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Dear CTK Parents & Supporters,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please read carefully!

This Week's News!



**Third Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2016**

Gospel Reading for this Sunday: Lk 13:1-9

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Sunday's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for Sunday's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, this reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality.

Calendar Events

Today- HS Tennis in Levelland

Fri. - All-School Mass @ 8:15am; 2:15pm-Stations of the Cross in the gym; Fish Fry in Family Activity Center, 6-8pm

Thurs., 3/3 - JH Track @ Olton Meet; HS Tennis in Levelland

3/4 - HS Track @ Olton Meet; Stations of the Cross @ CTK Cathedral hosted by CTKC School; First Friday/Saturday Adoration; Fish Fry in Family Activity Center, 6-8pm

3/5 - Dodge Ball Tournament sponsored by Class of 2016 (details to the right on signing up your team)

3/7-3/8 - Reconciliation for students in 2nd-12th grades

3/8 - 3/16 - Senior Class Pilgrimage to Italy

3/9 - **2pm Dismissal**; ice cream snack sale after school

3/10 - Breakfast Burrito Sale by Junior Class before school; JH Track @ Springlake-Earth Meet

3/11 - HS Track @ Springlake-Earth Meet;
NOON DISMISSAL for SPRING BREAK!

Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of His efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

from Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

**TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 2/26,
ALL-SCHOOL MASS @ 8:15AM
Mass uniform required for all!**

**2016-2017 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!
All current CTK families should have
received an email notice with instructions
for re-enrolling your students for next
year. Parents should log on to their
RenWeb parent account and choose the
Enrollment/Re-enrollment option from the
Family Information drop down on the left
side of the screen. You will be guided
through re-enrolling each of your
students.**

**Re-enrollment fees for incoming
Kindergarten-12th graders is discounted**

**3/14-3/18 - SPRING
BREAK - NO SCHOOL!**

- Varsity Golf @ Holy
Cross Tournament in
Amarillo

**3/24 - Noon Dismissal
for Holy Thursday and
beginning of Easter
Break**

**3/25 (Fri.)-3/28 (Mon.) -
Easter Break, NO
SCHOOL!**

3/29 - HS Tennis @
TAPPS District
Tournament in Wichita
Falls; JH Golf @ St.
Andrews Tournament in
Amarillo

3/31-4/3 - Texas State
Science & Engineering
Fair in San Antonio

3/31 - TAPPS Regional
Music Competition;
JH/HS Track @ Borden
County Meet; Varsity
Tennis in Levelland

*All times are subject to
change but are accurate at
the time of publication!*

**to \$50 per student until March 15th. After
March 15th, re-enrollment fees for
incoming Kindergarten-12th graders will
increase to \$75 per student until May
31st. Pre-K students re-enrollment fees
are \$100 per student. There is also a \$10
per student processing fee that is
collected by RenWeb during the re-
enrollment process.**

**Please help us plan for next school year
by re-enrolling as soon as possible!
Thank you!**



**Dessert Donations
Are Needed from
CTK School
Families for the
KofC's Lenten Fish**

Fry Tomorrow!

Knights of Columbus Council #3008 is hosting two
more fish frys for this Lenten season **tomorrow,
Friday, 2/26, and next Friday, 3/4 from 6-8pm.**

Fried or baked fish plates or fish sticks for kids - Adult
plates are \$10 each and children under 12 years old
are \$5 each.

A portion of the proceeds from the Fish Frys will benefit
the John Domansky Memorial Scholarship awarded to
a graduating senior from CTK High School. Please
come out and show your support to the Knights and
CTKC High School!

CTK School families are asked to help supply desserts for each Friday's fish fries. Families who bring desserts can earn 1 volunteer hour per donated dessert. Please bring desserts to the school office on the Thursday prior or by 4pm on the Friday of the fish fry. (Please remember that only half of your required volunteer hours can be fulfilled with item/food donations. The remaining half need to be hours working as a volunteer at an event or activity.)

Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) District Meet Results

Almost 500 competitors comprised of CTK students and students from nine area schools participated in dozens of competitions at the PSIA Academic & Art District Meet that was hosted by CTK last weekend. 56 CTK 1st-8th graders won 78 ribbons with nineteen (19) students placing 1st or 2nd to qualify to participate in 24 competitions at the State PSIA Meet to be held on April 30th at TCU in Ft. Worth. Click here for a list of those CTK students who won ribbons in their competitions: [2016 PSIA Ribbon Results](#)

We would like to thank the many parent and teacher volunteers who sacrificed a portion (or all) of their Saturday as contest directors, assistant directors, judges, graders, etc. And, an additional thank you to those who provided items for the hospitality room or who worked the Booster Club concession stand and Scholastic Book Fair. We received MANY compliments on our volunteers and appreciate our wonderful CTK community for sharing the generosity of their time and talent to make PSIA a successful event!



Stations of the Cross will be presented by the 3rd-5th grade students at 2:15pm in the gym

Friday afternoon. Additional stations will be scheduled each week through the week of 3/7. Watch the newsletter for times and locations. Parents are welcome to join us for this Lenten prayer service.

