

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.”

~Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel #3

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.”

~James 4:8

We believe that all are called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not where a person is on that journey, but the journey itself. We welcome all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles, or their past. What we expect of each person is that they be willing to take the “next step” on their journey of faith. The journey we are invited to is lifelong and we don’t believe anyone completes it on this side of Eternity.

Whether you have been journeying at Christ the King parish for a long time or have recently joined us, we would like to invite you to consider taking a concrete next step. Below is a list of a few opportunities we offer, with the top possibilities more appropriate for earlier on in the journey and the bottom few more appropriate for later on. We look forward to discussing in person the “next step” that resonates most with you.

Alpha – We hope that every single person who walks through our doors will try Alpha. This experience involves a meal (provided) shared by all in attendance, an engaging speaker (via video presentation) and small group discussions where all are free to share (or not) as they feel inclined. It is a relaxed and fun way to talk about the most important questions: Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? Why do bad things happen to Good people?

Sunday Mass – We really strive to make our Sunday Mass experience welcoming and fulfilling. Worshiping as a community on Sundays is something that God asks of us. The more we do it the more we come to appreciate being part of a worshiping community, sharing our journey, and being nourished by the Eucharist. If you aren’t a regular participant at Sunday Mass, find a time that works for you and begin a more regular habit. Commit to 3 months at a time.

Personal Prayer – Prayer is nothing more than being in relationship with God. Sometimes it involves words, sometimes it involves silence and listening. If you don’t have a regular routine of personal prayer time, start with a few minutes in the morning and a few minutes in the evening, or just with mealtime prayer. Many resources are available on the myParish App; download by texting APP to the number 88202. Or go to our website and click on the icon.



StrengthsFinder- Learn how God is speaking to you through your natural God-given talents with the StrengthsFinder Assessment. Contact Kirsten in the office for more information.

Book or Study Groups – These are small groups of 6-12 people who meet for a set time throughout the year (e.g. 4-10 weeks) and are focused on growing in our understanding of the Catholic faith. Groups may follow a DVD series or a book. Two offerings for Fall 2017 are:

Catholicism 201 – 8 Week Video Series with Fr. James Mallon; begins Sept 27 at 10:00 AM. Register online.

Tough Questions with Fr. Cody Williams; begins Sept 21 at 7:00 PM

Lighthouse Catholic Media – Many topics of interest to Catholics are available (for nominal fee) in book, CD or DVD format from our Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk in the front entryway. Additional titles may be borrowed from our parish lending library in the parish offices.

FORMED.org – The parish provides a subscription for all parishioners to access programs, movies, audio, and books – much of it free – online. Many titles and topics to choose from as well as monthly subscriptions. Go to www.formed.org and enter parish **access code 9WG6RP** (all caps necessary).

Reconciliation - For many Catholics, it has been years since they have been to reconciliation (Sacramental Confession). While it can be intimidating to confess one's sins to God before a priest, so many who muster up the courage to do so find the experience to be truly freeing and life-changing. It is always non-judgmental and an important way to grow in our relationship with God.

Online Courses Through University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community ~ The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace. The VLCFF is coordinated and sponsored by the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives (IPI) at The University of Dayton – A Catholic Marianist Institution. More information at <http://www.dohyouth.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Dayton-Brochure-2014-edited.pdf>.

Getting Involved in Service - We currently have many different ministries involving service to the parish (e.g. hospitality before Mass, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers) as well as serving the broader community (e.g. Family Promise, Poverello Center, Guatemala Mission, etc.)