



CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
to be known, loved, and sent



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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Want to become a parishioner?

Stay tuned for the next New Parishioner Orientation. 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.

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday:

- ♦ 5 p.m.

Sunday:

- ♦ 8 a.m.
- ♦ 10 a.m.
- ♦ 5 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday:

- ♦ 12:10 p.m.
- ♦ 8:15 a.m.

Saturday:

- ♦ 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

- ♦ 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday:

- ♦ 30 minutes before the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Mass

WATCH MASS ON-LINE

Monday - Friday:

- ♦ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ♦ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Contact Information

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From Fr. Cook

Covid Developments: The Omaha City Council has extended its mask ordinance for indoor gatherings when 6 feet social distancing cannot be maintained at all times through Nov. 24. While people are stationary in Mass and if they are truly socially distanced by 6 feet, masks are not mandated but they are always strongly encouraged. If it is helpful to you and your decision on attending Mass and which Mass, our Christ the King Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Masses have our smallest attendance and I estimate that some 95%-100% of the congregation wear masks throughout the entire Mass.

Nebraska Governor Ricketts has issued a "Phase 3.1" for the state effective from October 21st through November 30th. The order limits indoor gatherings to 50% of rated occupancy, a change from 75%.

For wedding receptions and funeral luncheons there is a maximum of eight (8) individuals in a party (groups larger than eight (8) will need to split into multiple tables). 100% of rated occupancy continues for these events. Limited dances or other social events requiring guests to gather outside of their respective tables in guidance.

All Saints' Day: Next Sunday, Nov. 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. The celebration takes precedence over the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time. All of our Sunday Masses and the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. will contain the readings and prayers for All Saints' Day.

All Souls' Day: Every Nov. 2 we commemorate the dead with special Masses on All Souls' Day. We will have Masses on Monday, Nov. 2, at 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Photos of the dearly departed will be exhibited on a designated table in front of the statue of St. Joseph, to whom we pray for a good death. Please bring a framed photo – no larger than 8x10 – of your deceased loved one to the Rectory any day this week and we will place it on the table; **please include the name of the deceased person featured in the photo and include the contact information for the owner of the photo.** All photos should be picked up from the table or Rectory by Dec. 5.

We will also display a commemorative Book of the Departed in the church near Fr. Boyd's confessional. Please write down any names of your deceased family and friends on its pages so that we might pray for them at all of our Masses throughout the entire month of November, the Month of All Souls. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



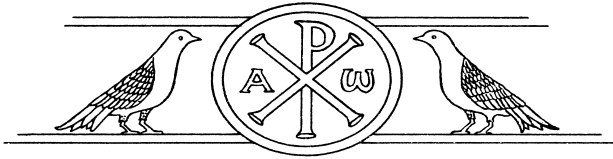
Fr. Cook goes as a pun and Fr. Boyd dresses up as Captain Obvious for 2019's Halloween and give out candy to kids

Halloween at the Church: Christ the King priests and deacons are dressing up and giving out candy for Halloween from 6:15 p.m.-7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 31. They will stand outside of the north entrance to the church beneath the drive-thru portico. If weather is severely cold or inclement, they will move inside to the Parish Center where there is ample room to social distance.

Birthday: Brandon Odom, our Technology Director, is celebrating his birthday this Thursday, Oct. 29. Please say a prayer for him and wish him well.

Fr. Cook Away on Retreat: Please pray for Fr. Cook while he is on silent retreat at Broom Tree Retreat Center. He returns this Friday evening, Oct. 30. As a result of his absence, there will be no Sunday morning Confessions on Oct. 25. We regret any inconvenience.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings



FIRST READING (EX 22:20-26)

Thus says the LORD:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortion toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body.

