



The Open Door

“Open wide the doors for Christ.”—St. John Paul the Great

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Mission Statement of Christ the King

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Extending the friendship of Jesus

Bill Pressprich in his article on page 3 has done a great job highlighting some of the very exciting things taking place in our life and our vision as a parish. Kudos to him and the rest of the members of the Senior Leadership Team for all their hard work!

As we launch this new communications vehicle, I thought it would also be good to highlight something that has been on my heart that deals not so much with these exciting initiatives the Lord Jesus is leading us into, as it does with how He calls us to relate to Him and to one another.

“I call you friends.” This may be one of the most amazing things that the Lord Jesus says to us. It describes a relationship that we would never dare hope for if it were not first His idea. This sweet revelation of His intentional attitude toward us seemed like a great complement to

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the new things He is doing with us.

What does it mean for us, as individuals, as families, as a parish, that the Lord Jesus Himself calls us friends? First and foremost, it means that we are loved, loved by a Savior Who loves to save; loved by a Savior Whose friendship we could never hope to earn. It is just one more concrete expression of how much He cares for us.

In conversations with a lot of folks recently, I’ve noticed many are just feeling beat up—lots of difficult circumstances in their lives, etc. That being the case—and who doesn’t

suffer from that from time to time—it’s good to have a reminder that an infinite Friend Who simply offers us His friendship, out of love for us, Who promises to stand by us and use everything in His infinite power to help us, is always at our side. The kind of friend Who knows us better than we know ourselves: all our foibles, sins, weaknesses, etc., and, in spite of all that, simply chooses, out of the infinite goodness of His Heart, to call us His friends and to stand by us.

This was the experience of the Samaritan woman. She

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Fr. Ed Fride is Pastor of Christ the King.

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Woman at the Well
(detail),
by Carl Bloch
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Extending the friendship of Jesus

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comes to the well alone, beat up by life and, in her case, by the consequences of the bad choices she has made. There she encounters the Friend Who changes her life. In that brief encounter with Him, her life is transformed.

What a great blessing we can be for each other by relating to each other on the basis of our common friendship with the Lord Jesus, treating each other with those typical characteristics of friendship mentioned earlier. So many in the parish already do that so well. I saw great examples of that during our Alpha events: watching as people come in, a little nervous and not sure what to expect and seeing them just relax and smile as they are greeted with such love and hospitality.

What if we could come to Mass on Sunday or other parish functions and not feel like we had to perform for acceptance, but rather that we were just among friends who were simply glad to

see us? We could all experience more of what Zacchaeus did, who comes down out of his tree with great joy after being touched by the Lord Jesus' friendship.

This is exactly how the Lord Jesus approaches us. His love is unconditional, His mercy is freely

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given, and His friendship is simply not a function of our performance.

One of the things we all probably like about spending time with our friends is that we can simply be who we are and not worry about being judged—because our friends know us, know who we are, and they chose to be our friends anyway! Obviously, we don't know everybody at the parish in that way, but suppose we just chose to relate

to each other as friends anyway: "the friend of my Friend is my friend," relating as friends and simply giving each other the benefit of the doubt, committing ourselves to getting to know each other so that those actual bonds of real friendship can develop?

The Good News is that this is the Lord Jesus' idea in the first place, and the consequence of that is that He can continue to make this happen as we cooperate. How much would Christ the King be even more what the Lord Jesus intends if all of us treated every person who comes through our doors as personally sent to us by the Lord Jesus as friends of His? (Even those, or perhaps, especially those, who do not yet even know His friendship!)

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A Note on the CTK Mission Statement

It seems evident that one of the ways that the Holy Spirit is moving at Christ the King now is to help us, as disciples, to turn outward, to make room for and reach out to the lost and the needy.

This movement of the Holy Spirit is right in line with the call issued by recent popes. Pope Benedict met in 2007 with the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean at Aparecida, the national shrine of Brazil, to call the Church in that continent to recall its identity. The Aparecida document that arose from those meetings is a powerful call to action and the man who would become Pope Francis had a strong hand in shaping it. The document is expansive but reminds us that “the faithful of this continent ... by virtue of their baptism ... are called to be disciples and missionaries of Jesus Christ.”

