



# The KING'S Connection

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Staying Close to Our Blessed Mother: *The Significance of Praying the Rosary*

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In 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Among the messages she shared with the children was the importance of praying the Rosary, daily, for peace in the world. Today, a little over 100 years later, it would be safe to say that our world is in need of peace as much now as it has ever been — crises rage on all sides.



But here at Cathedral of Christ the King, there are a number of groups that gather — some virtually and some in person — to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession through the Rosary. And what better time than October, often known as the month of the Holy Rosary, than to incorporate this practice into your own prayer life?

"The Blessed Mother told the children at Fatima, 'Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to the war,'" says Mary Jo James, who coordinates one of the CTK Rosary groups that has met both in person and virtually in the last year. "If all Catholics would do this, I think our nation and our world would be a very different place."

"It's [the Blessed Mother's] desire and instruction that we pray a Rosary daily, for peace," adds Sister Georgette Andrade, who began an early-morning Rosary via Zoom with a small group of ladies this past Holy Week, and which has continued to meet virtually in the months since. "For me, it's like sitting with your mom every morning, having a cup of coffee, and talking about the love of your life, Jesus."

And while there is certainly great value in praying the Rosary alone, there are also special blessings that come from gathering with others, drawing close to the

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Blessed Mother together, to intercede for our own needs, as well as the needs of others.

“Praying out loud with each other is a very powerful statement of who we are as Catholics,” Sr. Georgette says. “It’s not always easy to share our faith, even with other Catholics sometimes, but we are on common ground when we pray the Rosary.”

And you don’t have to be an adult to discover the graces found in praying the Rosary. For the past several years, a group of families has gathered on the first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary, led by the children. Various, they meet at the Cathedral, virtually, or outdoors and socially distant. Regardless of their physical location, their spiritual connection — to the Blessed Mother and each other — is significant.

“We’ve seen over and over the power of the Rosary, and the Blessed Mother has called us to pray it,” says Kara Tappel, who helps to coordinate the group. “Jesus honored His mother and obeyed her perfectly. And Mary has asked us to pray the Rosary.”

Kara and the other parents who bring their families to pray the Rosary together each month hope that the Rosary will become a habit and comfort in their prayer, and an opportunity to deepen their relationship with the Blessed Mother. In prayer, Kara can feel the sense of closeness and connection to the Blessed Mother among the children.

“I almost feel like they are just sitting with Mary,” she says. “I can just picture them sitting on Jesus’ lap and Mary looking adoringly on, in those moments. I just picture her looking over her Son and the children adoringly, like a proud mother.”

The Rosary also plays an important role in the

lives of the children at Christ the King School. Whether it’s in religion class, as part of the monthly school-wide Rosary, or the annual May Rosary led by the fourth-grade students, there are many opportunities for our students to grow in their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

“The Rosary is such a terrific, iconic, Catholic tool to use with children, for many reasons,” says Patty Schuette, second grade teacher at Christ the King School. “The Rosary allows children to learn prayers through a structured format that suits little ones, at their level of learning. The continuous repetition helps to cement the words into a routine of prayer that is both easy and helpful. Children feel a sense of belonging as they recite prayers with a group and feel the comfort of shared prayer. Asking Mary to pray for us is powerful and encourages students to feel a sense of connection to the Mother of our faith.”

“The power of the Rosary and the peace that it brings everyone makes it such an important devotion at this point in history,” adds Dolly Terek, who coordinates the Queen of Peace Prayer Group, which meets to pray the Rosary after our Thursday evening Mass.

So, in this month of the Rosary, let us draw closer to our Blessed Mother through this gift of prayer.

“If you want to know more about Jesus, pray the Rosary,” Sr. Georgette says. “Every time you pray a Rosary, you are reliving the Gospel account of Jesus’ life, and I can’t think of a better way to get closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus than to allow Mary, through her Rosary, to point you in His direction.”

*There are a number of great ways that you get involved in praying the Rosary at Cathedral of Christ the King. If you would like more information on any of these prayer opportunities, please contact:*

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*CTK Rosary group — Mary Jo James at [thejamesgang@earthlink.net](mailto:thejamesgang@earthlink.net)*

*Early-morning Zoom Rosary — Sr. Georgette Andrade at [sr.georgetteandrade@yahoo.com](mailto:sr.georgetteandrade@yahoo.com)*

*Queen of Peace Rosary — Dolly Terek at 859-266-3566*

A LETTER FROM OUR CATHEDRAL RECTOR

## AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH THE HILLS AND VALLEYS, *We Are Sharing in God's Work*

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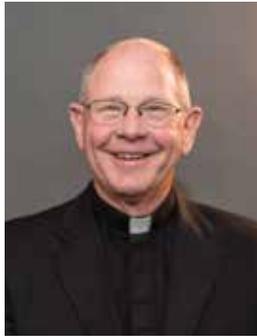
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Kentucky's State Parks are full of interesting and beautiful hiking trails. However, very few of them are on flat ground. As we look at the financial picture of our parish, it is like walking through the hills of our Commonwealth.

