

<u>Saturday, April 25:</u> Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter 4:00 p.m. No Mass until further notice.

**Sunday, April 26:** Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice. 10:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Monday, April 27: Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

<u>Tuesday, April 28:</u> Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

Wednesday, April 29: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

<u>Thursday, April 30</u>: Easter Weekday 9:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

<u>Saturday, May 2:</u> Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter 4:00 p.m. No Mass until further notice.

**Sunday, May 3:** Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice. 10:00 a.m. No Mass until further notice.

There are Mass Intentions available for weekdays and weekends. Call the office to reserve your intentions for the Living or the Deceased.

<u>Mass Intentions</u>: Once Masses resume we will contact families to re-schedule Masses that had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.



This week's sanctuary lamp burns for Vincenza Iafrati

The sanctuary lamp is available for memorializing your loved ones in prayer. Call the office to reserve your week.

The church will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00AM for PRIVATE Meditation/Prayer.

Weekly Monday evening meetings have been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Virus.



#### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

All Meetings and Activities have been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Virus.

# DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK Thank you!



April 18 & 19 (Mail/Drop-Off): \$1,139.00 April 18 & 19, Electronic: \$507.00

April 18 & 19, Church of Christ the King Building Maintenance Fund: \$505.00

#### Easter Flower



The Easter flowers that we purchased this year, with your generous donations, will not go to waste. They have been planted on the parish grounds and will continue to provide beauty each spring and summer.

A listing of those remembered will be posted at the church entrances when Mass resumes.

# Catholic School Tuition Financial Assistance



Once again, Church of Christ the King will make available financial aid for families supporting their children in Catholic School Education. Active parishioners may call or email (ctkwwri@cox.net) the office to request an application. Fr. Tim will contact you once the Parish has received the necessary information from the Diocesan FACTS report (the diocesan financial aid application process). We ask that those applying for tuition assistance meet the following criteria:

- Participate in the faith and sacramental life of the Parish including the celebration of the mass;
- Demonstrate need by use of the Diocesan Financial Aid Application process (FACTs);
- Volunteer in the parish in one or more ministries/ activities.

#### Readings for the Week of April 26, 2020

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-

30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b,

8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn

6:35-40

**Thursday**: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn

6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-

17: Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday**: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5,

6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

# **Faith Formation News**

### All Classes/Events Suspended Until Further Notice.

If you have not joined the **BAND** app yet, please do so. Gina will use this app to keep parents informed. You may email Gina at gvessella.ctkww@gmail.com for the activation code.

**First Communion** and **Confirmation** have been postponed. We will notify all when we have a new date!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gina Vessella, Faith Formation Coordinator at gvessella.ctkww@gmail.com, call the parish office at 401.821.9228, or visit our parish website, ctkwwri.org!





# Electronic Giving A convenient, consistent way to help your parish!

During this unusual time, you can help our parish maintain its financial

obligations because they remain constant (heat, electric, water, insurance, etc.). **If you are able**, please continue your support with your offerings.

We are grateful to our parish community for all your support and prayers during this unprecedented time. Our inability to gather to worship together also impacts our offerings. Very practically, you can help our parish by setting up a recurring electronic gift to help us begin to stabilize our parish finances during this pandemic.

We currently have **25** families enrolled in the **Bill Pay Program** through their financial institutions. If you are already enrolled in the Bill Pay Program at your financial institution, the set up is a few quick steps! You select the frequency and dollar amount of the payment (donation). The bank will generate a check and mail it to us as instructed. It's that simple ... you no longer have to worry about having the right change or writing a check each week. We have a box on our budget envelopes marked "I Gave Electronically", check the box and place it into the collection basket. Your consistent support is very much appreciated ... especially during times like this that affect so many!

<u>CtK Choir Rehearsals</u> have been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 Virus.





# Some random thoughts ....

This week's Gospel story is unique to Luke. The two disciples of Jesus are discouraged. The dreams, expectations, and goals that they and the other disciples of Jesus had, have been dismantled with the display of violent power by the empire and the complicity to the violent power by the Jewish leaders. The disciples of Jesus, we now discover, have continued to live according to the rules of the empire: dominance, power, and violence, rather than the way of peace and nonviolence lived in the Reign of God. The empire approach is an easy system for us to live because we are so imbued and familiar with it. The system is ingenious. It permits and encourages those who are citizens of the empire to feel 'blessed and entitled' to the way of life that they have; it urges and demands those who are conquered and enslaved by the empire to feel the need to violently rebel and overthrow their conquerors; or it leads people to believe that accommodations and manipulations can be made so that the two (conquerors and conquered) can coexist. (This final approach is the one chosen by the Jewish leaders.) Jesus chooses a completely different option: he lives in the Reign of God. This doesn't mean that he opts out of human life. Rather, he immerses himself completely. He is free to immerse himself because he experiences the union between the divine and the human. He lives in this union. He is motivated not by violence and oppression, but by love and service. Love and service is always understood as subversive by the empire. It is counter-intuitive. Christ patiently helps and encourages the disciples (in today's Gospel story) to be open to the alternative approach that he experienced. Finally, their fear subsides when love empowers them to invite the stranger to stay with them. The nonviolent invitation is all that it takes... their eyes are open and they recognize Christ in the breaking of bread. God is good.

**Parish Updates:** We are most grateful for your continued prayerful and financial support of CTK. We know that many are hurting. We have been able to send money from the Outreach account to the local agencies that provide assistance to those most in need. After consulting with the coordinators (Doreen McConaghy and Donna Bosworth) and with much regret, it has been decided to cancel the May Breakfast for this year. We look forward to gatherings that will soon begin to happen again!

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In-Pew Weekend:
Undetermined at this time.
Parish Goal: \$32,000.00
Total Pledged & One Time Gifts Rec'd.
to Date: \$7,565.00

Charity
Supporting the Work
OF THE CHURCH

Many have responded to the CCA mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the CCA, we thank you for your gifts.

If you received a mailing from the Office of Stewardship and Development, you may mail the special pledge card in the response envelope provided to make your gift. By using this option, the parish will automatically receive credit for your gift. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many.