world: our true citizenship does not belong to any terrestrial nation but to heaven itself.

We are pilgrims, sojourners, and aliens in this world; nevertheless, we live in this world and must take part in this world to transform it and to promote the true common good of all: “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Christ tells us that our future destination in heaven or hell is determined by our choices and actions here in this mortal coil and how we treat Him and our neighbor.

What is the “common good” that should be the aim of us as individuals and citizens and, collectively, the goal of our country? A discussion of the common good could fill a book or a series of books or a library of books but the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers us some pithy food for thought. The common good requires prudence from each of us, especially from those who hold any office of authority, and there are three constitutive elements that make it up.

**1907** First, the common good presupposes *respect for the person* as such. In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person. Society should permit each of its members to fulfill his

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vocation. In particular, the common good resides in the conditions for the exercise of the natural freedoms indispensable for the development of the human vocation, such as "the right to act according to a sound norm of conscience and to safeguard . . . privacy, and rightful freedom also in matters of religion."<sup>27</sup>

**1908** Second, the common good requires the *social well-being* and *development* of the group itself. Development is the epitome of all social duties. Certainly, it is the proper function of authority to arbitrate, in the name of the common good, between various particular interests; but it should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on.<sup>28</sup>

**1909** Finally, the common good requires *peace*, that is, the stability and security of a just order. It presupposes that authority should ensure by morally acceptable means the *security* of society and its members. It is the basis of the right to legitimate personal and collective defense.

If the common good is our aim, what are our duties as individual citizens on this earth and to our nations?

**2239** It is the *duty of citizens* to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of *one's country* follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community.

**2240** Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country:

Pay to all of them their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.<sup>45</sup>

[Christians] reside in their own nations, but as resident aliens. They participate in all things as citizens and endure all things as foreigners. . . . They obey the established laws and their way of life surpasses the laws. . . . So noble is the position to which God has assigned them that they are not allowed to desert it.<sup>46</sup>

The Apostle exhorts us to offer prayers and thanksgiving for kings and all who exercise authority, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way."<sup>47</sup>

This weekend let's examine our lives. Where are we deliberately and actively helping to promote the common good? How am I entering public discourse and making the world a better place, especially for the least? Do I vote and what values am I upholding when I fill in my ballot? At the Last Supper, Christ told His followers: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another," (Jn 13:34-35). Let us celebrate our country, learn from our errors, and work together to promote an authentic common good by imitating Jesus.



*The Tribute Money* by Titian

**W**hen they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes," he said. When he came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, "What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?" When he said, "From foreigners," Jesus said to him, "Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you." (Mt 17:24-27)

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**Resuming the Sat. 5 p.m. Mass:** As we continue to acclimate to new phases of reopening, we are resuming the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturdays for the public **on Sat., July 18** and it will continue thereafter.

**Reopening Congregation Numbers:** To satisfy any curiosity and to help you plan the best experience for yourself and according to your health circumstances, here are the attendance numbers at our recently reopened Sabbath Masses.

- 8 a.m.: **103** (5/31); **147** (6/7); **130** (6/14); **150** (6/21); **147** (6/28) - AVERAGE: **135**
- 10 a.m.: **208** (5/31); **172** (6/7); **168** (6/14); **235** (6/21); **207** (6/28) - AVERAGE: **198**
- 5 p.m.: **89** (5/31); **85** (6/7); **106** (6/14); **94** (6/21); **101** (6/28) - AVERAGE: **95**

**Confessions:** In addition to individual appointments with our priests, **we will offer confession in the church from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. on July 5, 11, 12, & 19.** The pre-Covid times for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays and Sundays will resume on July 25 & 26 in the confessional rooms in the church.

**Relic of St. Maria Goretti:** Tomorrow, Monday, July 6th is the Memorial of the young martyr, St. Maria Goretti. She is a wonderful example and patroness for children, those tempted to impurity, and victims of violence. The first class relic of St. Maria that usually sits upon the stand holding our tabernacle will be on display on Monday, July 6th, at the foot of the sanctuary. All are invited to venerate the relic and to pray for St. Maria Goretti's intercession for little ones, for chastity, for peace, for reconciliation between persons, and for healing from abuse and violence. **In this time of Covid concerns, we ask that no one physically make contact with the relic** but, instead, pray through her intercession and consider making a sign of the cross or offering a bow of the head or waist.