We are going downhill with regard to our Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign concludes on Nov. 1. With pledges and donations we have met our goal of \$4 million. We have the funding for every one of our projects except the final project of repointing. The month of September has seen the projects of refurbishing our primary bell and erecting a new steeple for the Church. Several of our other projects are simply waiting for the time when we can work them into our schedule. Nine hundred and seventy-six parishioners have made a pledge or donation to the Campaign. Of our top 50 donors, 25 have given more than their initial pledge.

When a hike is going downhill, the temptation is occasionally to go too fast, or to assume that the challenge is finished. Yet, we know it is easy to trip or fall when going downhill without a spirit of prudence. The reality is that, like so many campaigns (and hikes), there have been some unexpected challenges. And so we need another \$400,000 to cover the extensiveness of the repointing project. This fall, I have sent letters to parishioners who have been part of the campaign so far and we are having some personal conversations with a few more of our donors in order to finish the campaign. Our general theme is "Can you give another 10 percent of what you have pledged or donated?"

Our journey is also an uphill journey. The pandemic has hurled attendance and financial support over a cliff. We need to pick ourselves up and start climbing. Earlier this summer,



when we considered the possibility of needing to revise our 2020-21 offertory budget for a second time, we projected that if the current pattern holds, we would be \$450,000 to 500,000 behind in offertory collections for 2020-21. And so, once again we adjusted the budget downward in order for it to balance. In so doing, we are limiting the amount of money available to our ministries.

We are grateful for those who are continuing to regularly give, whether in Church, online or in the mail. But just as we need all our parishioners to continue to faithfully pray, even if that means praying with us from home, we also need your financial support so that we can continue our ministry during this pandemic and be prepared to go forward in a strong way when the day comes that the pandemic is over. We encourage those who have been giving to the Capital Campaign to consider that same level of giving — but to now direct it to our offertory collections. In November, we will have our annual Stewardship Renewal. I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on how you can give in a way that will help us to keep climbing up that hill.

I must say I am proud of our school ministries, our liturgical scheduling, our CCD, youth and adult formation programs, and our outreach to people in need during this time. We have worked very hard and found some creative ways to keep the journey of ministry moving up the hill. But we need your support and investment as we continue the climb.

Our Diocese of Lexington is known for its mountains and foothills. At this time we are in the midst of a very important Diocesan Annual Appeal. The money generated by this appeal assists the work of the Church in the parishes and social services throughout Appalachia, supports

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## Cathedral of Christ the King Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2020

Each year, our Finance Council approves two reports at the end of the fiscal year. The *Church and School Profit & Loss-All Funds* and *Balance Sheet-All Funds* for the prior fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2020 are here for your review. If you have any questions about the reports you are encouraged to contact Jennifer McKenna, CTK Business Manager. The COVID-19 pandemic had an unprecedented effect on all ministries of the parish and school. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing a downward trend in offertory collections. Please know that once the shutdown began in March 2020, Fr. Paul and the Parish Finance Council immediately became very proactive in monitoring the financial activity at least monthly and took action to cut back on expenses where possible so that we could end the operating year much closer to the balanced operating budget than what could have been the case. This proactive plan continues into the new fiscal year. Current year operating budget adjustments are continuing to be made in response to the current offertory trend.

If you are not attending Mass in person we ask that you consider moving to eGiving or mailing in your weekly offering. We will continue to keep you informed and practice good stewardship. Your continued prayers, volunteerism and financial support are very much appreciated. Prayerfully, our focus will soon move from survival to recovery and an infusion of renewed life into the parish. Thank you!

For more info, contact Jennifer McKenna at [jmckenna@cdlex.org](mailto:jmckenna@cdlex.org) or 859-335-3690.

