



The Open Door

Open wide the door to Christ! - St. John Paul the Great

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"We exist to joyfully worship God and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit." - Mission Statement of Christ the King



Celebrating 50 days of Easter

Easter celebrates the greatest event of all time, so it is meant to be the greatest celebration of each year. "The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord." (*Universal Norms for Liturgical Year and Calendar*, 24) Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the octave.

The celebration does not end there. "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one

'great Sunday.' These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia." (*ibid.*, 22)

Culturally, we tend to place more emphasis on the season of Lent than we do on Easter Season. We choose acts of penance, fast, tithe, and stay focused on Lent for the whole forty days.

By designating a longer Easter Season, the Church is telling us that we should focus even more on celebrating the resurrection. *Just as you ask Jesus what He wants you to do for Lent, ask*

Him what He wants you to do for the Easter Season.

Here are some ideas for celebrating the Easter season with your whole heart, mind, body and soul. Special thanks to those who contributed ideas: Lauren Hughes, Tirienne Leonard, Carolyn Millard, Jennifer Rea, Elizabeth Siegel, Colleen Vermeulen, Ann Ward, and Mark Zielman.

- **Read the Easter story in the different Gospels.**

Imagine what it was like to be one of the people in the story. Act it out with your family.

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Celebrating Easter

This has been the position of the Church from the beginning: that we are called into a deep, personal relationship with the Triune God. It is focused on the Lord Jesus Himself, Who is the One Who leads us to His Father as well as the One Who fills us with His Holy Spirit. Hence the importance of Easter: His Rising from the dead is the most crucial event in the history of our universe!



Fr. Ed Fride is Pastor of Christ the King.

Do you know who you are?

That may seem to be an odd question to begin an article on celebrating Easter, but the question actually reflects a profound reality: you cannot really come to know who you are without Easter. Why?

The answer is initially shown to us in Genesis. One of the fundamental gifts of our life in the Garden was that every day we experienced God. Adam and Eve came to know who they truly were through being in relationship with the One Who had brought them to life. It is said that of all the gifts left behind in Eden, the one that caused the most grief to our first parents was leaving behind that relationship with God that had so touched and formed them. They broke that relationship by their sin and that relationship stayed broken for millennia; in fact, it was not truly restored until that first Pentecost.

During the long history of Israel, from the expulsion from the Garden until Pentecost, certain privileged folks walked in a relationship with God, but it was not the common experience and certainly not to the level of intimacy that had been experienced in Eden. The turning point was Pentecost, when the Fire descended.

The consequence of the presence of God the Holy Spirit

was that everyone who received the Fire experienced the reality of God. Though He did not walk with them physically as Adam and Eve had experienced, the presence of the Spirit enabled a

rich interior life in which He was (and is) even more profoundly present than what Adam and Eve experienced.

Who was that experience for? The narratives of the early Church make it crystal clear that they believed that this experience of God was for everyone—

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Why?

not just in terms of the presence and action of the charismatic gifts, but also in the experience of a rich interior life of prayer in which the indwelling presence of the Triune God, given to us in Baptism, is ever more fully experienced and expressed. This has been the position of the Church from the beginning: that we are called into a deep, personal relationship with the Triune God. It is focused on the Lord Jesus Himself, Who is the One Who leads us to His Father as well as the One Who fills us with His Holy Spirit. Hence the importance of Easter: His Rising from the dead is the most crucial event in the history of our universe!

Pentecost enables us all to walk in the power of that same Spirit Who raised Him from the dead, to know His love and presence as well as the mercy and love of His Father. It is only in that relationship that we discover who we truly are. As St. Augustine so famously put it: "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts

will not rest until they rest in You." Our hearts will remain restless until their reality is anchored in a personal relationship with the King of Kings. Without that, we don't know who we are, why we are, where we are going, or how to get there! But with Him we come to know all of this. As Fr. Jacques Philippe so wonderfully put it during our recent parish mission: "In prayer we receive our personality, our identity, our vocation. These are the things we receive through this interior life."

Our first identity is that we are sons and daughters of God, made in His image and likeness, called into intimate, personal relationship with the Triune God. How could we possibly come to know that without Him? In terms of our personalities, without Him, our restless hearts seek their comfort in other things which by definition cannot truly satisfy, because they will always be less than what the indwelling Lord Jesus would provide. The more we chase false joys, the more distorted our personalities become. Our personalities can only come to their full reality in union with Him. As for our vocations, unless we know that we were created to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this life, the choices that we make for our own future will never adequately reflect the profound destiny we have been given.

