THE BROADCAST John 13:3-15

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20800 Grand River Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48219

PARISH MISSION

We are Christ the King Parish, a richly diverse Christian Community in Northwest Detroit. We are on a journey of Discipleship with Jesus, seeking conversion, reconciliation and renewal. We reach out in welcome to all the people within our neighborhood, proclaiming the good News of Christ the King, building community, celebrating together, serving one another's needs and the needs of all our neighbors.

What I Want for My Children

Although we do not celebrate Father's Day religiously, it is a day set aside for our nation to honor our fathers. Fathers have a special responsibility as leaders of the home. Since this responsibility is Godgiven, it should never be taken lightly. Every father would do well to seriously consider God's instructions regarding his responsibility in the home. It is tragic that so many fathers in the church today display a lack of concern for the spiritual wellbeing of their children. We become alarmed when we see that many young people have a lack of interest in the church as they grow older. Could it be that part or even most of the responsibility goes back to the father?

Having five children, I am made keenly aware of the responsibility God has placed upon me. My children asked, "Daddy, what do you want for Father's Day?" This article concerns a number of things I want for my children as opposed to what I want from them.

I want my children to have a father who puts the kingdom of God first in his life and who will teach them to do the same. Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of od..." (Matthew 6:33).

God forbid that my children should ever think that the Lord is not the most important part of my life. Fathers should so conduct themselves that their children can see Christ in their lives. Fathers, we cannot expect our children to develop spiritual strength if we are not spiritually minded. They will remember our example long after they have forgotten our words.

I want my children to have a father who will teach them to love, to respect and to obey their parents. One of the most beautiful scenes in a home is to be able to see children who openly show love and respect to their parents. Children are commanded to honor their parents and to be obedient

to them (Ephesians 6:1-2). Many young people today are not respectful and obedient to their parents because they have not been so taught.

I want my children to have a father who sets aside the first day of the week for his family to worship (Hebrews 10:25). There should never be a question in the minds of children as to what the family will do on Sunday. Fathers, what a shame if your children ever have to ask, "Are we going to church today?" They should know that worshipping God is a family priority. If worship is not important to you, fathers, then it is not likely to be important to your children either.

I want my children to have a father who is loving and considerate to them and their mother. It has been said that one of the greatest things a father can do for his children is to love their mother. The loving relationship between the mother and the father is a strong factor in molding the lives of children. I have a godly wife who is an encouragement to me and is an excellent role model to our

children. I thank God for her, and I want my children to know that. I also want my children to know that I truly love them and want only the best for them. Yet, fathers must communicate this both by word and by example.

I want my children to have a father who will never speak or act in a manner that is unbecoming of a Christian. What an honor for the children to be able to say, "I want to be like Daddy, because he is trying to be like Jesus." Fathers should be spiritual role models for their children. Paul was able to say to the Corinthians, "Be ye therefore followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"

(1 Corinthians 11:1).

Jimmy Ferguson



Please try it again!

After hearing many complaints about our Sunday Mass Zoom we are happy to announce that we have solved the problem. Please give it another try! Let us know if we fall short.

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• "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

• "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

- "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
- "It always seems impossible until it's done."
- "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Please let an usher know if you would like to receive Communion at your pew.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 3, 2024 10:45am Harold Serviss Carolina Serviss Monday & Tuesday ~ No Mass

Wednesday CHRIST THE KING 8:40am Nhung Phan By Phan Family Thursday 9am at SS/OLGH Friday 6pm Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday ~ No Mass

Sunday

10:45am Patricia Kolar Bv People of Christ the King

Don't forget to check the sign up sheet in Koelzer Hall to see if there is a Sunday that you are availabletosponsor Coffee Hour!

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

3/3 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20: 1-17, 1Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25, Ex 17: 3-7, Rom 5: 1-8, Jn 4: 5-42 Mon 3/4 Kgs 5:1-15, Lk 4:24-30 Tues 3/5 Dn 3:25-43, Mt 18: 21-35 Wed 3/6 Dt 4:1-9, Mt 5:17-19 Thur 3/7 Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23 Fri 3/8 Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34 Sat Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18: 9-14

3/10 4th Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-23, Eph 2: 4-10, Jn 3: 14-21, 1Sm 16-13, Eph 5: 8-14, Jn 9: 1-41

For NEXT Sunday, March 10

Lectors: Sophia Kaza & Michele Rochester

Serving at the Table of the Lord: Genny Singleton

Ministers of Service: Ron Eady

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 3/3 10:45am Mass

Wed 3/6 Mass 8:40am

Thurs 3/7 Mass SS/OLGH 9:00am

Fri 3/8—6pm Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sun 3/10 Mass 10:45am

Nest Sunday is the collection for the Catholic Relief Services



The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include

relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

Please be generous.