Chapter 6 of the document lays out a theology for the formation of “missionary disciples” and provides a detailed outline of the necessary formation process. It lists the five fundamental aspects of this process as:

1. **Encounter** with Jesus Christ.
2. **Conversion** that transforms our lives and leads to a decision to follow Jesus as Lord.
3. **Discipleship** - the process of constantly maturing in the knowledge and love of Jesus and delving deeper into the mystery of His Person.
4. **Community** – meaningful community where an encounter with other disciples takes place.
5. **Mission** – mission to proclaim Jesus to others in joy, to love and serve the needy and to build the Kingdom of God.

We have also heard the Spirit calling our parish through prophecy

and other ways with a similar message. Consequently, during the past 15 months, a group of leaders from our parish led by Fr. Ed Fride, our pastor, has participated in various conferences (Amazing Parish, Divine Renovation, the HTB Leadership Conference); convened a “StratOp,” a time of careful consideration of our strategic plan (to discern God’s call for us at this time); formed a Senior Leadership Team, a team with complementary strengths around Fr. Ed to take responsibility for the parish as a whole and provide effective leadership; and launched strategic initiatives, including evangelism and the selection of Alpha as our particular tool for evangelism.

We thank Betty Meredith, Theresa Hofer, and the rest of the Communications Team, including all the contributors, for launching this publication as a means to communicate what we are doing around Leadership and Strategy for the parish. In future issues, we will convey other aspects of this and how you can be involved and contribute.

For this issue, we would like to focus on the Mission Statement for Christ the King Catholic Church. It is:

**“We exist to joyfully
worship God and carry out
the mission of Jesus Christ,
in the power of the
Holy Spirit.”**

The words were chosen carefully as of particular importance for our parish. To elaborate:

- **“Joy”**—The joy of the Lord is our strength. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and a hallmark of the Christian life.
- **“Worship God”**—The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. It is the culmi-

nation both of God’s action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

- **“Mission of Jesus Christ” –**

◇ The Great Commandment: You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

◇ The Great Commission: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- **“in the Power of the Holy Spirit”**—“... you are clothed with power from on high.” The Holy Spirit descended on a group of students at Duquesne University in 1967 and ushered in a renewal of the whole Catholic Church. Over 120 million Catholics around the world have been impacted by this, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Our parish was born out of the Renewal and the Holy Spirit continues to inspire us, lead us, and fill us with His fruits in our lives and the spiritual gifts He provides to benefit the Body of Christ.

This is our mission statement, a definition of our particular call as a parish within the Diocese of Lansing of the Roman Catholic Church. It answers the question, “Why do we exist?” Our mission statement was developed after much prayer and discussion in August 2016 by Fr. Ed Fride, our pastor, together with a group of staff, clergy, parish advisory council members, and other leaders from the parish.

—Bill Pressprich

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Bill Pressprich is Parish Council Chair and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Christ the King.

Songs of Belonging

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Martin Doman is Director of Worship at Christ the King.

As I was recently volunteering for my son's football game as the Announcer/DJ, I was looking through my playlists for songs that would work well at his game. As I scrolled past Japanese war drum tracks and Celtic heavy metal, I happened upon a collection of marching band hits. Pressing "play" on a track called "The Victors," I noticed a definite and immediate reaction. The mood changed, some fans immediately started cheering, others just smiled. I even got an approving nod from the stat keeper to my right in the booth. This aggregate positivity confused me, until I realized what most of you already know: I had happened upon one of the beloved anthems of the UofM Wolverines.

It made me realize something about the way human beings react to music, specifically, music of belonging. When the average Ann Arborite hears the first notes of "The Victors," emotions, memories, and experiences flood in. What is the cause of this involuntary reaction? A shared experience of being together, the smells, sights and

strains of the joyful experience of UofM football.

