Mon, Jan 21
• Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
• 7 pm, Lector’s Practice

Tues, Jan 22
• 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

Wed, Jan 23
• 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
• 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

Thurs, Jan 24
• 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
• 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sat 1/19 5 pm - Baby Josephine Vierra †
Mon 1/21 7:30 am - Fr. Mark Amaral, Birthday Blessings
Wed 1/23 7:30 am - Faith Jacobs, Birthday Blessings
Thurs 1/24 7:30 am - Margaret Stark †
Fri 1/25 7:30 am - Fr. Mark Richards, Birthday Blessings
Sat 1/26 5 pm - Lynn & Marv Amaral, Anniversary Blessings
Sun 1/27 9:30 am - Norma Thompson †

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Dear Friends,

As the flu season enters its most active period, early data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention points to a milder season than last year. Even so, as many as 7.3 million people have fallen sick with the flu since the season began in October, the CDC reported Friday. We have discontinued the precious blood starting in December, and will continue to do so until Easter Sunday. I would like to encourage you to stay home if you have the flu or you are still contagious. If you have the flu, you’ll be contagious one day before developing symptoms and up to five to seven days after becoming ill. Younger children or people with a weakened immune system may be contagious for longer. The influenza virus can also survive on surfaces, such as doorknobs and tables, for up to 24 hours. If your parishioners are uncomfortable holding hands during the Our Father, I hope you understand.

We lost two of our beloved retired priests this month. Fr. Dan Danielson is known to many of us for his ability to articulate a vision and share them with his peers and flock. Reflecting on his life, he expressed gratitude to God for having been a priest at the time of the Second Vatican Council. "It was the most exciting time in the church in 400 years at least," he recalled. "It was so positive, so creative, so adventurous, so open to trying things to serve the kingdom of God. I would not trade any of my life (with the exception of the minor seminary) to do it over again." I have worked very closely with Fr. Danielson in the Diocese of Oakland. He was one of the outspoken priests of our diocese known for pastoral zeal and personal integrity. Because he was a truth teller to the powers that be, he was sidelined sometimes, but he gave us reasons to be better than we are. Fr. Danielson’s funeral will be at St. Augustine, Pleasanton on January 22 Tuesday at 10.30am.

Fr. Patrick Goodwin worked tirelessly in the Chancery as the Financial Procurator and then, as Pastor of a number of parishes including St. Therese, Oakland and St. Raymond, Dublin. Fr. Patrick Goodwin’s funeral was on Friday, January 18th @ 10:00 am at St. Raymond’s Parish, Dublin. Let us keep these two priests in our prayer.

Ministry Center Update: Work is now progressing nicely on our CTK Ministry Center upgrade. Once completed we will have eight offices for parish staff, five conference rooms for our various parish activity meetings and a beautiful chapel that will be open for prayer during the work week. Work is now complete on the exterior of the Center's structure. Check out the new windows and stucco exterior. The irrigation system is nearly complete and all of the concrete work is in place. Bricks with the names of parishioners have been delivered and placement is occurring from the driveway between the Church and the Center to the entrance on Brandon Road. A large redwood deck is being installed in the yard area and our landscaper will be installing the plants, as weather permits. On the interior all the rough plumbing, electrical wiring, heating, air conditioning and fire protection systems have been installed and the sheetrock is now taped and ready for painting. Before that can occur we will frame the doors and install the baseboards. Our current schedule shows that the Center will be ready for occupancy in early March when we will be shifting our attention to upgrading the gym restrooms, entrance and the gym itself.

Fr. Paulson

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Upon their return they found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. The prophet sees, however, a wonderful future for them because God loves them so much. Note the beautiful image he uses to describe that love.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Today, and for the next two weeks, we will hear selections from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. Corinth was a busy cosmopolitan seaport located in the central part of modern-day Greece. Here, Paul addresses problems his converts are experiencing in trying to live a Christian life in this non-Christian environment.