He is Risen, and as we share our lives with Him, we become who we were created to be! Alleluia!

—Fr. Ed Fride

Celebrating 50 Days of Easter

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- **Go to daily Mass** as often as possible.
- Instead of an act of penance, **make an act of praise and thanksgiving each day**. Sing Easter songs, especially ones with “Alleluias.” Many Easter songs can be found online. Have your own praise and worship session.
- **Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel.**
- **Celebrate with special Easter prayers.** Use the Liturgy of the Hours or The Stations of Light (also called *Via Lucis*, or Stations of the Resurrection, available online). Light a special Easter candle in your home during your prayer times or meals.
- **Pray the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.**
- **Teach Easter songs to your kids.** Let them play along on their own “instruments,” whether those are toy instruments or pots and pans.
- **Continue worshiping with powerful music at Upper Room’s Praise & Worship.** Check the schedule at CTKUpperRoom.com. All ages are welcome.
- **Bake Easter treats throughout the season.** (Parents, this way you can spread out the sweets!)

- **Decorate your home** with flowers and other Easter symbols. Take advantage of post-Easter sales that start the day after Easter. After all, that’s only the beginning of the season! Leave the decorations up for all fifty days.
- **Create an Easter scene** with an empty tomb, the angels, the women, and the disciples. There are many variations online with instructions for kids.

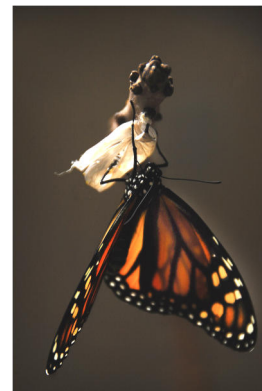
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Universal Norms for
Liturgical Year and Calendar, 24

- **Invite friends over for a meal.** Especially consider inviting parishioners whom you may not yet know, people who live alone, or friends who do not yet know Jesus.
- **Look for service opportunities** that you can do as a family. Help a new mother with child care, food, or spring cleaning. Take a meal to someone going through a difficult time.

- **Raise a butterfly** (kits are available) and explain to your children that butterflies are a symbol of resurrection and new life. Create a butterfly garden with butterflies’ favorite plants. Planting seeds and watching them break through the earth with new life is another representation of the resurrection.
- **Make time to do something you love** and haven’t done in a while, such as painting, knitting, watching a funny movie, playing sports, etc. God wants us to take joy in life!
- **Take time to enjoy the outdoors and remember the glory of God.**
- When you’re feeling down, **meditate on the resurrection and ask Jesus to bring resurrection to the darkness in your life.** Pray this for others who are suffering. Watch for signs of new life.
- **Choose spiritual reading pertaining to the season**, such as, historical evidence for the resurrection, the life of the early Church, or how to live each day in the joy of the resurrection.

Use one or more of these ideas to create a new tradition. Establish new habits of celebration that will last for you and your family for years to come!—*Christy Whiting*



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Christy Whiting is Upper Room Director at Christ the King.

Join us for

Night Vigil: A Trinitarian Night of Miracles

QUICK FACTS

Date: Friday, April 27

Time: 7:30pm; be
seated by 7:20pm

Location: Christ the
King Worship Space



Upper Room

A ministry of Christ the King Catholic Church

Mark your calendars for a special event taking place on Friday, April 27, at Christ the King. Shalom World, an international Catholic charismatic media company, has invited Upper Room to partner with them for their monthly program, *Night Vigil: A Trinitarian Night of Miracles*.

This event will combine Upper Room's Praise & Worship with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Caroline Gambale-Dirkes, testimony, and intercession for Christians who are being persecuted around the world. Martin Doman will lead worship.

Based in India, Shalom World reaches around the world via satellite, connected TV, internet (ShalomWorldTV.org), and mobile app (Shalom World TV). They broadcast the Encounter Conference hosted at Christ the King in January. (Many of the talks from the conference

are available online at www.shalomworldtv.org/encounterconference2018.)



