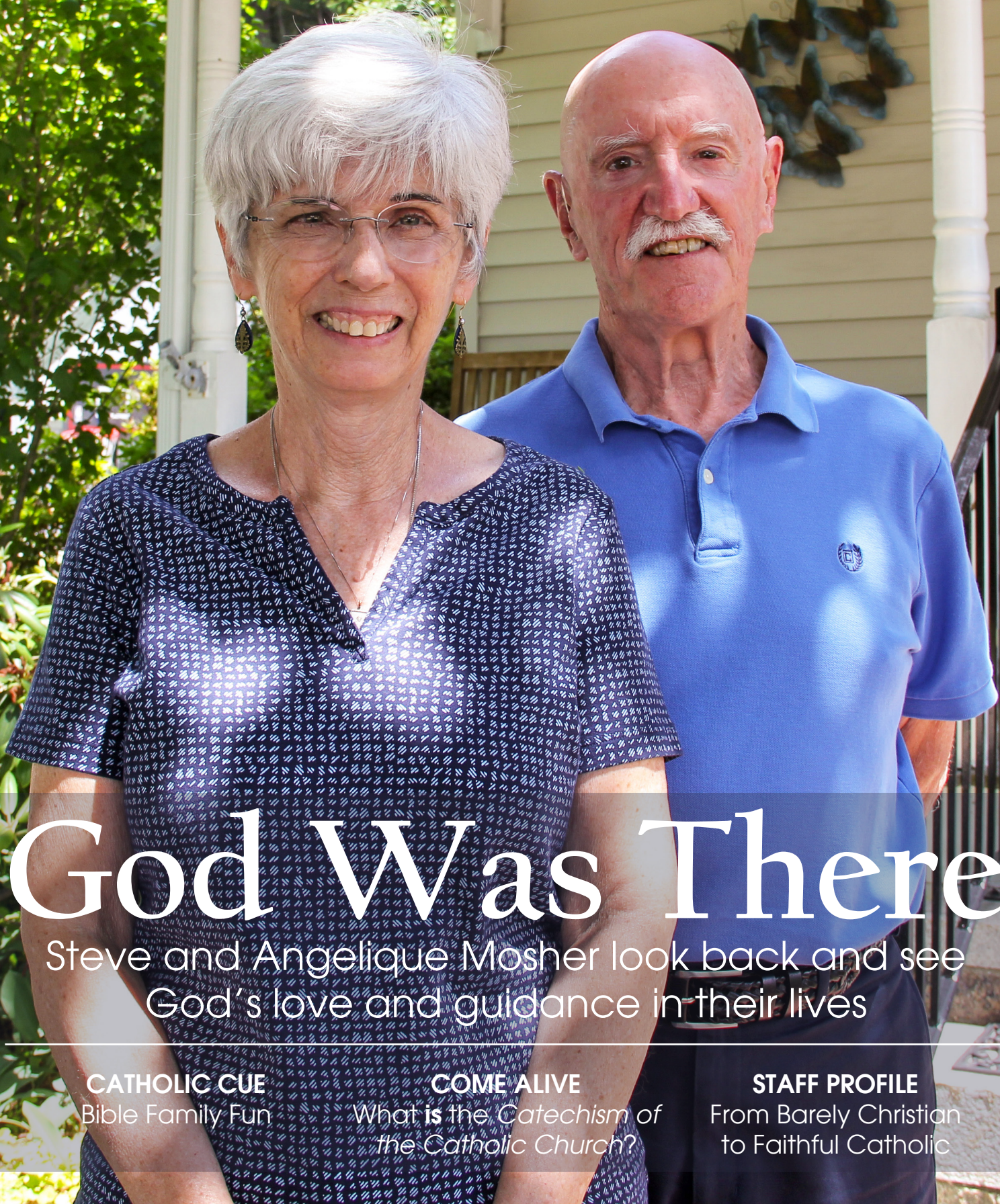


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Dear Friends,

On August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary. The Church teaches that “the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 966) In our church, to the right of the sanctuary, is a mural artistically depicting the Assumption. It is inspired by the famous painting *Frari Assumption*, by Titian, 1515-1518, Venice (pictured here).

From the time of the early church, Mary has played a major role in the Body of Christ, the Church. Jesus left Mary in the care of His beloved disciple, John. “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:26-27) The Church interprets this as Jesus leaving each of us His mother. She is now *our* mother and a powerful intercessor.

