MARCH 24, 2024

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.

Dear Christ the King Community,

As spring begins to surround us with hues of renewal and growth, I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful school year we have embarked upon together at Christ the King. It is my pleasure to share this spring message with our community.

Spring is a season of transformation, where nature awakens from its winter slumber, and we witness the miracle of rebirth all around us. In much the same way, our students continue to bloom and flourish academically, socially, and emotionally within the nurturing environment of our school.

Academic Growth:

I am delighted to report that our students have been diligently working towards their academic goals, showcasing remarkable growth and achievement. The hallways echo with the sounds of engaged learners, and the classrooms are alive with the spirit of curiosity. Our dedicated teaching staff has been cultivating a love for learning, fostering creativity, and instilling a passion for knowledge in each and every student.

As we move forward into the 4th quarter, let us continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and encourage them for continued success. With end of the year standardized testing on the horizon, let's rally behind our young scholars, providing them the support and encouragement they need to shine brightly in their academic pursuits.

Social and Emotional Wellbeing:

Just as a garden requires care and attention, so do the hearts and minds of our students. At Christ the King we are committed to fostering a positive and inclusive community where every child feels valued and supported. Our school counselor and dedicated SEL teacher Mr. Varner works tirelessly to ensure the emotional well-being of our students, creating a safe and nurturing environment for them to thrive.

As we step into spring, let us prioritize kindness, empathy, and understanding. Encourage our children to express themselves, share their feelings, and embrace our school community. Together, we can cultivate a culture of compassion and resilience that will empower our students to navigate the complexities of life with grace and confidence.

Community Engagement:

Our school is not just a building; it is a vibrant community of learners, educators, and families working collaboratively to shape the future. This spring, let's strengthen our bonds of community by actively participating in school events, volunteering, and supporting one another. Whether it's a parent meeting, a school dance, or a field trip, your involvement makes a significant impact on the overall success and spirit of our school.

Looking Ahead:

As we embrace spring, let us also look ahead to the exciting possibilities that the school year holds. We have a host of engaging activities, events, and projects planned, each designed to enrich the educational experience of our students.

I am immensely proud of the accomplishments of our students, the dedication of our educators, and the unwavering support of our families. Together, we create a dynamic learning community that thrives on collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a rejuvenating and inspiring spring season. May the warmth of the sun remind us of the incredible growth and potential that exists within each child at Christ the King School.

Here's to a season filled with growth, learning, and the joy of shared accomplishments!

Warm regards, Ms. Culkowski

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Teams

Deacon Chris Remus	Evangelical Charity
Carole Ann Beaman	Worship
Ron Hildebrandt	Finance Council
Jahmal Ross	Parish Director
Angela Varner	Faith Formation
Joshua Webb	Engagement
St. Vincent dePaul	313-535-7272

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday......10:45am

Tuesdays: beginning Sept. 5

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5:30pm-6:630pm Adoration & Confessions 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 families.

Holy Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation	
Call the Parish Office	313-532-1211
Anointing of the sick	313-532-121
Marriage Call the parish office:	6 months preparation

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 24, 2024
10:45am Andy Lenhart
By Susan Lenhart
Monday & Tuesday ~ No Mass

Wednesday CHRIST THE KING
8:40am Mark Flanders
By Ck Choir
Holy Thursday March 28
8pm Deceased of the CK Choir
Good Friday March 29
1:30pm For the Sick of our parish
Holy Saturday March 30
8pm For peace in our world
Easter Sunday March 31
10:45am Nhung Phan
By Family

THE WORDS OF FR. RON ROLHEISER



One of the things we celebrate during Holy Week is the institution of the Eucharist. This mystery, as we know, makes God present, real and physical, in the

world in a multiplicity of ways. What happens at a Eucharist?

Among other things, what happens at every Eucharist is that, as a community, our reality as the Body of Christ is intensified. What is meant by that?

