



# Christ the King - St. Stephen Catholic Church

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## Christ the King Church

### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 4pm Vigil  
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

### Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm  
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

### Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

### Daily Mass Schedule - 9am

**St. Stephen**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Christ the King**  
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

## St. Stephen Church

### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday:** 5pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 9:30am

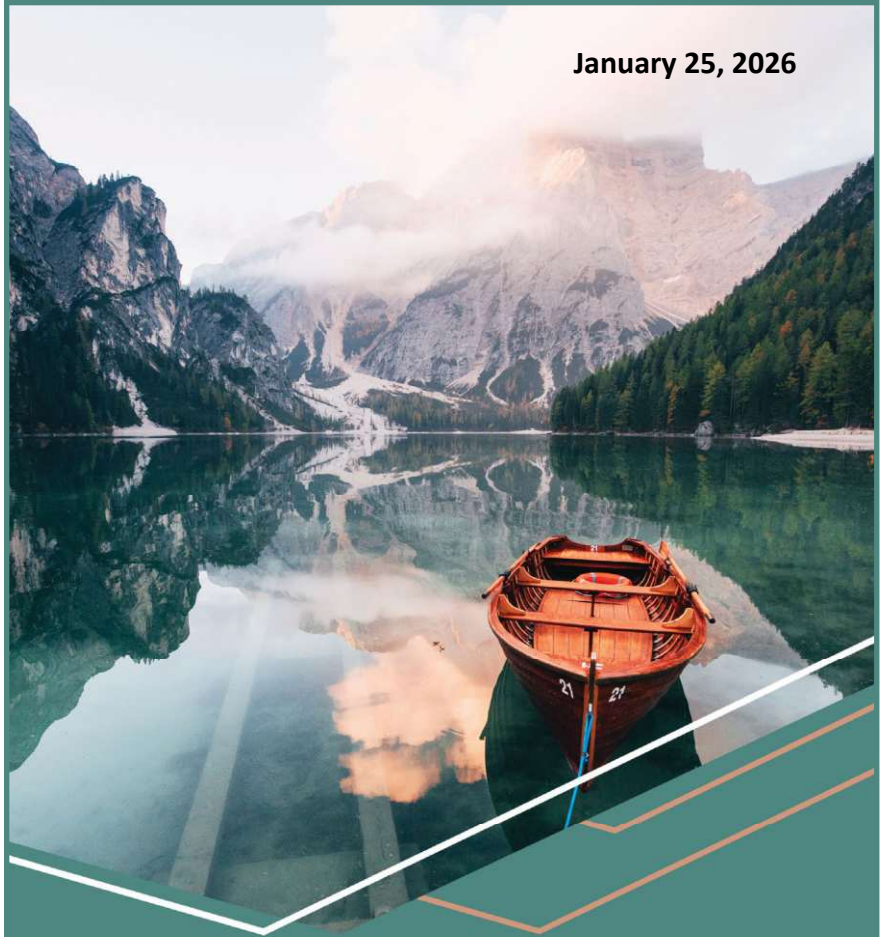
### Private Confessions

Saturday Before the 5pm Mass

### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

January 25, 2026



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

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## Mission Statement

To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.

## Dear Christ the King Catholic School Community,

**This past weekend, we observed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend** and paused to remember a man whose life was rooted in Christian faith and guided by love, justice, and service. Dr. King believed that faith must be lived through action and that peace is achieved through courageous love and righteousness. His legacy continues to call us to honor the dignity of every person as a beloved child of God and to work faithfully for unity and justice.



As we reflect on Dr. King's remarkable journey, we are reminded of the power of his truthful and faithful message. Below is a prayer written by Dr. King and shared in the collection *Thou Dear God: Prayers that Open Hearts and Spirits*, edited by Lewis V. Baldwin:

O God, we thank you for the lives of great saints and prophets in the past, who have shown us that we can stand firm amid the trials of life and not give in. Grant that we may move forward with faith and determination, so that we may make a creative contribution to this world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray.

Dr. King once said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you do not see the whole staircase." May we carry these words with us as we continue to walk in faith and serve one another with love.



**We now look ahead with great anticipation to Catholic Schools Week**, with the national theme *Community and Family*. Our return to school marked a strong and joyful beginning, as faculty and staff gathered for thoughtful planning and preparation. We look forward to our Catholic Schools Week Mass on January 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., along with our Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and a faith filled week prepared by our faculty and staff, executive, student, and spiritual councils.

Kindergarten admissions and interviews will begin soon, and we are excited to welcome prospective students and families into our school community. In the weeks ahead, we also look forward to several beloved academic traditions, including the Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Academic Decathlon, and the Christ the King Annual Speech Contest. We are equally excited for our annual school auction, Vogue CTK at Parish Fashion Week, taking place on February 28th. This joyful and community centered evening is open to all, and we warmly invite you to purchase tickets to this special event and join us in support of our community.

