

TRAVELING CHALICE MINISTRY



To our community of faith in Christ the King Parish,

We began a month or so ago to pray at the beginning of Mass the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations. Now the Evangelization Committee wants to further this effort by creating an opportunity for families to pray in their homes for vocations. This is often times where vocations begin and where they can be discussed and nurtured.

As a committee we have decided to begin the Traveling Chalice Ministry within our parish to further enhance our efforts to pray for vocations. The chalice is offered to help serve as a visible reminder of your commitment to pray together as a family for vocations during the week and a reminder that the Mass does not end with the closing prayer. Instead, we take home with us from the Mass the joy, the gratitude, and the mission to share the love of Christ with others in our families and our workplaces. To be clear, **we are not praying to the chalice.**

If you are interested in hosting the chalice for a week, please fill out this form completely at the bottom of this page and return it in the collection basket. We will then schedule you to take the chalice home on an agreed upon week. At the end of the week the volunteer family returns the traveling chalice at the beginning of the following weekend's Masses and places it on the table in the front of the church. It will then be presented to the next volunteer family during the offertory portion of the Mass for the following week.

As an outreach in our prayer life and the need to pray for vocations in our Catholic Church, the Traveling Chalice Prayer Ministry will begin in our parish on the First Weekend of Lent, **February 17 and 18, 2024.**

The chalice is consecrated (**reserved for sacred use**) to hold the Precious Blood of Jesus. Please do not drink out of it at home. We suggest that you place it in some prominent place in the house, for example, in the center of your dining room table upon the Corporal provided. The families who wish to do this evangelistic work will keep the chalice in their homes for a week and pray daily for vocations.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Preferred Mass: 4:00pm 8:30am 10:00am

Please circle preferred Mass to receive and return The Traveling Chalice. We look forward to an active participation by our parishioners to strengthen our faith life as we enter this most holy season.