**Fr. Cook Away:** I will be away this coming week for vacation July 6 through July 13. I am visiting some family and friends, like Fr. Joe Taphorn, in Minneapolis/St. Paul. I will miss you but will be praying for you while gone. I'll be back soon.

**Christ the King School Plans:** We have seen what OPS has laid out for this coming school year in terms of Covid precautions and restrictions. Mr. Segrell, our school's principal, has been working intensely over the last couple of months drafting various permutations for this August and beyond. Under Mr. Segrell's leadership, surveys have been sent out and completed by our school parents with their feedback; a committee was formed in mid-May to make any further remote learning experiences first rate and family-friendly; technology like filming swivels for every classroom has been ordered to enhance any distance learning; disinfecting and social distancing plans have been taken into account; unique schedules respecting our teachers and current resources have been constructed; necessary volunteers are being solicited; our educators are receiving in depth training in Google and remote learning platforms before school starts; etc.

You have to understand that there has been no official game plan and no official word on mandates or recommendations until most recently. We have been in the dark yet Mr. Segrell has risen to the occasion to scope out, foresee, and seek advice to come up with workable provisions in the face of many possibilities and variables. I am very proud of him and grateful for the further help and contributions of Mrs. Becker and the members of our school's Academic Readiness Committee, the ad hoc Remote Learning Committee, and our Education Steering Board. While we are still honing details at the time of writing this, I have every confidence that we will provide our school families in this coming year the best experience possible considering the many unique exigencies of our current situation. **If you would like to learn more about our remarkable school, please call its office at (402) 391-0977 and visit [www.ctkomaha.org/school](http://www.ctkomaha.org/school).**



# Parishioner Spotlight

## The Tucker Family in Their Own Words

*The Tucker family consists of Patrick and Sue Tucker and their sons—Father Zach (newly ordained priest, Omaha), Adam (Atlanta), Josh (St. Paul), Luke (St. Paul), Jake (Junior at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul), and Ben (Senior at Mount Michael).*

We have been parishioners at Christ the King for about 25 years. Patrick and I both grew up in Minnesota—Patrick in White Bear Lake and Sue near St. Cloud. We met at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. It was love at first sight, and we were married shortly after graduating from college.

We spent our first few years of married life in St. Paul, building our first home, adding two little boys, and securing a new puppy. Patrick worked in Finance and Accounting for UPS, and I was free to be at home with the boys. We were then transferred to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for another few years and added another little boy to our growing team before eventually being relocated with UPS to Nebraska in 1995. We initially bought a home further out west in Millard. Patrick left UPS to start his own financial planning business, True Measure Wealth Management, and we eventually added three more boys to our family. In looking around for a parish community that we felt welcomed in, we eventually found Christ the King with Monsignor Robert Gass and Father Matt Gutowski. Even though we lived 20 minutes away from CTK at that time, we became parishioners and made the drive once during the week for a family Holy Hour and then again for Sunday morning Mass. We loved the beautiful liturgies and solid Catholic teaching of these two faith-filled priests. We also remember being warmly welcomed by parishioner June Schweiger and her husband, whose Holy Hour was probably a lot less peaceful when our very active family joined them. They were, however, very patient, and their welcoming kindness meant a lot to us.

Fr. John Pietramale was another impactful CTK priest in our family's growing up years. He played a big part in their sacramental years and, as such, is in many of their Baptism and First Communion pictures. Our family has a favorite memory of when Father Pietramale came to bless our new home when we moved into the CTK neighborhood in 2006. Encouraged by a pack of eager-faced boys, Father proudly walked around the house thoroughly dousing each of their rooms with streams of Holy Water. They absolutely loved it! And, I think, Father did as well!

