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Welcome to the November First Friday Flash Newsletter!

This monthly newsletter is intended to give you an overview of activities and events around CTK Diocesan Schools through the upcoming month. Watch for additional email updates during the month from the school administration and coaches.

November's Virtue of the Month Is Humility. Humility is accepting your limitations and God-given talents. Saints of Humility include St. John the Baptist, St. Pio of Petrelcina & St. Therese of Lisieux.

REMEMBER TODAY IS A NEW EARLY DISMISSAL DAY AT 2:30PM so everyone can join us to cheer on the Golden Lions in their first round playoff game at 3pm on our home field!

Friday, 11/13/26, 2:40pm
Veterans Day Prayer Service
(see more details below)

Wednesday, 11/18/26: 2pm Early Dismissal for

Faculty Faith Development & Free Dress Day

Friday, 11/20/26 - All-School Mass with Bishop Coerver Presiding

Week of 11/23-11/27/26: No School - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, 12/1/26 - #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday see more info below

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November continues with many volunteer opportunities to help with your required volunteer hours: basketball gate & concession, Teacher Appreciation committee, and more! Check out the Volunteer Opportunities section at this link: Volunteer Needs for where your help is needed!

COMING SOON!
THE 2026-2027 BIG RAFFLE!
Tickets will be ready for pick-up prior to Thanksgiving break! Watch for more information!

Starting Monday, 11/30/26, shorts may not be worn with uniforms or on free dress days. Mass sweaters or vests are required to be worn with Mass Uniform for all PreK-8th grade students.

(see full calendar of events further down in the newsletter)

Click on each newsletter topic for more details or visit the NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS section of the school website: **ctkschoolslbk.org**

Hallow for Schools

Hallow for Parents

Simple Ways to Bring More Prayer Into Everyday Family Life

The Meyer Family's Everyday Prayer Rhythm

(Simple moments of prayer with Hallow woven into everyday life)

🌅 **Morning Calm (Before School)**
As the house starts buzzing, we play peaceful piano music — maybe Advent, Christmas, or Lent instrumental 'praylist' — while eating breakfast, packing lunches, and getting ready. It sets a calm, prayerful tone and helps everyone start the day grounded in peace.

🚗 **Car Ride to School**
The car becomes our prayer space! We'll listen to a *Kids Prayer Challenge* session or *Saints Alive* podcast to kick off the school day with a quick, joyful prayer or saintly inspiration.

🧘 **Drive Home from Drop-Off**
Just for parents — a quiet moment with the *Prayer Challenge* of the moment: Lent, Advent, Easter, or other. It's a gentle reset after the morning rush, before starting the workday.

🚙 **School Pick-Up Carline**
While waiting, I spend time reflecting using our *Daily Reflection with Jonathan & Jeff*, our *Family Rule of Life*, or a quick *Minute Monk*. This quiet time with the Lord before pick up brings me such peace and calm, so I can be at my best for my kiddos.

🍽️ **Dinner Time**
Dinner time is filled with music, with seasonal worship music playing in the background. It keeps us joyful, relaxed, and has become a big part of our family rhythm.

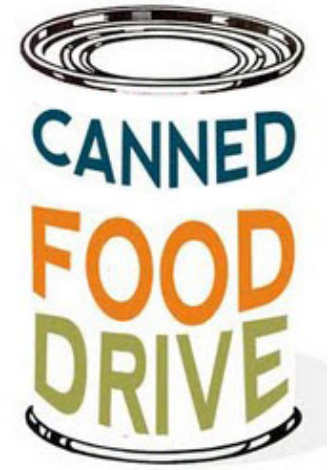
🌙 **Bedtime Wind-Down**
We pray together with our younger children before bed, and we have added a decade of the Rosary during this Advent season to pray for special intentions — a simple, peaceful way to close our day praying for others. Hallow's bedtime prayer sessions for families are also beautiful, and we use them occasionally.



Join Us for a Special Veterans Day Prayer Service & Performance

CTK students will honor our veterans with a special afternoon prayer service on Friday, 11/13/26 at 2:40pm. Join us in the CTK gym for prayer and special performance. We would also like to remember our veterans again by creating a prayer wall at our school.

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Elementary Students Hosting Food Drive As November Service Project

For their November service project, CTK elementary students are helping Knights of Columbus Council #3008 collect non-perishable foods for those who might need some extra help keeping their pantries stocked during the holidays. From now through **Friday, 11/20/26**, they are collecting items such as rice, pasta, cereal, canned foods, shelf-stable milk and more.

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2026 Christmas Greenery & Poinsettia Sale Is Underway! Orders Due Thursday, 11/19, at 4pm.

