# The Canticle

Christ the King Episcopal Church, 6490 Carr Street, Arvada, CO 80004



# **Clergy Letter**

Happy October, Christ the King Family!!

From St. Francis Day (this past Sunday) to All Hallows Eve on the 31st, October is a month filled with reminders of autumn and the coming again of our harvest festivals that will lead us this and next month into Advent and Christmas beyond. In our community, we prepare for our Celebration of New Ministry on Wednesday, our Visioning Conversations that will guide our focus and efforts for the next set of years, and rejoice in getting to enjoy celebrating our autumn festivals together in person! Outside, leaves are already changing color, our grocery stores are displaying the end of the month revelry of All Hallows Eve (Hallow e'en) that comes just a day before our All Saint's Day celebration, and mountain-snows have begun!

Each year around this time (though it seems to come a few days earlier each year), pumpkins and pumpkin-flavored foods and beverages make their return to our hillsides, stores, and décor. Although it's an obvious marketing ploy, I can't even say that I mind, since I love the gluten free pumpkin bagels at Trader Joes, the cinnamon broomsticks that bring fond aromatic memories of spiced cider and mulled wine, the pumpkin flavored beverages (particularly in the coffeehouse and brewhouse genres), and the scrumptious variety of homemade pumpkin baked goods—breads, muffins, pancakes, and pies!

Autumn is also the time of our annual gatherings as a parish family to remember who we are and whose we are as we bless our pets, take stock of our finances, remember that stewardship is a ministry of keeping our community open and vibrant, and begin the autumn planning that leads us into the high holiday seasons that begin with All Saints on November 1st and take us through to Epiphany in January. There is so much to recommend this time in our church year, and so many opportunities to gather for fellowship and fun!

Yet, for all that we are planning and doing this month, at the heart lies the ongoing desire to find community with one another by all available means, to be in fellowship, to worship together, and to bring our faith to bear on the significant times and seasons of our lives. More than anything, these desires are what motivate our upcoming Visioning Conversations, to which we hope to welcome as many of you as possible! The hopes and dreams that we collectively voice will guide our vestry's and CTK's efforts, focus, and plans for the months and years ahead!

#### October 2022

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### **CTK Vision Statement:**

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
- We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and
- We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God's world.

Website: www.ctkarvada.org Check us out on Facebook!

We're also on YouTube!

### **Worship Services**

Sunday, October 2 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, October 9 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, October 16

Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, October 23 Holy Eucharist 9:30am - Church & YouTube

Sunday, October 30 Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Church & YouTube

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### Deadline:

Please submit articles by the 15th of the prior month.

### Clergy Letter cont.

Finally, as we worship and pray our way through this opening of our autumn celebrations, we also kick off our autumn pledge campaign. Too often, we associate "stewardship" with our pledge drive. While the pledge drive does factor into our stewardship, there isn't a season or a drive for stewardship. It is a year-round and life-long caring for the resources with which we have been tremendously blessed as a family. Our beliefs about who we are and why we gather as a community factor into our decisions for how much we are able to give annually, but the reality is that everything we do as a parish family that includes Christ the King's building, staff, clergy, and resources can only be done because of the generosity of each member of our parish family. The tremendous gift of being called into this family as a spiritual leader, guide, and member is one that I and my family give thanks for every day.

In this first autumn with Christ the King, I am greatly looking forward to the celebrations that lie ahead, and I am incredibly grateful for getting to be a part of this journey of faith with each of you as we warm the halls and gladden the days of our church, homes, and hearts together. Happy Autumn!

Blessings,

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Austin



### The Stewardship Team

As we approach our annual autumn stewardship campaign, the stewardship team has been thinking about WHY we are CTK family, WHAT do we feel we are called to do, and HOW will we do it. As a team we are working and praying about these questions. This is a work in progress for us, and we hope you will enjoy seeing some of our thoughts included here. We encourage you to think about these questions and about why CTK and the future of CTK in our community is important to you. Please watch for more information from our Team in the Weekly Bulletins.

