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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



## Retreat invites all to *Fire It Up!*

*We are all part of the family of God. There is a special grace when we come to experience the saving power of Jesus Christ together.*

In 2007, right after we were married and while we were pregnant with our first child, my wife Caroline and I felt a prophetic calling to focus our ministry on reaching all generations, especially families. We felt this calling was confirmed in particular when we read what Saint Pope John Paul the Great wrote in *Familiaris Consortio* where he stated, "It is in fact to the families in our times that the Church must bring the

unchangeable and ever new gospel of Jesus Christ." (#4)

Many ministries in the Church today target a specific demographic; for instance, Religious Education targets children, youth ministry targets teens, Knights of Columbus targets men, etc. These are all important ministries that are needed in our Church. If you have a ministry that targets the whole family, however, you can reach people of all ages at the same time.

That is what is especially needed today. No matter whether we are single or married, old or young, we are all part of the family of God. There is a special grace when we come to experience the saving power of Jesus Christ together.

**That is why** Christ the King is sponsoring the *Fire It Up! Retreat* on Pentecost weekend. This retreat is an opportunity for people of all ages – singles, children, teens, young adults, senior

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# Come, Holy Spirit!

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Fr. Ed Fride is Pastor of Christ the King.

**May the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus be with you!** You are loved by a Savior Who loves to save! This is a gift we saw presented to us in a very particular way on Good Friday, both through the Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, but also in a very moving way by the excellent presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross done by our teens. To be reminded of how much we are loved as we see what the Lord Jesus did for us precisely because He loves us so much, is a gift to us all!

The Church provides us with these great Feasts as a reminder of who we are and what it means to be followers of the Lord Jesus. They make present to us the reality that they commemorate, just as each celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass makes present to us His saving Passion and Death, glorious Resurrection, and gift of the Spirit. Our posture toward these Feasts should be one of gratitude coupled with an openness to continue to receive His grace as we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries that are the heart of who we are as followers of the Lord Jesus.



**This is particularly true** of the Solemnity of Pentecost, which has for us at Christ the King two very special aspects.

- First, it is the birthday of the Church and marks that pivotal event in which the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit precisely so that they could be His witnesses to the whole world—a call to witness that all of the baptized share in, which includes all of us!
- Second, Pentecost marks the anniversary of the first public Mass of what would become Christ the King: Pentecost 1981, the first public Mass of the Catholic Fellowship of the Word of God.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are reminded by the Vatican Council that we must always stay in touch with our roots. We should continue to

examine all our current activities in the light of the charism of our foundation, asking: Is what we are doing now consistent with and supportive of our founding charism?

**We were founded by Bishop Povish** to be a personal, charismatic parish, alive with the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit, especially to provide a witness to the local Church and to the world of the gift of Pentecost that the Lord Jesus was restoring to His Church. If we are to be faithful to that vision, we must continue to examine—individually, as families, and as a parish—how we are actually living out that charism, providing that witness of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. But the Lord Jesus does not simply call us to be faithful to what has gone on before. He always has more for us! Let us open our hearts for more, that the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit that all of us have received would even more fill our lives and touch those around us! Even so, come, Lord Jesus! — *Fr. Ed Fride*

# Retreat invites all to *Fire It Up!*

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citizens, and entire families – to experience a deep and greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a life-changing way. In a time in which families are in crisis and under attack, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit offers healing, new life, truth, and power that families and people of all ages are desperately seeking.

Caroline and I have spent the past eleven years adapting the Life in the Spirit Seminar to reach an audience of all ages and have seen the Holy Spirit move in great power. The *Fire It Up! Retreat* will be a fresh, new experience of the Holy Spirit for everyone in the parish at the same time!

**We are kicking things off** on Friday evening with a meal, bounce house, carnival games, fellowship, and a *Minute To Win It* game where competitors battle to win a grand prize. Then, we will move into dynamic praise and worship and several different tracks. Ages 11 and up will gather for the main track in the Church, and the younger children will have separate tracks based on their age. Children ages 6-10 years old will attend a fun and engaging Superhero Track that prepares them to experience the power of the Holy Spirit! Ages 2-5 will go to the preschool ministry;

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there will also be childcare for the 0-23-month olds.

On Saturday, we will have a mixture of activities and programming for everyone that includes games, an optional family scavenger hunt, powerful talks, reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayer, and plenty of praise and worship. The children's tracks and childcare will also continue on Saturday. The day will culminate in a time of prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit for everyone. During this time of prayer, parents will be invited to pray over their children for Baptism in the Spirit along with prayer ministry teams. We expect the Lord to move in great power!

