Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

John 6:53

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8/16
- CYO Basketball Camp
- Taize Prayer, Church 7:30 pm

Monday, 8/17
- ICF Mtg, Rm D, 7 pm

Tuesday, 8/18
- Ctk School Opens!
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Wednesday 8/19
- St VdPaul, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Thursday, 8/20
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am

Friday, 8/21
- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Saturday, 8/22
- Sunday, 8/23
- CYO Basketball Camp

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, 6:00 pm

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

Parish Office: 682-2486
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouiseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

CTK School: 685-1109
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CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY
Dear Friends,

Since its founding, Christ the King School has educated thousands of students in the traditional three “R’s” — reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is the fourth “R” — religion — that defines our school’s special mission to teach as Jesus did. One of the biggest challenges that Christians have always faced concerns how they will hand on the faith to their children, to the next generation. And this work is all the more important and difficult today in our secularly minded Western culture where faith is frequently, especially in an all-pervasive media, either dismissed as irrelevant or trenchantly branded as divisive, even deviant. Church teaching is clear that the handing on of the faith is primarily the responsibility of parents - as expressed in the words of every baptismal liturgy - where they are described as the first and best of teachers of their children in the ways of faith. But parents are not alone in this role. They are assisted by the parish, and happily for us at Christ the King, through our school and Religious Ed programs founded for the purpose of helping parents to give their children an excellent all-round education, embracing its spiritual, academic, moral and social dimensions. Catholic education is a world wide ministry of the Church, overwhelmingly staffed by lay Catholics, and it enjoys a first-rate reputation nationally and internationally because of its distinctive awareness of the dignity of the human person, commitment to the common good and academic excellence. I had the opportunity to give the retreat to our teachers reflecting with them on the theme, “Good Teaching cannot be reduced to technique but is rooted in the identity and integrity of the teacher” (Palmer Parker, The Courage to Teach). Fr. Vince talked to the teachers about educational pedagogy based on reason, religion and loving-kindness. Fr. Brian Timoney celebrated the morning Mass where he addressed the teachers gathered in prayer.

I would like to welcome our School Leadership and faculty back to another wonderful year of academics and spiritual growth. On behalf of our priests and community, I welcome in a special way the new teachers and students, new parents and benefactors. May God bless our school!

News from our Parish Office:

* Replacing the Roof and HVAC of our Religious Ed building is in progress. I thank you for your continued generosity that makes this possible for our community.
* Parish Stewardship Envelopes have been on display in the Church for the last two weeks. Our staff will reach out to those yet to collect them. If you need envelopes, please call Robin Morley at the Office. We hope to save $25,000.00 by avoiding mailing them to you.
* Next week August 22, Saturday after the evening Mass, we will have wine and appetizers, sponsored by our school. I would like to invite you to meet our teachers and Principal.
* Fr. Brian Joyce continues to recover at the Rehab facility. He needs more rest and care. Please keep him in your prayers.
* Mark your Calendars- Starting September 12-13, we begin a six week series of study of the Pope’s encyclical on climate change: Homily on Sunday and then an hour on Monday at 7:00 pm.

I would like to conclude with a quote from Oprah Winfrey, “Real integrity is doing the right thing knowing that nobody’s gong to know whether you did it or not.”

Fr. Paulson
Searching for a spiritual home?  
We welcome you to join us, beginning Thursday, Sept. 3rd. For information, go to ctkph.org/adult-sacraments-rica or contact Al Garrotto at algarrotto@comcast.net.

Grief Support:  Our fall grief workshop will be led by Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers who will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you to begin the healing process of losing a loved one, whether the loss was recent or years ago. Dates: Mondays, September 14th to October 26th, at Christ the King ministry center. Please call the parish office at 925-682-2486 to register or visit the table outside after mass this weekend. Registration required by September 2nd.

An Invitation:  Come Share your Gifts and Faith.  Our Religious Education (Faith Formation, grades pre-K to Grade 8) will resume in September. We invite you to join us as a catechist and share the unique gift that you are with our children, grades 1-5 on Thursday afternoons, 3:15 - 5:15 pm. Learn more about our program and planning sessions by contacting Sr. Maureen at mvianicktke@gmail.com. Come! Listen, Decide! Don’t wait and miss our meetings. Thanks, Sr. Maureen.