Ron Hildebrandt......Finance Council Jahmal Ross......Parish Director Angela Varner.....Faith Formation Joshua Webb......Engagement St. Vincent dePaul......313-535-7272 **Liturgy Schedule** Tuesdays: beginning Sept. 5 5:30pm-6:630pm Adoration & Confessions

Parish Unity Team Members:

Teams

Deacon Chris Remus......Evangelical Charity

Carole Ann Beaman......Worship

Angela Varner.....Team Leader Mark Barkey, Paulette Washburn, Judy Bruttell, Susan

Groenenboom, Kevin Gordon, Ron Eady

6:30pm Mass

7:30pm alternating weeks between Bible Study and Faith Formation Talks

Wednesdays: 8:40am Mass during the school year

Becoming Catholic

Adults, Children, Youth: If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith or learning more about the Catholic Church, the Adult Catechumenate will prepare you for this decision. Please call the Parish Office if you would like more information.

Infants: At the celebration of Baptism, parents publicly affirm their decision to raised their child in the faith of the church. To make arrangements for your infant to be baptized, please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal classes for parents and godparents are necessary, held as arranged with

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation Call the Parish Office......313-532-1211 Anointing of the sick......313-532-1211 Marriage Call the parish office; 6 months preparation

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUN NEWS



Church Announcements www.ci Fridays of Lent

COMMUN 6pm Adoration 7pm Stations of the Cross

Spirit Awards

Join us on Wednesday, March 6 6pm at Sacred Heart Church This year the Christ the King recipient of the Spirit Award is

Andi Kovach

Don't forget to pick up a Little Black Book and a Rice Bowl to use throughout the season of Lent.

One of our cleaning teams would like to take a little time off, so we are looking for a team of 2 or 3 people to step in. We normally have 6 teams so you only clean once every 6 weeks. See Andi if you can help.

Return to me with your whole heart ...

The start of Lent has me thinking of specifics I can do, or do without, for the next six weeks to get my life better focused and purposeful. The war in Ukraine goes on relentlessly, and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria send heart-wrenching images each day to remind us of life's uncertainties. The world has felt like Lent for a long time. How do we make sense of so much suffering? The Lenten readings draw me back to the purpose of this penitential season, which is to get my relationship with God in order.

We are called to "return to God with your whole heart." This is about restoring the centrality of God and the Great Commandment to love God with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Sin in this perspective is not so much about moral failings or bad habits as losing touch with God, forgetting to begin everything I think, say and do with a nod to God, the organizing principle of my existence and faith.

Jesus tells his disciples to practice the three habits that kept him and his fellow Jews focused on God and neighbor: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But he adds this twist: Do these in secret lest they become matters of self-improvement or for approval. Do them as an interior rebuilding of your intimacy with God, who "sees" us in secret. It is by repairing and restarting this relationship that we will take care of everything else, put order back into our lives, rebalance and integrate the many aspects of our daily activities that tend to fragment and distract us from what is most important.

I imagine a Lent during which I constantly remind myself that God "sees" me. This is more than just surveillance. We exist because God sees us, knows us and loves us. It is the essence of prayer (praise, gratitude, sorrow and petition) for us to gaze back at God, to make this encounter mutual, a friendship.

God knows I need to pay more attention to those around me, extend my personal concerns beyond a comfort zone of survival that I have come to justify. But this has isolated me from opportunities to love and serve, which makes me unhappy. God and I will spend the next six weeks getting to know each other better, and that should take care of everything else. With God's help, this is what I can do for Lent. *Pat Marin*

School Announcements <u>Daddy/Daughter Dance</u>



Date: 3/8 Place: Koelzer Hall

Mother/Son Dance

Date: 3/15 Place: Koelzer Hall



March 7 Our Student Council goes to St. Christine

Family Activities for Lent

It's a good idea to start by teaching your child the history and meaning of Lent. Lent is a time of penance and reflection leading up to Easter. It's a time when Christians reflect on their own sins, and ask for forgiveness.

You can then talk to your child about what they might want to give up for Lent. Some people choose to give up things like candy or soda, while others may choose to do something more charitable, like volunteering at a homeless shelter.

Finally, you can help your child prepare for Easter by explaining the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Easter is one of the most important Christian holidays, and it's a time when Christians celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Here are some simple family activities for Lent that can help to connect your family and focus on faith:

- 1. Make a list of things you're grateful for and share it as a family.
- 2. Read scriptures together as a family.
- 3. Have a prayer or meditation session as a family each night.
- 4. Participate in service projects together as a family.
- 5. Create meaningful traditions for Lent that your family can look forward to each year.