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*To give those who are ill through our care,
a reason to hope.*

Our Mission:

Christ the King Parish's **Pastoral Care Ministry** serves the elderly and ill, particularly those who are confined in their home, a private care home, extendicare, hospital or hospice. Additionally, in the parish, we are there to assist in funeral ministry, and *provide help and encouragement after the death of a loved one in Grief Share*. Through our **DivorceCare program**, we accompany those suffering the pain and trauma of separation or divorce. Our **Care Call Ministry**, which began in March, 2020 is a response to the isolation and disconnection felt during the Co-Vid – 19 Pandemic, providing a way to build connectedness to parish family members and to dialogue with those suffering through this difficult time.

Our Vision:

We continue the work of Christ and seek to help fulfill our parish mission, which is to **'Love the Lord, Encounter the Lord, Serve all people'**.

Our Presence:

We embrace as part of our parish family, those who can no longer attend the parish Mass, and aim to make them know that they are loved by God. Our witness is to the dignity of life itself; showing that the Church loves, cares for and values the sacrifice of its members at the time of their greatest vulnerability. *We likewise provide outreach to parishioners and their families in time of death, grief, separation or divorce and isolation.*

Our Invitation to Parishioners:

Christ the King Pastoral Care Ministry provides parishioners many ways to exercise their gifts in service to the ill and elderly, but also with parishioners who suffer in a variety of ways. Together, though our many works and accompanied by prayer, we build our parish family. We extend an invitation to those who wish to join us in Jesus's caring ministry.

THIS WE HOLD: Dignity of the Human Person

**"We believe that human dignity and life are gifts from a loving Creator. We believe that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God, and are called to know, to love, and to be in communion with God now and for all eternity. Respect is due to every person from conception to death and each person is to be provided with the spiritual and pastoral care they require while holding each personal encounter in trusting confidence."
"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." (Isaiah 40:1)**

Meeting the Pastoral Care Needs of Parishioners

ADORE Prayer Ministers pray daily for our Pastors, Deacon, fellow parishioners and for the evangelization of our parish. Through the ***Divine mercy devotion***, we encourage family prayer in the home.

Lay Ministry Teams provide Sunday lay-led Liturgies in 4 senior's facilities and assist the Pastor in monthly Masses. They also provide ***liturgies*** such as Good Friday, Anointing and Healing, and Memorial Services.

Lay Pastoral Visitors provide ***Holy Communion to the sick*** and promote respect and proper care of the Eucharist.

Prayer Shawl Ministers prayerfully knit shawls, which are then blessed by the Bishop or Pastor each year in conjunction with *the Compassionate Healer's Mass* or *World Day of the Sick*. Shawls are then made available to parishioners and Lay Pastoral Visitors to offer comfort and consolation and a gesture that those suffering are enfolded in prayer by our parish family.

Grief Share Ministry offers help and encouragement, and a path forward after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

Divorce Care Ministry journeys with those who are suffering after separation or divorce.

Care CALL Ministers help parishioners cope during isolation by staying connected to their parish family.

Home-made prayer cards and rosaries, used in pastoral care ministry are made by children in sacramental prep, high school students on retreat and parishioners of all ages.

Rides to Mass are to assist those who come to the 11 a.m. Mass for a token fee of \$10 per Sunday.