	Church June 30, 2020	School June 30, 2020	Church & School June 30, 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Local Bank Account Balances</b>			
Operating Account	\$ 3,621,975	\$ 1,270,552	\$ 4,892,527
Gaming Account	\$ -	\$ 117,583	\$ 117,583
CCS Imprest Account	\$ 4,053	-	\$ 4,053
<b>Total Bank Account Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,626,028</b>	<b>\$ 1,388,135</b>	<b>\$ 5,014,163</b>
Tuition & Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ 59,022	\$ 59,022
Pledges Receivable	\$ 302,297	-	\$ 302,297
Deposit & Loan Account	\$ 322,381	\$ 396,623	\$ 719,004
Other	\$ -	\$ 37,930	\$ 37,930
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,250,707</b>	<b>\$ 1,881,710</b>	<b>\$ 6,132,416</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Land & Improvements	\$ 7,079,154	-	\$ 7,079,154
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment	\$ 1,667,905	-	\$ 1,667,905
Building	\$ 13,620,781	\$ 10,935,518	\$ 24,556,300
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (9,303,605)	\$ (9,851,650)	\$ (19,155,255)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,064,236</b>	<b>\$ 1,083,868</b>	<b>\$ 14,148,104</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 17,314,942</b>	<b>\$ 2,965,578</b>	<b>\$ 20,280,520</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 41,422	\$ 12,600	\$ 54,022
Prepaid Fees	\$ 21,158	\$ 65,559	\$ 86,717
Accrued Contract Employee Payroll	\$ -	\$ 199,854	\$ 199,854
Prepaid Tuition	\$ -	\$ 694,302	\$ 694,302
Deferred Revenue	\$ 78,606	-	\$ 78,606
Accrued Expenses	\$ 53,000	\$ 22,872	\$ 75,872
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 268,544	\$ 161,874	\$ 430,418
SBA Loan COVID-19 CARES Act	\$ 166,260	\$ 652,028	\$ 818,288
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 628,989</b>	<b>\$ 1,809,089</b>	<b>\$ 2,438,078</b>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 368,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 368,827</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 997,816</b>	<b>\$ 1,809,089</b>	<b>\$ 2,806,905</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$ 16,317,127</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,489</b>	<b>\$ 17,473,615</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 17,314,942</b>	<b>\$ 2,965,578</b>	<b>\$ 20,280,520</b>



# Cathedral of Christ the King

## Profit & Loss *July 2019 through June 2020*

	Church Jul '19 - Jun 20	School Jul '19 - Jun 20	Total-All Funds Church & School
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory	\$ 2,066,393	\$ -	\$ 2,066,393
DAA Shareback	\$ 21,707	\$ -	\$ 21,707
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 17,682	\$ -	\$ 17,682
Donations	\$ 66,296	\$ 34,417	\$ 100,713
Tuition & Program Fees	\$ 70,822	\$ 3,384,166	\$ 3,454,988
Fundraising & Gaming	\$ 5,250	\$ 471,371	\$ 476,621
Outreach	\$ 142,507	\$ -	\$ 142,507
Capital Campaign	\$ 371,646	\$ -	\$ 371,646
Interest & Investment Income	\$ 95,874	\$ 55,688	\$ 151,562
School Subsidy Income from Parish	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,858,177</b>	<b>\$ 4,295,641</b>	<b>\$ 7,153,818</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Assessment Expense	\$ 268,544	\$ 161,874	\$ 430,418
Outreach Expense	\$ 146,046	\$ -	\$ 146,046
Parish Subsidy Expense to School	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000
Salaries, Benefits, & Payroll Fees	\$ 838,612	\$ 3,322,905	\$ 4,161,517
Tuition Reductions, Discounts, & Scholarships	\$ -	\$ 94,830	\$ 94,830
LCHS Subsidy Expense	\$ 90,250	\$ -	\$ 90,250
Fundraising & Gaming Expense	\$ 7,340	\$ 212,953	\$ 220,293
Maintenance & Janitorial	\$ 141,577	\$ 60,959	\$ 202,536
Administrative Expense	\$ 58,707	\$ 27,397	\$ 86,104
Conference Expense, Continuing Ed	\$ 16,268	\$ 6,363	\$ 22,631
Leases, Contracts, Professional Services	\$ 150,247	\$ 96,993	\$ 247,240
Food Supplies	\$ 10,471	\$ 65,183	\$ 75,653
Subscriptions & Dues	\$ 15,969	\$ 3,753	\$ 19,722
Programs Expense	\$ 114,743	\$ 76,480	\$ 191,223
Utilities Expense	\$ 103,489	\$ 63,239	\$ 166,728
Computer/Technology Expense	\$ 7,689	\$ 82,109	\$ 89,798
Instructional Expense	\$ -	\$ 93,611	\$ 93,611
Interest Expense	\$ 13,459	\$ -	\$ 13,459
Depreciation Expense	\$ 253,756	\$ 56,397	\$ 310,153
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 61,628	\$ 44,523	\$ 106,151
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,648,793</b>	<b>\$ 4,469,570</b>	<b>\$ 7,118,363</b>
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ 209,384</b>	<b>\$ (173,929)</b>	<b>\$ 35,455</b>
Add Back Non-Cash Expense of Depreciation	\$ 253,756	\$ 56,397	\$ 310,153
<b>Adjusted Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ 463,140</b>	<b>\$ (117,531)</b>	<b>\$ 345,609</b>