What is it about music that ties so much of life together? Music, like all artistic expressions, communicates the culture of the people creating and participating in it. It's like a supercharged bomb of human emotions that crashes often unexpectedly into our hearts with mood changing effects. When we have connected a certain song with those things or people we love, the explosion's effects seem longer lasting, penetrating the raw material of who we are. It reminds us that we are connected to a larger story, a purpose bigger than ourselves.

Here at our parish, we are blessed with many songs that do exactly that—they get us on our feet and singing with all our hearts about the God we love. What a heritage of grace to have been given these songs: moments in which we can experience prayer in the context of remembering, prayer that reminds us of God's connection to us.

With the start of the Alpha course in our parish, we find ourselves in the midst of a paradigm shift of critical importance.



Moving "from maintenance to mission" (to quote *Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon) requires our openness to those on the outside our circle of belonging; an openness to invite them into this beautiful experience of relationship with God.

It follows that we must embark on a new stage in our musical history here at CTK as well. As those who will be coming to know the Lord seek to live it out more fully, we must allow our music to spill out into the lives of our new brothers and sisters, helping them bridge that gap from seeking to belonging. We here at CTK are uniquely equipped in this parish to be like Reepicheep in the final book of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, telling the newcomers to come "further up and further in" to the family of God, singing the fight songs of our Savior with full hearts, so they know that here they have found a home with us.—

Martin Doman

Putting out into the deep as a parish



“Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:4

This fall we issued a challenge to everyone in the parish: reach out to those around you who are far from Christ, and invite them to experience Alpha. You rose to the challenge and invited friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to attend Alpha. As a result of your efforts, we have over 275 guests attending Alpha this fall, over 40% of whom are not parishioners of Christ the King. We let down our nets for a catch, and the nets are overflowing with fish!

The main goal of Alpha is to provide a place where guests can find belonging and where they can experience love. Once they experience this love, they are more open to hearing the saving message of the Gospel. When they leave Alpha, we want them to come to Christ the King and experience the same belonging there that they found at Alpha. How

can we as a parish do this?

First, and most important, we need to pray for hearts that are open to the lost. We need to pray for the same love for the lost that Jesus has. We

want to be a

parish that is reaching out with open arms to those who are far from Christ.

Second, we need to have hearts of love for those who are attending Christ the King for the first time. This means having patience with those who come who might not know the “right way” to do things at Mass, and letting them know that we are happy to have them with us. We need to help the person sitting next to us find the right place in the songbook or in the Missalette. We need to smile and welcome those who we do not know. At coffee and donuts,

we need to seek out those who seem lost or nervous and invite them to sit with us.

Third, we need to get rid of the internal divisions that can keep us from experiencing unity. It will be hard to love those who are new to Christ the King if we cannot love those whom we have known for years. We need to pray that God will bring unity and peace to our relationships. If we know of anyone who we may have harmed, we need to seek forgiveness, and we need to strive to break down any barriers that keep us apart.

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I know that we as a parish can rise to the challenge of being a place where the lost are welcomed and the weary find rest, just as we rose to

the challenge of inviting others to Alpha. I am excited to see how the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of those who are attending Alpha, and I am just as excited to see how the Holy Spirit works in us at Christ the King. Let’s pray that the Lord accomplishes far more than we could ask or imagine, both in our lives and in the lives of those who are attending Alpha.—Aimée Godfrey



Aimée Godfrey is Alpha Coordinator at Christ the King.

Welcome to Upper Room!



At Christ the King, we strive to be a parish that loves people well. Love is our primary call as Christians. After all, it is what we were created for. We were created in the image and likeness of our God who is Love (Gen 1:26, 1 Jn 4:8). We are called to love others, not only at Sunday Mass, but in our everyday lives.

When the messiness and frustrations of daily life invade, loving those around us can feel like a tall order. We realize we can't do it on our own. And upon reflection, we may realize that, while at other times we love many people well, we still do it imperfectly.

For this reason, God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the love of God poured into our hearts (Rom 5:5). The Holy Spirit empowers us to bring His love to the world.

The Holy Spirit was first given to the Church at Pentecost (Acts 2). Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Jesus' apostles were gathered to pray together with over 100 others in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit came upon them in such a powerful

In our time that is so hungry for hope, make the Holy Spirit known and loved. Help bring to life that "culture of Pentecost" that alone can make fruitful the civilization of love and friendly coexistence among peoples.

