



# The Open Door

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

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## The Church from the Eucharist

*Without the Eucharist, there is no Church. Without priesthood, there is no Eucharist.*

by Fr. Ed Fride

***The Church from the Eucharist*** (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*) was the title of the last encyclical written by Pope St. John Paul the Great. For his last public statement of the Church's teaching, he chose to focus on what was most dear to him, the Eucharistic Lord Himself. The title he chose wonderfully describes the essential connection between the very existence of the Church and the Presence of her Eucharistic

Lord: without the Eucharist, there is no Church.

This truth expresses another truth so prominently proclaimed by the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. It is the source from which the power of the Church flows and it is the point to which all the activity of the Church returns. It is the Lord Jesus Himself, sending

forth His followers to proclaim the Good News and inviting all they meet to come, “to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

In many traditions, the focal point of evangelization is that the person would surrender their lives to Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Pope St. John Paul the Great demonstrates how crucial that is in his very definition of conversion:

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“We exist to joyfully worship God and raise up Spirit-filled disciples.” - *Mission Statement of Christ the King*

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it attacks the very fabric of the Church's life, of her very existence. Tragically, some of that attack has been self-inflicted by the criminal and gravely sinful acts of priests themselves. But the Lord Jesus passionately loves the Bride He laid down His life for and has promised that the gates of Hell would never prevail against her. Part of His response to this situation is to continue to issue a call to men to serve Him in the priesthood.

**One of the most amazing** of His gifts to Christ the King has been the abundance of priestly vocations that have arisen. Recently, at a reception for several young men who had received Candidacy, a formal statement of their choosing to pursue the vocation to the priesthood, I was asked by some folks there why I thought there were so many vocations coming from Christ the King. I responded that I thought there were several factors that were crucial.

First, when a people is united in actively seeking the Lord Jesus and acknowledging His Lordship over their lives, the importance of seeking His will so as to know how He is calling them to serve Him is built into the fabric of their lives. When young men grow up in an environment in which it is presumed that the Lord Jesus has a call on their lives to serve Him, then,

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*For the Church, evangelization is completed by actually receiving the Lord Jesus, Body and Blood, not just into our hearts as a personal commitment, but receiving His actual Body and Blood into our hearts by receiving the Eucharistic Lord Himself.*

Conversion means accepting, by a personal decision, the saving sovereignty of Christ and becoming his disciple.

*Redemptoris Missio, #46*

But for the Church, that does not complete the process of evangelization. For the Church, evangelization is completed by actually receiving the Lord Jesus, Body and Blood, not just into our hearts as a personal commitment, but receiving His actual Body and Blood into our hearts by receiving the Eucharistic Lord Himself. This is why during the Easter Vigil, the most privileged time of reception of new folks into the Church, the high point of their reception is their actual reception of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist.

It marks the actual full Communion of the person with the Lord Jesus and His People.

**What is necessary** for the Eucharist to take place for the People of God? The obvious answer to that is the priesthood. From the very beginning of the Church's life, the priesthood has been seen as necessary for the actual bringing about of the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, and to draw out the logical implication of the Holy Father's title statement: no priesthood, then no Eucharist; no Eucharist, then no Church.

One of the reasons why the priesthood has been so much under attack is that attacking

# “Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening”

## *Three of Christ the King's alumni share their experiences of priesthood*

*By the grace of God, more than 25 men associated with Christ the King have responded to the call of Jesus to the priesthood. We asked three of them who are priests for the Diocese of Lansing—Fr. Mark Rutherford, Fr. Jim Rolph, and Fr. Dan Westermann—to share with us a bit of their experiences.—TH*

### **Please tell us a little about your journey to the priesthood.**

**Fr. Mark** I was 13 years old when I first sensed Jesus calling me to the priesthood. By His grace, my initial response to Him was, “Yes.” Though the call to the priesthood was generic, I eventually discovered that Jesus intended for me to pursue diocesan priesthood. I began seminary studies in the Fall of 2005 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. I was ordained on June 13, 2009, by Bishop Boyea at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing.

**Fr. Jim** I never thought about the priesthood as I grew up. It wasn't until my senior year at my Catholic high school that I began to hear the call. It was at one of our weekly all-school Masses that I first felt God's call to the priesthood. I was able to give God a chance and go to seminary to discern whether or not this really was God's plan for my life.

