Week At A Glance

Sunday, 4/28
- Winter Nights, Gym
- Knitting, Room C, 3 pm

Monday, 4/29
- Winter Nights, Gym

Tuesday, 4/30
- Winter Nights, Gym
- Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm

Wednesday, 5/1
- Winter Nights, Gym

Thursday, 5/2
- Centering Prayer, Youth House 9 am
- Youth Group
- Winter Nights, Gym

Friday, 5/3
- Winter Nights, Gym

Saturday, 5/4
- Men’s Fellowship, Knights 7:30 am

Sunday, 5/5
- Winter Nights, Gym

Upcoming Mass Intentions

4/29 8 am - Darius Alan Acol †
4/30 8 am - Juniom Acol †
5/1 8 am - Juniom Acol †
5/2 8 am - Juvenal Figueira †
5/3 8 am - Van Tran †
6 pm - Paul Bonjean †

Saturday, 5/4
8 am - Paul Sbragia †
J.P. Sbragia - Zoricic †
5 pm - Anita Gonzalez †

Sunday, 5/5
7 am - Dolores Pagano †
8 am - Carondelet High School
9:15 am - Joseph Betti †
10:45 am - CTK Parishioners
12:15 pm - Jose Francisco, Jr.
6 pm - Steven Stephens †

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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www.ctkph.org
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Youth Ministry: 676-0979
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Dear Friends,

Last week, someone brought to my attention an article from America Magazine, that touched my heart. It was written by Melissa Cedillo. She writes,

“A lot of us are in the middle of healing our relationship with the church. Each time we decide to go back to Mass, we are actively deciding to give the church a second chance despite the heartbeat. The institutional church has a right to ask the faithful for the money it needs to continue its good work, the work of the Gospel. But along with that ask, there needs to be an apology. I am being called to acknowledge and repent for my sins and the sins of the church at a communal level, and I expect the priest to do the same. Dismissing our anger or suggesting we pray more does not lead these conversations with the right attitude.”

The sexual abuse crisis is not something we can just move past quickly, and the church needs to recognize that. I want to thank you sisters and brothers for such goodness and kindness shown to us priests at CTK. I can only hope that we priests will continue to recognize the pain we have caused.

I am truly embarrassed as I ask once again for the Bishop’s Appeal this weekend. But I do it because it supports ministries and charitable causes. I understand if you hold back, and there is so much our Church leadership needs to change. I am grateful for your generosity in spite of our failure and cover up. Thank you.

Today is the second Sunday of Easter, for most people it is Divine Mercy Sunday. Surely, we must look at each of the three readings today from this privileged point of view: Mercy upon mercy upon mercy.

Today’s Gospel reading is about Thomas’ faith journey from doubt to belief. Nobody would want to be called a doubting Thomas! It is true that he couldn’t believe the other disciples when they told him that they had seen the resurrected Christ. But we can easily miss the fact that Thomas was actually one of the heroes of the Gospel and we can learn much from him.

Doubt is often presented as being the opposite of faith. But, in our experience, it is often through doubts that our faith grows. As we mature in faith, it is natural for us to re-assess and re-evaluate what we believe and who we believe in. While for a new Christian it may be enough to simply say, “Jesus is the answer.” Sooner or later we are likely to come to the stage of asking, “How is Jesus the answer?” and “Where can we see faith in Christ making a difference in this particular situation?”

Like Thomas we may listen to the accounts of the faith of others and think, “I doubt it!” Like him we may also feel that we need convincing, we need to see some evidence for ourselves. Doubts, trials and struggles are the very things that can cause our faith to change and be renewed. They can make faith stronger. If we neglect to examine our faith, it can disappear altogether. How has our faith changed over the years? Paulson
“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, May 3, 2019 at 6 pm. **Children’s Holy Hour** will be from 4 pm to 5 pm in the main church, right before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a **Holy Hour designed for kids**. All are welcome!