St. John Paul the Great

way that their fears disappeared, they were filled with love and joy, and they boldly proclaimed Jesus' saving love in many languages, even in some they didn't know! Over 3,000 people heard them that day and gave their lives to Jesus. As the apostles then began spreading the Good News all over the world, many miraculous signs and wonders demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pope St. John Paul the Great wrote, "The Church must gather in the Upper Room 'together with Mary, the mother of Jesus' (Acts 1:14), in order to pray for the Spirit and to gain strength and courage to carry out the mis-

sionary mandate. We too, like the apostles, need to be transformed and guided by the Spirit."

We, too, are called to this "missionary mandate" of bringing Jesus' saving love to the world. The same Holy Spirit who empowered the apostles now empowers us! In a special way, we at CTK are blessed with miraculous charismatic gifts that demonstrate the reality of the Holy Spirit, just as miracles went with the apostles' proclamation of the Good News.

To grow in the love of the Holy Spirit and learn how to use His gifts, CTK invites you to our own Upper Room each Friday evening. There is Mass at 5:30pm. Then bring your dinner and enjoy fellowship in the Bishop Mengeling Room from approximately 6:30-7:30pm. From 7:45 to 9:15pm, we gather for Praise & Worship in the main Worship Space. Schedule notes and numerous resources are at CTKUpperRoom.com.

All are welcome! —Christy Whiting



Christy Whiting is Upper Room Director at Christ the King.

Back to School with Christ the King families



Pope Francis encouragingly calls parents, “ministers of their children’s education” as they accept a unique, God-given vocation that truly builds up the Church (*Amoris Laetitia*, para. 85). Christ the King families are blessed with a remarkable variety of educational choices—from traditional public schools, to homeschool cooperatives, to independent Catholic schools, to charter schools, to intermediate school district offerings, to parish schools, to online homeschools, and more! We caught up with Mary Ellen Dougoveto, Kim Jasper, Melinda Lee, and Karen Mitzel to find out what school means for their families.

Q. How does your family “do school”? What do you love about it?

Mary Ellen: Our two older sons attend Spiritus Sanctus Academy (Ann Arbor). We love the families that go there and the faith-based community. The kids are exposed to so much spiritual discussion and vocabulary, daily Mass, and more. I love when they get home and tell me what they learned and the things they’re doing!

Kim: Our four daughters attend Milan Area Schools. As a parent, I love that we are in a small-town school with teachers and families who care for and support each other. I know each day that my daughters are with people who care for them. I teach in the same school district and have my oldest daughter in one of my English sections. I have many

opportunities to see her during the day and to head next door to the lower elementary building and visit with my first grader. It’s a rare situation, but a really beautiful one.

Melinda: We’re in our 10th year of homeschooling with kids ages three to sixteen and one on the way. I love the opportunity to be with my kids, having this unique relationship with them—they see me fail, they see our successes, and we grow and love each other, together. I have only one other sibling, so I never thought I’d see the whole cycle coming together with the big ones helping the little ones, to get to see them be more considerate and tolerant of each other. We are learning and living our faith as family—through prayer, forgiveness, and service.

Karen: Our four children attend Huron Valley Catholic School. My husband and I are both alumni of the same school and we treasure our time there. We love and truly appreciate Huron Valley’s unique culture of family-like acceptance, having experienced it firsthand as a student and now through my kids. I consider myself in-

“The Church is called to cooperate with parents through suitable pastoral initiatives, assisting them in the fulfilment of their educational mission. She must always do this by helping them to appreciate their proper role and to realize that by their reception of the sacrament of marriage they become ministers of their children’s education. In educating them, they build up the Church, and in so doing, they accept a God-given vocation.”

Pope Francis,
Amoris Laetitia,
para. 85

Photo courtesy of Karen Mitzel

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credibly lucky to witness how my children and their classmates are nurtured into people who have confidence in themselves and to Whom they belong.