Each feast of Mary brings me to reflect on her role as my spiritual mother. My first awareness of Mary was as a little child daily kneeling with my siblings around my mother’s bed saying the rosary. As I got older, I was taught more about Mary by the Sisters of the Presentation who would speak about how, as a young child, she was presented to God in the temple.

In high school, I attended the La Salette Seminary in Enfield, New Hampshire. There I learned about Mary’s apparition to two shepherd children in the French Alps in 1846. Here I was introduced to Mary as the weeping Lady who wept for all of humanity, calling us to repentance and reconciliation.

In 1981, I began my graduate

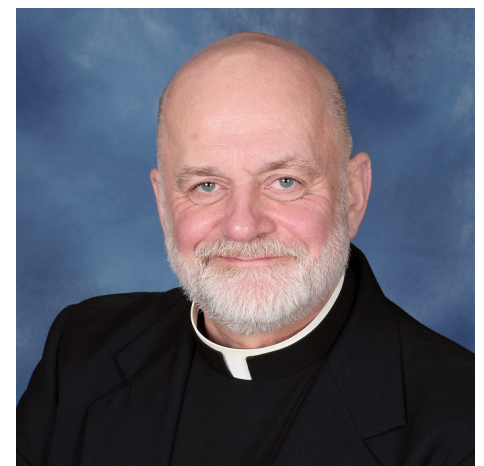
studies at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The seminary was nestled on the side of a mountain and on the campus was the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes which featured a 26-foot goldleaf statue of Mary on a tall bell tower overlooking the valley. Then in 1995, for my 10th anniversary as a priest, I received the grace and privilege of celebrating Mass on the mount of that same La Salette apparition in France. It was a tremendously moving experience for me.

As you can see, Mary has played a significant role in my life, my priesthood, and my relationship with Jesus. Mary has been a source of consolation and an intercessor. I pray the rosary daily, meditating and allowing her to bring me more deeply into her heart and into the heart of her Son and more deeply into His Life, Death, and Resurrection.

As we celebrate Mary’s assumption into heaven this month, I invite you to reflect on your relationship with Mary. Invite her to bring you more deeply into her Son’s heart.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rich



Father Richard Roberge, Pastor at Christ the King Parish



by Titian

BIBLE FAMILY FUN



My four boys and I were huddled around my phone, staring quizzically at the screen as we waited for my car to be inspected. We were playing a game on an app called Bible Trivia Mania. “Who the heck is going to know this, even with the multiple choice answers?!” exclaimed one of the boys. The question was: Elisha had a servant named _____. The multiple-choice answers given were: Gehazi, Gehizi, Gehiza, and Gehaza.

At the time when this particular trivia question came up, I had just finished the Second Book of Kings in Ascension’s Bible in a Year Podcast and knew that Gehazi sounded familiar. “I think it’s this one,” I said as I tapped the name. A green checkmark popped onto the screen. “I got it right!” The boys celebrated and then it was quickly on to the next question.

“Oh, I know this one,” Cooper said. It was another obscure Old Testament question. “You do?!” I said with surprise. “Yeah,” he said, assuredly. “I remember this from my *Action Bible*.” Sure enough, he got the answer correct.

We as Catholics are often

accused of not knowing the Bible well. And if you’re anything like me, you grew up with little to no knowledge of scripture. To me it was an old, irrelevant book that didn’t speak my language. Obviously, I don’t feel that way today and it’s our duty and mission as parents to do our best to make sure that our children don’t carry that same attitude about the Bible and our faith.

But, my gosh, where do you begin?! How do you dive more deeply into God’s word while also juggling everything else life has to throw at you? There are so many children’s Bibles and Bible apps, but it’s hard to know where and how to start.

Praying with your children is the best starting place. The Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary are directly from the Bible, so you can’t go wrong there. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayer and your exploration of the Bible. Also consider placing your Bible out in a prominent spot in your home.

I have a few Bible apps on my phone, but the one that I like to use with my whole family is Bible

Trivia Mania, as I mentioned earlier. It gets us all together, playing a game and breaking open God’s word in a fun, unconventional way. Another recommendation is the *Action Bible*, the Bible in comic book form. My boys absolutely love it and have retained so much from it.

Incorporating more of God’s word into your life, whichever way you choose to do it, is something you’ll never regret. And the next time someone inevitably asks you the name of Elisha’s servant, now you’ll know! ♦



Jen Albee, Coordinator of Young Disciples at Christ the King

What is the Catechism of the Catholic Church?

For those of you who are avid *Proclaim* readers, you will be quite familiar with the phrase “the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says...” I, along with our other writers, often use this book as a source of authority when discussing Church teaching. Our Emmaus attendees know well that here at Christ the King, we teach straight from the Catechism. But what is this book that holds such a high place? Where did it come from? And, perhaps most importantly, how do we know that we can trust what it says?