WHY: We believe in helping others; in living as examples of God's abundance, love, and care; and in taking care of one another in good times and bad. We believe Christ's way of love for ALL people can be our way of living; and that God calls each of us to the table and to ministry as we are and because of who we are.

HOW: We do this by creating a spiritual home where we center ourselves in God, build connections among our members and neighbors, and care for our community and God's world.

WHAT: Please join us in participating in the healing of the world, one life, one family, one community at a time. Your financial gifts are important. Your financial gifts matter. Your financial gifts make it possible for CTK to exist! Your financial gifts will assure that CTK remains a strong and loving presence in our community and beyond.

If you have questions about giving to Christ the King, please contact the Stewardship Team; *Mary Beattie, Molly Foley-Healy, Karen Barritt, & Austin.* 

### Food For Thought

### Feast of Teresa of Avila Mystic and Monastic Reformer Saturday, October 15

Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada (later known as Teresa de Jesus) was born in Avila, Spain, 28 March 1515, one of ten children whose mother died when she was fifteen. Her family was of partly Jewish ancestry. Teresa, having read the letters of Jerome, decided to become a nun, and when she

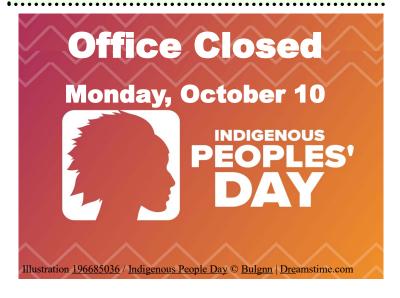


was 20, she entered the Carmelite convent in Avila. There she fell seriously ill, was in a coma for a while, and partially paralyzed for three years. In her early years as a nun, she was, by her account, assiduous in prayer while sick but lax and lukewarm in her prayers and devotions when the sickness had passed. However, her prayer life eventually deepened, she began to have visions and a vivid sense of the presence of God, and was converted to a life of extreme devotion.

Christ has no body now but yours No hands, no feet on earth but yours Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

#### Click here for the full article by James Kiefer

O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.



### **Faith Formation**

### Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 2:00pm, Hybrid

The Bible Study group, led by Rev. Austin, meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the chapel and on Zoom. If it's too hot we will meet in Kempsell Hall. All are welcome to come. Bring a Bible!

### CTK Book Club Mondays at 3:00 on Zoom

The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Any questions please call either Merri (303-809-4823) or Jean (303-422-0930).

#### **Small Group Visioning Conversations**

### Regathering Together: A Vision for Christ the King

This month, the Vestry at CTK calls us to gather together to reflect on our past, celebrate our present, and envision our future. We want you to join us!

We'll begin with a **Parish-wide Kickoff at Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 16** led by our rector, Austin.

Then over the course of **two weeks**, October 17-29, we'll meet in small groups at various homes, at the church, and on Zoom to share our stories, reflect on our experiences, and address issues we think are important for us to take on at CTK. The first meeting will focus on "Where we are as a church?" and the second meeting will focus on "Where do we feel called by the Spirit to go?" Here are the dates, times, and locations (sign up in the parish hall):

Monday Afternoons (Oct. 17, Oct. 24), 2-4 p.m. (Group A)

Hosts/Facilitators: Steve & Karen Barritt Location: 7487 Tabor Street, Arvada

Tuesday Mornings (Oct. 18, Oct. 25), 9-11 am (Group B)

Hosts: Jean Thayer & Kama Linscome Facilitators: Phil Goodman & Rob Jones Location: CTK Parish Hall/Chapel

Thursday Evenings (Oct. 20, Oct. 27), 6-8 p.m. (Group C)

Hosts/Facilitators: Jim, Cathy, & Rick Atkinson

Location: 6441 Russell Way, Arvada

**Saturday Noon (Oct. 22, Oct. 29), 12-2pm** (*Group D*) Hosts/Facilitators: Merri Crawford & Michelle Bredine

Location: Zoom *Link can be found in the Weekly* 

Update or contact the office for a

Zoom invite.