Those interested in being a cantor at Christ the King, please contact Phyllis Gurnett by email, pgurnett6@aol.com. We will have a rehearsal for anyone interested on Saturday, August 22nd after the 5 pm mass. Vocal evaluations will be held Monday, August 24th. A sign up email will be sent.

Weekly Offering  
Stewardship envelopes are available in the parish office. If you haven’t picked yours up, or couldn’t find your name, come to the parish house and we will have a set

Bringing Communion to the Home-bound.  Many parishioners bring Communion to the sick or elderly at home, in care facilities or hospitals. This is a wonderful ministry and so appreciated! Fr. Paulson would like to meet with all those who are involved in this good work ~ whether occasionally or on a regular basis. There are two meetings being offered and you may choose either one: Monday, Aug. 24th at 7 - 8 pm. Saturday, Aug. 29th at 9 - 10 am. The meeting will be in rooms A & B of the parish hall.

R.E. 3 year old registration:  Registration for Sunday’s 3 year old programs will be on September 13th only, after the 9:15 am mass in the RE office (facing Gregory Lane). Children must be 3 years old by September 1st and potty trained. Parents will be assigned as assistants. Space is limited. Maximum enrollment is 16 children. Classes are weekly. Questions? Call 925-686-1017.

End of Life Workshop: How We Die in America. How the Catholic church faces end of life issues. This workshop will examine the Church’s teachings on death and dying, as well as the current context (i.e., physician-assisted suicide, human dignity, ordinary/extraordinary means of treatment, etc.). Tuesday, September 8, St. John Vianney Parish, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, WC. Please RSVP to Ann Marie Baatz at annmarieb@smsmission.org or Fr. Padraig Greene at padraigg@cfcsoakland.org.

San Damiano Retreat Presents Late Nite Catechism!  Sunday, August 30, St. Isidore Parish Hall, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville. Come and join the fun at 2:00 pm. For information and tickets call Kateri at 925-837-9141 ext. 315 or email: katerik@sandamiano.org. Tickets will be on sale after masses this weekend.

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 18, 19 & 20, 2015, call 510-276-4118 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Children’s Choir (grades 1st - 6th) will begin singing the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. Our start date is September 20th at the 9:15 mass. We will have rehearsal at 8am in Room D to rehearse the songs for the mass. Parents interested, please email Phyllis at pgurnett6@aol.com to get your child registered for the Children’s Choir. You don’t want to miss this opportunity!

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: 
Patricia Werner, Stephany Solario, Barbara Rivera, Craig Bigelow, Cecilia McGrath, Jim Pitlick.  God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by your children in their time of need. Look after them and grant them Your healing and Your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please download a registration form at ctky.org. You can also find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Registration ends September 18th.

Total Church Support 8/9/15 $30,363 ( Plate Collection $18,571 + Online Giving $11,792)
Healing Mass ~
Anointing of the Sick
Saturday August 29
10:30 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. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie 925-682-2486 ext. 113.

GARDEN CAFÉ IS BACK!

The Garden Café welcomes everyone back to school with a great homemade breakfast from our wonderful bakers. **Come enjoy breakfast on Friday August 21st** anytime from 7:30 am - 9:30 am. Kids, come enjoy breakfast with your CTK friends before school or parents and grandparents, come after drop off or join other parishioners after mass. This week enjoy a **breakfast taco bar** with eggs from our garden hens, salsa from the garden, tortillas, sausage, bacon, beans. We will have fruit, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Breakfast donation is $5 per person. Family of 4 or more $15. This allows us to purchase the necessities for the café and still donate to the garden.

This year we will have **Café every First Friday that school is in session**. If you ever have any ideas or would like to help make the Café better, or to bake, please call Rachel Becker at 925-676-1461. We would love someone to take on the advertising/promoting/decorating of the Café. **Come see us on Friday, August 21st!**