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worship God and
carry out the
mission of Jesus
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of the Holy Spirit." -
Mission Statement of
Christ the King



To have and to hold...

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"I, Tony, take you, Carrie, to be my wife. I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life."

It's safe to say that when stating their marriage vows at their wedding, a couple has no idea what they will face together. Their visions are usually of commonly held "rose-colored" hopes, goals and dreams for this life, not necessarily the realities.

For us, we had no idea that we would face significant health issues; the loss of all our parents by the time we were in our mid-forties; secondary infertility; the closure after only three years of a hardware store that we thought was to be our life's work; and two significant periods of unemployment for Tony, to name a few. These things, as well as many others like them, weren't a part of our plan, and they stretched us in uncomfortable ways.

It was real life, but we hadn't anticipated any of it.

Often even faithful Catholics are misled by the "happily ever after" fairytale ending. What does it really mean to live happily ever after? Is it even possible? The answer is a resounding "Yes!" if properly understood.

The confusion comes in that we tend to see the wedding as the moment that the happily ever after is accomplished. In our minds, that's when we see the happy couple riding off into

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"It is not good for the man to be alone..."

So begins the great adventure that is marriage and family life! Eve is created since in all of creation there was no other help-mate found suitable for Adam. They were created in innocence and beauty and placed in the Garden which was meant to be their home and the home of their descendants forever.

But our first parents chose against the plan of God, and their relationships with Him and with each other were disrupted. Shame, guilt, sickness, and death entered the world. The intellect was darkened, the will was weakened, and the emotions were distorted.

That's the bad news. The Good News is that we have a Savior Who loves to save, Whose power is greater than the consequences of the Fall!

The gift of that relationship of man and woman is one of the greatest given to us. Pope St. John Paul the Great has written so eloquently about that gift and how it can be lived out in joy and peace between a husband and a wife.

The key is to be centered on the Lord Jesus, to choose to be His disciples. We pray, we study His Word, we evangelize, we serve—we do those things that He

Himself has taught us to do. In marriage, we don't just do it as two individuals pursuing their individual relationships with Jesus. That individual pursuit is complemented by the intimate sharing of life, which must include doing those things together.

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more perfectly fulfilled than in a married couple. But, like all His gifts, we are only invited, we are never coerced. Husband and wife can actively pursue a collective deeper union with the Lord Jesus or not.

The consequence of not pursuing it is less of His presence: "You do not have because you do not ask." How tragic it is that many have far more difficulty in sustaining their marriage because they don't actively include the Lord Jesus in its center! When we actively include the Lord Jesus in what we do, things

invariably go better, because, even in difficult circumstances, His Presence enables us to maintain a certain amount of joy and serenity even in the midst of trying times.

Without Him, we are on our own; we fall back into those tragic consequences of the Fall. Anger, pride, and lust take a greater role. We have no power to resist them since "Without Me you can do nothing." But when two people are involved, if both are simply acting "in the flesh," the negative effects are magnified. Few things are more destructive to a relationship than two people both acting out of their own pride. So many marriages break down because His grace is not actively sought, so pride rules.

The alternative is that centering on Him gives us the heart of loving service for each other that makes it work. We have greater power to forgive, to be charitable, to truly lay down our lives for each other. This can only be sustained by prayer, both individually, but especially together as a couple. "When you seek Me, you will find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart." This He promises, and He is always faithful. The couple finds Him that seeks Him! — Fr. Ed Fride

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the sunset. The earthly wedding, though, is just the *beginning of the preparation* for the heavenly marriage feast spoken of in Revelation 19:6-8, not the end. God's intention, and therefore the Catholic view, for marriage consists in this:

By virtue of the sacramentality of their marriage, spouses are bound to each other in the most profoundly indissoluble manner. Their belonging to each other is the real representation by means of the sacramental sign of the very relationship of Christ with the Church.

(St. John Paul the Great, *Familiaris Consortio*, no. 13)

What a phenomenal opportunity we have as married couples: To be a living sign to the world of the hope that we have in Christ. "Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross." (*ibid*) Marriage is personal, but it's not private. It's meant to be lived out in the presence of community, pointing the way to Christ and offering a safe haven for our children and others along the way who the Lord brings to us.