On **Sunday, November 13**, we'll gather again at Coffee Hour where we'll bring together the results of our small group meetings and celebrate our mutual goals for the future. These goals will be presented to the Vestry and the various committees to plan how we fulfill them.

### Parish Life

### October Birthdays

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Maxine Wendt	02
Marrtha Jones	06
Mark Molello	06
Phyllis Nay	08
Amy McClure	12
Byron Giezentanner	16
Dave Murray	17
Jean Thayer	21
Barbara Kendall	23
Laura Thompson	30
Arras Martin	31
Lori Molello	31



#### **October Anniversaries**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Burry, David & Jeri	11	
Paugh, Mike & Susan	18	
Barker, Mike & Pat	24	



#### Thank you from Peck Elementary

Deb Pearce, Principal at Peck Elementary, emailed me to invite CTK to bring flyers over to Peck to advertise our movie in the parking lot, so Jessica quickly did up 150, and I took them over today (9/15). Ms. Pearce came to meet me in the office and was very effusive about all the support the school had received from CTK over the years. She did confirm that Peck would be closing next year, so they are trying to make this an extra special year for everyone there, and she said our check for \$990 would be a wonderful help toward that goal. Thanks, everyone!—Jean Thayer

#### **Readings for October**

October 2 - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

October 9 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

October 16 - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

October 23 - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Sirach 35:12-17 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

October 30 - Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-8 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

### Fixers & Tenders Saturday, October 8, 9:00 a.m.

Contact Mike Paugh with any questions.

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### A Special Note from the Crafters

Special thanks to Austin for his vocal support for our prayer shawl/lap blanket ministry. Following the Sunday service during which Austin and Pat Barker explained this ongoing ministry, Pat met with interested parishioners who requested prayer shawls. We gave out several shawls and lap robes, but we still have more waiting for those who are going through difficult times and could use special comfort from these blessed items.

The Crafters are hard at work creating a variety of beautiful handmade items for the upcoming Craft Fair to be held in conjunction with the "Giving Thanks" tea on Saturday, November 5. We will also sell items around our Sunday services on November 6, November 13, November 20, and perhaps on November 27 (if we still have items available). We will offer knitted and crocheted items, a quilt for raffle, handmade cards and ornaments, jewelry, keepsakes and artistic works, as well as many other useful and fun items. We are happy to accept donated items from any parishioners who wish to participate. Check us out! You may find a unique gift for yourself or someone special and perhaps get some of your holiday shopping completed! Our prices are competitive and all proceeds will go to the CTK General Fund.

# **Caring Connections**



### Open Offering and Outreach for October

Christ the King's Open Offering for October will go to the General Fund. Thank you everyone as we continue to close the gap between operating expenses and income.

### Crafters of the King Monday, October 3 & 17, 10:00am Hybrid

If you're a crafter and would like to join us, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in Kempsell Hall from 10 am until 12 noon and also via Zoom. If you have any questions, you can contact Peggy Broderick at 303 954-0243 or Kay Seiler at 303 460-9234.



### Breakfast at The Rising Thursday, October 6, 8:00am

Christ the King will be serving breakfast at The Rising in Olde Town Arvada on Thursday, October 6th. All are welcome to help. Please contact Mary Beattie if interested.



### Climate Care Group Thursday, October 6, 6:00pm on Zoom

The Climate Care Team will be meeting on Thursday, October 6th, at 6 PM, on Zoom. Anyone is welcome, please email <u>Cathy A</u> if you would like to join us!

### St. Clare's Table Tuesday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. Please contact Mark M. with any questions.

### **Tickets Now on Sale**

A Tea of Thanks
Saturday, November 5, 2022, 1:00pm. - 3:00pm
Contact the office or e-mail <u>Diane</u>.