Additionally, you are invited to attend the CTK Cathedral Stations of the Cross service each Friday evening at 7pm in the Cathedral.



SIGN-UP DEADLINE
TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 2/26!

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!
SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH,
10AM UNTIL THE LAST TEAM IS STANDING!

The Senior Class is hosting a Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, 3/5, to finish raising funds for their trip to Italy the following week!

\$10 per team player with a minimum of 5 players (& max of 10 players) per team!

Three age divisions of play:
3rd-5th grades, Jr. High, & High School/Adult

Click here for more information and sign up form: [Dodgeball Tournament Sign-up](#)

Contact Kim Morin at the school for more information or questions -

EASTER LILY SALE!

Pre-orders are currently being taken by the Freshman Class for Easter Lilies! Lilies (6" pots with 4-9 blooms/plant) cost \$15 per plant and will be ready for pick up during Holy Week. Orders with payment are due by Tuesday, 3/8/16 @ 4pm. Click here for an order form to complete & return to the front office: [Easter Lily Order Form](#)



2016 Lenten

Canned Food Drive

We are kicking off our annual canned food drive with a different twist! All students in



the school have been divided into 12 teams with 4-5 student captains heading up each team.

Throughout the drive, which will run through Mar. 23rd, teams will be competing for prizes including a pizza party for the top collecting team. Outback Steakhouse is joining our efforts this year and will also be providing prizes along the way. Each class's student captains are sharing details with the students in each!



**March Breakfast
Burrito Sale!
Thursday, 3/10, before
school!**

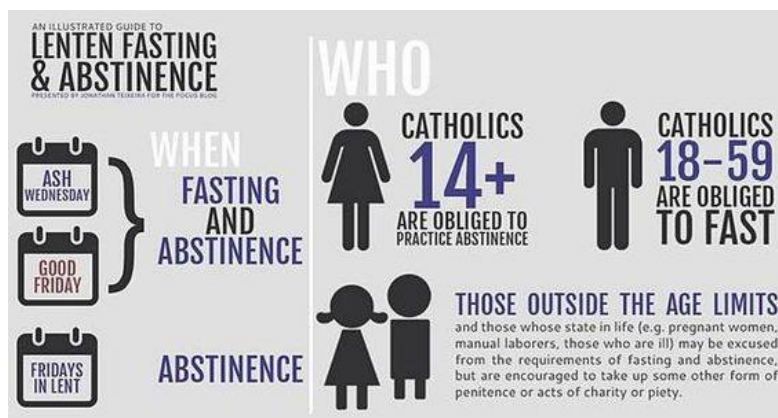
The Junior Class is taking over the burrito sales starting in March since the seniors are heading to Italy! Pre-orders are greatly appreciated! Click here for the order form and return by Tuesday, 3/8: [Pre-Order Form for 3/10 Breakfast Burritos](#)

**WE ARE CALLED TO...
FEED THE HUNGRY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

What started as a jr. high service project during Christmas has evolved into a weekly service project for our school community. Each Thursday several students & parents are needed to help serve dinner to those in need at St. Benedict's. No cooking is involved, dinner is provided by another group, volunteers simply serve dinner from 4:30pm-6:15pm. Additionally, dozens of cookie and brownie donations are needed each week. If your student is in 5th-12th grades, this is a wonderful community service project for your family.

A sign-up sheet for all Thursdays is posted outside of Mrs. Wanjura's office in the jr. high wing. If you have questions, please contact JH teacher Mrs. Pam Kennedy (pkennedy@ctkcathedralschool.org) or Kim Sipowicz (sipowiczfamily@sbcglobal.net or 441-3642).

**Guidelines for Lenten Fasting &
Abstaining**



From the USCCB website: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 & older. Though it is not required for those under the age of 14 or for non-Catholics, we encourage all students to also follow the rules of abstaining by avoiding eating meat at school on Fridays during Lent.



Earn money for CTKC School while you do your grocery shopping!

In conjunction with their 100th

Anniversary, the United Supermarkets family of stores has a new rewards program where a customer can give points to the school of their choice. At the end of the program in October, they will give \$1000 to 100 schools.

You must be signed up for their customer rewards program and tell them which school you want to support during checkout. The school remains on your reward program for the duration of the program! For every dollar you spend at United, Market St., or Amigo's, they will add a point to CTKC School's account. The more points we have the better our chance of winning the \$1000 reward! For more information, ask your checker when checking out, or visit [Shop to Support Schools](#). It's an easy way to support CTKC School!

Don't forget to LIKE our school Facebook page (Christ the King Cathedral School) or FOLLOW us on Twitter (@CTKSchoolLbk) or Instagram (ctk_school)

Keep collecting box tops & labels for second semester!

March collection day TBA! The class who collects the most box tops and labels for

second semester will receive a Kona Ice party in May!

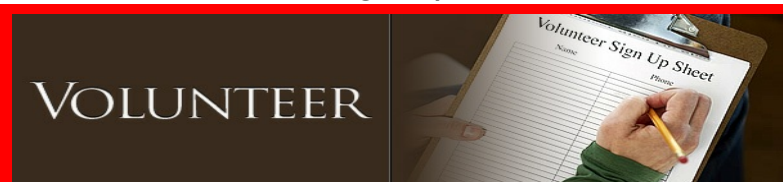


Many thanks to all who have donated to the school for the **Coke Rewards program**. The rules for the program have changed in the

past few months making it very difficult to enter large quantities of bottle caps, so we are suspending the program until further notice.