We have to learn, often the hard way, exactly what that means for us in our daily life together. We have to be taught in order that God's purposes might be fulfilled through us. It is in the movement of the everyday

that we are schooled in holiness, teaching and learning from one another, and using our gifts—our masculinity and femininity—to complement one another.

It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, ¶1615)

We have to persevere day-in and day-out, cooperating with grace.

Ephesians 5:25-33 lays the **groundwork** for that mutual self-donation between a husband and wife. It shows us that we are meant to outdo one another in love...putting the other's needs and concerns before our own...dying to self...providing an experience of the unconditional love of God for each other...serving one another.

We often say to the couples we mentor through marriage preparation, "What woman in her right mind would not respect and want to respond in kind to a man who *truly* loves her as Christ does? And as she responds giving that same love right back to him, what man will not want to



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keep living up to that responsibility?" It's a high call, but achievable with God's grace and a healthy dose of forgiveness and forbearance of one another's weaknesses. It requires keeping Christ at the center of the marriage, beginning with each of our own individual relationships with the Lord.

What does that look like for us? According to our personality profiles using a popular assessment, we are one another's enigmas. That has resulted in a ton of hard work for us to continue to come to an understanding of one another, but it's well worth it. Some of the ways that bolster and foster our relationship are fundamental to our life together: We pray together, work together, serve together, play together, laugh together, and cry together as much as we possibly can.

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Living Pentecost class testimony

Megan Gonyeau

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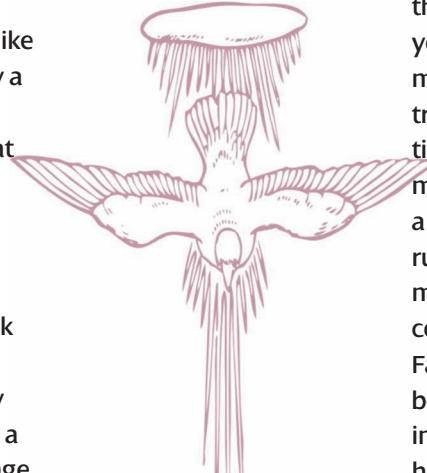
Megan Gonyeau is a teacher at a charter school in south-east Michigan.

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I have to confess, I've been hunting down the Holy Spirit like a ravenous animal for roughly a year. In the winter of 2017, I enrolled in Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary. When the first class came with the warning “this class should change your life,” I was sold, hook, line, and sinker. The dark pit that I crawled out of to get there (otherwise known as my late 20s) left me desperate for a change, and finding that change in the Word of God felt like a sure-fire bet.

As promised, the Word allowed me to see God as an incredibly competent and loving Father. The only downfall of this heavenly wrench that allowed me to get a grip on my spiritual life was that I missed the week of class that focused on the Book of Acts and was completely unsettled about it. I had to know more about this Paraclete that the Father had sent to help us bring Heaven to earth.

The following summer, I read as much on the Holy Spirit as I possibly could. I devoured a small arsenal of books by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Dr. Randy Clark, Bill Johnson, Dr. Francis MacNutt, Dr. Mary Healy, Robby Dawkins, and many others. (Word of advice: Never linger on Amazon long enough to see the “people who read this book also suggested



this book...” link. It's dangerous.) While this pursuit was edifying, it was also exhausting, and for some strange reason, it felt like something was still missing.

Around the same time, I became a regular visitor at Christ the King's Upper Room, where I began to appreciate soaking in praise and worship, resting in the Father's presence, and waiting on the Holy Spirit. Not much later I seized the opportunity to participate in the Living Pentecost course.

During the first week of class, an assignment was given to rest in the Father's presence for 30 minutes, focusing on what His presence is like, pausing to acknowledge and move on from any

thought that distracted you. During those 30 minutes, I paused for distractions 27 and a half times, but what mattered most were those two and a half minutes of uninterrupted time. For two solid minutes, I felt a peace and confidence flow from the Father's heart like never before. There was no striving, no frantic prayer, no hurried reading to try to understand who the Father is—simply the opportunity to be with Him, to be filled with His radiance, confidence, and pure love.

