Jesus said to them, “I tell you, the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

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October 27, 2019

Week At A Glance

Mon, Oct 28
• 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
• 7 pm, Lector Practice

Tues, Oct 29
• 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

Wed, Oct 30
• 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
• 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
• 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Oct 31
• 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

Fri, Nov 1 All Saints Day
• 7:30 am at St. Stephen
• 6:30 am, 8 am, noon, 7 pm (CTK)

Schedule of Masses

Monday - Friday  7:30 am (Chapel, Room 1)  
Saturday:  5 pm  
Sunday:  9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday - 4:30 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

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The Courage, Peace, and Mystery of the Holy Spirit

Dear Saint Stephen’s Parishioners,

As mentioned in previous writings our theme this school year surrounds the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. You may recall that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We learned that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Holy Spirit is truly one of the most difficult doctrines of our faith to understand as the third person of the Trinity is mysterious. Yet, through this mystery we receive the gifts and fruits stated above whereby things lay down in our lives and fall into place like a peaceful dove. Sometimes obstacles and suffering call us to rise in faith, and courage, as the Holy Spirit moves in powerful ways, too, with the images of the burning bush and powerful winds in scripture.

The Holy Spirit moves like an intricate tapestry, or an aesthetically beautiful painting; where we look in wonder and awe, and at times in amazing grace, at its remarkable influence in our lives as it is never static. We are blessed to see the Holy Spirit move in scripture, in the traditions of our church, in the holy sacraments, in liturgy, in prayer, through the prophets, in the charisms and ministries of our faithful, and in missionary and evangelical life.

From our profession of faith, we believe in the Holy Spirit and from the catechism of the Catholic faith we witness:

687 "No one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." Now God's Spirit, who reveals God, makes known to us Christ, his Word, his living Utterance, but the Spirit does not speak of himself. The Spirit who "has spoken through the prophets" makes us hear the Father's Word, but we do not hear the Spirit himself. We know him only in the movement by which he reveals the Word to us and disposes us to welcome him in faith. The Spirit of truth who "unveils" Christ to us "will not speak on his own." Such properly divine self-effacement explains why "the world cannot receive [him], because it neither sees him nor knows him," while those who believe in Christ know the Spirit because he dwells with them. In closing, this awesome prayer encapsulates the power of the Holy Spirit, and its mysterious and truthful place within the Holy Trinity:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth the Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in Your comforting grace.

Come Holy Spirit and teach us the ways of Your wisdom, that we may see through God’s eyes, hear with God’s ears, and love with God’s heart. This is the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, it is there for each of us.

Amen.

Please do not hesitate to visit me and tour our school. In fact, we would most appreciate having your children and grandchildren apply in hopes of attending Christ the King Catholic School.

Abundant blessings to you and your loved ones during our Holy Mother’s month of the Rosary,

Joe Silveira
Principal
Christ the King Catholic School
In remembrance of those who have died this past year, whose funeral/memorial service occurred at St. Stephen will be listed on our Remembrance Scroll. If your loved one's service was elsewhere and has died within the past 12 months and you would like their name included on the scroll, please call our parish office, 274-1341, and leave the name of the deceased.

Join us for our Mass of Remembrance which will be held on Saturday, November 2 at 5:00pm. At that Mass we will pray specially for all who have died during this past year and whose funeral was held at St. Stephen.

Communication Skills for Individuals, Couples, and Families: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Improving Communication. Good Communication is key to any healthy relationship, whether it be with family, friends, co-workers, or others. Helpful to anyone who wants to learn better communication skills, or just “Refresh or Refine” the ones you have, this Workshop will provide practical skills for being a more effective communicator, and strategies for improving interactions with others. The Workshop, being held at Christ the King, will be presented by our own Gale Haux, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who has a private practice in Pleasant Hill. Join CTK on Monday, November 4th from 7-8:30 pm in the CTK Parish Hall. No cost and no registration required.

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