What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51)

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

SECOND READING (1 THES 1:5C-10)

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

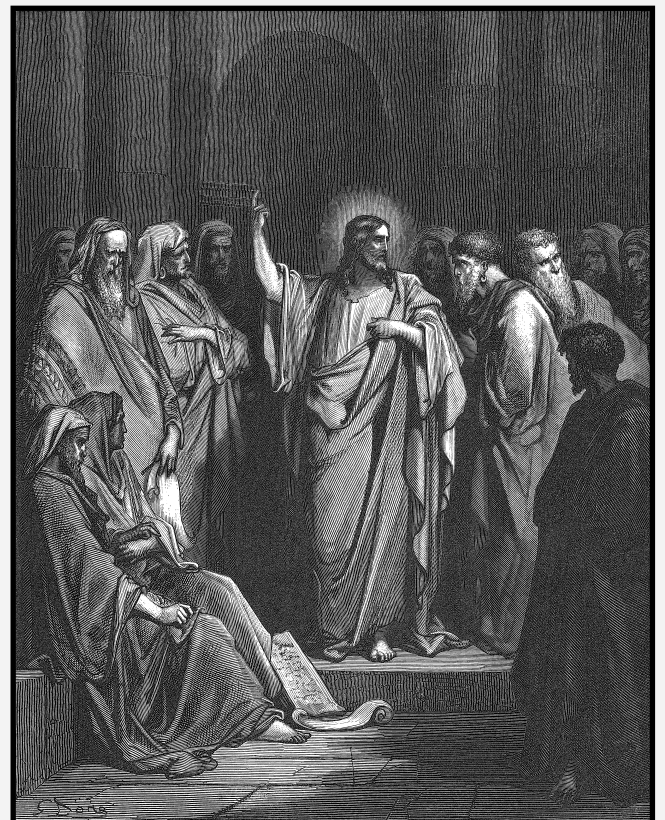
Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL (MT 22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



Christ in the Synagogue by Gustave Doré

This Week's Readings & Observances

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25th, 2020

SUN 10/25	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
MON 10/26	Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
TUES 10/27	Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
WED 10/28	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
THRS 10/29	Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
FRI 10/30	Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
SAT 10/31	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
SUN 11/1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25th, 2020

SUNDAY:	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	
WEDNESDAY:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
THURSDAY:	
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	All Hallow's Eve
NEXT SUNDAY:	All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Mass Intentions

“†” indicates deceased “Intention of” indicates living.

October 26 - Monday

8:15	† Mike Kutilek
12:10	† Deceased Members of the Dunlap Family

October 27 - Tuesday

8:15	† Deceased Members of the J.H. Pence Family
12:10	† John Werner

October 28 - Wednesday

8:15	† Mary JoEllen Pence
12:10	† Fern and Joe Dellere

October 29 - Thursday

8:15	† Leo Ambrose
12:10	Intentions of Andrew and Sheri Popp

October 30 - Friday

8:15	† Mary Patricia “Patty” McGuire
12:10	† Mary Kay Hoarty

October 31 - Saturday

8:15	† Dr. Sebastian Zarbano
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Masses for Sunday, November 1

5:00	† Jim Halbach (Fr. Cook)
	† Ruth Ann Ferguson (Fr. Boyd)

November 1 - Sunday

All Saints Day

8:00	For the People
10:00	Living and Deceased Members of the Sherman Family
5:00	† Charles and Dolores Ancona

Prayer Intentions



The McKeown Family, the Pica Family, the Weinfurter Family, Georgette Tadros, the Nodes Family, the Duran Family and the Olson Family.

This current list of prayer intentions lasts for a month. 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, Caleb Pflug, Will Spellman, Jonathan Yerby, Harold Sorrell, Jamila Jahic, Nick Shanahan.



Parish Support

Budgeted for the week ending October 18th*	\$31,250
Support received	\$38,465
Variance-positive/(negative)	\$7,215
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 — 6/30/2021	
Year to date Budget Giving	\$462,750
Year to date Support	\$450,011
Variance—positive /(negative)	\$(12,739)

(Through June 30th, 2021)

*Includes Online Giving from the parish website of \$2,594.

*Includes Automatic Withdrawal of \$19,208 on 15th.



Reopening Congregation Numbers

To help you plan the best experience for yourself, here are the attendance totals and trends of our Sabbath Masses over the last 5 weeks:

- Sat. 5 p.m.: **AVERAGE: 87**
- Sun. 8 a.m.: **AVERAGE: 159**
- Sun. 10 a.m.: **AVERAGE: 231**
- Sun. 5 p.m.: **AVERAGE: 121**

Greeters Ministry



Do you have a natural gift of welcoming others? Do you appreciate seeing a smile when you arrive? Share your gift of hospitality! Make this your ministry. Email Juliankaftan@gmail.com to volunteer to be a greeter.