**It doesn't matter if** you have been to a Life in the Spirit



Seminar before or not – the *Fire It Up! Retreat* will have something new and fresh just for you! Please sign up for this event by going to [www.ctkcc.net/fire-it-up-retreat](http://www.ctkcc.net/fire-it-up-retreat). Begin praying with me for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the people who will attend this retreat!

—Dan Dirkes



Caroline and Dan Dirkes of *2TIM4 Ministries* are a husband and wife team with a passion for preaching the gospel and evangelizing people of all ages. They are pioneers in multi-generational ministry in the Catholic Church and strive to bring all people into a life-changing encounter with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.



*"What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ."*

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 487



Roger Holtz recently retired as Music Director at Christ the King. He now enjoys more relaxed time with his wife, Kathy, and is learning to respond in new ways to the Father's continual call to go deeper.

## Bright as the Sun

*Writing a musical setting for the poem "Bright as the Sun" was a turning point in my relationship with the Blessed Mother.*

**I grew up an American Baptist** and was raised in an environment of ignorance and skepticism about the Catholic Church. When I became Catholic just before marrying Kathy, I did so with enthusiasm that was tempered by a guarded acceptance of some tenets of the Catholic Church. This was especially so regarding the Blessed Mother.

In the late 1960s, as the Charismatic Renewal exploded in Ann Arbor and around the world, Don Fishel, the first music director at CTK, and other local charismatic composers, inspired by the Holy Spirit, created songs that encouraged God's people to enter into full-hearted praise and worship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That tradition continues to this day.

In the early 2000s while preparing music for the Solemnity of the Assumption, I found the text of a poem, "Bright as the Sun," in the August issue of *Magnificat Magazine*. The poem was written by Sr. Genevieve Glen, OSB, a solemnly professed nun of the Benedictine Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, Colorado, and a prolific writer.

**I was struck by the beauty** and richness of the poetry and was inspired to try my hand at a musical setting for the text. The poem has three stanzas, and its



meter (number of syllables per line) fits many traditional hymn tunes. You can find the text set to one of those tunes in some Catholic hymnals.

I decided to use the poem's second stanza, "Night is not dark where she stands bright..." as a refrain. The poem's stanzas 1 and 3 are now the first and second verses in the musical setting used at Christ the King.

Composing the setting came very quickly and required little revision once it was written. While ease of writing music certainly does not guarantee that a composer has truly heard the Holy Spirit, for

my part, this one seemed to be a gift from the Paraclete. I am humbled that many parishioners have expressed their appreciation for this song.

**The text describes Mary** in the context of her relationship to the Holy Trinity. This helped me turn a corner to deeper understanding and appreciation for the role of the Mother of God in God's plan and in my life.

Verse 1 declares, "She reigns, who held within her womb the Word made flesh, God's son made hers..." These words opened my heart to Mary as Mother of God and as my Mother. The second verse, directed to the Father, ends with, "We bow before Your majesty, one Holy Three-fold Mystery," at which point I am strongly inclined to stop playing and simply bend the knee.

Holy Mary, pray for us.—  
*Roger Holtz*

## Parishioner Profile

## José Mattei

*I was told growing up, “When you don’t know what to do, go to Mass and pray,” so I started going to daily Mass and to the charismatic center.*

**Tell us a little about your family background.**

I grew up in Puerto Rico in a culturally Catholic family. My grandmother was the “Monica” in the family, praying for us, teaching my sister and I to pray the Rosary, etc.

In middle school through some of my classmates, the seeds of rebellion were sown. In ninth grade, my family moved to Orlando, and not long after, my parents divorced. That’s when the sinful behavior and rebellion became full-blown.

**Where did you go from there?**

I went to Florida State University. Because of my partying, my grades dropped and I lost a scholarship. I finally settled on Spanish as a major, mostly because it was easy. I was also in the Florida National Guard.

After FSU, I earned an online Master’s degree in Diplomacy. I intended to combine my Spanish and my military background and go into Diplomatic Security. I passed the interview, but then the recession hit, so they weren’t hiring. So I got a job in Houston as an Intelligence Analyst.

**Where was God in all this?**

All this time, I had remained a cultural Catholic, but the two things that I really grabbed onto were power and pleasure.

**What happened next?**

I was miserable in my job, so I started checking out Catholic

Young Adult groups as a way to meet people and was soon in leadership roles. However, I was living a triple life: my job, my church life, and my nightlife. I tried to keep them separate, not letting the people in one area know about the others.