On February 3rd, our faculty and staff will engage in year two of professional development focused on the Savvas EnVision mathematics curriculum. That same day, in the evening at 7:00 p.m., we are honored to welcome Dr. Denise Pope from Stanford University to present in Christ the King Catholic Church. Dr. Pope is a senior lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Education and the founder of Challenge Success. Her presentation, open to families, will focus on supporting the well balanced student, fostering healthy achievement, and strengthening partnerships between home and school.

Additionally, four faculty and staff members and I will attend the Learning and the Brain Conference in San Francisco. This experience will deepen our understanding of how students learn best and strengthen our instructional practices, directly supporting our academic goals and student outcomes.

**In closing, I am deeply grateful for our special community.** Your continued commitment to the mission, charism, and legacy of Christ the King Catholic School makes a lasting and meaningful difference.

In gratitude and blessings,

**Joseph M. Silveira, Ed.D.**

**Principal**

Christ the King Catholic School



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## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 26	Mon.	9:00am	Larry Cummings †
Jan. 27	Tues.	9:00am	Matthew Tran †
Jan. 28	Weds.	9:00am	Mary Muhlenkamp †
Jan. 29	Thurs.	9:00am	Constance Dean † Eddie Verceles †
Jan. 30	Fri.	9:00am	Macario Jonson †
Jan. 31	Sat.	9:00am	Marlene Moeller †
Jan. 31	Sat.	4:00pm	Luis Rene Olano Aguilar†
Jan. 31	Sat. SS	5:00pm	Jim DeVos †
Feb. 1	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Feb. 1	Sun.	9:00am	Mary Jasephine † Abelardo Tan, Jr. † Jesus Hinojosa Alcala †
Feb. 1	Sun. SS	9:30am	CTK-SS Clergy & Staff
Feb. 1	Sun.	10:30am	Mike Ward † Jesus Hinojosa Alcala †
Feb. 1	Sun.	4:00pm	Msgr. John McCracken † Marlene Watkins Elsa Fajardo Luz Mercado



### Need Prayer?

Confidential Prayer requests can be sent to: [prayerline@ctkph.org](mailto:prayerline@ctkph.org)



### Upcoming Second Collections

February 1 - Catholic Education  
February 22 - Winter Nights



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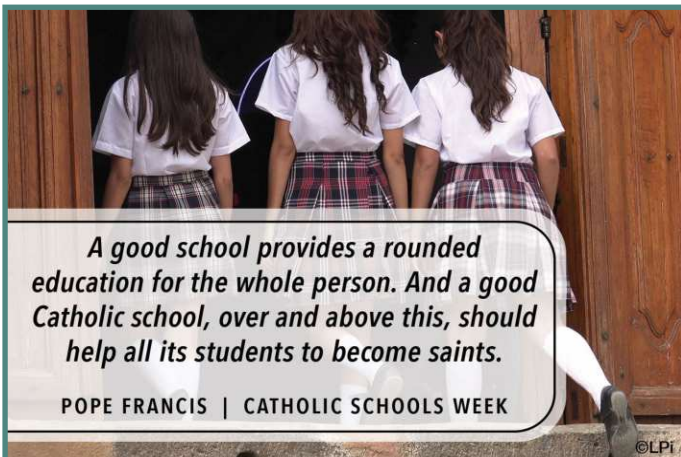
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### 2025 Annual Giving Statements

Annual Giving Statements that show your contributions for the year ending 2025 will be sent by email this week. (if we have your current email address in our Realm system). These email addresses may not be the same as the one you use for our weekly newsletter.

If you do not receive an email statement, a physical statement will be sent to you via U.S. Mail. If you have any questions, please email us at [office@ctkph.org](mailto:office@ctkph.org).



*A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.*

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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how you can take part in  
the plans we have under-

way. Learn the histories of Christ the King and St. Stephen Church. Engage with fellow parishioners as we play, pray, sing and eat together while Celebrating 75 and 60 Years! I invite all of you to help us make this a great year by participating in many celebratory events.



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Anniversary Event Page



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Christ the King School will join Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week which takes place from January 25 to January 31.

Catholic Schools provide a learning space where Gospel Values are celebrated and students are provided opportunities to participate in traditions of rich academics and faith.

**We are truly thankful for all our amazing teachers, staff and students who contribute to the life of our parish here at Christ the King-St. Stephen Parish.**



**Save the Date for the Annual Crabfeed**  
**Join us on Saturday, February 21st**  
**at 5:30 PM in the CTK Gym**

for a fun-filled evening of delicious crab and great company. The annual CTK KofC Crab Feed is back, so come join us for a delicious feast of Fresh Crab, Kinder's Ball Tip, Homemade Irish Bread & Soup & more.