In Scripture, the phrase "the body of Christ" is used to connote three realities simultaneously: Jesus, the God-man who walked the roads of Palestine for 33 years; the Eucharist, which continues to give concrete physical flesh to God, as Jesus did; and the community of believers who also, like the Eucharist, continues to make the physical reality of God present in the world. All three of these are the body of Christ. Moreover when Scripture speaks of the latter two realities, the Eucharist and the Community of believers, as the Body of Christ it is not using the term metaphorically. It never says that we are like the Body of Christ, or that we represent the Body of Christ or *replace* it, nor even that we are the mystical body of Christ. It simply says that we are the Body of Christ.

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

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Sun 3/24 Mk 11:1-10, Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14-15:47 Mon 3/25 Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11 Tue 3/26 Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38 Wed 3/27 Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-29 Thu 3/28 Ex 12:1-8,11-14, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15 Fri 3/29 Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, Jn 19:42 Sat 3/30 Gn 1:1-2:2, Ex 14:15-15-1, Is 12:2-19, Rom 6:3-11Mk 16:1-7 Sun 3/31 Acts 10:34a, 37-43, 1 Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 1-9

OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For NEXT Sunday, March 31

Lectors: Angela & Teron Varner

Serving at the Table of the Lord: Jean Krystyniak

Ministers of Service:

Marcus Johnson

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 3/24 Palm Sunday

10:45am Mass

Tue 3/26 7:30 Bible Study Zoom

Wed 3/27 8:40am Mass

3/28 HOLY THURSDAY

6pm Pot Luck & Breads of the World Prayer 8pm Liturgy Adoration til 11pm

3/29 GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Stations of the Cross 1:30 Liturgy

3/30 HOLY SATURDAY

9am Decorate Church

8pm Easter Vigil

3/31 EASTER SUNDAY

10:45am Mass

Monday 4/1 Parish Office Closed



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



As we celebrate the liturgical season of Lent, and prepare for the great joy of Easter, we find ourselves in what Pope Francis calls "a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy."

In *Misericordiae Vultus* ("The Face of Mercy"), he singles out the season of Lent as perhaps the most appropriate time for us to "rediscover the merciful face of the Father," which is a great mystery of our faith (#17).

The word of God reveals the merciful face of the Father in virtually every passage of the Old and New Testaments. "How many pages of sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent," the Holy Father exclaims. He urges us to make our own the words of the prophet Micah:

You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (Mi 7:18-19).

During Lent, by our acts of penitence and charity, we allow God to utterly crush our sins and cause them to be swept away by the ocean of divine mercy! But it is not our actions that "trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea." It is the grace of God, the merciful Father, that causes the effects of sin to be crushed and swept away so that we can live freely and share in the abundance of God's love.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin

Don't forget to bring in your paper bags for St. Christine! Remember, the St. Christine workers pack about 200 bags of food to give away EVERY WEEK. Your donations of bags (as well as non-perishable food items) is very much appreciated.

(We can use some plastic bags as well!)





Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, its not too late to give!

You can still drop an envelope in the collection here at Christ the King or you can go to www.usccb.org/ nationalcollections for more information. #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts donation for this collection.

Church Announcements

- 1. Fridays of Lent: Adoration will begin at 6 PM; Stations at 7.
- (We still have Black Books and Rice Bowls Available)
- 2. Virtual Bible Study will be held on Tuesday March 26 at 7:30
- 3. Mar 28th Holy Thursday Pot Luck 6pm, Liturgy Adoration 8pm
- 4. Friday March 29th noon Stations of the Cross and 1:30 Liturgy
- 5. Saturday March 30 8pm Easter Vigil

School Announcements

- 1.Thursday March 21sr, school field trip to Mercy College for "Frozen"
- 2. An Easter egg hunt will be held on Wednesday March 27, 2024 from 1 to 3.





NAVIGATOR ON SITE HERE

ST. SUZANNE CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

No appointment necessary

Financial empowerment

Energy assistance

Housing

Property tax assistance

Mortgage support

Food and PPE

Water bills

Home weatherization

Emergency plumbing repairs

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Child car seats

Services for Veterans

Domestic support

Homeless