In that moment I began to understand the psalmist crying out, “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord...” (Psalm 27:4) In that moment, I discovered how valuable two minutes can be and how precious a pursuit finding more minutes like those could be. — *Megan Gonyeau*

Editor's note: The talks for the Living Pentecost class are available on the CTK audio website at ctkcc.libsyn.com.

When the bad times come...

To have and to hold from this day forward; in good times and bad, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

Most of us probably declared these vows when we were married. Yet over the years, amid challenges, trials, and struggles, we tend to forget our commitment to each other and these vows.

As the registration couple for Lansing Retrouvaille (meaning *re-discover*), we hear many stories of couples who have lost sight of what a covenant relationship is, have lost Christ as their center, and have drifted apart. We remind them of their vows and tell them that they are experiencing exactly what they agreed to on the altar: these are the “bad times,” the “worse,” and the “sickness” of their relationship.

But it is NOT the end. It is a season in the life of marriage that needs tending, nurturing, and care. New tools are needed to face the breakdown in communication and intimacy, and a decision needs to be made, daily, to love, trust, forgive, and commit, no matter how one feels or what circumstances exist. Mature love is based on a conscious decision to love without conditions.

In order to be part of the ministry of Retrouvaille, a couple needs to have gone through the program them-

selves, to find the hope that comes from staying the course, surrendering control, sacrificing for one another, and bringing God back into the center of the relationship. We have attended our own Retrouvaille weekend—two of them, actually. We were slow learners who clung to being

“right” and wanting to “win” in conflict, rather than allowing the marriage to win.

We learned that there are four stages of Marriage: Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening. These are all normal stages that most couples experience. Many couples give up on their marriage during the disillusionment or misery stage. Yet if they call it quits, they will never know the joy of the Awakening, which ignites new hope, enjoyment, happiness, and love.

A key concept of Retrouvaille is “The Married Singles Lifestyle.” This is when the husband and/or wife begins

to pursue his or her own interests separate from the spouse. They may truly believe that fulfilling their own dreams is a good thing. Yet, in reality, any activity that takes us away from time spent as a couple together can be viewed as Married Singles and can be detrimental to the marriage relationship.

This self-centered existence can cause the husband or wife to slip into disillusionment or misery. This is where we often see couples on Retrouvaille weekends.

Rebuilding one's marriage requires deep and honest communication. Sharing on a feeling level; rather than just reporting facts or information, is the path to true intimacy and the foundation of the Retrouvaille experience. For more information about Retrouvaille, visit www.retrouvaille.info or connect with Beth or Larry at toheal4give@outlook.com or 734-879-0427. — *Lawrence and Beth Bauer*

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Lawrence and Beth Bauer are, first of all, children of God, who married in 1989 and have three young adult children. They share their faith through the ministry of Retrouvaille, as well as through Rachel's Vineyard, a spiritual healing ministry to post-abortive women and men.

Are you struggling in your marriage?

Please know that you do not have to carry the burden alone. In addition to Retrouvaille, Christ the King can put you in touch with trained Christian counselors who can help. Monetary assistance is

also available for registered parishioners. All assistance is completely confidential. Please contact Fr. Ed or one of the deacons for more information.

Ministry spotlight

Elizabeth Ministry



Visitation by Jacopo Pontormo

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

—Luke 1:39-40

“Elizabeth Ministry’s focus is to

support and uplift women and their families in times of need, after the model of Elizabeth and Mary at the time of the Visitation, whether they are joyful times or sorrowful times.” That is how Kim Jasper describes the role of Elizabeth Ministry at Christ the King. Kim and Kateri Leblanc serve as co-chairs of the ministry.

Elizabeth Ministry was brought to Christ the King over 17 years ago by former parishioner Nancy Rolph, who had seen Elizabeth Ministry at another parish. Although the range of services provided has varied over the years, depending on needs and available resources, the focus of Elizabeth Ministry has remained the same: women reaching out in service and love to other women experiencing difficulties.

When asked what first attracted her to Elizabeth Ministry, Kateri said, “This is what moms do for one another.” Referring to Titus 2:3-4, she added, “My heart is for the older women to help the younger women in their need.”