Over the years Christ the King has always been a warm and welcoming place for our family. We have always found fellow parishioners to support us in our struggles and share with us in our joys. It has been a great blessing to move within walking distance of the church and be able to visit the Adoration Chapel



**The whole Tucker family unites to celebrate the First Mass of Fr. Zach Tucker at Christ the King on Sunday, June 7, 2020**

easily. We have been particularly inspired by the prayerful witness of many long-time dedicated faithful CTK parishioners. Many of them have passed away, but we still feel their presence and hear their voices echoing around us during Mass. We have also been blessed to participate in many opportunities at CTK over the years—altar serving, youth groups, IPF retreats, That Man Is You, Prayer Line and Seeking Truth to name just a few. All have, and continue to, help us to grow in our faith and connection with others in the parish community. In more recent years a succession of wonderful CTK priests have edified our lives with their joy, fatherly wisdom, and love. Our family has been greatly blessed by their ministry. Of particular note are the amazing efforts that have been put forth by Frs. Cook and Boyd in ministering to us all and keeping us connected as a parish community in the midst of this Coronavirus Pandemic. Their leadership and creativity during this uncertain time has truly brought a sense of stability to our parish community, which, in turn, we feel has stabilized our own family. I don't believe our family will ever forget just how strikingly beautiful it was to sit in the dark CTK parking lot this past Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday night amidst a steady stream of fellow parishioners in their cars, drawn to the most beautiful Altar of Repose, which thoughtfully and obviously with much effort, had been positioned by an exterior window facing the parking lot. For our family it was a breathtaking spiritual experience!

Our hope for the Christ the King Parish in the future would be that it would continue to grow in love of God and community, to be a place of hope and encouragement for all, and to fill those who walk through its doors with truth, joy, and peace.

# Sunday Mass Readings for Today



## FIRST READING (Zec 9:9-10)

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14)

**R. (cf. 1) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

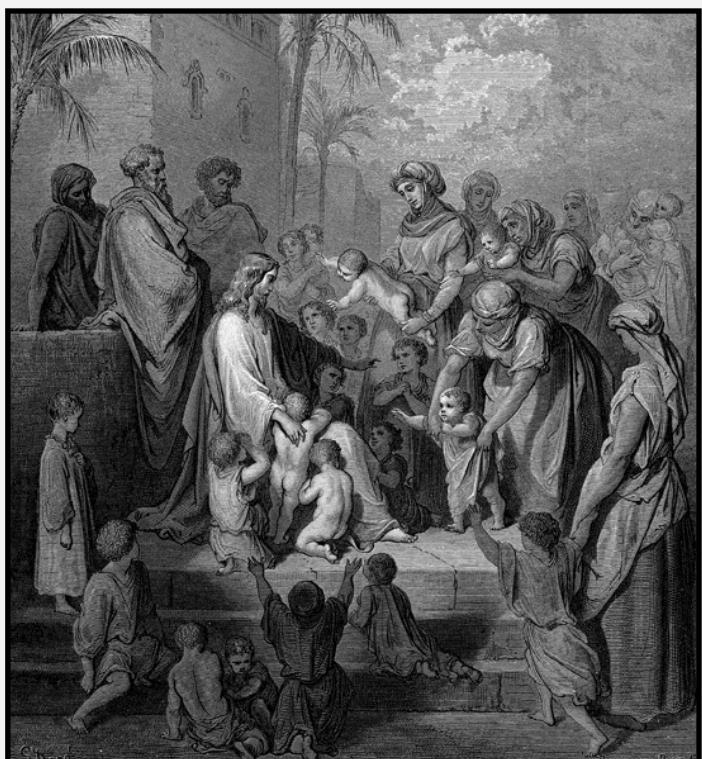
## SECOND READING (Rom 8:9, 11-13)

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## GOSPEL (Mt 11:25-30)

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



Jesus Blessing the Little Children by Gustave Doré

## This Week's Readings & Observances

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

<b>SUN 7/5</b>	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
<b>MON 7/6</b>	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26
<b>TUE 7/7</b>	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
<b>WED 7/8</b>	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
<b>THR 7/9</b>	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
<b>FRI 7/10</b>	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23
<b>SAT 7/11</b>	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
<b>SUN 7/12</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Benedict, Abbot
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For...