Christ the King parishioner **Caroline Gambale-Dirkes** is a dynamic speaker with a passion for evangelizing people of all ages. She and her husband Dan founded 2TIM4 Ministries (www.2tim4.com) out of a deep desire to respond to Pope St. John Paul the Great's call for a New Evangelization. Caroline and Dan have ministered to families, youth and adults across the US and Canada. They will be leading a family-friendly version of the Life in the Spirit Seminar, the "Fire It Up! Retreat," at Christ the King Pentecost Weekend. (See page 11 for more information.)

This event will give us an opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters across the globe that "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) The event will be taped on April 27 and broadcast the following Friday, May 4.

Important: Your entrance to this event is your consent to appear in this international broadcast.

Be sure to join us Friday, April 27, in the Worship Space for this special event! Please arrive by 7:20pm so as to be in your seats when the event and taping begin at 7:30pm. The event will last approximately 2-3 hours.

Questions? Contact Upper Room Director Christy Whiting (734-929-0982 or cwhiting@ctkcc.net).

Songs of Belonging

The Art of Celebration

It's hard to celebrate.

I will give you an example. Have you ever been to a wedding reception where no one will dance on the dance floor unless the DJ plays "The Electric Slide"? [Editor's note: If you think you don't know what this is, search for it on YouTube. ☺] Sometimes that song is the one song that people will dance to. Why is that?

I am married to a Puerto Rican, and I have found that, in the Latin cultures, you don't need to play a certain song to get people to dance. I went to a wedding in Miami, Florida several years ago. My wife's high school friend was Cuban, and at the wedding reception, a 12-piece Latin band was playing. I think I was the only "gringo" in the room, which was chock-full of 200-300 Latinos.

As soon as the band started playing, the ENTIRE ROOM of people, young and old, grandmas and grandpas, got onto the floor and started dancing. The music was electric and energetic. I tried my best to fit in (yeah, right) and dance along with my wife, who loves to dance. But it was *work*. I was using muscles in my legs that I didn't know I had, as I discovered the following morning when I awoke sore and exhausted.

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decision to enter into the dance of life, with God as the DJ (if you pardon the expression).

Why is it so hard to be happy?

We want it. But somehow, when we feel the urge to applaud after the Gloria at Mass, we hold back. Why is that? What is wrong with us expressing our joy?

It takes work. We need to realize that God delights in our happiness. His desire is for us to bask in the sunshine of His love, and to avoid the shadows where His light doesn't shine. But often we feel like we have left all of that carefreeness behind in childhood.

On Easter Sunday a few years ago, my wife and I decided to host a praise and worship party in my backyard in Florida. We had the neighborhood parents and kids together, and we all got in a big circle. We sang "It Is Good," and I started to dance, moving the whole group in a circle. The moms were fine, dancing with their own kids, but the dads started to look visibly uncomfortable, as did the college students who were present. Here we were, jumping and dancing in the joy of the Resurrection, but somehow it felt irreverent, although not to the children. I think it's because it required looking silly. To put it another way, it required humility. And that takes work.

This Easter, let us rejoice in the Gospel, and when you get home with your family, have a dance party. And if you are lucky, you won't need the "Electric Slide" to enjoy it. —
Martin Doman

Sometimes "The Electric Slide" is the only song that people will dance to at a wedding. Why is that? Why do we find it so hard to celebrate?



Martin Doman is
Director of Worship at
Christ the King.

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—John Hoving

Speaker provides help and hope at "Made for More" event

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 100 parents and other concerned adults braved inclement weather to come to Christ the King and hear Dr. Peter Kleponis speak at "Made for More: Fighting Porn in Our Culture... and Winning."

Dr. Kleponis is a Licensed Clinical Therapist and Assistant Director of Comprehensive Counseling Services in Conshohocken, PA. He is the author of several books, including *Integrity Restored*, and creator of the successful *Integrity Starts Here!* recovery program. For the past ten years, he has traveled around the country and internationally speaking on this issue.

Dr. Kleponis gave two talks. The first focused on understanding the pornography epidemic in America.

He defined pornography as "any image that leads a person to use another person for their own sexual pleasure."

He then provided statistics and information from a variety of sources that demonstrated the scope and impact of the pornography epidemic in America.

At the end of the first talk, Dr. Kleponis joked, "I hope you're not too depressed. There is hope!"



His second talk was on practical application, what we can do to protect ourselves and our loved ones. "None of us are immune to this," he said. Dr. Kleponis provided many practical suggestions for resources for protecting and assisting both children and adults.