Q. How do you smooth the transition from summer back into the school season?

Mary Ellen: It's different, in the summer the kids have more farm chores and I like being a part of their lives, day by day. But going back to a schedule is welcomed, it gives our whole family structure. At the end of the summer, my husband does one little activity with each of the boys by himself. This year it was fishing. It's nice one-on-one time before the school year starts. The worst part of back to school is having to wake the little kids up from naps to pick up older ones. But it's worth it, the kids like school.

Kim: Back to school time for our family is always a bit crazy, so right before the year be-

gins, we take the girls and head up to my family's cottage on Lake Michigan for Labor Day weekend. We enjoy the beach and family time prior to the craziness of the school year. My favorite part about late August is going to my classroom with my girls. They all come with and



help organize my classroom (or draw pretty pictures while I do!).

Melinda: I try and have all of our materials and books for homeschooling by the end of July. The kids can get familiar with them in August, between playing with friends during the days and enjoying summer. We call it "mess up month." ☺ That way when the busy schedule and homeschool co-ops come in September, we're familiar with everything. As a

homeschooler you're your own worst critic, and it's hard not to look into that mirror of comparison, but I've learned to adjust expectations of myself and my kids to keep it all in perspective.

Karen: Not much is needed. The kids look forward to going back to school and seeing their friends, and I look forward to the myriad opportunities to make and sustain supportive and prayerful adult relationships. It's a joy in our house, even if it means packing lunches again. ☺

No two Christ the King families are the same. (Except maybe for school lunches—does anyone like packing them?) Yet, in our diversity and daily messiness of getting kids out the door to school or down to the kitchen table to start homeschooling, we're living out a vocation to educate that God empowers each family for in a different way, and fruitfully brings together to build up the Church, starting right here at Christ the King.
—Colleen Vermeulen



Colleen Vermeulen is Assistant to the DRE at Christ the King.

Alpha Testimony: Miguel Zuniga

At the Christ the King Masses the weekend of August 12-13, Miguel Zuniga gave his testimony about how God used Alpha to introduce him to Jesus. This article is adapted from a similar sharing that Miguel gave at an i.d.9:16 Discipleship Night earlier this year.

Describe what life was like before coming on Alpha.

I was raised as a Catholic, but when I hit 18, I left the Church, and I went into a life of drugs, mostly pot. I was living with a drug dealer and started dealing with evil spirit attacks.

One night, I woke up and thought that my mom was either going to die or was dead, and there was nothing I could do about it. So I called her, and she answered, and she told me to pray.

Back then I didn't really think that would ever work, but I started praying. On the way to work I asked God to show me something so that I could calm down. Right out

of the corner of my eye, I saw an angel swoop down and explode into different kinds of birds. Then just a couple of seconds later, I saw a big billboard that said "Hope." I knew from there that something has to be going on in this life, something else.

A couple of years later, my sister Veronica Cherney suggested that I go to Alpha.

What did you think when she invited you?

I wasn't really sure what to think, actually. I knew that I was open to the idea that God existed, and that was about it.

So she invites you and she comes with you?

Oh, yeah!

So describe what the actual Alpha journey was like.

The first week I got there I felt right at home. Everyone was so welcoming and nice. The food was great. The talks were intriguing, so good, so deep, so awesome.



Miguel Zuniga

And then what happened?

I met Jesus. *That* was awesome. Truly, *truly* awesome! He's awesome.

I stopped doing drugs. I'm happier than I've ever been. I feel at peace. And a lot of great things are happening to me.

So now, where are you going from here?

I'm helping out with Alpha, and I started going to Church again. Praise God!

I think what the Lord did over those 11 weeks both in you and in a number of other people is just a testament to the Gospel being alive. The Holy Spirit is moving and Jesus is real! And you met Him!

Yes!

Our next Alpha sessions will start in early January. Go to ctkcc.net/alpha for more information.

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The Virgin of the Rosary (detail), by Bartolome Esteban Murillo, 1650

Courtesy of
wikiart.org.

Ministry Spotlight: Marian Committee

Each month we want to highlight one of the many ministries at Christ the King. Since October is traditionally devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, we are starting this series with the Marian Committee of the Spiritual Life Commission.