Currently, the main focus of Elizabeth Ministry is providing meals to women and their families after childbirth or surgery. Martina Elpi is one of those whose family has benefited from the ministry:

A few months ago I had my fourth baby. Since neither my husband nor I have any family living nearby to help out, the adjustment has been a challenge for us. Fortunately, a friend contacted Kateri Leblanc for us. Through Elizabeth Ministry, we received meals for several weeks.

With so many meal train options out there, I liked this one particularly because we got to connect with CTK parishioners and make new friends. My older children got to learn about Catholic service in a new way as well since some people were so good as to go beyond meals and bring activities for children and offer prayers. For me this is so important since we consider our family in

Christ the number 1 reason for being here and not closer to our family abroad. A big thank you to Kateri and all who came to our house through this ministry!!!

Sally Vipperman, a volunteer with Elizabeth Ministry, says, “I love the Elizabeth Ministry! Maybe it’s the Italian in me, but I like to show my love for others by feeding them. Something so simple as preparing a meal for someone can bring so much joy and comfort to them as well. It’s my way of imitating Christ in caring for others.” Sally adds, “We have met so many people through the Elizabeth Ministry that we would not know otherwise because we go to a different Mass than they do, and that has been such a blessing.”

To volunteer with the Elizabeth Ministry, contact Kateri (734-552-1313, terry.kateri@gmail.com) or Kim (kimjasper2004@gmail.com). You will receive a link to get started and then be informed of opportunities to serve.

To request service, contact Kateri or Kim as indicated above.—Theresa Hofer

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Clinging to the Cross together

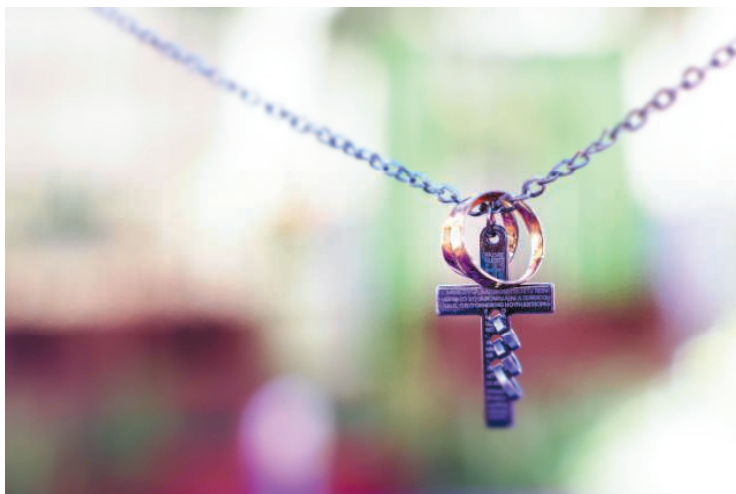
After 27 years of marriage, our love and unity has grown more than we ever could have imagined.

The night before our wedding we went to the church to pray that the Lord would be the center of our marriage and that we would always grow in love for Him and each other. What we didn't know that night was that suffering would play a significant role in purifying and deepening our love for Him and each other.

Shortly after we were married, Michèle became pregnant, despite us being told that she likely would never conceive. We didn't have long to celebrate as we lost the child around the 12th week of pregnancy. We prayed together, cried together, and gave each other permission to grieve. We chose not to withdraw from each other and tried to be present and supportive. It was very challenging and humbling to be vulnerable to receive what the other person has to give you when you both are hurting and fighting despair.

The next few years were a roller-coaster ride as we conceived and lost four more children through miscarriages. It was so hard to trust the Lord when each pregnancy was a miracle and yet we would lose the child. But we had to trust the Lord's plans for our family, whatever they might be.

Despite her deep pain, Michèle took consolation in the



knowledge that our children were with the Lord, which was her deepest wish, and would never know suffering. We also were learning that it was through our wounds that God's love pours in if we allow it. The Lord took us to His Cross, and in her pain, Michèle could barely cling to it. Gradually the Lord revealed to her through His consolations that the Cross is the most intimate place with Jesus, and Mary, because she can suffer with Him and console Him.

We didn't realize it at the time, but as we kept leaning into the Lord, He used our grief and sorrow to give us a deeper love and intimacy. We also learned that serving together out of our brokenness was a big source of healing as we became involved in Life Teen and Renewal Ministries' mission trips.