Throughout my time in seminary God made it very clear that He had made me to be a priest, but He would never force me into anything. Praise God, He gave me the grace to say, “Yes!”

**Fr. Dan** I grew up Catholic but went through a bit of a rebellious phase in high school. Just before the end of my junior year, I got into some trouble, which was the start of my conversion. That summer, I reached out to a couple of friends about starting a men's group. They said, “We've got a men's group that meets on Tuesday nights at Christ the King, come join us.” So I attended my first Life Teen meeting [Life Teen was the precursor to A1:8], where I saw things I'd never encountered before, like praying in tongues. When I asked about it, they gave me a two-minute Life in the Spirit Seminar and then asked if I wanted to be prayed with for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It sounded good, so I said, “Sure,” and I had a powerful encounter with Jesus.

I started coming to Life Teen. On one of the retreats, Jesus spoke to me very clearly about priesthood. Near the end of my senior year, I was getting ready to say something about it to my men's group. Then, that night, Jim Rolph announced that he felt God was calling him to be a priest, and I said, “Me, too!” I went to St. John Vianney College Seminary for four years and then studied in Rome at the North American College for four years. I was ordained June 14, 2014.

### **Where have you served so far as a priest, and what is your current assignment?**

**Fr. Mark** For my main assignments, I started as a Parochial Vicar, first of St. Patrick Catholic



Fr. Mark Rutherford first sensed his call to the priesthood when he was 13 years old. A priest of the Diocese of Lansing, he is current serving as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

Church in Brighton from June 2009 to June 2012, and then of Church of the Resurrection in Lansing from June 2012 to August 2014. I then became Administrator of St. Mary Catholic Church in Williamston; I was named Pastor of St. Mary's in March 2016. In July 2020, I started my current assignment as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

**Fr. Jim** I served as the Parochial Vicar at St. John's in Fenton for three years. I am now in my fifth year as Chaplain at Powers Catholic High School in Flint.

**Fr. Dan** I spent two years in East Lansing as Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas/St. John's at Michigan State. I then spent one year back in Rome finishing my licentiate in Moral Theology. Then for one year and four months, I was Parochial Vicar at Holy Family in Grand Blanc under now-Bishop Jerry Vincke; I was there when he was named Bishop of Salina, Kansas. Then I spent eight months as Administrator at Sts. Mary and Joseph in Durand before becoming Pastor of St. John the Baptist in Ypsilanti in the summer of 2019.

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**Fr. Mark Rutherford**

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hopefully, they spend time actively pursuing Him to come to know what His call for them is. Many of them then experience a call to the Sacrament of Ordination to the priesthood, just as many others of them experience a call to the Sacrament of married life.

When a community gathers around and honors the Eucharistic Lord as the center of their individual and collective lives, this also reinforces the importance of the Eucharist, which then fosters consideration of the vocation to the priesthood. This is particularly fostered in faith-filled families: when kids see how important the Eucha-

rist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is to their parents, they learn that value and begin to grow in it themselves. That also paves the way to considering the priesthood.

All of this is facilitated by an environment in which the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit is actively sought. Any aspect of the parish's life which engages people, especially young people, to more actively pursue a relationship with the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit also promotes vocations to the priesthood.

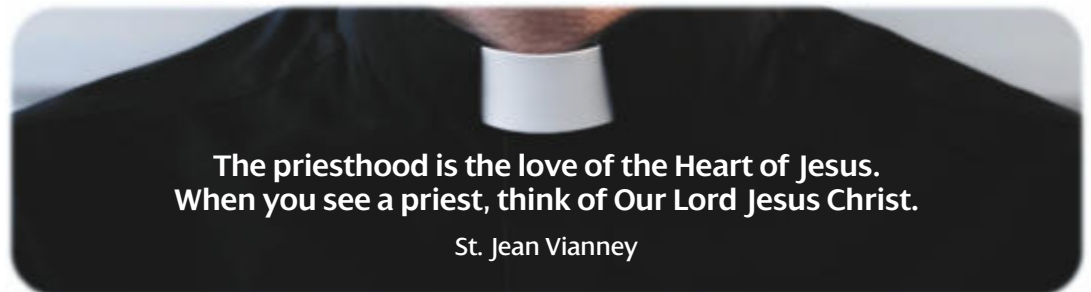
**It is always about the Lord Jesus.** He is the One Who calls, He is the One Who provides for the needs of His People. Drawing closer and closer to Him in a committed relationship of love and service will result in Him raising up all the different vocations necessary to adequately serve the Bride that He loves, including vocations to the priesthood. He is the source and summit and it is His will that His People always have access to His Presence as the Eucharistic Lord.