## REMEMBER in your prayers

Marie Buccino, William Gaughan, Marge Haller, Joyce Olson, The Woodard Family. *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, Nick Shanahan.*



## Mass Intentions

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

### July 6 - Monday

- 8:15 † Dr. James Dunlap  
12:10 † Victor Newman

### July 7 - Tuesday

- 8:15 † Carolyn Kaplan  
12:10 † Charles Crane

### July 8 - Wednesday

- 8:15 † John Farrell  
12:10 † Mike Mooney

### July 9 - Thursday

- 8:15 † Marguerite (Fangman) Stejskal  
12:10 † Karen Uher

### July 10 - Friday

- 8:15 † Deceased Members of the J.H. Pence Family  
12:10 † Neal Grummert

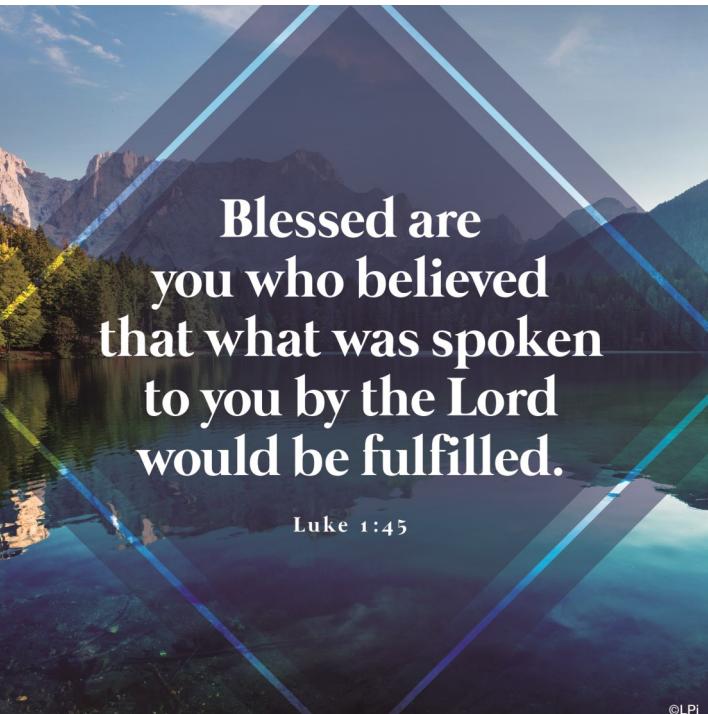
### July 11 - Saturday

- 8:15 † Lee Roberts  
**Mass for Sunday, July 12**  
5:00 For the People  
† Lucille Teresi

### July 12 - Sunday

#### Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 8:00 † Mary JoEllen Pence  
10:00 † Jim Halbach  
5:00 † Gary Sondy



## The Heart Ministry



While many things have come to a pause, the Heart Ministry continues its mission of helping those in need. Below is a list of items that are most needed. Remember the drop off is the first Sunday of each month in the north hallway of the church building.

- Shampoo (adults and kids)
- Soap (bar/body/hand)
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes

## Nocturnal Adoration

The next meeting for the Nocturnal Adoration Society will be the weekend of July 11-12.

All are welcome to attend any of the eight hours starting at 10:30 PM on Saturday night and continuing until 5:30am Sunday morning. This liturgy is very profound and we encourage all to join.

For more information please contact George Wanek, 402-391-1827



## Parish Team

**Pastor:** Fr. Damien Cook

**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Benjamin Boyd

**Deacon:** Jon Fulcher

**Deacon:** Randy Park

**Parish Receptionist:**

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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

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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

## Gaudete

Attention Parents! Looking for a faith opportunity for your K-6 grade students? Join CTK July 13-17 for our FREE online and socially distant summer program Gaudete run by our parish teens and modeled after Totus Tuus! Each day there will be videos with songs, skits, and lessons on virtues led by teens. Sign up here (<https://forms.gle/JM44JWzNF7zQg7N39>) by July 1 to receive supplies for at home game & craft activities, links to the Zoom, and information about our fun socially distant events. Additional videos will be available for middle school and high school teens throughout the week. Contact [chfrenc@gmail.com](mailto:chfrenc@gmail.com) with questions.



