Sunday, 8/19
- 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 8/20
Tuesday, 8/21
- Knight’s of Columbus, 7 pm
Wednesday, 8/22
Thursday, 8/23
- Centering Prayer, Knights House, 10 am
Friday, 8/24
Saturday, 8/25
- Men’s Fellowship, Knights House 7:30 am
- Healing Mass 10:30 am
Sunday, 8/26
- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Welcome Mass for Fr. Mario & Principal, Joe Silveira, 12:15

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.
— John 6:53

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week At A Glance

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Schedule of Masses

Monday - Friday,
8:00 am
Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6 pm
Confessions:
Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today’s gospel is the third part of the “Bread of Life Discourse” from the gospel of John. As I read and re-read this passage, I get a sense of the tension that existed, not only between Jesus and the Pharisees, but also between Jesus and the people who were trying to follow him. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” How could Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph, proclaim such a ridiculous idea to them? They knew him, they knew his parents and where he came from. Today, we might fail to recognize how absurd this sounded to many people in Jesus’ time, but in context their disbelief is understandable. They had not witnessed Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension, so they had good reason for doubt and confusion. In spite of two millennia of study and theological development, many Catholics today find Jesus’ statement just as hard to believe as the people of Jesus’ time.

Take a look at this pie chart. It shows the results of a survey asking Catholic respondents if they knew and believed in the Church’s teaching of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The largest piece of the pie, 46%, both knew and believed in the real presence. 17% were unaware of the Church’s teachings, yet believed. 33% were unaware and did not believe, while the remaining 17% knew the church’s teaching but did not believe. The question for each of us to ponder is, “Do I know what the church teaches, and what do I believe about Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist?”

Those of us unaware of the church’s teaching may want to consider doing some reading or studying to better understand why and what the Church teaches. If one is aware of the teaching but struggling to believe, perhaps some deeper study or an increase in prayer time may help. But the good news is this: Wherever we may be on this pie chart, Jesus is ready to meet us at that point and accompany us to the next level.

If you haven’t had the chance to read Father Mario’s bulletin letter from last weekend, I invite you to look it up on our parish website. Explaining the “Bread of Life Discourse”, he captured the essence of what Eucharist means. God doesn’t desire a nice, ordinary life for us. Quoting Father Mario, God wants us to have, “the fullness of life, the very life of God.” The Blessed Sacrament, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, is the greatest of all the gifts that Christ has bestowed on each of us. It is our food for the journey, our spiritual nourishment for our everyday life. Jesus invites each of us to take and eat of him in the Eucharist, and live eternally with him in heaven.

Deacon John
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 ctkym.org or you can find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979 with any questions.

High School Youth Group Registration - If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! Youth Group is for all high school teens, 9 - 12 grade. We meet Thursday evenings. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download a form at ctkym.org. Any questions, please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979 or email Rick at rlejano@ctkph.org. An information meeting for both parent and teen will be Sunday, September 9 at 7 pm in the church.

Healing Mass: Saturday, August 25 at 10:30 am. All are invited to join us for a parish Mass during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A good time to bring those who are homebound or in care centers – those who are able to come.

Calling All Liturgical Ministers: Gathering for Projectionists, Ushers, Musicians, Environment, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Society. Saturday, September 22. Begins at 1:30 pm and concludes with 5 pm Mass.

Save the date for an “official” welcome for Fr. Mario Rizzo and our CTK School Principal, Joe Silveira - Sunday, August 26 at the 12:15 mass. Join us to welcome them and enjoy light refreshments after mass.

Ministry Center Progress! Interior framing work is complete. Rough installation of the electrical wiring, plumbing and ductwork for the heating and ventilation system is progressing and should be complete by about August 22. On the exterior, lath paper and wire for the stucco is planned for the week of August 13. Design changes to finalize design for the Brandon Street entrance should be completed the week of Aug. 13 allowing work to progress on the entry support structure which must be completed before stucco work can begin. The latter should be complete by the end of August. Paving of the new walkway between the church and the rectory/gym is planned for completion by August 17 and the area should be fully landscaped by the end of the month. The current schedule envisions that the facility will be ready for occupancy by Dec. 3, 2018.

Searching for a spiritual home? If you are not a Catholic, but would like to learn more about our faith community, contact Fr. Mario at frmario@ctkph.org.

Church Support 8/12/18 $ 21,010.00($14,902.00 plate collections + $6108.00 online giving)
CYO Basketball registration for the 2018-2019 season is open to boys and girls from 3rd - 8th grade. Please go to ctkcyohoops.org for more information and follow the link to our registration site. Coaches are needed as well, so your help is appreciated! There will be a coaches meeting on Monday, August 27th at 7 pm in the gym. Please reach out to Allen Brezac, Athletic Director at allen.brezac@comcast.net with any questions.

**Christ the King’s 22nd Annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament**

Monday, September 10 at Oakhurst Golf Club, Clayton. Your participation is more important than ever! Funds raised through this event go to the Tuition Assistance Fund and additional enrichment programs, such as the Community Science Workshops. The fun and fellowship is second to none. Whether you know half the field or are new to the CTK community, there are few things as fun as a nice afternoon of golf at beautiful Oakhurst Country Club, surrounded by others that share the same passion and enthusiasm for the children of CTK. Email golf@ctkschool.org for more information.