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## Parishioners Answer the Call as

One parish couple's deep devotion to the Blessed Mother has led them to spearhead a renovation of the Cathedral's Guadalupe Chapel — a true exercise in faith that has overcome challenges while drawing upon guidance from Mary herself.

John and Debbie Wagner began the work in June 2019 after they found themselves drawn to the Blessed Mother after visits to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati, as well as the center's Our Lady's Farm retreat space in Kentucky.

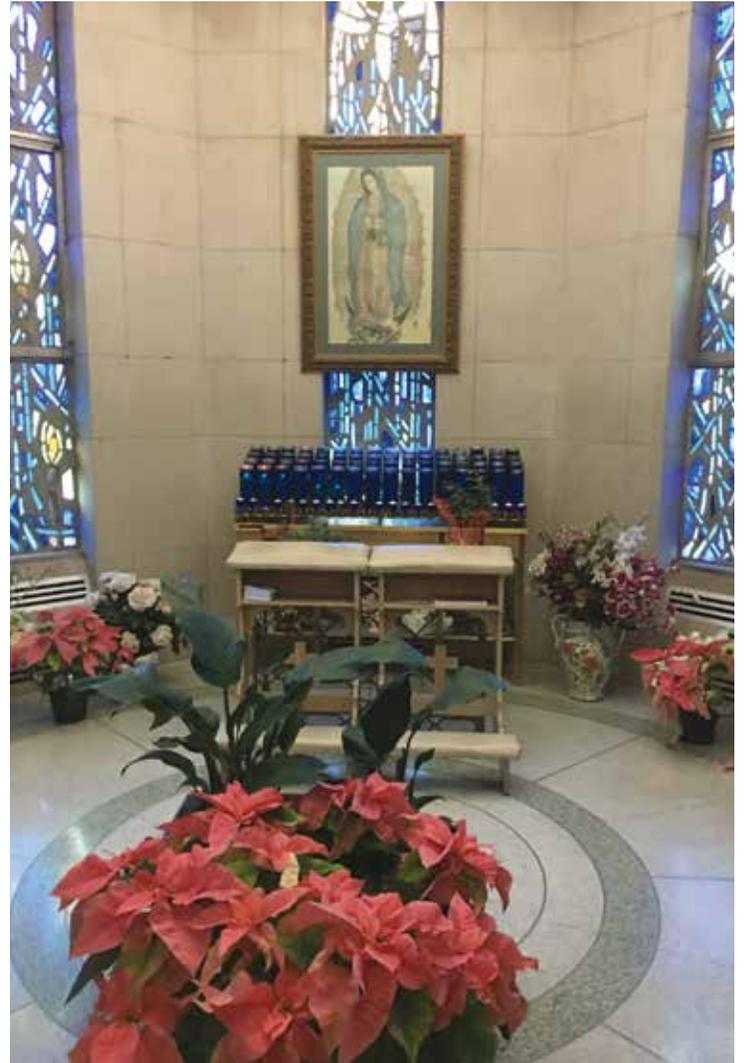
"We were very, very drawn through that, and have been ever since more drawn to Mary," John says.

This call toward devotion to Mary was reinforced even more after they prayed in the Guadalupe Chapel that had once been the Cathedral's baptistry, imbued still with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"It was just more and more of a call I felt to really make the chapel more beautiful, a restructuring of it," John says. "The baptistry had been taken out and a lot of renovations were being done to the church. This area just had not been done after there were changes. So, this was just a call that this sacred space needed to be prayed over and renovated. It is so beautiful. So many came to say the Rosary there and spent time in this small area. So, really, when I felt the call to help with the renovations, this was something we were moved to do."

"This not about John or I," Debbie says. "We're doing what the Blessed Mother wants of this space."