"The goal is to enter into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. No one can help us do that better than the Blessed Virgin Mary."

That is how Jill Diroff, chair of the Marian Committee of the Spiritual Life Commission, describes the mission of the Marian Committee.

The objective of the Spiritual Life Commission, under the leadership of Dcn. Dan Foley, is to advance the spiritual life of the parish. The areas of focus include

our Eucharistic, charismatic, contemplative, and Marian life.



Activities of the Marian Committee include the Crowning of the Blessed Mother in May and the Living Rosary in October (see below).

"The Rosary," says Jill, "[is] like sitting at [Mary's] feet and looking through the family photo albums with her."

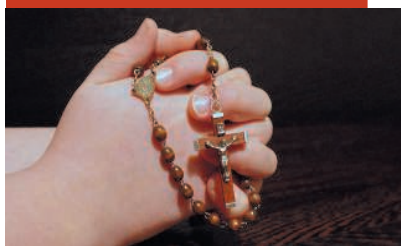
Recently, the Marian Committee has also led

study groups of the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. The book and companion videos use the insights of Saints Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Teresa of Calcutta, and John Paul the Great to help people prepare to consecrate their lives to Jesus through Mary. Jill estimates that at least 200 people have made the consecration at Christ the King.

In conclusion, Jill notes, "We all want to belong. ... But the Church is not belonging to a club, it's belonging to a family. And that family has a Mother."

For more information or to help with future events, contact Jill at 33mornngglory@gmail.com.

Living Rosary, Saturday, Oct. 7



Come join us for the Living Rosary on Saturday, October 7. We will start with 9:00am Mass, followed by Adoration, Benediction, an opportunity to make or renew

the consecration to Jesus through Mary, and the Living Rosary.

In a Living Rosary, each person represents a bead of the Rosary and leads the prayer associated

with that bead. People of all ages are welcome.

The morning will conclude with a light reception of cider and donuts. Questions? Contact Jill at 33mornngglory@gmail.com.

Schedule of Major Events

- 6, 13, 20, 11/3: Upper Room Praise & Worship
- 7: Living Rosary
- 13: Potluck Dinner celebrating 100th anniversary of final apparition at Fatima
- 27-28: Alpha Weekend
- 31: All Saints Eve Party
- 11/1: All Saints Day
Holy Day of Obligation
- 11/2: All Souls Day
- 11/4: Memorial Mass for Pregnancy & Newborn Loss

For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to www.ctkcc.net and click on the "Calendar" tab.

MAJOR EVENTS—OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4

Save the Dates!

Check future bulletins for more details about these great events!

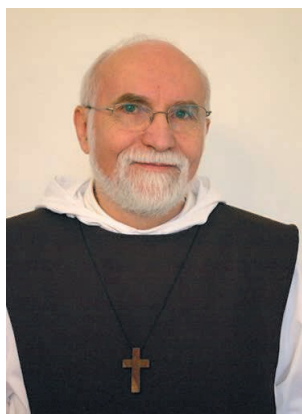
Memorial Mass for Pregnancy & Newborn Loss, Saturday, November 4, 2017, 4:30pm.

For more information, see the CTK website, www.ctkcc.net, or contact Megan Mishler by Facebook message, email at meggymish@gmail.com or text/phone at 734-474-2865.

CTK Women's Retreat with Dr. Mary Healy, February 2-4, 2018, Faholo Christian Conference Center near Grass Lake.



CTK Parish Mission with Fr. Jacques Philippe, March 11-14, 2018.





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Life is a journey during which we encounter many doors. The choices we make, to pass or not pass through those doors, determine the direction of our lives.

There is another door, the door to our heart, which

Jesus wants to pass through so He can accompany us on the journey. But He waits for us to open that door: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." (Revelation 3:20)

Through *The Open Door*, we hope to help you both

pass through the doors that the Holy Spirit is opening before you and follow the exhortation of St. John Paul the Great to "Open wide the doors [of your hearts] for Christ."

May we experience together joy in the journey!