**It's gonna be a shell of a good time!**



**The Knights of Columbus**  
**Basketball Free Throw**  
**Competition**  
**Sunday, February 1st, 2026**  
**Christ the King Gym**  
**7:30am-11:30am**

All girls and boys aged 9 to 14 years old as of January 2026 are invited to participate in the local level 2026 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

**No pre-registration required.**

**Feel free to arrive at any time between 7:30am to 11:30am at CTK Gym.**

# To Live and to Love in Christ



## Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

### 2026-2027 Christ the King Student Applications And Open House

Open House on January 25th.

School Mass is on Sunday, January 25  
at 9:00am.

Open House will follow from  
10:00am-12:00pm.

Please let your friends and families know that applications are  
available:

[www.ctkschool.org/application-process](http://www.ctkschool.org/application-process)

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**Congratulations to CTK Principal,  
Dr. Joe Silveira,** for receiving the  
Saint Mary's College Distinguished  
Alumni Signum Fidei Award!

His commitment to education, faith, and innovation is a  
blessing to our community.



### An Evening with Dr. Denise Pope "The Well-Balanced Student"

"Dr. Denise Pope, Stanford senior lecturer and co-founder of Challenge Success, is a nationally recognized voice on **student well-being and healthy achievement**. She will share powerful, practical insights and tools to help students and families navigate academic pressure, overscheduling, stress, and balance.

**All parishioners are invited to attend the evening on  
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 7:00 pm. In the church at CTK.**



## ChristLight

**Are you longing for a deeper  
connection with God, new  
friendships within our parish, or simply a  
pause from life's hectic pace?**

**We warmly invite you to :**

**ChristLight XVIII: Immersed in Grace.**

ChristLight is a parish-based weekend experience designed to refresh our faith and strengthen our community. Together we'll experience prayer, fellowship, music, storytelling, laughter, and plenty of good food — all in an atmosphere of openness and joy.

**This year's ChristLight will be held the weekend of February 20-22 at the St. Stephen campus.** It's a time to step away, draw near to God, and walk together on the journey of faith with a fun-loving team of dedicated parishioners. Space is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot soon!

✦ The weekend concludes with a special Mass on Sunday, February 22 at 2:30 pm at St. Stephen Church, where families are warmly invited to join in celebration. Come grow with us at this life-giving weekend of community, grace, and renewal.

\*Register through REALM or call the office 925-682-2486 or email to [office@ctkph.org](mailto:office@ctkph.org)

\* Space is limited

\* \$90 per person which includes all meals and snacks

\*Scholarships are available

**All are Welcome!  
Scan the QR Code to register:**





**Annual Hygiene/Toiletries Drive  
for our students in need at  
Diablo Valley College**

**The weekend of January 31-Feb. 1  
Drop off at the back of church at CTK or SS**

**Hygiene Products:**

1. Bar Soap (regular size)
2. Body lotion
3. Body wash
4. Comb
4. Dental Floss
5. Deodorant
6. Disposal Razors
7. Feminine products
8. Hair Conditioner
9. Hair Shampoo
10. Mouthwash
11. Shaving Cream
12. Toilet Paper
13. Tooth paste
14. Tooth brush
15. Diapers (Newborns, 2T, 3T, 4T and 5T)

**Travel Size Items:**

1. Hair Spray
2. Sunscreen
3. Hand Sanitizer
4. Tissues
5. Cotton Swabs
6. Lip balm/Chap Stick



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**Thank you!**

The CTK/St. Stephen St. Vincent de Paul Conference in coordination with the Layette Team of Hillcrest Congregation Church wants to thank each and every person who participated in the generous response to the **2025 Holiday Giving Tree** in the back of St. Stephen's benefiting the Hillcrest Congregation Church Layette Program.

A total of 180 gift items were received!!!! Your very generous response helped to fill our empty bins and dwindling inventory. The team is so VERY GRATEFUL for the your generosity. We received warm jackets, sweatshirts, 2 & 3 piece outfits for boys and girls, onesies, long pants, plays n' plays, lots of socks, warm blankets and a few beautifully knitted hats. WE ARE ALL OVERWHELMED WITH YOUR GENEROSITY. Thank you.

The number of layettes going out the door has increased in the past year. And our inventory goes up and down depending upon donor inflows. Our inventory was depleted of warm clothing items in early December. Thank you for helping fill our bins and help us continue to provide Layettes to those in need.

May all of you receive many blessings in 2026. In Gratitude and Sincere Appreciation, **The Christ the King/St. Stephen St. Vincent de Paul and The Layette Team at Hillcrest Congregation Church (Sue, Jan, Sharon and Phyllis)**



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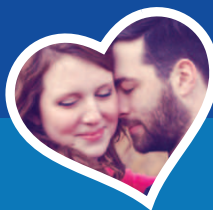
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