CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am

Saturday Masses:
8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Parish Office: 682-2486
Religious Ed: 686-1017
Youth Ministry: 676-0979
School: 685-1109

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THE LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.
—Psalm 46:8

November 9, 2014

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/9
- No CLOW
- No RE
- Youth Group 7 pm parish hall
- Christ Light

Monday, 11/10
- Bible Study A & B, 8:30-10:30 am
- Older Sacraments A/B 4:00 pm
- Overcoming anti-Semitism 7:30pm

Tuesday, 11/11
- Legion of Mary, Min.Ctr; 8:30am
- Veterans Day -School Closed
- Parish Office Closed
- No RE classes

Tuesday, 11/11-continued
- Rosary & Perpetual Help,Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm
- CYO Pictures 6-9 Parish Hall

Wednesday 11/12
- RE Grades 1-3 school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Grade 6; 7 pm parish hall

Thursday, 11/13
- RE Grades 1-3; School
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Baptism Mtg 6:30 pm; Rm A
- Centering Prayer; Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RCIA Min Ctr (Chapel), 7pm
- Faith in Action 7pm Parish Hall
- CYO Pictures 6-9 Gym

Friday, 11/14
- -Garden Café, Ministry Ctr 7:30am

Saturday, 11/15
- Men's Fellowship Chapel 7:30am
- Secular Franciscans Min. Ctr 9am

Sunday, 11/16
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9:15
- 3 yr olds Rm D 9:15 mass
- PreK; parish hall 9:15 mass
- K; school 9:15 mass
- RE Older Sacs RE office 10:30
- Confirm. teaching mass 7pm Church
- Youth Group 7 pm Church

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

On March 20th, 2014, Fortune announced its World’s 50 Greatest Leaders list. At the top of that list was Pope Francis. Fortune writes, “Just over a year ago, a puff of white smoke announced the new spiritual leader of 1.2 billion Roman Catholics around the world. In the brief time since, Francis has electrified the church and attracted legions of non-Catholic admirers by energetically setting a new direction. He has refused to occupy the palatial papal apartments, has washed the feet of a female Muslim prisoner, is driven around Rome in a Ford Focus, and famously asked ‘Who am I to judge?’ with regard to the church’s view of gay members. He created a group of eight cardinals to advise him on reform, which a church historian calls the ‘most important step in the history of the church for the past 10 centuries.’”

How did a man who spent his life laboring in slums far from the Vatican manage to achieve so much so quickly? Jeffrey Krames, author of Lead with Humility, believes the answer lies in his humility—and the simple principles that spring from it. Krames develops 12 principles of leadership from his observation of Pope Francis’ life and example:

1. Lead with Humility
2. Smell Like Your Flock
3. Who Am I to Judge?
4. Don’t Change – Reinvent
5. Make Inclusion a Top Priority
6. Avoid Insularity
7. Choose Pragmatism over Ideology
8. Employ the Optics of Decision Making
9. Run Your Organization Like a Field Hospital
10. Live on the Frontier
11. Confront Adversity Head-On
12. Pay Attention to Noncustomers

In the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote, “I dream of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” Quentin de la Bédoyère, who is Science Editor for the Catholic Herald explained that this sentence contains the core of Pope Francis’ leadership. Ecclesiastical paraphernalia is not important in itself; it derives its meaning and its purpose from the Church’s mission—which it takes on as the mystical body of Christ. And every aspect of the Church must be judged in terms of how it furthers or obstructs this vision. To the question, will Pope Francis succeed, the author Lowney in his book, “Pope Francis: Why he leads the way he leads” confesses that he does not know. He states, “The obstacles, so strenuous that they will outlive Francis, are huge.” According to J. Pierpont Morgan, the founder of the company for which Lowney once worked, would say: ‘A man always has two reasons for what he does: a good reason, and the real one.’ Quentin concludes, “Francis is bent on ensuring that the good Church and the real Church are one and the same thing. In nearly eighty years of Catholic life, I had given up ever expecting to see it.”

I was fascinated by another perspective about Pope Francis after the recent synod meeting and the ensuing controversies. “Francis does not want to be a pastoral autocrat in the way that previous popes have been philosophical or theological dictators. He wants to change the way the Church goes about making decisions, to turn it from a monarchy into a body in which the pope, bishops, priests and people constitute a collegial communion. It was rather sad to hear criticisms hurled at Pope Francis after the Synod, from progressives and conservatives alike (some of them leaders of the church themselves). The path to true collegiality has never been an easy one for the Church; but Francis seems intent on teaching everyone the value, not only of collegiality, but of authentic humility.” (From CCOP Church Bulletin)

I would like to recommend Lead with Humility by Jeffrey Krames for the month of November as a must read. Pray for our Church and its leadership.