**How did you get into the charismatic renewal?**

I was in a relationship with a girl whose family attended events at Houston’s Catholic Charismatic Center,

which is staffed by the Companions of the Cross. I decided to surprise her by showing up at a monthly event. There I saw a young, happy priest leading Adoration. To see a priest who was young—and happy!—was a revelation to me.

Not long after, my girlfriend unexpectedly broke up with me. An unhealthy “re-bound” relationship also ended quickly. Around the same time, I interviewed again with Diplomatic Security; this time I was denied.

I was told growing up, “When you don’t know what to do, go to Mass and pray,” so I started going to daily Mass and to the charismatic center. They had these monthly two-



José Mattei has been a member of Christ the King since 2016. He is a member of the Life Teen Core Team and active in Upper Room.

day retreats, which they advertised by asking, “Do you want to encounter Jesus?”

I was desperate to encounter Jesus, so I signed up.

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The retreat was a combination of talks and activities designed to underscore the points. For example, they stressed the need to get off the throne of our lives.

Then we were given crowns and asked to throw them down at the foot of the cross. They also gave us a really detailed examination of conscience, which helped me make a good Confession. When I went into the confessional, the confessor was that young, happy priest! He became my spiritual director.

On the second day, they prayed for the Baptism in the Spirit, and I was filled with peace. I didn’t hear or see anything, but there was a sense that something was different.

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## Alpha Testimony

## Mary Van Raden

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*During the Alpha Celebration on Saturday, March 24, Mary Van Raden shared*

*her experience of going through Alpha. This article is adapted, with Mary's permission, from her sharing.*

**Good evening, everyone,** and thank you for letting me tell you of my experience. Alpha has been good for me.

Just a little about myself. I was raised both Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic. My mother was bipolar, so I was raised by my uncle who was a priest, Fr. Johnny. Being raised partly by a Catholic priest had its challenges. I was devastated when Fr. Johnny died.

Years after his death, I suffered panic attacks and PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder] due to a traumatic rape. I divorced my first husband and remarried. Because of the remarriage, I was not able to practice my faith of Catholicism.

I have a neighbor, Susanne Yocum. For almost 25 years, she had been reaching out to

me with little luck. One day she asked me to go to an Alpha course. I felt so bad saying no all the time, I said yes!

**I had never heard of Alpha.** We went to Len and Marlene [Chockley's] house and met a group of

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people in whom you could see the love that they had for Jesus. Maureen [Cousino] started our table ladies with an icebreaker question. There was something about her that made it very comfortable to open up to her. The ladies at our table had a sense of

peace and calm about them that I longed for.

**Then came the Holy Spirit Weekend. Wow!**

I came away so filled with the Holy Spirit and so excited to learn that the strengths I have been given from God are what is most important in my life. Strengths like friendship, giving of myself, and family.

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**The peace that has overcome me** has been such a gift and a blessing. My faith has grown stronger and the Holy Spirit guides me daily in ways I never imagined. I am so grateful for my new friendships and my journey through Alpha. – Mary Van Raden

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# Pope Francis establishes new Marian feast day

*"If the Church is the Body of Christ, who is the mother of the Head of that Body? The Blessed Virgin Mary."*

On February 11, Pope Francis instituted the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which is to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

In the announcement, Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship, pointed out that honor of Mary under this title has a long history in the Church:

*As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honored Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as "Mother of the Church" ...<sup>1</sup>*

In more recent times, Blessed Pope Paul VI used this title of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the close of the third session of the Second Vatican Council in November 1964. A votive Mass was later established in honor of the Blessed Mother under this title and the invocation was inserted into the Litany of Loreto in 1980.

<sup>1</sup> Quotes from the announcement are taken from the *Decree on the Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar*, available online at [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccdds\\_doc\\_20180211\\_decreto-mater-ecclesiae\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20180211_decreto-mater-ecclesiae_en.html)

Cardinal Sarah noted that Pope Francis established this feast day to "help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God."

Dr. Robert Fastiggi, professor of systematic theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, discussed the establishment of the new feast day in an interview for the online edition of *Mosaic Magazine*. When asked about the origin of the title *Mary, Mother of the Church*, Dr. Fastiggi said,

*We know from St. Paul that the Church is the Body of Christ, and we also know from Scripture that Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Incarnate Word. So if the Church is the Body of Christ, who is the mother of the Head of that Body? Namely, the Blessed Virgin Mary.<sup>2</sup>*

After noting that Jesus from the Cross entrusted His Mother to the Apostle John (John 19:26-27), Dr. Fastiggi added,

*Jesus' mother is our mother. The Apostle John is called "the Beloved Disciple," but he represents all of us who are "beloved disciples."*