The Good Shepherd constantly calls workers to His harvest. May they hear and respond!



Fr. Ed Fride is Pastor of Christ the King. On November 29, he celebrates the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

This page:  
Above: Photo of the Monstrance in Christ the King's Adoration Chapel.  
Right: Photo from Canva, [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com).



**The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.  
When you see a priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

St. Jean Vianney



## “Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening”

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### What has been your favorite part about being a priest so far?

**Fr. Mark** Without a doubt, it's celebrating the Sacraments and preaching, most of all, the Holy Mass and Reconciliation. Preaching is a priest's primary duty, even above celebrating Sacraments, because people cannot believe unless they have heard the Word of God proclaimed (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 4). Preaching and Sacraments, however, often take place in the same liturgy.

**Fr. Jim** Being a father. I love being able to love, serve, provide for, and protect those God has entrusted to me. This is manifested especially in Confessions and prayer ministry. Going through seminary was difficult because you weren't able to care for and invest in people. Being a priest has been so amazing because I get to live out my identity as a father.

**Fr. Dan** Seeing people encounter Jesus, either for the very first time or in a deeper way, whether it's at Mass or Confession or Adoration. As a priest, it's like you get a front row seat to seeing people encounter the Lord.

### What has been the most surprising?

**Fr. Mark** The most surprising part is that the Holy Spirit, if I may use an expression of the Holy Father, never ceases to surprise me with His love and movement.

**Fr. Jim** Going through seminary I was most nervous about

being lonely and being by myself most of the time. The surprising thing is that living life as a priest is exactly the opposite! As an extrovert, I've been surprised at how much I'm not lonely, but actually need to get more alone time.

**Fr. Dan** In seminary, they did a good job of saying, “Expect the unexpected.” So there hasn't been anything too crazy. I have gone skydiving and flown in a helicopter! These both involved fundraisers at parishes I was assigned to.

### What has been the most challenging?

**Fr. Mark** The most challenging part about being a priest is that the Holy Spirit never ceases to surprise me with His activity.

**Fr. Jim** The most challenging part has been striving to be all things for all people. Trying, for example, to preach to both young and elderly, lukewarm and zealous, those who are ready for more and those who just need to be met where they're at. It's difficult to have a funeral Mass in the morning, wedding in the afternoon, Confessions and a Vigil Mass. There's such a deep desire to transform lives, but it's difficult to minister to so many people in such different circumstances back-to-back.

**Fr. Dan** Just moving as much as I have. As a priest, you really fall in love with the people, and it's hard to say goodbye.

### What would you say to any young man in the parish who is considering the priesthood?



**Fr. Mark** Listen to Jesus. The Vocations Director for the Archdiocese and I were discussing this last week, and we both agreed, the call begins with a dialogue between you and Jesus in the deep places of your heart as an individual, where the personal invitation takes place. No priest, no parent, no friend, no bishop, no seminary formator can do this nor would they presume to replace this principal, interior process. Second to this, there are other circumstances that contribute to your discernment, albeit in varying degrees: events, family, friends, priests, your bishop, various seminary formators, etc. The bishop, of course, determines if you have the qualities and are useful for ministry, both of which Jesus supplies to those He calls. Above all, listen to Jesus.

**Fr. Jim** Give God a chance! Going into seminary I thought I'd be proving to God that this wasn't for me. What really happened was God showed me who He created me to be and

After serving three years as a Parochial Vicar in Fenton, Fr. Jim Rolph has spent the last five years as Chaplain at Powers Catholic High School in Flint. He's grateful for the guidance, witness, and truth that he received in his formative years at Christ the King.

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Fr. Jim Rolph

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Fr. Dan Westermann first sensed his call to the priesthood while a high school senior participating in Christ the King's Life Teen program. He is currently Pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti.



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Fr. Dan Westermann

gave me a deep desire for it. I'd encourage someone considering the priesthood to give God a chance. He created you to love and give of yourself; the only question is HOW is He calling you to love and give of yourself.

**Fr. Dan** Don't be afraid! Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI both talked about the joy of giving your life to Christ. Pope Benedict said:

If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? ... No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide.

