### Week At A Glance

**Mon, Mar 16**
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Lector Practice

**Tues, Mar 17**
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open
- Noon-3 pm, Bridge & Game Party

**Wed, Mar 18**
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 6:00 pm, Potluck Soup Supper
- 6:30 pm, Lenten Presentation Movie

**Thurs, Mar 19**
- 9:30-10:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

**Sat, Mar 21**
- 9 am-3 pm, Church Grounds Spring Cleaning

### Schedule of Masses

**Monday - Friday** 7:30 am (Chapel, Room 1)
**Saturday:** 5 pm

**Sunday:** 9:30 am
**Confessions:** Saturday - 4:30 pm

### Parish Mission:
*To Live and Love in Christ*

### Upcoming Mass Intentions

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<td>Sun Mar 22, 9:30 am</td>
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### Ministers Schedule:

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Dear Friends,

In these challenging times I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist: “though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me…” (Psalm 23:4). The little child out at sea in the storm is not frightened like all the other passengers on board the vessel, it sleeps in its mother’s bosom; it is enough for it that its mother is with it; and it should be enough for the disciple to know that God is with him. “Thou art with me; I have, in having thee, all that I can crave: I have perfect comfort and absolute security, for thou art with me.” It is good for us to remind ourselves of these beautiful words time and time again.

Understandably, there are many questions circulating regarding appropriate precautionary measures around the coronavirus as news of this health threat continues to unfold. Because this is a rapidly changing situation, it will be crucial to keep checking the latest guidance and information from the CDC. This will be a testing time for many of our congregations as we seek to balance our fellowship gatherings with sensible safeguards. As leaders of ministries, you may want to reassess the regular meetings that you do. I am not suggesting that you stop them completely, but to avoid gatherings that are not really necessary as recommended by our country officials. CCHS is recommending that people who are higher risk from COVID-19, including adults over 50 and people with certain underlying medical conditions, should avoid mass gatherings, such as parades, sporting events or concerts. Talk to members of your ministry, and take appropriate action to protect everyone. Our facilities are being used by so many, and so the furniture used may not be 100% free of germs. If some of the work that you do can be achieved through telephone calls or emails, that would be appropriate as well.

I would like to add a few more measures. We currently are just two priests at CTK – Fr. Brian Timoney (89 years) and Fr. Paulson. If anyone of us is exposed, then we won’t be able to provide services as we do now. There is no pool of priests out there. Most of our priests are 60 and older. We want to serve you and so we have decided to take precautionary measures ourselves. On an average, we are exposed to over 2500 folks on a weekend:

1. We priests will enter the sanctuary from the sacristy, and will exit after mass, and we won’t be out there greeting people until it is safe to do so.

2. For confessions, we would like to encourage you to use the option of confessing from behind the screen instead of face to face.

3. We would like to encourage you to receive communion in the palm of your hand, and not the tongue. If you do receive on the tongue, please approach last, so that if our hands touch your saliva, we have an opportunity to wash our hands right away before giving communion to others. Kindly approach the clergy in that situation as many of our ministers have approached me stating they want to step back from ministry if folks receive communion on the tongue.

4. The Ministers of communion are asked to sanitize their hands before and after the distribution of communion.

5. If our ushers do not want to stay in the front welcoming and greeting folks, it is perfectly understandable. For now, parishioners can take bulletins on their own.

Let me conclude with a prayer: “Lord, you are bigger than this virus, and we are praying that these numbers will start going down. We are praying that anyone that has it will be healed. And we are praying, Lord, that we will not live in fear but we will live in faith.”

Fr. Paulson

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First Reading:
Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading:
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith — faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

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New parishioner?

We welcome you to St. Stephen and look forward to getting to know you. Be sure to fill out a registration form found on the tables in the back of the church. You can drop it in a collection basket or bring it to the office in Room 2.

Next weekend’s second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

This Wednesday, March 18, we continue our Lenten Soup Supper Wednesdays. Bring your favorite soup to share at 6:00 pm. Because our Lenten presentation will be a movie, we will be starting the movie at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00. The movie is a film by Paul Cox “MOLOKAI, The Story of Father Damien” starring Peter O’Toole, Kris Kristofferson, Sam Neill, and David Wenham as Fr. Damien.

On Wednesday, March 25, our Soup Supper presentation will be a DVD & discussion on "The Mass" by Bishop Barron. Our Soup Suppers conclude on April 1 at 6:00 pm when we will have a symbolic Seder. This will replace the Soup Supper and will also contain a potluck dinner. This is back by popular demand; plan on attending.

As you have probably noticed, we have plenty of space to fill in your Special Mass Intentions. Contact the office to schedule 2020 Mass Intentions for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries.

Welcome

On Monday, March 23, at 6:00 pm we will have our Lenten Parish Reconciliation. All of our Lenten activities are posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church and on our website.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY -

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 17th at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub, etc.). This is a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.

We will be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at Noon. Please join us.

Christ the King Church has Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 6:30 pm.

Parish Stewardship March 7/8

Regular Collection: $2926.90
Flowers: 115.00
Maintenance: 193.00
Ash Wednesday: 10.00
Donuts: 50.35

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