

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

2023

REFLECT, REPORT, REQUEST



CHRIST THE KING

PARISH

REFLECT

Dear Friends,

It is that time of year when we reflect on who we are, how we have grown as a parish, and what God might be asking of us in the time to come. I want to begin this letter by saying “Thank You” for all you have given to make this an amazing parish. I am so blessed to pastor such a vibrant parish community.

We have life in this parish and it is evident in our ministry volunteers – from those who each week welcome people through our church doors, to those who take the Eucharist to parishioners who are no longer able to leave their homes and attend Mass – and many other ministries. We have such life here at Christ the King Parish as Jesus is at our center. Without Christ, we would be a parish of 2,000 families without a core, running around keeping busy, but not understanding the “why” behind it all.

As Christians and as Catholics, our faith calls us to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus and invite others to experience Him. We are called to serve and make this world a better place. This report shows some of the ways we at Christ the King have done this during the past year. We also need to ask ourselves, how we can continue to share our Time, Talent, and Treasure in the work of building up the Kingdom of God here in our midst.

This year’s report is more visual, so that we as a parish community can see the love and commitment we have for Jesus. Let us continue to **REFLECT** and be grateful for all the ways our Lord Jesus Christ is working within us at Christ the King Parish – so many ways, that we cannot fully capture them all in this report.



Top: Corpus Christi Procession 2023

Right: Anthony Stevens (left) and Eric Swenson, Head Ushers

Left: Sister Melinda Hill, RSM, presents the Chrism at Holy Thursday Mass.

REPORT



relationship with Jesus – music helps to bring this about.

We are highlighting just a few ministries here. You can learn more about all of our ministries at christthekingnh.org under “Ministries.”

Again, this year, we have been so blessed. From last year’s Stewardship Renewal, we received over \$94,700 in capital improvement funds. This includes two bequests that totaled \$53,000. This funding, together with previous donations, allowed us to complete the following projects:

Sept 2022	Barry Hall Masonry	\$1,920
Nov 2022	Rectory Roof	\$96,000
Dec 2022	Livestream Upgrades	\$5,500
Jan 2023	Church Insulation	\$31,523

In addition to your generosity for these projects, we have also received donations for our **Advent Little Black Books**, **Lenten Purple Books**, and support for the **Divine Renovation Conference** in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, which allowed 28 of us to attend, share our experience, and learn more about parish renewal. We could not have done any of this without your support.

As a Divine Renovation parish, we are part of a worldwide movement for renewal of parish life, with a focus on the **Eucharist**, **Prayer**, and **Community**. As a result of all our efforts, I am proud to say that we have a very active and engaged parish. Weekend in-person Mass attendance has **increased by 30% this past year averaging 729 people a weekend**. In addition, we have 250+ online viewers per weekend.

So you might be wondering: how do these numbers translate into parish life? What do we do to bring Jesus into our world? Our parish has 1,965 families. Within these families, we have **417 volunteers** who support over **50 parish ministries**.

We have volunteers for **Alpha**

and **Emmaus**. Attendance at Emmaus averaged 150-200 people per month. While faith formation is important, our parish works hard to put our faith into action. Our volunteers work at **The Friendly Kitchen** and at **Christ the King Food Pantry**, feeding over 1,000 individuals and families a month throughout greater Concord.

We work not only to feed the hungry but our volunteers also work to feed our souls with music. We have an **Adult Choir**, **Hand Bell Choir**, **Children’s Choir**, **Jam Group**, **Praise and Worship Group**, and **Bereavement/Funeral Choir**. There are plenty of opportunities for you to praise our God in song. Joy is an important part of our



Top: Members of the Children’s Choir rehearse for Holy Week.
Right: Greta Ernst (left) and Carol Vallieres lead Alpha at our parish
Left: Karen McClellan (left) and Angie Glendinning at the Divine Renovation Conference in Uxbridge, Massachusetts

REQUEST

In this final section, let us examine **Stewardship**. Each year as a parish we have pledged to review and renew our commitment. Stewardship is a spiritual practice and is about more than money. It is a responsibility we have as individuals and as a parish community to examine our gifts of **Time, Talent, and Treasure**. Everything we have is a gift from God and so prayerfully, we must examine how we use these gifts. All our gifts bring light to our world and to our faith community.



TIME AND TALENT

Before we do anything, we must go to **prayer**. It is in dialog with God that we can move forward to do His will. It is being “present to the Presence” – the presence of our God, that shows us where we might use **our time and our talent** for His Greater Glory. We are not given gifts to be used for ourselves alone but rather to be shared within a community to help others. Each of us has gifts – how we use them is a question to be brought before God. And then once we know, bring them out into our parish and into the greater community.

TREASURE

Regular giving is critical to the future of our parish, whether it is a weekly or monthly donation. Our current weekly income averages \$17,000 for which we are very grateful. As of this report, two of our most pressing needs are to find a **Youth Minister**, and a **Coordinator of Information Technology (IT)** who will help us maintain and grow our digital presence.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to regular giving, some of you may be able, and feel called, to donate more for other parish needs. The following list are the items/tasks we will most likely not be able to cover with our regular giving income. This list will only be accomplished through extraordinary and intentional gifts. We will prioritize and accomplish these as funds become available:

- Replace remaining 1/3 of the slate roof of church **\$250,000**
- Replace Barry Hall roof **\$120,000**
- Upgrade front door of rectory for barrier free access **\$5,000**
- New rectory windows **\$80,000**
- Upgrade back entrance of rectory with new door and small porch **\$25,000**
- Upgrade rectory first floor restroom for barrier free access **\$35,000**
- Replace carpeting and refinish hardwood floors in rectory **\$30,000**
- Replace computers and equipment in Parish Office **\$30,000**
- AV screens for church **\$35,000**



- ADA automatic opener for church narthex doors **\$12,000**
- Replace fire alarm system in rectory **\$2,500**
- Upgrade internet systems in all buildings to fiber optic **\$20,000**

PLANNED GIVING

To this day, we are beneficiaries of those who have gone before us and have provided financial resources for our community through their generous bequests and estate planning. Please consider remembering our parish in your estate planning. The parish community is a part of your spiritual family. We encourage you to speak to your financial advisor about how this can be beneficial to you and our parish community.

Please return the enclosed form on the weekend of October 21 & 22. Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness and generosity. May we continue to pray for each other as we strive to do the will of God.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rich