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & More!

Red Robin restaurants offer a customer rewards program that gives 1% of your ticket back to the school of your choice. When you sign up for their rewards program, designate Christ the King Cathedral School as your choice. Visit [Red Robin Schools Program](#) to sign up!



Volunteer Opportunities

All CTK families are required to complete 20 volunteer hours (10 hours for single parents) for the 2015-16 school year. 50% of your required hours should include volunteering for activities (versus item donations). To help you fulfill your requirement, here are some upcoming opportunities and contact information.

****NEW** Box Top Collections & Counter**

One or two parents are needed to pick up Box Top & Labels for Education 2-3 more times this school year and count them for redemption. If you are able to help with this task, please contact Chey Vogeler at soccerchik9826@gmail.com.

****NEW** Serving Dinner on Thursdays**

What started as a jr. high service project during Christmas has evolved into a weekly service project. Each Thursday several students & parents are needed to help serve dinner to those in need at St. Benedict's. No cooking is involved, all meals are provided,

volunteers simply serve dinner from 4:30pm-6:15pm. Additionally, dozens of cookie and brownie donations are needed each week. If your student is in 5th-12th grades, this is a wonderful service for the community.

A sign-up sheet is posted outside of Mrs. Wanjura's office in the jr. high wing. If you have questions, please contact JH teacher Mrs. Pam Kennedy (pkennedy@ctkcathedralschool.org) or Kim Sipowicz (sipowiczfamily@sbcglobal.net or 441-3642).

Desserts for Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Frys

See details above in box with fish fry details!

CTK Café: The cafeteria staff is always looking for parent volunteers to help with prep, serving, and cleanup during all lunch periods. Any time you can volunteer between 10:30am-1:15pm would be appreciated. To volunteer in the cafeteria or for more information, contact Chris Ambriz at 795-8283, or via email at cafe@ctkcathedralschool.org.

To enter completed volunteer hours, log into your family RenWeb account. Click on the "Family Information" section on the left side of the screen. Select the name of the parent who completed the volunteer hours (located in the middle area of the screen), and then click on the "Service Hours" tab in the box to the right of the names' list. After you select this tab, you will see a summary of hours already entered for the year. To add additional hours, click on the "Add Service Hours" tab and fill out the form including date of service and click on the "Save" button (the "Verified by" section does not need to be completed).

Incomplete volunteer hours will be charged to families at the end of the school year at the rate of \$20.00 per incomplete hour.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT CTK NEXT FALL!

CTK High School has several international

students from China who are attending the school. Additional students are expected to join the high school program next school year, and host families are needed for the students. These students are independent, responsible, and ready to learn in America. By agreeing to host, you will be paid a monthly stipend for expenses, invited to meet other host families and supported by a home liaison. Students will receive in-school English language support, and opportunities to socialize with other students and host families.

If you would like more information about becoming a host family, please contact Chanda Riney via email at criney@ctkcathedralschool.org or call (806) 891-9400.

The Freshman Class needs your help!

The freshman class will be collecting fleece material to make blankets for the Ronald McDonald House this



year. Please help the class by donating fleece material cut at 1¼ yards. Please do NOT cut or fringe the material. Students will finish the fleece for blankets. Fleece material can be dropped off at the front office. Please label Fleece with students name to receive a service hour per material donated. Thank you for your help!



CTK CAFE NEWS!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER!

All CTK Café lunch orders should be placed by logging into your parent RenWeb account and selecting "Lunch" under your student's name. If you need ordering instructions, please refer to the "School Lunches" section on the school website.

Please note: When ordering, please wait for confirmation page after clicking on the submit button. A few orders are not going through, and it is possible that parents are logging out too quickly. We have also had a few reports that orders placed with Android phones and tablets are not completing correctly. To verify that orders are being completed, please check your student's lunch calendar after ordering. Completed lunches will be highlighted in BLUE. Lunches are highlighted in RED if the order was not completed.

Ordering deadlines are the Wednesday prior to the week's meals at 8am. See schedule below for cut-off days for each week:

- Lunches for 3/7-3/11 are due in RenWeb no later than Wednesday, 3/2 at 8am
- Lunches for 3/21-3/23 are due in RenWeb no later than Wednesday, 3/16 at 8am (*note deadline is during Spring Break*)
- Lunches for 3/29-4/1 are due in RenWeb no later than Wednesday, 3/23 at 8am
- Lunches for 4/4-4/8 are due in RenWeb no later than Wednesday, 3/30 at 8am

You can order and pay in advance for lunches for as many days as menus are available. You just need to make sure you order by the deadlines outlined above.

If you have any technical questions regarding ordering lunches via RenWeb, please contact Mr. Flores at iflores@ctkcathedralschool.org. If you have questions regarding lunches in general, please contact the CTK Café staff at 795-8283.