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## 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).

Join the Parish



Interested in becoming a parishioner at Christ the King?  
Go to [ctkomaha.org/join](http://ctkomaha.org/join) and fill out an inquiry form.

## St. Vincent de Paul Help Wanted

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St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a Pastoral Minister/ Adult Formation Director. This is a full-time position is open for applicants at St. Vincent de Paul Church. As a Pastoral Minister, they would oversee programs for the hospitalized and homebound, engaged couples, prayer ministry, and assist the Outreach Ministry Council. As the Adult Formation Director, they would oversee parish evangelization efforts, coordinate Advent/Lenten Evenings of Reflection, Parish Missions, study groups and faith sharing groups. Please contact the parish office for application and job description at [parishoffice@svdpomaha.org](mailto:parishoffice@svdpomaha.org) or call 402-496-7988. Applications and Resumes are due by Thurs. July 16.

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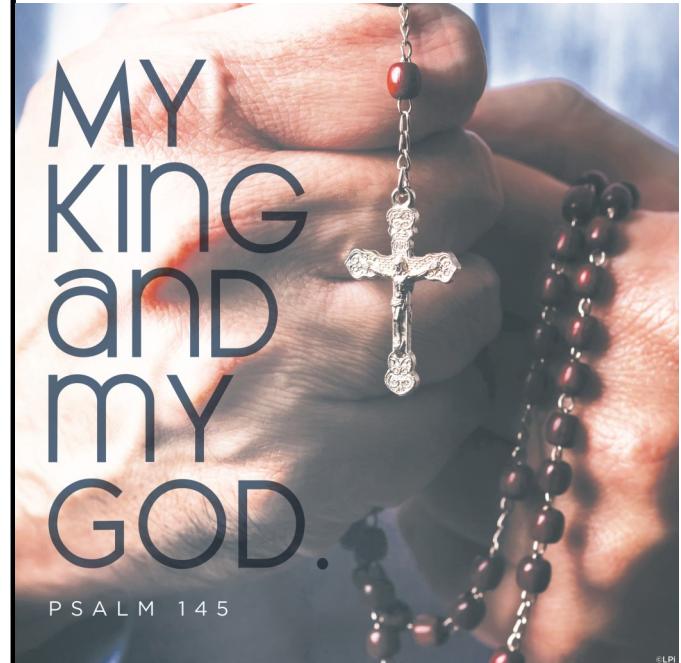
Religious Ed

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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We have big and exciting news for the Religious Ed program next year. All families are warmly welcomed to join A Family of Faith next fall! The goals of this program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children in the Catholic Faith at home. With one adult meeting and one family meeting each month, this program will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. Also, with the unknown that covid-19 brings, this program really gives us this opportunity to continue living and learning the faith at home. For more information, contact Christina Sanchez at (402) 391-3624.



## Parish Support

## Everyday Stewardship

Budgeted for the week ending June 28th*	\$37,000
Support received	\$32,175
Variance-positive/(negative)	\$(4,825)
<b>Fiscal Year 7/1/2019—6/30/2020</b>	
Budgeted Year-to-date	\$1,738,000
Year to date support	\$1,725,320
Variance-positive/(negative)*	\$(12,680)

(Through May 31, 2020)

\*Includes Online Giving Feature from the parish website of \$2,150.

\*Includes giving by Automatic Withdrawal of \$8,120 on the 30th.

### Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of "mine" turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

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### Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Date: Sunday, July 5, 2020

Theme: Trust in God

Reflection:

We must stop worrying and being in despair, but turn to God. Fear is useless, what is needed in our lives is trust. A total reliance upon God in our lives.

Every day, may we say yes as a total surrender to accept whatever comes our way. This hour includes the recitation of the Rosary and availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when a Confessor is present.



AT ONCE JESUS SPOKE TO THEM, "TAKE COURAGE, IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID."

MT 14:27

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