Fr. Paulson
Remembrance ceremony in memory of Msgr. Wade, Margo Schorno and Fr. Declan Dean; Monday, November 10, 12:15 pm at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, celebrated by Fr. Brian Joyce.

Adult Education: Instruments of Peace continues on Monday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 in Church with the presentation: Overcoming anti-Semitism—you can make a difference with Rabbi Pam Frydman. Rabbi Frydman is the co-founder and International co-chair of Rabbis for Women of the Wall, a campaign to raise consciousness and advocate for religious pluralism and women’s rights at the Kotel, the Western Wall in Jerusalem. She served as Director of the Holocaust Education Project of the Academy for Jewish Religion, CA. She has authored Holocaust short stories and is presently writing a book on the subject. Sure to be transformative! Another evening you don’t want to miss!

Faith and Action, Nov. 13th, 7pm Parish hall. Join us for our monthly meeting where we celebrate with a powerful liturgy and learn from each other how Sunday’s gospel calls us to work for justice and peace. Followed by refreshments and time to learn about the justice opportunities in our parish. We provide the beverages, you bring an appetizer to share. This month, Kate Doherty will give a presentation titled, “What I learned in Palestine and Haiti”.

Need help hearing the masses? Ask to borrow an assisted listening system (ALS) from the sacristan before weekend mass begins.

Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick: Saturday November 22 at 10 am. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14). All are welcome to join us for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Since Vatican II our understanding of this sacrament has developed and deepened. Formerly known as Extreme Unction, this sacrament is no longer just for the dying but for the elderly and those who are ill (whether it be physical, emotional, psychological, etc.). The Anointing of the Sick offers God’s grace to strengthen the individual. Bring relatives and friends from local convalescent homes – those who are able to come. The Anointing of the Sick is meant to be celebrated within the community – with family and friends. A simple reception will follow the Mass. Questions: Sr. Dominic Marie 925-682-2486 ext. 113.

Don’t forget to help our annual food collection for both St Vincent de Paul and Monument Crisis Center. To support St. Vincent you can leave bags of groceries in front of church beginning this week all the way through the weekend of December 8th. On the flap, you will find a list of items. If you prefer you may also support Monument Crisis by taking a box that has a grocery list inside. Boxes will be available after all masses Nov. 15/16th. If you decide to give this way you will take the box, follow the instructions listed inside and return the box yourself to Monument Crisis center by date listed in the box. Thanks for your support.

Grief Retreat, November 21-23; The best memorial we can give to a loved one is to live our lives fully. That can be very difficult in our “get over it” and “move on” society. To again live fully, grief work must be done. After a loss, there are certain tasks of grieving that must be accomplished for balance to return in life. Give yourself (or a loved one) the holiday gift of a weekend away with your grief in the presence of people who understand, as you cherish the memories through prayer, writing, reflection, music and ritual. San Damiano Retreat Center www.sandamiano.org

Please join in the festivities as Carondelet High School celebrates the 25th Annual Visions of Christmas extravaganza from December 2 – 7, 2014. Seven events in six days include five holiday teas, a community open house, and a family breakfast with Santa. Beautiful boutique, silent auctions, and spectacular drawing trees complete with decorations and fabulous prizes. All events held on the Carondelet campus at 1133 Winton Dr. in Concord. For information, or to make reservations, call 925-686-5335 ext. 151; www.carondelet.net

Altar Society needs your help! The Holiday Boutique will be held on Sat. Nov. 22 and Sun. Nov 23. Your donation of saleable items like quilts, knitted items, electronic items, house wares, jewelry and other items would be appreciated. We will also need baked items to sell. Baked items can be dropped off Friday 11/21, Sat 11/22 and Sun 11/23. Raffle tickets for baskets are for sale after masses. For more information, call Shary 798-8320; Aurea at 228-8694 or Violet at 934-7832.

Church Support 11-02-14: $36,600; Bldg Fund: $995; Catholic Education $6,700
Annual Food Collection

List of items to bring for St. Vincent de Paul:
(normal sizes only—no giant sizes)
All kinds of canned vegetables
All kinds of canned beans
Pasta, rice, dried beans
Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

Monument Crisis Boxes
In addition, we ask you to especially support the Monument Crisis Center on the weekend of November 15th and 16th. On that weekend, there will be boxes made available that have a very specific list of items. You can help us by taking a box home, filling it with the shopping list provided (about $40 of food items), decorating the box and including a holiday card. We then ask you to drop that box off at Monument Crisis Center by December 1st. Drop off locations and times will be listed on the instruction list that comes with each box. Thank you for your generous help.

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Fr. Paulson and Scouts take a hike!