Dr. Kleponis said, **"People ask me, 'Do I see any hope for the culture changing?' I say, 'Yes, I do, but it's going to take 50 years.' ...** It took 50 years of intensive education—and unfortunately, millions of people dying along the way—before we as a society finally got the message and we changed our cultural attitude toward smoking. ... This is what we're going to have to do with pornography."

The evening also included questions from the audience, testimonies (see page 7), and the opportunity to

purchase materials from Dr. Kleponis and other organizations.

Director of Youth Discipleship John Hoving said, "The practical advice that has stuck with me the most is that we need to be vigilant about prevention and protection in grades Pre K-8. As they mature, they need to be aware of the dangers and taught how to use their devices responsibly. **Dr. Kleponis said that there is NO REASON for a middle or elementary school child to have a smart phone or unfiltered access to the internet in private places.** The temptations are often too strong, and I've personally seen some of the most unlikely teens at CTK get hooked." He concluded, "I'd urge all parents to please take the time today to have an age-appropriate conversation about online safety with your child(ren)."

Dr. Kleponis' talks are available on the Christ the King audio website. Go to ctkcc.libsyn.com and search for "Kleponis".

The event was made possible, in part, through a grant from the Snyder Foundation. — Theresa Hofer

Parishioner Testimony

Hannah Stroup

During the Made for More event on February 10, Hannah Stroup shared her testimony about how God delivered her from pornography addiction. This article is adapted from that sharing.

I grew up a cradle Catholic. We prayed the Rosary every day as a family. I went to Mass with my extended family—there were about 40 of us—every weekend.

In fifth grade, I was doing a project on seasons—autumn, spring, summer—and through a Google Image search on our dial-up computer, I was exposed to pornography at the age of 10. I didn't know what it was, but I knew I had to hide it. I knew I couldn't show anybody or tell anyone, especially my parents, that I had seen it.

It got ingrained in my mind from that moment. I knew that I had to keep looking at it. There was just something inside me that kept whispering, "Oh, yeah, how 'bout we go search for that again?" And I was hooked.

I didn't know it was a sin, I didn't know it was bad until I was late in high school. I hadn't heard about masturbation and pornography *anywhere* throughout the Church, from my family, from my friends. Nobody talked about it, and so I didn't know what I was doing was actually a horrible sin.

When I went to college, it got a lot worse. I got hooked to the point of two, three, four times a

day. I couldn't go without it. I was seeking to fill an ache in my heart. I sought it from men in relationships, from drinking, and yet the ache grew stronger.

I didn't want any of it, but I couldn't stop.

Thanks be to God, other people's testimonies let me know that there were other people the same as me, struggling with this. Matt Fradd and Audrey Assad were especially helpful.

My mom said, "If I forgive you, if I love you this much, just imagine how the Lord loves you."

Through that, I started frequenting the Sacraments more. Confession three times a week, four times a week, if I needed to. Just going to daily

Mass, sitting in the back, if I couldn't receive the Eucharist because of my sin, just being able to hear the Word of God, to take it in. And then, Our Blessed Mother, praying for her purity, got me to be clean. Praise God, three years now, I've been clean, and it's because of the grace of God and His mercy through that.

However, over the decade that I was addicted, my image of love, God, marriage, and sex had been totally distorted. I'm working through those



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wounds, even now in my marriage and in everyday life, to make sure that those get corrected.

My parents never knew. They didn't know until I was clean when I confessed to them and asked for their forgiveness. I never knew mercy truly until that day when, after I told my mom, she looked at me and she said, "If I forgive you, if I love you this much, just imagine how the Lord loves you."

That day completely changed my life. I was able to forgive myself for what I had done and from there, be able to help other people.

However, my mom blamed herself, that she never knew, that she wasn't more involved. And so I just urge you to reach out to your kids, help them. You never know what they may be going through. Just protect them in any ways that you can. — Hannah Stroup



Hannah Stroup lives in Brighton with her husband Tom and is expecting their first child in July. She serves on the Theology of the Body Diocesan Committee and at Christ the King as the Clerical Assistant.

Coming April 28th and 29th

God's Plan for Growing Up Programs

Jennifer and Sarah Thomm were among the many mothers and daughters who enjoyed themselves at last year's Mother/Daughter event.