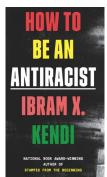
### Conversations on Racial Justice and Reconciliation Tuesday October 12th & October 26th 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on." — Thurgood Marshall

In a continually shifting national and world landscape, we believe these conversations are more important than ever. Please join us as we continue our journey to expand our knowledge of history, enhance our awareness of situations and policies that stand in the way of racial justice in our community and nation today, and explore avenues of action that bring needed change.

Did You Know: In 1935, Nazi Germany passed two radically discriminatory pieces of legislation: the Reich Citizenship Law and the Law for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor. Together, these were known as the Nuremberg Laws and they laid the legal groundwork for the persecution of Jewish people during the Holocaust and World War II. When the Nazis set out to legally disenfranchise and discriminate against Jewish citizens, they closely studied Jim Crow Laws in America. Learn more from Hitler's American Model by James Q. Whitman. According to Whitman, "Nazi lawyers were interested in, looked very closely at, [and] were ultimately influenced by American race law." This topic is also widely referenced in Isabel Wilkerson's widely read ad excellent book Caste: The Origins of our Discontents.

Recommended: The US and the Holocaust, a 3-part documentary by Ken Burns that tells the story of how the American people grappled with one of the greatest humanitarian crises of the twentieth century, and how this struggle tested the ideals of our democracy. The documentary is available now on PBS. Our group is committed to watching and our October meetings will be dedicated to a discussion of this documentary.



Coming Up: On November 9 we will begin an in-depth study of Ibram X Kendi's work entitled *How to Be an Anti-Racist*. According to one reviewer, "Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society." Rev. Austin Leininger has graciously

agreed to lead this study and we encourage everyone interested to join in. The book is available on Amazon and at your favorite library. Please watch the weekly CTK bulletin for more information and prepare for the first study by reading the first two chapters of the book.

### **Vestry Corner**

### **Vestry Update**

Thank you for your generous gifts in the Open Plate and in continuing to make and exceed your pledged amounts. We are grateful for your financial support for our community at Christ the King. We will again collect the open plate for the General Fund in October to continue our ability to support our building and community.

We are very excited to celebrate the Installation of our new rector Austin Leininger. Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 pm Bishop Kym will join us for this marvelous service and celebration. We also look forward to the Diocesan Convention. Rev Austin, Barbara Jennings, Larry Healy and Mike Barker will be attending as delegates. We will be concluding the course for Stewardship and look forward to our Annual Stewardship Drive to build the budget for 2023. We welcome The Planina Choir using our building for their rehearsals on Thursday night. Later in October we will begin our Visioning to look to the future of Christ the King and identify our common mission ideas.

We will be doing our annual autumn clean up in later in October or November. Please look for any announcements about this activity. We have restored the "Cross wall" in Kempsell Hall. Thank you for your support in restoring our Coffee Hour fellowship. It is wonderful to see everyone who stays after church for this fellowship.

The Vestry would like to continue to Recommend but not Mandate masking in the building. We will remove the capacity limit, but still encourage social distancing.

Barbara Jennings, Senior Warden

### Treasurer's Report

September, 2022 Vestry Meeting For August 2022 Activity

Total Ordinary Revenue (Aug. 2022 Activity)	\$ 17,410
Total Expense	\$ 33,454
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 16,044)
Total Year to Date Revenue	\$120,908
Total Year to Date Expenses	\$181,916
Net Ordinary Income	(\$ 61,008)

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning of year expenses



#### Let us give thanks!

The Cross Wall in the Parish Hall is looking fabulous! A great big thank you to everyone who worked on getting that done.



### Gift Cards - Not just for giving!

Gift cards bought through the RaiseRight program can be a gift for yourself and the church. Buy cards to your favorite places; Walmart, amazon.com, Arby's, Wendy's (full list) and use them yourself at any time. With the Scrip mobile app it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards or you can print an order form and mail it to the church with your check or hand it in Sunday to receive a physical card. RaiseRight orders are placed on the first and third Monday of the Month. Have questions about the Scrip Program contact Barbara Jennings

# Place your RaiseRight order by Sunday, October 30th!

#### Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!

