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Our Lady of Hope, Trust and Faithfulness—by Jim Collins

At the time of the Crucifixion of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary had already experienced a life of great sorrow and pain, along with the unimaginable beauty of being the Mother of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The sword of the Centurion, piercing the side of her Son, had pierced Mary's side also as she stood beneath the Cross. However, it was earlier that Our Lord had given to his mother the care of all humanity in His words to St. John [as a symbol of humanity], "Woman, behold your son! Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" (Jn 19:26-27). It is in Christian tradition that St. John afterwards took Mary to Ephesus to live until her Assumption. Ephesus was the chief city and seaport of the Roman province of Asia Minor (modern Turkey).

In those days, Ephesus was a city of future promise for a base of Christianity, but it was also a city of pagan violence, orgies to Greek and Roman gods and goddesses, and riots against the teachings of Jesus. St. Paul was imprisoned and run out of town. St. John was, at some point, exiled to the prison Island of Patmos. So, what is our Lord's Mother doing there?

There is a belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary asked her Son permission to remain with the Apostles and first disciples in order to teach them, encour-



age them, and provide consolation to them in the initial tough years of Evangelization. This belief is entirely possible, if not probable, in that Our Lord never denies His Mother anything. And Mary was completely dedicated to the purpose of saving the souls of her new daughters and sons for the glory of Heaven. Mary was not a stranger to the sorrows of life. She would have been a living Angel to those who needed her help. We can see the proof of this in the Gospel of St. Luke. Only Mary could have provided the details of the early life of her Son. She provided the Gospel Revelations we needed to have to better understand the full Gospel story. It is no stretch to believe that Mary is the one the disciples went to for help in this fledgling Christian community.

Just as the early disciples faced a world in torment, we also face one of contradictions between faith and society, promises of faith and false promises of society. We need help. And there is nobody better to ask for help than from the Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Queen Mother of our Savior, who brings to her Son our requests. It is a matter of our faith that Our lady wraps our requests into her own as she asks Her Son to help us. Our Lord will always say Yes!

On September 10th we will begin a 27 day rosary novena. In concert with Catholic Parishes around the world, we will storm the Heavens with our prayers. The power of prayer will change our world! Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.

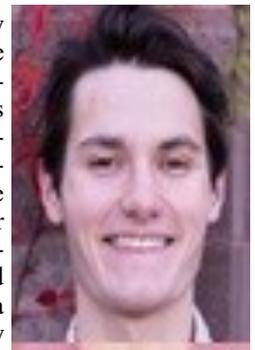
One Graduate's View of St. Louis the King Parish—by Trevor Lewis

My name is **Trevor Lewis**, I have lived in Harvey and attended St. Louis the King for the past 13 years. This year I graduated from Marquette Senior High School with distinction (4.23 GPA). I love sports and exercise, companionship with family and friends, as well as a deeply rooted nature of love for our country and what it stands for. This fall I plan to attend Olivet College while pursuing Bachelor's degrees in both Criminal Justice and Actuarial Science. While at school I will be a member of the Olivet College Men's Tennis team. While balancing school and sport I have chosen to join as an Airman of the United States Air Force Reserves. Following my undergraduate studies I plan to go onto law school while hoping to become a constitutional law lawyer. Following grad-

uate studies I plan to continue on a path of public service by being a politician focused on keeping the principles of morality at the center of the United States.

As a child of God, I wholeheartedly understand the importance of moral humanity. Throughout my studies I am assured that God plans for me to be a beacon of unity as well as a beacon of proper senses of what life means and what it stands for. As I pursue a career in politics, I, with my relationship to God, will serve to protect life at all ages, elicit kindness, prolong unity, protect religious freedoms, as well as ensure that the scope of government is limited and acts solely on the benefits of the people.

Throughout my time at St. Louis the King I am greatly indebted to the kindness and sense of community that has been given to me. As I move forward I will forever remember the importance of charity and the importance of a strong and healthy relationship to the Holy Spirit. Parishioners of St. Louis the King have taught me ideals that will be with me through my life and studies, especially the idea of friendship not based on age borders, but, based on the idea of relationships between good people.