Have you wanted to have **"The Talk"** with a son or daughter, and just haven't figured out where to start? Join us for a great afternoon of celebrating our young people with food, fun, and fellowship, while also beginning an important ongoing conversation with your child about all the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of growing up. With a variety of games, talks, and activities, our young people will develop an understanding and appreciation for God's gift of fertility and have an opportunity to have all their questions answered.

"I wish there was something like this when I was a girl!" was the sentiment echoed by many of the moms and older teens at last year's Mother/Daughter

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—comments from participants in last year's Mother/Daughter Event

event. "The talks by the high school girls were amazing! You took the awkwardness out of these subjects," other participants commented. "What wisdom and great insights. Now I feel like I have the vocabulary to have these conversations."

New this year! The Father/Son Event (for ages 11-14) on Saturday April 28, 1-4pm, will emphasize the topics of honor, virtue, building a strong foundation in Christ, physical changes, sexuality as a gift, and vocations. Contact John Hoving at 734-929-0977 or jhoving@ctkcc.net for more information.

The Mother/Daughter Event (for ages 10-13) on Sunday, April 29, 1-4pm, will touch on respect, modesty, prayer and authentic love, the changes in a young woman's body in preparation for motherhood, the onset of ovulation and periods, and the vocations of marriage and religious life. Contact Julia Hoving at 989-272-6981 or northmarsh@rocketmail.com for more information.

Cost for each event is \$15 per family. Online registration is available at www.ctkcc.net. If a parent is unavailable, young people are welcome to attend with any other important adult in their lives. — *Julia Hoving*



Julia Hoving enjoys her days surrounded by children. She volunteers as a Catechist in the Atrium, as well as teaching Logic and Robotics for the CTK Homeschool Co-op. Julia and her husband John have seven children and also instruct couples in Natural Family Planning.

Spring 2018 Life Teen Retreat

Thy Kingdom Come!

As the Core Team planned and prayed about this retreat, we had a sense from the Lord that He wanted to come in a very real and powerful way

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.” – Matt. 6:10

As the Core Team planned and prayed about this retreat, we had a sense from the Lord that He wanted to come in a very real and powerful way. This was one of the reasons why we chose to go into this retreat differently. Instead of slowly building to the “big moment” at the Saturday night prayer meeting, we encouraged the teens to start high and get higher throughout the weekend.

On Friday night, 110 teens and over 20 adult leaders gathered for a time of praise and worship at which José Mattei led a prayer to give (or re-give) our lives to the Lord and then prayed for Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This short time of worship stirred up a hunger and opened hearts to ask for more and expect God to work in big ways!

During Saturday night praise and worship I saw hands reached high in adoration. I saw countless hands pray over those desperate for the “more” that God wanted to pour out on them. I saw those who gazed into the face of Jesus, letting Him love them. I saw those struggling with the absence of feeling, but who lifted their hands, regardless,



Teens pour out their hearts in praise to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the 2018 Spring Life Teen retreat at Bethany House in DeWitt.

and praised. I saw people receive gifts, be healed, and have life-changing encounters. And instead of quiet during song transitions, a chorus of praise in both angelic and human tongues rang out, echoing off the walls and rising to the Heavens. There was so much, still, that I didn't see. But I saw God move.

And right there in that room, God's kingdom came.

“You are more precious to Me than My life itself was.”

Fr. Ed spoke these words from Jesus as he lifted the Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament high into the air. The teens responded with cries of praise and thanksgiving. Jesus showed His love in an indescribable way that night; a way that blew past expectations and broke down walls.

We always end the retreat with a time of testimonies.

It's beautiful to hear their accounts of what God did in their lives and see the joy on their faces and in their voices. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was on our teens as they shared their convictions and encounters. They shared about God's love and about being fearless; about taking their testimonies out into the world, sharing with everyone what God had done in their lives.

I think almost everyone walked out of the retreat center that Sunday afternoon with a desire to live God's kingdom here on earth. Where God's will is done, God is there. Where God is, His Kingdom is there.

This is not the end, but rather the beginning. — Abby Randolph



Abby Randolph is a member of the CTK Life Teen Core Team. When not hanging out with the teens, she works as a nanny and serves in various forms of music and sound ministry. Abby aspires to love deeply and to leave behind a legacy of joy.

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This is not just a program, but something to internalize.