When asked the significance of celebrating this new feast on

<sup>2</sup> The complete interview is available online at [mosaic.shms.edu/interview-with-dr-robert-fastiggi-1](http://mosaic.shms.edu/interview-with-dr-robert-fastiggi-1).



the Monday after Pentecost, Dr. Fastiggi replied,

*Mary is there with the apostles on the day of Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and she was praying with them. They were united to her as the Mother, she is the Mother of the Church right there in prayer. And then also, she has a deep connection with the Holy Spirit because she conceived our Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. It was St. Francis of Assisi who first referred to her as "Spouse of the Holy Spirit."*

Dr. Fastiggi concluded,

*The Holy Spirit is the Soul of the Church. Christ is the Head of the Church. ... Mary is the Mystical Spouse. She's a model of all of us who want to be living in the Holy Spirit.*

*Following the 1981 assassination attempt on his life, Pope St. John Paul the Great ordered the installation of this mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church in St. Peter's Square, partly as a tribute to her intercession in saving his life.*

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—Dr. Robert Fastiggi

## John Hoving joins the Senior Leadership Team

*My biggest hope for the future is to see a new hunger for evangelism. The question that I like to ask is, "How are we being called to give ourselves away in love?" That's the core. Encounter the Lord and then give yourself away.*

John and Julia Hoving have seven children, ranging in age from 15 to 1.



*In April, John Hoving became a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). We sat down with him to learn a bit more about his background.*

### **Tell us a little about yourself.**

I was born and raised in Grand Rapids in a family that didn't practice any religion. As a freshman in college, I started asking questions about life. I also met my future wife, Julia, and was impressed by her devout faith. After we had been dating about two months, she was in a car accident. It wasn't serious, but it shook me up enough to start asking, "What if God really exists?" I asked her if she knew someone I could talk to, and she put me in touch with her campus minister.

I had an encounter with God's love that set my faith on fire. After I entered the Church, I just wanted to serve. While still in college, we served on Life Teen. After Julia and I got married, we taught NFP, led Bible studies, became active in Right to Life. I got addicted to ministry. 😊

### **What were you doing before you came to work at Christ the King?**

For five years, I taught science in a public middle school in Midland. I was then asked by Bp. Carlson [former Bishop of Saginaw] to move into administration in the Catholic school system. I served two years as a middle school principal and six years as a high school principal.

### **Recently, your job title changed from Youth Minister to Director of Youth Discipleship. What does that change involve?**

Previously, I was responsible for high school faith formation and the middle school youth group. Now, in anticipation of Barbara Morgan's approaching retirement, I'm also responsible for the Confirmation program, and I'll be supervising the new Assistant Director of Youth Discipleship. My background in administration will help make it a smoother transition without taking me away from my work in youth ministry.

In deciding on my new job title, we intentionally included the word *discipleship*. It serves as a reminder that the goal of all catechesis is creating disciples of Jesus.

### **What do you anticipate doing in your new role on the SLT?**

The SLT is Fr. Ed's team to help him discern what the Holy Spirit wants for our parish and put the plans in place to accomplish it. A big part of my passion when I lead is making sure that communication is flowing. I will be working hard to make sure that everyone is heard, especially families since I've gotten to know so many of them through my work with the teens.

### **Anything else?**

First, I want to share my gratitude for the welcome that we have experienced since coming here two years ago.

Right now, I believe we need to stop focusing on the demands we place on ourselves, or that we allow the world to place on us. What each of us needs most is to rest in the presence of God, as Fr. Jacques Philippe said during the Parish Mission. My desire in anything I do is to help people get in touch with the reality of God's love for them.

My biggest hope for the future is to see a new hunger for evangelism. The question that I like to ask is, "How are we being called to give ourselves away in love?" That's the core. Encounter the Lord and then give yourself away.



## *“Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to us”*

**He walked away from the van**, shoulders hunched, looking defeated. Driver’s education was proving tough for this kid. After his last drive, he had said he would never go again. I whispered, “He’s your son, too, Mary. Be with him, guide him, help him. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to him now.” A few hours later when I picked him up he was beaming. It had gone well, and it never went badly again. The Blessed Mother had brought us both peace.

As the mother of 13 children, I once thought I had little in common with Mary. I prayed the Rosary dutifully every day, but how could I compare to a perfect mother raising the One Perfect Child? I shied away from Mary in shame as I went through my drudgery of days and even in my joys.

I did search, though, for some way to relate to her. I wanted to be close, to converse with her as I did with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As one of my favorite priests says, “Pray for the opportunity,” and so that’s what I did. I prayed for God to open my heart to Mary in new ways.