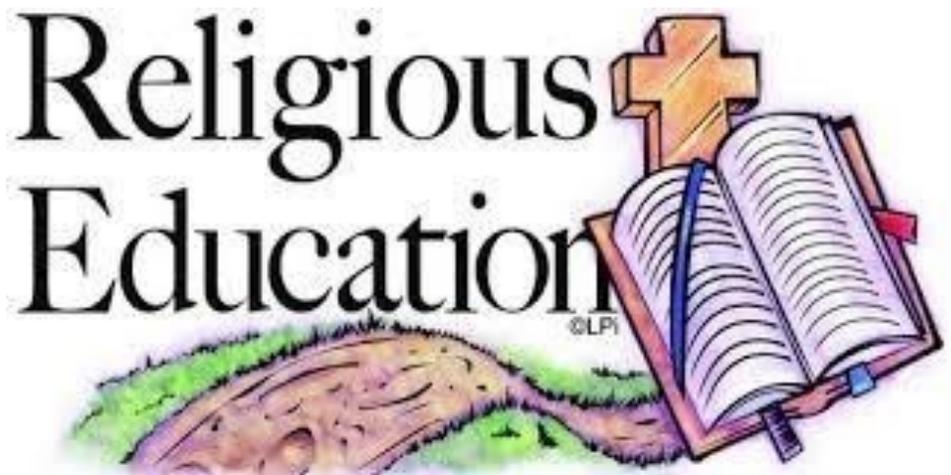


Family Faith Formation Moving Forward—by Rachel McKnight

Praise God for a beautiful summer and for the promise of a colorful and cool fall. We hope you are all remain in God's peace during this time of change and uncertainty. In an effort to best protect our children, volunteers and parish family, we have decided to postpone our face to face religious education classes this fall. We feel that the health and well being of all of our parishioners is important. As things change and evolve we will continue to discuss the reopening of our classrooms. It is our goal that religious education will resume in the classroom setting in the near future.

The faith formation of our families begins in the home and the parish family helps to implement the religious education of our parishioners. Here at St. Louis the King we plan on providing weekly "classes" via the internet. It is imperative that you register with the parish providing your email address and/or cell phone number because information will be provided through email or text messages. September 27th will begin our first virtual religious education class.

Our classroom instruction is implemented with the program *Spirit of Truth* by Sophia Press (recommended by the Diocese). When classes resume we will be basing instruction from this series. If you are interested in this program for at home use, we will provide to your family



the material necessary for implementation in the home. We will pull topics from this series for use in our weekly "classes". It is our goal to provide you with family centered practical information for use in your everyday life while still weaving in the tenets of our faith.

Upon registration more detailed information will be forthcoming, as well as other ideas for educational faith based resources for your at home use. If you would like to be a catechist when we open up face to face instruction please contact Father Glenn or Rachel. Now is a great time to start praying about volunteering your time as a teacher. Please feel free to contact us regarding any questions you may have about Religious Education. Below you will find the information needed to register. Please register your pre-school age children because activities for "children's church" will be provided.

Families with children making their First Reconciliation and First Communion this year will be going online also this fall until further notice. We use the program by Matthew Kelly on the DynamicCatholic.com website called Blessed. You will also be getting a hard copy of the book to follow along with the online videos. Our Confirmation program will also begin on line with Fr. Glenn as primary instructor. It promises to be an inspirational program this year with a lot different presenters, We will be moving to in-classroom sessions as soon as possible.

To register go to SLTKchurch.org and click on the online forms link. Then click on register for youth faith formation. You can print out the form and mail it or bring it to the office. There are also forms available in the office.

The Church in Action—St. Louis the King



C.S. Lewis 1942

Satan: "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shutdown business, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil".

Jesus: "I will bring together neighbours, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources."

Last month we received a call from a parishioner that a neighbor was in need of help cleaning up his yard. A quick call out was made and people/families came, clean up happened, that simple, that simple yet that profound in today's world of division, judgement, and fear. When called to serve, that is what we do. It is not easy, but sacrifice is another action we are called to do, because that is the example we were given to follow by our Lord, Jesus. The devil wants us to hide from those who are different from us, not get involved when situations become too messy, stay impartial, accept what we cannot change. But Jesus asks us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, care of the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. So that is what we strive to do, in the spirit of our great St. Teresa of Calcutta, "if you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." We might not be able to help 100 people but we did help one!