Answering this requires that we first consider the overarching question of authority in the Catholic Church. Where does official Church teaching even come from? Well, in the Catholic faith, it comes from three places: Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium. We believe **Scripture** to be the inspired Word of God and trust that it has much to teach us about life and faith. **Tradition** refers to both beliefs and practices that have been passed down in the Church since the time of the Jesus. The **Magisterium** refers to the living teaching office of the Church. It is because of the Magisterium that the Church can still teach new things. Jesus taught a lot during his time on earth, but there was no sermon on how to utilize social media as a Christian!

Keeping these three in mind, let us journey back to the time of the early Church. Upon Jesus’ Ascension, as His life and teachings began to spread, early Christians were faced with a problem: Rumors and false

teachings, called heresies, began to arise, and the Church needed to respond and defend what was Truth. The Church looked to the Apostles, those who were with our Lord day in and day out as a source of accuracy, knowing that not only had they walked beside Him during His ministry, but that He had passed His authority on to them.

However, this was not a permanent solution as the Apostles began to die. In light of this, the essential role of bishops came into being. The Apostles would train someone up, teaching them all that they knew, and instill in them the authority given by Jesus to carry on His mission.

In 1 Timothy, Paul speaks of Timothy’s commissioning as a bishop and warns him not to be hasty in giving this authority to others. One of our earliest popes, Saint Pope Clement I, wrote about this practice in 80 A.D. saying, “Through countryside and city [the Apostles] preached, and they appointed their earliest converts, testing them by the Spirit, to be the bishops and deacons of future believers. And afterwards added the further provision that, if they should die, other approved men should succeed to their ministry.” (*Letter to the Corinthians*)

Herein, we find the beginnings of what is now the Doctrine of Apostolic Succession, the teaching that there is an uninterrupted lineage from the Apostles of Jesus to the bishops of today. The role of our bishops is and has always been to preserve the teachings of Christ and His Church. This is often accomplished through Church

councils, a gathering of bishops to discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what is Truth. The Catholic Church recognizes the 21 ecumenical councils, times when the bishops of the world convened to discern and proclaim what it is that the Catholic Church believes.

This brings us back to our original question. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a fairly new book! In the 1980s, under Saint Pope John Paul II, a book full of Church teaching designed for the people was commissioned. This book was drafted and in 1989 and every bishop of the world received a copy of the manuscript to edit. All of their submissions were reviewed and became the Catechism that we have today. Open one up and you will see that it is built upon these three pillars of authority, with Scripture woven throughout the teachings of our Church that have been passed down as Tradition and formed throughout the ages by the Magisterium. ♦



Haley Judd, Coordinator of Adult Discipleship at Christ the King



God Was There

by Michael Clark | Cover Photography by Cynthia Tokos

Sometimes, due to the chaos of daily life, it is not until time has passed that we look back and see how God has been at work in our lives. And that is certainly the way it has been for Steve and Angelique Mosher.

Angelique sees the hand of God acting throughout the many experiences of her life. “In my life there were times when I was not practicing my faith. Even though I was away from the Church, I look back and see that God was there.” Steve agrees, saying, “You look back and can say, ‘Oh, it makes sense now.’”

A New Hampshire native, Angelique was baptized and raised Catholic, but fell away from the Church at a young age. “In junior high, peer pressure took over and I stopped practicing my faith.” Steve was raised Methodist in northern Maine. “I went to church, but I never had a relationship with Christ,” he says.

Steve and Angelique met in

Boston where they attended college and were married in 1969. In 1970, they experienced the tragic stillbirth of their first child, Stephanie. “It was very traumatic,” says Angelique. This was a devastating experience, but her physical healing from the complications of the full-term stillbirth, and the spiritual healing she would experience years later, have convinced Angelique ever more of God’s providential care for her in her life.

After Steve graduated college, they decided to move to New Hampshire. Steve and Angelique’s two sons, James and Ben, were born in 1973 and 1976 respectively. Motivated by the experience of raising their sons, they returned to church and began attending Mass regularly. It was during this time that Steve’s conversion to the faith began. “I told the priest, ‘I want to know the faith that my children are growing up in,’” he says. “But I had no intention of converting.” The

priest invited Steve to attend RCIA simply to learn more about the faith and this experience led to his conversion to Catholicism.

However, in the early 2000s Steve and Angelique again fell away from the Church. It wouldn’t be until 2015 when they would return to the Church through their introduction to Christ the King Parish and our pastor, Father Rich Roberge.