Saying yes to Jesus was the best thing I ever did, and I've never regretted it.

**How can the parishioners of CTK support you in prayer?**

**Fr. Mark** Get on your knees and start praying, if you are not already. You can pray for me, but

please pray for each other, too. You can pray for vocations. If you have ever met an overly exhausted priest or pastor, you can safely assume you have not prayed enough for vocations. Lastly, before you call or send an email to any priest, including bishops, have you tried praying before sending that email?

**Fr. Jim** Remember us in your daily prayers. I can't believe what a difference it makes when you know others are praying for you and how much you truly feel those prayers.

**Fr. Dan** Pray for the grace to continually say, "Yes." There's always that invitation from the Lord to go deeper.

**Anything else you'd like to add?**

**Fr. Mark** I am grateful to the Lord Jesus for Fr. Ed Fride for his personal witness to the Lord and to the priesthood which have modeled for myself and others Spirit-filled and, in particular, joy-filled priesthood. Happy 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, brother. May the Lord Jesus richly bless you. *Ad multos annos!*

**Fr. Jim** Thank you to Fr. Ed and the Christ the King staff and parishioners who created an environment where the Holy Spirit could move freely. I look back so fondly on my formative years at Christ the King and am incredibly grateful for the guidance, witness, and truth that I was able to receive.

**Fr. Dan** I'm so grateful for Fr. Ed and his ministry. He has such a deep love for Jesus and for His Bride. I definitely would not be a priest if it weren't for him.

At the prayer meeting of the Life Teen Spring Retreat my senior year, Fr. Ed stood up and said, "There are ten women here who the Lord is calling into religious life and five men who He's calling to the priesthood." I had just started sensing the call to priesthood, and I thought, "Oh, no!" Afterward, I went up to him and asked, "Father, do you know who the men are?" and he said, "Yes." So I asked, "Can you say?" and he said, "No." So I then said, "Well, if a friend of mine were thinking about the possibility of priesthood, what advice would you give him?"

His advice was,

- Take regular time in prayer.
- Keep a journal.
- When you go to pray, say, "Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening," and write down what you sense Him saying.

After a while, if you're being called to the priesthood, it will be like an arrow pointing to priesthood.

That was such great advice. Not only did it help me, but I've passed it on to several other men who were discerning priesthood.

# Christ the King 2020-2021 Financial Report

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash & funds on deposit with Diocese	\$976,384	\$1,208,676	\$1,721,569	\$2,151,581
Accounts Receivable	3,298	-	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$979,682</b>	<b>\$1,208,676</b>	<b>\$1,721,569</b>	<b>\$2,151,581</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	\$ 90,061	\$ 29,468	\$ 54,872	\$ 71,499
Notes Payable			136,800	-
Deferred revenues	944	7,866	5,417	2,549
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>91,005</b>	<b>37,334</b>	<b>197,089</b>	<b>74,048</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
With donor restrictions	626,989	786,125	1,074,414	1,501,969
Without donor restrictions	261,688	385,217	450,066	575,564
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>888,677</b>	<b>1,171,342</b>	<b>1,524,480</b>	<b>2,077,533</b>
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**Notes:**

Net assets with donor restrictions grew significantly as Witness to Hope payments were credited to our account at the Diocese.

### Did you know?

- Christ the King currently has 857 registered households.
- Our average Sunday Mass attendance (adults and children) in June 2021, the first month after the Sunday obligation was restored, was 1,272 people.
- Approximately 16% of our donations for the year were received in December. The remaining 84% came in the other 11 months.
- Over 47% of our income was donated through Online Giving, up from 40% in FY2020 and 32% in FY2019.

**REGULAR GIVING**

The table to the right may assist you, along with your prayerful consideration, in determining the amount of your regular Sunday offering.