**ctkAlive!** On your time—your way—Over 300 parishioners have participated in our parish’s home-grown adult religious ed. series, based on the pillars of Faith, Prayer, and Action. If you’re one of the many who cannot attend group sessions, we’ll come directly to you. The complete 6-session series is as close as your email Inbox. For more information and to get started, email Al Garrotto at ctkalive@cktph.org.

**Knitters needed for the Welcome Blanket Project!** Please consider joining other knitters in an effort to knit blanket squares for the Welcome Blanket Project (https://www.welcomeblanket.org), a gesture of hand knit love and welcoming for refugees and other immigrants. Our next Knit Workshop is this Sunday, April 28, Parish Hall Room C, from 3:00 - 5:30 pm.

**St. Stephen Parish Hall:** One of the great assets of St. Stephen Parish is a beautiful multi-use parish hall that can accommodate over 200 people. A commercial kitchen and ample parking make this a fantastic choice for family celebrations, parties and community events. There is a discounted rental fee for St. Stephen and CTK parishioners. For more details, call the parish office at 682– 2486.

**Need Prayer?** Help is on the way! Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@cktph.org.

The Altar Society will hold its **Annual Quilt Raffle on Mothers Day Weekend.** Tickets will be $10.00 each for the quilt made by our parishioner, Beverly Spurs, in memory of her mother, Winnie Spurs. We look forward to your support and know you will love this unique quilt. All proceeds benefit CTK.

Join **Catholics@Work** for the finale in our speakers series that will deepen your faith. Come hear social media influencer Lizzie Reezay talk about her journey of faith that led her to the Catholic Church. Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm at St. Isidore Church, Danville. No charge, free will offering.

The **Italian Catholic Federation** would like to invite parishioners to our monthly **meeting and a pizza dinner at St. Stephen’s Parish Hall** on Tuesday evening, May 7 at 6:30 pm. You do not have to be Italian to be a member. Our stated mission is: "Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works, and celebrates our Italian American heritage and all the heritages of our communities." If you are interested in finding out about our group, the great works of charity we do and the fun social events we have, please join us! We will have activities for the kids as well so bring your whole family! There is no charge for this event. RSVP by Sunday, May 5 to Diana Mackinson at dijoe@comcast.net or call 925-335-9712.

The second collection this weekend is for the **Bishop’s Appeal.** If you did not receive an envelope in the mail, there are extra envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your support.

**CTK Festival May 17/18**

**Volunteer to help during Festival Weekend:** The CTK Festival is a community building event and relies on many volunteers to make it a success. Please consider joining your fellow CTK Parishioners by signing up for a volunteer shift at www.ctkfestival.org/volunteer.

**If you love to bake** and would like to help provide festival prizes please contact Nancy Molina at mrsnk@icloud.com.

**Spring cleaning anyone?** As in years past, we are requesting donations for the items below. Drop off times are: 5/4 & 5/11, 2:30 - 5:00 pm - drop off at the youth ministry house (adjacent to main parking lot) or please contact Suellen at smnland@hotmail.com or Stephanie at jullienkids@gmail.com to make arrangements.

- **Starbooks:** We accept clean and gently used books for adults and children. We also accept CD’s and DVD’s and audio books. Please no textbooks or magazines.
- **Country store:** New, or gently used items but please no furniture, clothing, computers/TV’s, etc. We also need extra shopping bags and bubble wrap.
- **Stuffed Animals and Glassware:** We are in need of ‘like new’ stuffed animals and glassware (glasses, cups, small dishes). *These items may be dropped off at the school office.*
- **Festival includes a talent show** on Sat. May 18 from 2:30 - 4 pm. Rehearsal will be on Wed. May 8 at 2:15 pm in the amphitheater. Email Amy at aghisletta@comcast.net or Marisa at marisacoxmama@gmail.com if interested in participating.
- **Starbooks:** We accept clean and gently used books for adults and children. We also accept CD’s and DVD’s and audio books. Please no textbooks or magazines.

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