Angelique’s mother passed away and Father Rich was recommended to her as a priest for the Funeral Mass. At that time, Steve was also experiencing difficulties. “In 2010, I got diagnosed with cancer. Then in 2014, I retired from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and I didn’t realize how much of my identity was tied up in my job,” he shares. “So, when we met Father Rich I was kind of at a low point. I didn’t know who I was and I didn’t know how long I was going to live.”

When they met with Father

Rich to discuss the details of the funeral, they were overwhelmed by the kindness and compassion with which they were treated. "We were flabbergasted," says Angelique. "He is wonderful. I saw Jesus in him." Soon after this experience, they decided to start attending Mass again.

It was during this time that Angelique was able to find spiritual healing from the stillbirth of Stephanie so many years before. She explained to Father Rich that she always felt the stillbirth was a punishment from God. "Father told the both of us that God does not work that way," says Angelique. It was through Father Rich's guidance that Angelique and Steve were able to find peace. "Father Rich graciously performed a ceremony at the church including friends of ours," she says. "We put together a box of items which reminded us of Stephanie and buried it at our family plot. This

helped give us closure."

During Lent of 2017, Steve decided to devote himself to Eucharistic Adoration and committed to a holy hour every day for all 40 days of Lent. He was inspired by a quote from Saint Pope John Paul II which states, "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." Steve shares, "The experience of those 40 days was life-changing and it changed my outlook and way of life."

Since returning to Church, both Steve and Angelique have been active at Christ the King Parish and are involved in numerous ministries. When they first became involved, they participated in every event and program they were able to. "We were like sponges," says Angelique. As time passed, they settled into those ministries for which they felt they were best

served. Angelique is a Eucharistic Minister and is also involved in the Seven Sisters Apostolate and the Ste. Thérèse Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

Steve's ministries fall within two categories: pastoral and temporal. His pastoral ministries include his work as a Stephen Minister and an Emmaus facilitator. His temporal ministries involve his work on the Senior Leadership Team and the Finance Council.

"When it comes to involvement in the Church, it is a good idea to start out trying a lot of things and then eventually you will be able to settle into things that you're good at, and things that Christ might be calling you to do," Steve says. A major part of Steve's spiritual life is the writing of poetry, of which he has published two books of Christian poetry.

Together, the faith journeys of Steve and Angelique show how God is at work in every moment of our lives and can bring great good out of our struggles. This providential work of God in our lives is perfectly encapsulated in Steve's poem, "To Mary, Mother of God," the opening stanza of which reads:

You are the Father's
chosen one,
For when His angel
called your name,
You answered, Yes;
Your will be done.
By your submission
came His son.
You risked your life and
faced such shame;
Through you to us
salvation came. ♦



Courtesy

From Barely Christian to Faithful Catholic

By Susan Eberth | Photography by Will Judd

Charlie Burr, Business Manager at Christ the King Parish, grew up in a poor family in Asbury Park, New Jersey. “We were ‘C&E Methodists’ – we only went to church at Christmas and Easter,” Charlie shares. “We would usually try to sit in back, but one Easter when we wound up in the front row. The pastor looked down at us and said, ‘Now I truly believe in the resurrection!’ My mother turned bright red.”

The neighborhood Charlie lived in was primarily Sicilian and some neighbors were involved in organized crime. “I was around that influence all the time and a lot of my friends got involved in that. As a young teenager, I got on the wrong side of things and was picked up by police and brought home rather than jail because my

father was a part-time officer,” Charlie says. “I felt like I was really at a crossroads in my life.”

In response, Charlie joined the Methodist Youth Fellowship when he was 14 years old. “It really changed everything for me,” he recalls. “I had fellowship with nice people and started to turn things around. I began dating an Irish Catholic girl.” That was when he got interested in the Catholic Church and started going to Mass. “I liked going because I felt I was not just going to a service like the other churches, I was attending a sacred rite,” he says. In the end, he decided to become Catholic and converted when he was 17 years old.

After high school, he served in the Coast Guard from 1967-1971 as a Radioman. Then he moved to



New Hampshire for college and earned his BA, MBA, and CPA. Throughout his long career, he worked as a firefighter and EMT, was a public accountant, worked at a hospital and retirement community, and then worked for the Teamsters Union Local 25 in Boston.