It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through Shop with Scrip, Safeway or King Soopers, you help support the ministry of Christ the King. And it's easy to start!

• *Safeway* offers reloadable cards (\$20), available through the <u>church office</u> (303-424-5288); or Sunday morning. We receive a rebate of 4% every time you reload your card.



- *Shop with Scrip* offers gift cards from hundreds of familiar retailers, in amounts that vary from \$10 to \$500. Rebates to the church range from 1.5% to 18%, depending on the retailer.
- For *King Soopers*, you'll need to designate Christ the King as the organization you would like to support by linking your loyalty card at <a href="https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards">www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards</a>, using code LM 737.

The money from these gift cards programs is directed to our operating budget and it is a really easy way to help support our church.

# Worship and Music

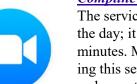


### Online and In –person Services Available

<u>Sunday Worship</u>, 9:30am Our services are now being held in the church with masks recommended and social distancing when possible and live streamed on <u>YouTube</u>. Please check your email for invites to register for this service or call the office to reserve your place.



#### **Weekday Services**



### Compline - Wednesdays, 8:30pm

The service of Compline "completes" the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service. Compline is currently held on

Zoom. Contact the office for a Zoom invite or see the Weekly Update for a link.

#### Morning Prayer - Fridays, 8:00am

Now, you can join in from home through Zoom. Ros Patterson, Jean Thayer and Jessica Starbird will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

### Blessings of the Animals Saturday, October 3, 3:30pm



Please join us on for a Blessing of the Animals. We will have a brief service honoring God's creation and the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets are welcome to receive a blessing from the priest during the service. Please

plan to keep your animals on a leash or crated as appropriate. Look forward to seeing you there.



### **A Musical Note**

by Andi Smith

There is great healing power in music. For me, music is prayer. Music touches the deepest part of many of us for a myriad of reasons. We look to music when we're sad, angry, lost, happy, you name it.

Oftentimes, it is an answer to prayer. Many of you may know of the struggles I am having being the caregiver to my mom. The last 2-3 months have been especially difficult and I, and all of my family, realize that there is a personality change that has been occurring. She seems to be turning into a different person than the one I knew growing up. We have come to realize that a different living situation needs to happen for her sake . . . and for mine, if the truth be told. It is a difficult thing to try and get my heart and my mind to be in sync with one another. In my struggles, I have found music to be one of the ways to cope. I have found some peace, some comfort although there are still times when I feel like I fall apart. Coming to Christ the King and playing music, hearing voices sing and bells ring, continues to bring me peace. The support you have shown me has been incredible and I thank you so much. Embrace the power music has to reach into your soul and to connect you with the Holy Spirit.

And that's where you will find peace and comfort.

### **Beyond Our Walls**

### "Holy Transgression: Discipleship and the Incarnation" presentation by Fr. Vincent Pizzuto,

Saturday, October 8, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, hybrid event at Center for Contemplative Living, 3650 Yates Denver, CO, 80212 and via zoom online.

The gospel narratives are replete with the theme of transgression. Routinely, Jesus drew his teachings and parables

from the natural world, familiar to those around him, and used the most mundane images to shock his listeners into seeing the new world that was breaking upon them. In this presentation, Father Pizzuto will be speaking to us about Jesus' coming as a manifestation of a whole new world view: the Kingdom of God. Go to <u>centeringprayer.net</u> or call the center at 303-698-7729 to register.

# October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Holy Eucharist 3:00pm Blessing of the Pets	3 10:00am(hybrid) Crafters of the King 3:00pm Book Club 7:00pm Chi Rho Bell Choir	2:00pm Bible Study  7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	5:30pm, Celebration of New Ministry Reception to follow  8:30pm Compline	6 8:00 Breakfast at the Rising 7:00pm Worshiping Voices Choir	7 8:00am Morning Prayer	8 9:00am Fixers & Tenders
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