Family of Faith & Sacraments Corner

Family of Faith

October Community Meeting:

Sunday, October 18th, at 11:35 a.m.

(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!) We will still meet for 90 minutes.

Location: OPPD Arboretum at 108th and Blondo in Omaha.

November Adult Meeting:

Sunday, October 25th, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: Parish Center

November Community Meeting:

Sunday, November 15th, at 11:15 a.m.

Location: Parish Center

December Adult Meeting:

Sunday, November 29th, at 11:15

Location: Parish Center

Sacraments

First Communion Meeting:

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Parish Center

Please turn in the First Reconciliation and Communion Information form to Christina Sanchez by November 18

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat:

The Confirmation Retreat scheduled for Monday, October 19, has been canceled.

Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, November 21, at 9:30 am

Confirmation Masses

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 12:00 pm

Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 2:30 pm

Visit the church website for the full calendar

<https://www.ckomaha.org/confirmation>

Wanting to Become a Parishioner?

Interested in becoming a parishioner at Christ the King? Go to ctkomaha.org/join and fill out an inquiry form.

WELCOME!

Parishioner Orientation



Please come to our first New Parishioner Orientation since the pandemic. It will take place on Sunday, November 1st in the Parish Center after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

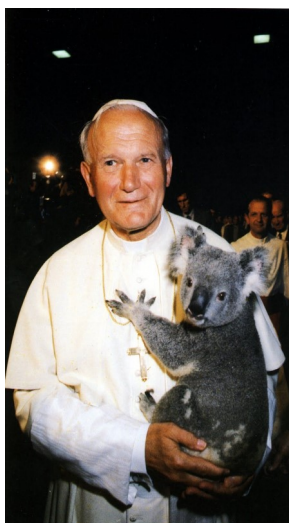
Those who have joined the parish during the pandemic—please come and receive your complimentary gift.

Youth Group

Youth Group will start again in the new year! Right now we are taking advantage of this time to discern what youth group is and how we can fully serve the teens of our parish.

We ask you to pray for us through the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II! Thank you for your patience, and we cannot wait to see you all in January!

- Youth Group Team



YouTube Mass

Mass will continue to be offered on our YouTube channel, Christ the King Omaha, as well as the listed public mass times until further notice. You can tune in at youtube.com/user/CTKOmaha



Monday - Friday:

- ♦ 11:00 a.m. premiere

Sunday:

- ♦ 8:00 a.m. premiere

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our gifts to the 2020-2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal bear witness to God's love at work in our lives. Thank you to all those at our parish who have responded so generously to Archbishop Lucas' invitation to join him in the work of equipping disciples and living mercy. To date, our parish has raised \$75,819 towards our goal of \$174,265. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual appeal.



Parish Team

Pastor: Fr. Damien Cook

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Benjamin Boyd

Permanent Deacon: Jon Fulcher

Permanent Deacon: Randy Park

Parish Receptionist:

Madeline Jarosik - ext. 200

Business/Finance Director:

Rick Kucirek - ext. 212

Bookkeeper:

Mary Drake - ext. 201

Mass Intentions Coordinator:

Gretchen Mack - ext. 202

Stewardship & Mission

Development Coordinator:

Lori Dvorak - ext. 214

Parish Center Manager:

Rebecca Pietramale-Hazel - ext. 207

Director of Sacred Music &

Liturgical Ministries:

Laura Rau - ext. 210

Facilities Maintenance Supervisor:

Eric Brink - ext. 221

Technology Administrator:

Brandon Odom - ext. 313

Principal of Christ the King School:

Chris Segrell - 402-391-0977

Director of Religious Education &

Sacramental Life:

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).

Election Novena



October 26th - November 3rd we encourage you to join us in praying the election novena for our country.

We have prayer booklets available at the granite table tops in the church, please take as many as you need. The prayers will also be shared in the flock note for all nine days.

Saint Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

Please bring your clean and gently used coats, boots, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens for the annual SVdP coat drive.

All kids and adult sizes needed! Coats will be collected until **November 1st**. Look for the **Blue Barrels** in the church hallways.



Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters of the Americas was instituted as an organization in 1903 for women with the purpose of growing in spirituality and working in faithful service and love for God.