After Charlie retired from the Teamsters Union, he decided to come out of retirement to work at Christ the King Parish. Having already been on the parish’s Finance Committee for 25 years, it seemed like the perfect fit. “When the position came up for a business manager at the parish, I fell right into it,” he says. As business manager, Charlie is in charge of all things temporal including finances, building maintenance, human resources, and insurance. “I also consider my job to be a ministry; it takes up a lot of weekends,” he says.

Charlie’s work at Christ the King has encouraged him to get involved in the many discipleship offerings of the parish. “If I hadn’t been working here, I wouldn’t have attended the Alpha course,” he says. “My wife, Claire, and I have also attended the Marriage Course and Emmaus.” We are so glad that Charlie’s journey from barely Christian to faithful Catholic brought him to Christ the King Parish! ♦



AUGUST 2022

August 3: Adoration

CTK Men’s Ministry hosts adoration on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00-8:00 pm in the church. All are welcome!

August 8-12: Quo Vadis Days Camp

Young men looking at the Lord’s plan for their lives are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days camp on August 8-12. This is an overnight camp including hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports, games, and daily Mass. For more information or to register, please visit liveinblackandwhite.com

August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption commemorates when Mary “the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.” (CCC 966) Because this holy day is on a Monday this year, it is not a holy

day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 5: Labor Day

The parish office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

September 15: Alpha Launch

Alpha is for everyone. It is judgment-free. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. Whether you are a life-long Catholic, an atheist, a skeptic, or just curious about the Christian faith, you are invited! Alpha will meet for a meal and discussion on Thursdays for 12 weeks. For more information, visit christthekingnh.org/alpha.

September 22: Children’s Choir

This choir is open to children in grade three and above. The choir sings several times throughout the year for Masses and special occasions. The Children’s Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 pm throughout the school year in Barry Hall.

September 24: Harvest Bazaar

Come for fun, fellowship, and fresh air at this year’s outside event including a flea market, country store, raffles, baking table, and so much more! For more information, visit christthekingnh.org/harvest-bazaar.

September 25: Women’s Bible Study

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote, which you will experience in Beholding Your King. CTK’s Women’s Ministry will study

King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets, and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This is a nine-lesson Bible study. There will be several days and times available in-person and on Zoom. To receive more information, email ctkwwp20@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2022

October 7 & 9: Emmaus

Emmaus is a place where every disciple of Christ of every age can come and grow deeper in their Catholic faith and deeper in fellowship with their church community. We share a meal, enjoy time as a whole community, and then divide for age-appropriate lessons on the same subject. This year’s topic is “A Surge of the Heart: Understanding Prayer.” This month, we will discuss Prayer in Salvation History. For more information, visit christthekingnh.org/emmaus.

October 10: Columbus Day

The parish office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

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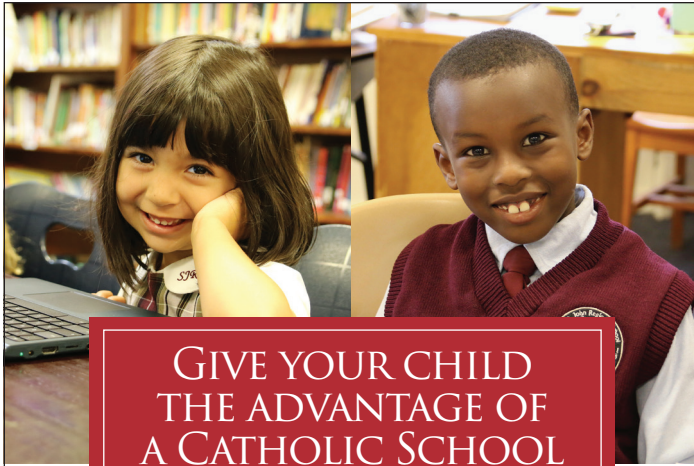

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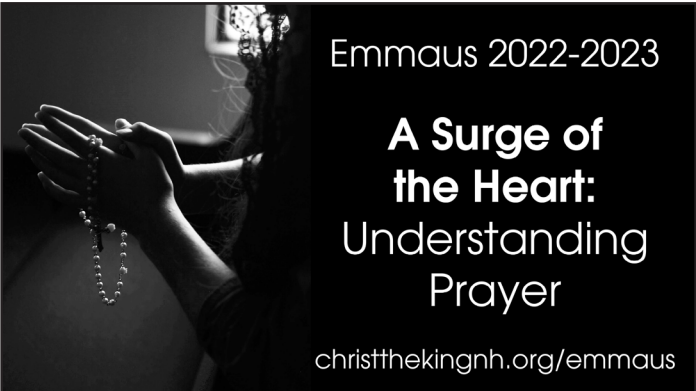
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