### INCOME VS. PROPORTIONAL GIVING

*Suggested Weekly Gift to Parish (rounded to the nearest \$ amount)*

annual household income	1%	5%	10%
\$ 10,000	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.00
\$ 15,000	\$ 3.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 29.00
\$ 20,000	\$ 4.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 38.00
\$ 25,000	\$ 5.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00
\$ 30,000	\$ 6.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 58.00
\$ 35,000	\$ 7.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 67.00
\$ 40,000	\$ 8.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 77.00
\$ 50,000	\$ 10.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 96.00
\$ 60,000	\$ 12.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 115.00
\$ 70,000	\$ 13.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 135.00
\$ 80,000	\$ 15.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 154.00
\$ 90,000	\$ 17.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 173.00
\$ 100,000	\$ 19.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 192.00
\$ 120,000	\$ 23.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 231.00
\$ 150,000	\$ 29.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 288.00



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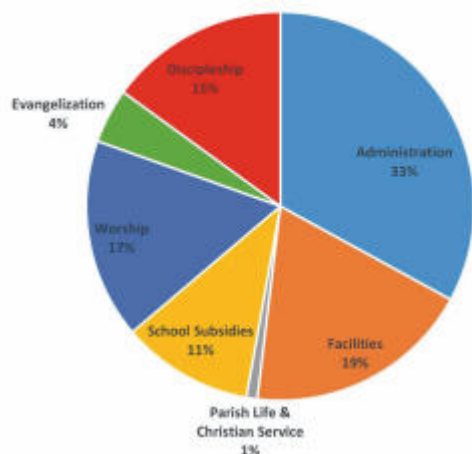
## REPORT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
<b>Income</b>							
Regular Giving	\$1,327,008	\$1,309,099	\$1,449,837	\$1,408,467	\$1,464,400	\$1,489,644	\$1,556,400
Religious Education Tuition	21,444	18,992	19,209	18,249	20,700	13,341	20,600
Other Income	125,039	73,479	180,252	69,184	63,903	209,937	86,719
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,473,491</b>	<b>\$1,401,570</b>	<b>\$1,649,298</b>	<b>\$1,495,900</b>	<b>\$1,549,003</b>	<b>\$1,712,922</b>	<b>\$1,663,719</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Administration: Church	a. 419,626	445,530	383,835	417,294	530,290	525,393	564,849
Buildings & Grounds	b. 213,044	230,769	239,104	172,793	224,937	170,931	226,071
Capital Expenditures	c. 74,661	30,882	109,089	44,059	117,400	129,579	80,400
Worship	d. 206,808	196,323	209,513	258,909	231,283	264,319	186,587
School Subsidies	e. 178,650	207,110	182,101	170,402	182,500	174,094	182,500
Christian Service	f. 31,829	37,217	45,121	28,729	38,781	13,068	36,781
Parish Life	g. 42,053	25,525	18,825	9,671	13,100	1,564	12,798
Administration: Faith Formation	h. 10,506	7,660	12,018	13,871	15,718	7,714	24,296
Evangelization & RCIA	i. 20,005	73,562	89,699	82,001	97,754	72,320	89,300
Adult Education	j. 81,957	75,963	67,989	66,004	68,441	64,573	79,223
Pre-K - 6th Grade Religious Ed	k. 63,352	58,164	45,381	37,309	46,020	37,355	46,109
Youth Ministry & Confirmation prep.	120,712	122,737	123,098	129,927	133,499	128,515	134,805
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,464,083</b>	<b>\$1,511,442</b>	<b>\$1,525,773</b>	<b>\$1,431,049</b>	<b>\$1,699,723</b>	<b>\$1,587,425</b>	<b>\$1,663,719</b>
<b>Net Income over (under) expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,408</b>	<b>\$ (109,872)</b>	<b>\$ 123,525</b>	<b>\$ 64,851</b>	<b>\$ (150,720)</b>	<b>\$ 125,497</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Notes:**

- a. Includes priest & administrative staff, diocesan assessments, insurance, telephone & internet charges, office supplies, interest charges, banking fees.
- b. Includes staff and other costs incurred in maintaining the buildings, equipment and furnishings, snow removal, landscaping, gas, electric, and water.
- c. Includes new office construction (2015), annex purchase (2016), residing and reroofing parish center and rectory (2017 & 2018), windows and IT upgrades (2019).
- d. Includes staff and costs for support of liturgies and music.
- e. Aid for families to help with the cost of Catholic schools and homeschooling.
- f. Includes parochial funds, and cost for other ministries.
- g. Includes various parish events, receptions, including coffee & donuts.
- h. Includes various costs to support religious education and evangelization efforts such as: clerical support staff, phones, supplies, printing.
- i. Includes staff and other costs to support evangelization efforts, including Alpha, and RCIA.
- j. Includes staff and other costs support Adult Discipleship efforts, including Upper Room, the parish mission, and retreats.
- k. Includes staff and other costs to support Elementary religious education, includes Catholics of the Good Shepherd expenses.
- l. Includes staff and other costs to support Confirmation preparation, middle school and high school prayer meetings and retreats.