Remember the living and deceased members of Court Mary Immaculate #2182 Catholic Daughters at Christ the King on Sunday, October 18, when the members observe National Catholic Daughters Day.

Any female interested in joining CDA, please contact Regent Marilyn Lowery at m-lowery122153@gmail.com.



Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Sunday, November 1st, 2020

Theme:

A Formula for Healing - Consecration Novena

Reflection:

Reflect on the life of Pope John Paul II and his courage which is an example for our lives.

God sees in each of us the person that we can be in overcoming our weaknesses. This hour includes the recitation of the Rosary and availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when a Confessor is present.



Wise and Wonderful

We're getting the band back together! Next event:

When: Monday, November 9th

What: Boxed lunch with Mary Maxwell

Where: Parish Center after the 12:10 Mass

How much: \$10 per person



****there will be social distancing and masks are required****

Choose ham sandwich, chef salad, or chicken salad croissant and RSVP with payment to Lori Dvorak in the Rectory by Thursday, November 5th

Baby Bottle Drive

Christ the King parishioners, we have an opportunity to assist Essential Pregnancy Service (EPS)! EPS is sponsoring a baby bottle campaign the week-ends of October 17, 18 through October 31, November 1.



Please consider participating by picking up a baby bottle the weekend of October 17, 18 and during the two week period filling it with your loose change and return the baby bottle on the weekend of October 31, November 1. The mission of EPS is to support mothers and their unborn babies. Please prayerfully consider helping them.

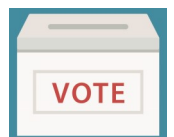
Nebraska Catholic Conference Update

From Tom Venzor, NECC

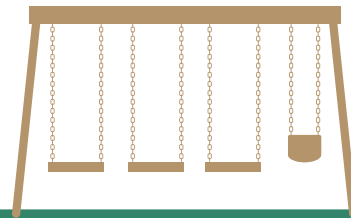
Nebraska's bishops, through the Nebraska Catholic Conference, are urging Catholics to vote FOR Initiative 428, which would put interest rate caps on payday loans. They are also urging Catholics to vote AGAINST Initiatives 429, 430, and 431, which would allow unlimited expanded gambling in Nebraska. You can find a one-pager on each issue at the [NCC's Clergy Resource Page](#), which can be used for homily helps, bulletin inserts, parish e-mails.

As a reminder, at this resource page you can also find other election related resources (e.g., catechetical documents, voter guides on state, federal, and presidential races, etc.).

As Nebraskans engage in early voting, it is critical that you use these upcoming weeks—if you haven't already begun doing so—to help form Catholics and call them to faithful citizenship. As always, feel free to reach out anytime with comments/questions (office: 402.477.7517; cell: 402.615.1199).



Thank you!



There are heel imprints in the front of our swing set in the backyard. I love to feel them in the grass because they are reminders of my children when they learned to swing. I can remember the sounds of their little voices saying, "Push me higher!" Before I knew it, they were flying off the swing and landing on the ground. Those days were so precious and fleeting, but as I reflect, I'm blessed to have these kinds of moments every day as a reading teacher.

When children are little, we guide them onto the right swing. We remind them to hold on tightly. We push them slowly and let them experience the joy. It doesn't take long until they are ready to go higher. We sense when they may be ready for more and explain they can go higher by themselves. Some children take off with little instruction. Others need more encouragement—a target or incentive. "See if you can kick my hand," we may say. Then comes the patient task of gradual release to independence. Many may fall or need a push to get started—just like with reading and learning. As a reading specialist, my role is to help students with this important process, and what an amazing moment it is when I see a child take off with reading or writing! I treasure the opportunity to be a part of these moments of practice and struggle as children discover how they learn best and begin to take pride in each accomplishment--so I can push them a little higher.

As a Catholic school teacher, pushing students higher takes on the most meaningful mission, though—a heavenly one. I recall my first spontaneous prayer experiences were swinging in my backyard. I felt close to God in those moments. Pretty sure the fruits of those prayers landed me here at Christ the King. I'm grateful to my parents who first taught me to pray and the support and guidance of family who helped me discover my strengths and discern my career path. I was once an inexperienced teacher who needed encouragement, and I still learn every day from amazing teachers who energize me with their passion and dedication. I'm grateful for them, for administrators, and all who have supported my ideas and encouraged me to grow in this profession. God surrounds us with amazing people when we strive to do his work. The past several months have been filled with many moments of gratitude for being recognized as Educator of the Year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to those of you who wrote a letter, offered prayers, typed a message on the "Shout Out" board on the Archdiocesan website, or reached out with your heartfelt congratulations with a word, card, or email.