**During Lent of 2016** I was elated to find out I was pregnant again. Seeing the baby’s heartbeat made it all feel safe. But it was not safe. The baby went to be with Jesus shortly before Holy Week. I was to have a D and C on Good Fri-



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day, which that year was March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation.

That Holy Week found me walking the dusty, painful road with Mary as I prepared to surrender my baby to Heaven. While I was saved from watching my child die in the most horrific way that she had seen hers die, the pain was still so excruciating. Add-

ing insult to injury, I continued to suffer from terrible morning sickness all those weeks after the baby had died. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to me now.

**Exactly one year later**, on the Feast of the Annunciation, born three weeks early, our 13th child, Jude, entered the world. Due to a past traumatic birth, I was beside my-

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## *“Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to us”*

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self with fear as they prepared me for the Caesarean section. The nurse held me up, literally, and prayed Hail Marys over and over and over again with me. Jude ended up fine in the end, but was sick at birth and so had to go to the NICU. I surrendered him soon after his birth in a dark room to a group of strangers. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to him now.

At my follow-up appointment after Jude’s birth, my doctor reflected on how every mother’s “yes” in being open to the life of children via adoption, pregnancy, pregnancy loss, fostering—there are any number of ways to be a mother—that “yes” opens us all to

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amazing joys and always amazing pain. Mary knew when she said “yes” to God that there would be great pain amidst joy. She still said yes. All mothers still say yes.

**I still wonder** how a sinful mother like myself who loses her temper at her imper-

fect children 100 times a day could possibly relate to the Blessed Mother. I think what I have realized is that, while there is no way I can attain her level of holiness, that’s OK. I can try again and again and again. Mary is my mother, she is the mother of the many souls who have left my womb straight for heaven, and she is the mother to my children who will eventually leave the safety of our home. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a Mother to us all now.—

*Amy Ekblad*

## Parishioner Profile: José Mattei

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### **How did it change you?**

I started taking discipleship courses at the Center and learning about the charisms. I was interested in discerning a vocation to the priesthood with the Companions, but they wanted me to wait a year.

While I was waiting, I did the Camino in Spain. During that pilgrimage, I was struck by how much Spain needed to be evangelized.

I then spent two years with the Companions, the second at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. It was during my second year that I discerned that my call was to serve the Lord as a layperson. I’m now finishing my Master’s in Theology at SHMS and am engaged to be married. I’m also experiencing a real call to eventually go back to Spain to evangelize there.

### **If there was one thing that you could say to folks reading this interview, what would it be?**

Learn what it means to be under the Lordship of Jesus. Submit completely and then ask in confidence for the power of the Holy Spirit to work in you. Also, learn what it means to be charismatic. Charismatic comes from the inside out. It comes first from an experience of the Risen Lord. Everything else comes from that.

### Schedule of Major Events

- 5/1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Unlocking the Secrets of the Bible class
- 5/3: Living Pentecost class
- 5/5: Confirmation retreat
- 5/8: Baccalaureate
- 5/10: Confirmation
- 5/11, 25: Upper Room
- 5/13: Ascension/Mother's Day
- 5/18-19: Fire It Up! Retreat
- 5/19: Pentecost Vigil Mass
- 5/20: Pentecost
- 5/27: Trinity Sunday
- 5/28: Memorial Day, parish offices closed

For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to [www.ckkcc.net](http://www.ckkcc.net).

## MAJOR EVENTS—MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	May 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	31	June 1	2

## Save the Dates!

### K of C Vocations Night

Friday night, Aug. 10, Cooley Law Stadium, Lansing  
Join the Knights of Columbus in celebrating vocations at this fun-filled family event. Ballgame, pizza, fireworks, and more! Tickets are just \$13 each. Order deadline: June 29. For more information and to order, contact Mark Tepen at [gk.kofc.13360@hotmail.com](mailto:gk.kofc.13360@hotmail.com).



### Fall 2018 Alpha

The next Alpha sessions at Christ the King begin the week of Sept. 16th. Go to [www.ckkcc.net/alpha](http://www.ckkcc.net/alpha) or email [alpha@ckkcc.net](mailto:alpha@ckkcc.net) for more information.



### 2018 Diocesan Assembly, "Made for Happiness"

Saturday, Sept. 22, Lansing  
Make plans now for your whole family to attend the largest gathering of Catholics in the history of the Diocese of Lansing! For details, go to [madeforhappiness.org](http://madeforhappiness.org).



Check future bulletins for more details about these great events!





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—Acts 2:1-3

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