### FY2021 Expense Breakdown



### Did you know?

- We had 35 Baptisms (1 adult, 34 children), 42 First Communions, and 54 Confirmations.
- On average, about 90 teens attended the weekly A1:8 prayer meetings; the fall and winter A1:8 retreats are attended by 110 teens each.
- 700 people attended the Healing the Whole Person Parish Mission led by the John Paul II Healing Center.
- Since January 2021, about 270 people have participated in 14 Discipleship Groups.



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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Archdiocese for Military Services	\$	2,656
Bethlehem Sister Parish	\$	8,564
Flint Sister Parish	\$	67,826
Uganda Sister Parish	\$	800
Other	\$	2,468
Help Spread the Faith (American Evangelization)	\$	759
Home Mission-Black & Native American	\$	475
Peter's Pence	\$	1,754
Retired Religious	\$	2,080
World Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith	\$	326
Worldwide Evangelization Appeal	\$	225
DSA	\$	149,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>234,293</b>

The amount given for special collections shows that 13% of donations are going to support other charities.

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT

Our parish financially supports the Diocese of Lansing primarily in two ways. First, through the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). Second, through an assessment based on contributions made to the parish in the previous year. The assessment is levied in two pieces: a regular assessment and a special assessment for priests' retirement.

Year	DSA	Regular Assessment	Priests Retirement Assessment
2015	\$110,314	\$ 48,562	\$ 6,147
2016	\$127,884	\$ 53,181	\$ 8,415
2017	*	\$ 54,821	\$ 10,409
2018	\$112,206	\$ 57,082	\$ 10,838
2019	\$120,336	\$ 54,080	\$ 10,268
2020	\$126,397	\$ 54,091	\$ 11,298
2021	\$149,016	\$ 57,859	\$ 10,986

*\*In anticipation of the Witness to Hope Campaign the diocese did not have a DSA in 2017.*

## Did you know?

- Music Ministry team members volunteered about 600 hours of service.
- On average, over 2,200 people watched each of our livestreamed Sunday and Holy Day Masses.
- On average, 1,128 people watched each Upper Room prayer meeting on our YouTube channel; an additional 8,000-10,000 watched through Shalom World's Prayer Channel.
- Over 3,300 people have subscribed to our YouTube channel.
- More than 2,600 people have liked our Facebook page; over 1,300 are part of the Upper Room Facebook group.
- We had more than 28,000 visitors to our parish website.

# Witness to Hope pledge drive and project update

by Ken Bogan

This artist's rendering of an outside view of the expanded narthex shows one possible option: extending the entryway over the circle drive to provide a sheltered location for picking up and dropping off people.



The expanded Narthex—seen in this artist's view from the area to the right of the current entrance—would include a hospitality area (on the right) and a widened staircase to the Lower Level (in the back between the columns).



Plans for finishing off the Lower Level include classrooms, restrooms, a kitchen, and a conference/reception area.



plans and estimate costs for the narthex and lower level.

## Where we are now

The architects provided interior drawings and elevations so we can have a better idea of what the spaces would look like. Those drawings were also used to get cost estimates. The estimates for the two projects together range from \$3.6 to \$4.3 million. Between pledge payments received and interest earned, the parish has \$1.2 million on hand and about \$350,000 in collectible pledges. That leaves us \$2 to 2.7 million short of the project estimates.

## Where we go from here

We will begin sharing more information about these projects in the near future. We believe the expansion of the narthex and the finishing of the lower level would greatly enhance the welcoming aspect of the parish, as well as the building's usability. As this information is rolled out, we would like our parishioners to look at the drawings and share with the Senior Leadership Team and parish staff their thoughts. We also want parishioners to prayerfully consider how they might be willing and able to support these facility enhancements.

Please keep this project in your prayers as we discern the Lord's will going forward.

## Where we have been

In 2017, Christ the King participated in the Diocese of Lansing Witness to Hope (WTH) capital campaign. This campaign was to raise money for both the Diocese and for capital projects here at CTk. CTk's total WTH goal was to raise \$4 million, of which approximately \$1 million was to go to the Diocese and \$3 million to CTk for

three capital projects: expanding the Church narthex, finishing the Church lower level, and expanding the parking lots.