Each message brought back a beautiful memory of a moment in my career and all the special families that I've met over the years. What a blessing the vocation of teaching has been!

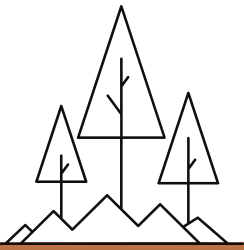
Now that 2020 is on the downward swing, I'm even more mindful of the people and experiences God puts in my path each day. I wish we could have all been able to gather together for the dinner. I bet you each have a childhood memory to share that involves a swing--or a book that left its mark in your life. I'm so grateful for the imprints you all have left on mine. Let's continue to push each other and our children . . .

Higher
to
God.

With gratitude and love,

Jen Heithroff



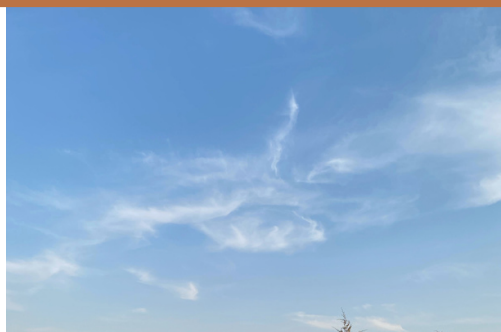


Father Benjamin Boyd

STAFF STORY

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).

This is what Jesus tells His apostles after they return from being sent out into the Father's vineyard to heal the sick, cast out demons, and proclaim the Kingdom of God. He invites them to accompany Him to a deserted place; that is a place without distraction, where friendship and intimacy with Him can deepen, where restoration and healing can be given. What a beautiful invitation the Lord offers! And the same invitation is extended to you, "Come away with me and rest." I've had the privilege of attending multiple guided-silent retreats throughout my seminary years and priesthood. Every time I've come away having experienced amazing God-moments and His restorative love. For example, once I asked Jesus for a sign, and a butterfly landed on a random scripture passage that read, "The Lord Himself will give you a sign."



Another time I was able to hand feed squirrels multiple times. On my 30 day silent retreat I asked Mary if I could pet a bird and later in front of the Marian grotto, on the ground was a sleeping robin! On this last retreat I was praying to experience the Father's loving gaze and that day while walking outside, a cloud formation took the form of an eyeball. The truth is that God speaks volumes in the silence and He longs to be alone with His beloved. Many people will tell me, "Oh Father, I could never do that. I don't think I could be silent for that long;" or "I'm too busy. I've got too many responsibilities." All the more reason you need to accompany the Lord, undistracted, in order to experience His healing love for you. I encourage you to prayerfully consider entering into profound silence with the Lord of the universe, who longs to tell you and show you how loved you are! Say "yes", to His personal invitation to you, "Come away by yourselves to a

deserted place and rest a while."



SPIRITUAL PROTECTION & BLESSINGS FOR YOUR FAMILY

The future of the world and the Church passes through the family” – Pope St. John Paul II

God’s beautiful gift of family is being attacked as never before as confusion, chaos and misinformation surround us. The consecration of the family to Jesus, through Mary, in union with St. Joseph is a spiritual means to protect and strengthen your family in this great struggle that exists precisely over the family.

The APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION offers a Home Enthronement Program where we will walk you through this beautiful and powerful program for Consecrating your family to the Holy Family. We are consecrated (set apart) for God at baptism. The Enthronement of the Holy Family in the home is simply a renewal and reminder of this being set apart for God.

Family Consecration can bring about God’s kingdom on earth – starting with families and spreading to all of society. Our founders recognized consecration as a powerful way to bring the Faith to life and protect families in the battle against evil. That’s why we are so excited to share the spirituality of Family Consecration with you, the Church, and the world. “Consecrate them in Truth, your word is truth”. John 17:17

For more information, please contact Christ the King parishioners:

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