The CTK Class of 2027 is selling Christmas greenery and poinsettias as a fundraiser for their senior trip next spring. Wreaths and sprays come FRESH from Mickman Brothers in MINNESOTA, and the poinsettias are grown locally by Ivey Gardens. The school has worked with both of these companies in the past, and the quality of their products is wonderful.

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Advance Giving for GivingTuesday Begins Monday, 11/16!

As we approach GivingTuesday 2026 as well as 70 years of Catholic education at CTKDS, we remain committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and academically strong environment where students grow in faith, knowledge, and service. We hope that you will choose CTK Diocesan Schools for your #iGiveCatholic gifts during the Advanced Giving period from November 16-20 or on GivingTuesday on December 1!

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Annual Christmas Lunch Set for Wednesday, December 9! Orders due Thursday, 12/3/26 at 4pm.

Every December, parents and family members are invited to join their CTK student(s) for the annual Christmas dinner. This year is no different as this special dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, 12/9/26. The traditional menu of turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and tea or a lemonade is sure to make diners happy.

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Class of 2027 Tamale Sale Orders due Friday, 12/11/26



Let the Class of 2027 help you stock up on Christmas tamales! The class will be selling homemade tamales by the dozen for the next several weeks. Tamale orders are due by Friday, 12/11/26, at 4pm. Tamales can be picked up in the CTK Cafe from 10am-2pm on Saturday, 12/19/26.

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Don't Forget:
All CTK students get into HOME games at no charge! Non-CTK

After finishing the regular season 7-1, the Golden Lions football team is headed to the TAPPS playoffs! Come out to cheer them on at our home field with a 3pm kick off.

Basketball season is gearing up and will be starting next week.

Watch for Coach McComas' weekly emails for future football playoff games and basketball games schedule. Coach also includes a link for

students' entry fees are $3.00 each and adult entry fees are $5.00 each. Entry fees & concession sales help off-set the cost of referees.

the gate & concession volunteer opportunities that are available for ALL parents!



Volunteer Opportunities

Gate & Concession Stand Volunteers for JH, JV & Basketball Games, Teacher Appreciation Committee, Angel Workshop and more...

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Buy United/Market Street/Amigo's & Hundreds of Retailers thru RaiseRight to Help CTK Schools!

You are encouraged to buy gift cards for hundreds of major retailers to use for your own day-to-day purchases or give them as gifts! Throughout the year, RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) offers bonus percentages for various retailers. Visit raiseright.com for a full list of retailers and the percentages they give back to the school.

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Earn Funds for CTKDS with Box Tops Bonuses

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to support our school? Box Tops for Education has been around for over 25 years, and it really can make a difference. In fact, the Box Tops program has helped give almost one billion dollars to schools since 1996.

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Non-Athletic Event Dates

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WATCH FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM DR. C AND THE WEEKLY WRAP ON FRIDAYS!

TODAY - First Friday All-School Mass followed by Adoration until Benediction at 1:30pm; JH Service Day; 2:30pm Early Dismissal to cheer on the Golden Lions at 3pm

11/9 - All-School Morning Prayer @ 7:45am

11/11 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; H&S Board Meeting at 5:30pm

11/12 - 11/19 - MAP Testing #2

11/12 - JH/HS School Spanish Mass @ 8:15am

11/13 - Elementary School Mass @ 8:15am; Herff-Jones meet with juniors/seniors; Veterans Day Prayer Service at 2:40pm

11/16 - All School Morning Prayer at 7:50am

11/18 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; HS Service Day (9th/12th); 2pm Early Dismissal Day for Faculty Faith Formation

11/20 - All-School Mass with Bishop Coerver presiding @ 8:15am; 3rd-5th Grade Annual Friendsgiving; JH Field Trip; All School Afternoon Prayer @ 2:40pm

Week of 11/23-27: Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!

11/30 - All School Morning Prayer @ 7:45am

12/1 - Individual Picture Re-takes; #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday!

12/2 - JH/HS girls: Heart & Habits at 7am; H&S December Seasonal Dress; HS Service Day; H&S Board Meeting at 5:30pm

12/4 - First Friday All-School Mass followed by Adoration until Benediction at 1:30pm; JH Service Day

Looking Ahead:

12/7-11 - Angel Workshop open

12/9 - Christmas Dinner (at lunch); 2pm Early Dismissal for Faculty Faith Formation

12/11 - All School Mass

12/14 - Dead Day & Polar Express Day for JH/HS; Culture Club Field Trip for 1st-5th

12/15 - Polar Express Day for PK-5th

12/17 & 12/18 - NOON DISMISSAL Days

12/21-1/4 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

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