We were able to raise pledges totaling \$2.68 million, which satisfied our Diocesan goal. Unfortunately, we fell short of our parish goal by \$1.3 million. The Facilities Commission, led by Dcn. Larry Randolph, engaged architects to design



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**Schedule of Major Events**

For the Mass schedule, check the bulletin or go to [ctkcc.net/Mass-times](http://ctkcc.net/Mass-times)

- 11/1: All Saints Day (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)  
Parish Offices closed
- 11/2: All Souls Day
- 11/5, 19; 12/10: Upper Room
- 11/6: Mass for Children Lost during Pregnancy and Birth
- 11/11-13: Unbound Women's Conference
- 11/12-14: A1:8 Fall Retreat
- 11/19: Mass celebrating Fr. Ed's 35th Ordination Anniversary
- 11/21: Solemnity of Christ the King
- 11/25-26: Thanksgiving  
Parish Offices closed
- 11/29: Fr. Ed's 35th Anniversary
- 12/8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Parish Offices closed
- 12/24-25: Vigil and Solemnity of Christmas  
Holy Day of Obligation
- 12/24-1/2: Octave of Christmas  
Parish Offices closed
- 12/31-1/1/22: Vigil and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

**MAJOR EVENTS  
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 31	Nov 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	Dec 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	Jan 1

**Save the Dates!**

**Lenten Parish Mission with Jeff Cavins**

Friday-Saturday, March 11-12  
You won't want to miss this special event with renowned Biblical teacher, speaker, and author Jeff Cavins!



**Holy Week and Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Sunday, April 10, through Sunday, April 17



**Confirmation Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea**

Thursday evening, April 28  
Please pray for our students as they prepare to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.



Check future bulletins and our website, [ctkcc.net](http://ctkcc.net), for more details about these great events!

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## Coming in future issues...

- Parishioner stories
- RRM Updates

Look for this and more in future issues of

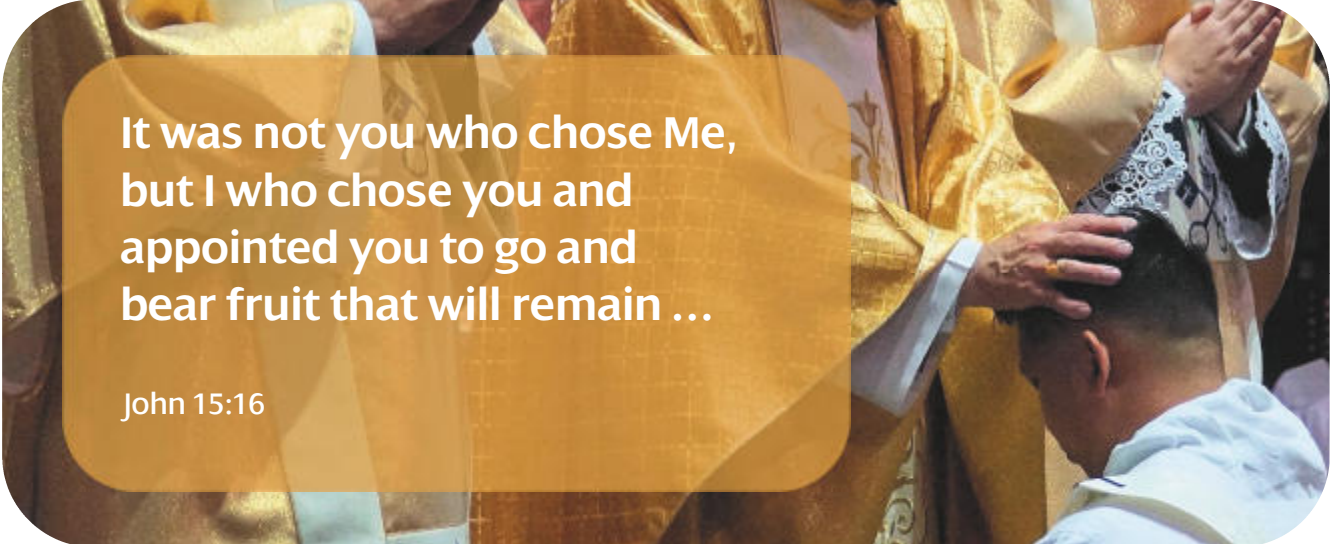
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It was not you who chose Me,  
but I who chose you and  
appointed you to go and  
bear fruit that will remain ...

John 15:16