Over the next few years the Lord blessed us with two won-

derful daughters through international adoption. Each adoption was filled with countless trials. On one of our trips, the country had literally fallen into anarchy: the government collapsed, armories were raided, and many untrained civilians were carrying hand grenades and assault rifles. We took with us bullet-proof vests we borrowed from a local police department and had an evacuation plan worked out with the Marines from the U.S. Embassy. Each night of our month-long stay we would stay away from the windows because of all the gunfire and occasional bomb blasts.

Throughout the stress of both adoptions and the difficult adjustments that followed, the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ the King sustained us. We continued to be vulnerable to

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Tim and Michèle Green have been members of Christ the King since they were in college in the early 1980s.

each other, to be quick to forgive, and to fight for our unity.

Shortly after returning from the second adoption we received the heartbreaking news that Tim had an inoperable brain tumor with a three-to five-year life expectancy. With the Lord's grace and the support of our friends and parish family, we were able to proceed with hope and surrender to the Lord's will. Michèle was able to view it as a win/win proposition: even if Tim dies, he will be united with the Lord and our children and praying for me. If he lives, it is pure grace. You are God, I am not.

We drew strength from St. John Paul the Great's teaching on suffering: it not only can help us grow in holiness, but it can be redemptive. Suffering is holy ground, especially when we fall on our faces before Jesus on the cross and unite our suffering with His. Jesus' suffering is



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loving the Father and us to the point of death; He allows us to join in that love by offering our suffer-

ing to Him in union with His.

As we come up on our 28th anniversary, Tim has been alive for 18 years after his diagnosis and has been there for all the important events in our girls' lives. Our marriage, by God's grace, is stronger than ever and is a reminder to us of the loving intimacy of the Trinity.

We are so grateful for everyone's prayers! Although our suffering is minimal compared to what some of you have endured, without your prayers we would not have made it and have the love we have for each other and the Lord. We thank you with all our hearts! — *Tim and Michèle Green*

Did you know...???

- The first weekly Sunday Mass of the Catholic Fellowship of the Word of God, which became Christ the King, was celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 7, 1981.
- The church building was dedicated on the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Sunday, June 24, 2001.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary, Christ the King!

Parishioner profile

Dick and Joyce Gabourie

Dick and Joyce Gabourie (pronounced gib'-ree) joined Christ the King in 2007. They have 7 children (including daughter Mary Salata), 30 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

How did you meet?

We were born and raised Catholic in Escanaba in the U.P., but Dick was three years older and we went to different schools. Dick served for four years in the Navy at the end of World War II. After he returned to Escanaba, we were introduced by a friend, but we didn't date for six months.

Dick: I went to business school, got a degree as an accountant, and worked for a year managing accounts for a car dealership. At the end of a year, I realized that I wasn't suited for sitting at a desk 8-9 hours a day. So I applied for and got accepted into a school in Tulsa, Oklahoma where I got trained to be an airplane mechanic.

Joyce: I had a girlfriend whose boyfriend was going through

the same school, so we moved down to Tulsa, got jobs, and rented a place together so we could keep seeing our boy-friends.

How long did you date before Dick proposed?

Joyce: I don't remember Dick proposing. We both assumed after schooling and a job that we would get married. We weren't very romantic!

Did he give you a ring?

Joyce: Yes, I did get a ring six months before May 9, 1953.

That counts. ☺

Yes, it does. (*chuckles*)

How did you bring your faith into your family?

At the beginning of our marriage when we lived in Dearborn Heights, we joined the Christian Family Movement (CFM) through our parish, St. Sebastian. Through CFM, a lot of religious ideas were instilled into our Catholic training of our children. Although we were part of it for



Dick and Joyce Gabourie are the longest-married couple in Christ the King. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 9th. Congratulations, Dick and Joyce!

only 3-5 years, we are still friends with many of those families.

We were always devoted to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary. We prayed it every day and on trips also. Our parish had the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which we invited into our home many times. We attribute the fact that our children are all practicing Catholics as adults to our devotion to the Blessed Mother and regularly praying the Rosary.

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Memories & reflections from their daughter Mary

We prayed the Rosary as a family. When I was late coming home, I would often find them on their knees by the bed, saying their prayers.