A committee of seven members, including Fr. Paul, was organized to coordinate the work on the chapel, which was not included in the capital campaign for the Cathedral renovations. An image of the elements of the Immaculate Medal had been installed over the original baptismal font site. This work was donated by the Martina Brothers Company, who have done extensive stone work in the Cathedral.



*The chapel, before initial work was done, is decorated for Christmas.*

One of the major design points for the chapel renovation was the installation of stained glass in the recessed circular area above the old baptismal font. Stained glass had been prepared for that area — and it was thought it could be modified for the Marian chapel.

"It didn't work out," John says. "Not that the artist wasn't good, but it wasn't lending itself to the beauty of the existing original stained glass, nor could it be modified to a Marian image."

So the decision was made to change the

# Chapel Renovation Gets Under Way



*When the original baptismal font was removed, the floor was left in this condition.*

direction of the renovations — a decision that was very difficult to make.

“We had articles in the bulletin describing how the design of the chapel was going to be,” Debbie says. “We took the stained glass and placed it on a table in the chapel to look at how it would be in the chapel. After seeing design and colors of the stained glass ceiling we had selected, we felt it was not the best look for the chapel. Yes, it was disappointing and now we had to go back to the drawing board. We felt we had told people it was going to be one way, but it obviously was not best design for the chapel and the cathedral.”

Then, Debbie learned about Brother Martin Erspamer, OSB, a Dominican friar at St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana. He is a well-known and respected liturgical artist.

“We had never met Br. Martin, but I knew of some of his work and had bought notecards with his artwork in them at St. Meinrad when I visited

for a spiritual retreat a year and a half ago,” Debbie says. “I had sent a ‘thank you’ note to the artist of the first stained glass. The note card was one of Br. Martin’s works he had drawn. A week later, that artist said, ‘Why don’t you contact Br. Martin to see if he can design something for you?’ So, that was the beginning to a different design than what we had envisioned. Br. Martin was an answer to our prayers, I will always believe.”

The committee brought Br. Martin to the Cathedral on June 20 to examine the chapel area. He returned on July 15 with his recommendations.

“The whole perspective now changed,” John says. “With his guidance, we know we need to have a focus in the center of the chapel, and we need to have one Marian image that will coincide with what the parish wants as that image.”

The original metal gates for the chapel carry the baptismal theme, but Br. Martin showed the committee how images of lilies or roses could be added to the gates to reinforce the Marian theme.

Seating in the chapel, as well as kneelers, candles, and places for flowers are being considered, as well.

John and Debbie are most grateful for the prayers and donations that have been made for the chapel renovation.

“We are praying for Mary to guide us so we can have an image of Mary statue, so that all comes together,” John says. “Everything has changed, but in a good way. We are focused on the way that will complement the beauty of the chapel and church, and we imagine a Marian chapel we can be proud of.”

Parishioners may enter the chapel for prayer as renovation continues. It is hoped that the work will be completed in one year.

You can contribute to the restoration of the Chapel by making a check out to “CTK — Our Lady’s Chapel” and mailing it to Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd. Lexington, KY 40502. Please indicate if you are giving in memory or in honor of a loved one. There will be a plaque installed to recognize the donors at the completion of the project.



## We Are Sharing in God's Work *continued from page 3*

our ministry to immigrants, and provides much-needed support for people and parishes which have very limited resources. As a priest who has served in Appalachia, I know the importance of financial support from people who are members of the larger Lexington parishes. It is good that we all take care of ourselves as we climb the hilly trail, but also that we take care of those who are climbing an even steeper hill.

Additionally, the Diocesan Appeal supports the ministry of Catholic Charities, which provides needed assistance to many people in our diocese who are living on the edge of poverty. And the Diocesan Appeal supports the work of so many ministries which are part of the church's mission, but not based in any parish.

Whenever we hike in the hills, we do well to keep our hearts open to the sheer joy of our beautiful world. As we journey through our financial hills and valleys, it is good for us to trust in the joy of sharing in God's work and the joy of helping our parish bring Good News in these uncertain times.

As I ask for your help, I do so with confidence and with gratitude for all you are doing already and for the goodness of your lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul Prabell, Rector

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Saturday Vigil - 5:00 p.m. | Sunday - 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*

*Daily (Monday to Saturday) - 8:00 a.m. | (Monday to Friday) - 5:30 p.m.*

**Reconciliation:** *Wednesday 4:45 - 5:20 p.m., Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. | First Sunday of the month 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.*