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I would like to invite you to attend our next **Town Hall meeting** with Fr. Paulson and the Finance Committee on **February 3rd, Sunday after the 9:30am Mass**. We will look at our balanced budget for 2019 and our pending capital projects. Fr. Paulson will field questions on any topic of interest to the community.

**St. Stephen Parish Hall:** One of the great assets of St. Stephen Parish is our **beautiful multi-use parish hall** that can accommodate over 200 people. A commercial kitchen and ample parking make this a fantastic choice for family celebrations, parties and community events. There is a discounted rental fee for St. Stephen and CTK parishioners. For more details, call the parish office at 274-1341.

"**Praise Night III**" will be hosted at Christ the King Church on **Friday, January 25th at 8pm**. Please join us for a night of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, and fellowship following adoration. Spread the word! To make it easy to remember, we will have **Praise Night** on the last Friday of every month through May. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered as well. All are welcome!

**Save the Date!** Women’s Retreat will be held on **Friday, March 8 from 6 pm - 9 pm**; continuing on **Saturday, March 9 from 9 am - 5 pm**. Theme will be: **Healing of Memories, Family Tree Healing.** Presenter is Fr. Nathan Castle, OP. Retreat will be held at St. Stephen Church in WC.

**The Cupboard is Bare!** Thank you to all St. Stephen parishioners for the support and donations you have given St. Vincent de Paul over the years. You have been very gracious with your response to our requests in the past. We are blessed to be able to help those who are in need and thankful for your generosity. During recent months, client calls have depleted our pantry. **Now, we have very little to give out.** Please help us restock our pantry with non-perishable, unopened, and un-expired items such as canned chicken, chili, rice, refried beans, tomato/spaghetti sauce, Rice-a Roni, canned vegetables/fruit, and dried beans/peas/lentils. **The Need is Ongoing!**

Welcome to **Taize Prayer Around the Cross.** Join us for an hour of prayer the 3rd Sunday of each month, celebrated at 6 local churches. The next Taize prayer will be this Sunday, January 20 at 7:30 pm at Christ the King Church. The services consists of quiet chanting, a psalm, and most importantly a reading and silence.

**Enrollment for our 2019-2020 CTK School Year is now open!** We are honored to open admissions for new students and their families applying to Christ the King Catholic School for the 2019-2020 academic school year. CTK inspires students to grow in faith, knowledge, and service. We are very grateful for Christ the King Catholic School’s historical legacy, vibrant faith-filled community, and long-standing academic excellence. Applications are available on the school website at etkschool.org or in the school office. We invite families to join our school community for **Mass on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 9:15 am followed by a schoolwide Open House.** Please pass a positive word on to all family and friends interested in receiving a quality Catholic education rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have lots of wonderful things to share!

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.** 2 Psalm 84:11

Hearing "no" at times feels unfair and unjust. These are the moments where no matter how hard we have worked, prayed, knocked and believed, the answer was still "no." Perhaps in the months or years afterward, we realized that if we had been offered that position or assignment, we would have been in an environment that was not in alignment with our beliefs or who God created us to be. We would not have had our church family, or those who would affirm us in our call in this world. Taking the job, being given what we thought we wanted would not have been the good thing that God had in mind for us, though it seemed "so right" at the time. Distance has a way of broadening our perspective. Maybe the "no" you are hearing right now is rooted in doubt, flawed theology or a limited view of God. But consider for a moment that the "no" is God reminding you that since no good thing can be withheld from you; the "no's" are simply clearing a path for your "yes."

**Prayer:** Lord, you desire that we prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers. Teach us to embrace the "no" as we march toward the "yes." Annette Roux, Pastoral Assoc. Ret.

**Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick**

Saturday. February 9 at 10:30 am

Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14). All are welcome to join us at CTK for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities – those who are able to come. A simple reception will follow. Questions? Sr. Dominic 925-246-1122.