Sunday Mass was non-negotiable, even when traveling and camping. No matter how disheveled we might look, we went to Mass—not an easy feat with 9 people.

After God, they put each other first. They talked and listened to each other, and monthly sat together to

work on the bills and budget. My mother always made a point of fixing her hair and lipstick before my father came home from work, and he always greeted her with a big kiss and then immediately helped with the kids. There were times after having a new baby when my dad would use his lunch hour to drive home and help out. He even passed up better paying jobs that would require him to work more hours so that he could be home to be with his family.

I think my parents' generation understood that marriage involves sacrifice, laying down their lives for each other and their family. They didn't take time for reflection about why they were doing something, they just did it. I think their marriage has lasted because they made a commitment before God and chose to live it. They have tried, and still are trying, to put the other's needs first. — *Mary Salata*

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Tony and Carrie Zahm just celebrated 32 years of marriage and have four grown children. They have been mentoring engaged couples for 19 years and serve on the CTK Marriage and Family Commission.

providing such a mysterious, beautiful way of life in the Sacrament of Matrimony! It turns out that our plans were not quite what God had in mind for us, but His ways are far greater than ours. If all our plans had

been fulfilled, we may have missed the boat entirely. The joys far exceed the sorrows and difficulties. The fruit is more delightful than we could ever have imagined for ourselves.

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So, when does the “happily ever after” happen? It’s a work in progress. When one or both of you make it to heaven—that’s when the real party begins and all is accomplished, and you will

celebrate with the heavenly hosts the marriage feast that never ends. Until then, this is a foretaste of the treasures that God has in store for us, and we walk hand-in-hand toward the finish line. We often look at each other with a wide-eyed smile and ask, “If this broken representation can be so good, what must life with the true Bridegroom for all eternity be like?” We can only imagine.
— Tony and Carrie Zahm

Parishioner profile: Dick and Joyce Gabourie

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Couples promise to be faithful “in good times and in bad.” Could you share one or two examples of each?

Joyce: Our good times involved family trips to Escanaba each year and sightseeing trips in a station wagon, with a pop-up camper and a little gas stove. After retiring, we traveled to our kids’ homes to help out as the grandchildren arrived. We also traveled with friends on extended trips through the States and Canada. As our families

grew, we would meet in a convenient state for a week together every 3-5 years.

Dick: We’ve been to all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii!

Joyce: We didn’t have too many bad times. The worst was when our 55-year-old son Jim died last October. He had a seizure one morning and died ten days later of encephalitis.

Dick: Yes, that was the worst.

Joyce: It’s still hard.

What advice would you give to your younger self or to young couples?

Joyce: I would tell myself to have more patience with everyone and to pray more. I’d also tell young couples to take time to settle any disagreements right then and pray together. We had many disagreements, and still do today, but we worked them out and always remembered to pray. Prayer in a marriage is very important, #1.

Any final thoughts?

We are so thankful to God and the Blessed Mother for the wonderful, thoughtful, caring, and generous children He has given to us.

Schedule of Major Events

- 6/2: Arise Middle School Retreat
- 6/3: Corpus Christi
- 6/8, 22: Upper Room
- 6/10-16: Pine Hills Boys Camp
- 6/12: Alpha Team Training
- 6/17: Father's Day
- 6/21: Couples Prayer Dinner & Presentation
- 6/24: 17th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church
- 6/25-29: Vacation Bible School

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

MAJOR EVENTS—JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 27	28	29	30	31	June 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

Save the Dates!

Bishop's Priesthood Discernment Dinner

Sunday, Aug. 19, 3-6:30pm, Bethany House, DeWitt. This is a great opportunity to learn more about seminary in a relaxed atmosphere. Open to any man who is at least entering his junior year of high school. For more information, go to dioceseoflansing.org/event/bishops-priesthood-discernment-dinner or contact Fr. Ed.



Fall 2018 Alpha

The next Alpha sessions at Christ the King begin the week of Sept. 16th. Go to www.ctkcc.net/alpha or email alpha@ctkcc.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.



Check future bulletins for more details about these great events!



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9:00 AM—11:30 AM

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1:00 PM—4:30 PM

ALL-DIOCESAN MASS

4:30 PM—6:00 PM

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