It's about loving people, investing in them, accompanying them.

We're all in this together, actively supporting each other.



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

The Divine Renovation Network: What does it mean for me?

In the March issue of The Open Door, we started providing some questions and answers about the Divine Renovation Network and Christ the King's decision to participate in it. This is Part 2 of that Q&A session with Bill Pressprich. (If you missed Part 1, the March issue is available online. Go to www.ctkcc.net and select Newsletter under the Quick Links.)

What are we hoping to get out of our membership in the Divine Renovation Network (DRN) and what do we contribute to it?

The DRN staff meet regularly with Fr. Ed and the Senior Leadership team through calls and video conferences to coach us on a variety of subjects, particularly raising up parish leaders from among the laity and forming Catholics to be missionary disciples. Their model emphasizes affirmation, encouragement, and accompaniment.

We contribute back by actively participating with the network parishes and other parishes in our area. For example, we've hosted visits from five or six other parishes who want to see how we do things at Christ the King.

What have been the fruits of the relationship thus far?

The DRN helped us cast a vision for and prepare to launch Alpha at CTK. We've held two Alphas at CTK so far, with 275 guests at the Fall Alpha, including about 100 teens, and 100 guests at the Winter Alpha.

We've also started investing more in our staff and volunteers: scheduling regular team and one-on-one meetings, writing clearer job descriptions, holding quarterly leadership summits, sending people to conferences, etc.



Divine
Renovation

Some of the things that we're looking to pursue in the future include developing a clearer discipleship process, establishing Connect Groups (mid-sized fellowship groups), and creating Discipleship Groups (short-term small groups for Bible study, topical areas, etc.).

I've heard that CTK is not planning to model itself on St. Benedict's [the parish that started the DRN], but to follow its principles. What's the difference?

St. Benedict's does many things well, but the princi-

ples that they are sharing—inviting and accompanying people into a relationship with Jesus, raising up lay leaders, etc.—must be applied to the local church. As a charismatic parish, we have a rich heritage of the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We need to build on that.

What does our involvement in the DRN mean to the average "person in the pew" at CTK?

God is ultimately calling us to much stronger, connected relationships and a stronger sense of mission. This is not just a program, but something to internalize. It's about loving people, investing in them, accompanying them. We're all in this together, actively supporting each other.

Ultimately, this is about embracing and living out our mission statement:

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

The DRN is just a God-given tool to help us get where we want to be, where we've dreamed ourselves to be, faster than we could get there on our own.

Schedule of Major Events

- 4/1: Easter Sunday
- 4/2: Easter Monday, office closed
- 4/5, 12, 19, 26, 5/3: Living Pentecost class
- 4/6, 13, 20: Upper Room
- 4/8: Divine Mercy Sunday
- 4/15: DSA begins
- 4/27: Upper Room/Shalom World Event—"Night Vigil"
- 4/28: Father/Son event
- 4/29: Mother/Daughter event
- 5/5: Confirmation retreat

For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to www.ctkcc.net.

MAJOR EVENTS—APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5

Save the Dates!

Confirmation Mass with Bp. Earl Boyea
Thursday evening, May 10.
Please pray for our students as they prepare to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.



Fire It Up! Retreat
Friday night-Saturday, May 18-19. Join Dan and Caroline Dirkes as they lead a special family-friendly version of the Life in the Spirit Seminar. A children's track will be available.



Pentecost Vigil Mass
Saturday evening, May 19.
You won't want to miss this celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!



Check future bulletins for more details about these great events!



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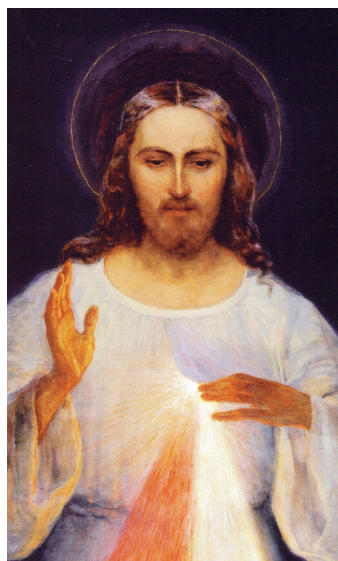
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I desire that the Feast of Mercy [the Sunday after Easter] be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. ...

On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. ...

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Jesus to St. Faustina
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