The Month of October in the Catholic Church

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of October
A Missionary "Spring" in the Church: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church. (See also www.popesprayerusa.net/)

Autumn Festivities
October usually is an enjoyable time of the year in the United States. The autumn season manifests itself with wonderful fall foliage in many parts of the country. The temperatures are cooler, inviting people outdoors for nature walks, apple or pumpkin picking. School routines are more established and football season is in full swing. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October are also wonderful and unique. The feasts of some of the most popular saints of the universal Church are celebrated during this month: St. Therese the Little Flower (France), St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) and St. Teresa of Avila (Spain). These saints come from different countries, and in honoring these saints we can include cultural dishes or activities from each country to make the feast day even more special. Read more about the lives of these saints. Perhaps the family can pick one virtue that each saint practiced well and try to implement it.

The feasts in October also include two of the most popular, time-honored devotions of Catholics, the devotion to the Holy Rosary (October 7) and the Guardian Angels (October 2). In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary)." This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light, which are (1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus' self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Try to make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of October, read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the new Luminous mysteries. October 16 is known as "Pope Day" on which we celebrate the gift of the papacy and our current pope.

Every person has a guardian angel assigned to them, and October 2 the Church celebrates the role of these Guardian Angels. We should show devout gratitude to God for placing these angels at our service. Having a guardian should give us confidence during all of life's difficulties. Every Catholic should know the Angele Dei (Angel of God) prayer and pray it often. The Directory on Popular Piety suggests that families pray it at morning and evening prayers or after the Angelus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Early Dismissal Days for October:**
- Wed., 10/9 - 2pm Dismissal
- Fri., 10/11 - Noon Dismissal
- Fri., 10/25 - Noon Dismissal

**Individual Picture Day on Wed., 10/9**
"Picture Perfect" Dress Day

**Homecoming Week of 10/6 - see details below**
Grand Day, Friday, 10/11

**Watch for information on Parent-Teacher Conference**
Dozens of volunteers are needed for many events in the next month: Grand Day, Volleyball & Football games, FALL FESTIVAL(!!!), and more! Check out the Volunteer Opportunities section below!

All-School Mass will be every Friday unless announced differently!

Kilian James Announced as Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship Program
On September 17th, High School Principal, Mr. Gray, was proud to announce that senior Kilian James had been named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to this scholastically talented [...] ...

Lukas Moreno Recognized as National Hispanic Scholar
Senior Lukas Moreno was recently named in the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) for his performance on the 2018 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). An invitation to apply for this program was extended to students who scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in our region. Students who submitted [...] ...

CTKC School/DCHS Receives President's Volunteer Service Award
CTKC School/Diocese of Lubbock Catholic High School was recently presented with the President's Volunteer Service Gold Award by the Corporation for National and Community...
Service in recognition and appreciation of their commitment to strengthen our nation and communities through volunteer service. Congratulations to all our students and their commitment to our school and local community [...] ...

**Order Your Grands a 2019 Grand Day T-Shirt by Tuesday, October 1st!**
This year's Grand Day t-shirts are now available for pre-order! These wonderful shirts are a great way to help your family's grandparents and grand-friends remember this special day at CTKC School and DCHS. There is a very short turnaround time - orders are due on Tuesday, October 1st, and will be sent home on Wednesday, October 9th, [...] ...

**Athletics Booster Club Chili Cook-Off - Sun., 10/6!**
You're invited to compete or to eat at the Booster Club's Chili Cook-off on Sunday, 10/6, from 12:30-2pm. Team entry fee is $35, or choose to taste & vote for $10 (adults)/$5 (for kids 10 & under). ...»
15th Annual Grand Day Coming Friday, October 11th! Volunteers Needed!

One of CTKC School, and now the Diocesan Catholic High School's, biggest events of the year, Grand Day, gives us a chance to thank our extended families for the support they give our CTK & DCHS students and our school communities. This year's 15th Annual Grand Day celebration is Friday, October 11th. Grandparents, or special [...] ...»

Friday Oct 4th
7pm-9pm
at Christ the King Cathedral School
...Paint & Sip

Come join our Art Teacher Heather Ruiz for a night of painting. The theme is seasonal ‘Autumn’.
$30 for painting

21+ only. Please RSVP by texting 480.797.0080 with name and # of participants. Please drop off payment to Mrs. Guzman at the front office to have your spot held. This is on a first come first served basis and spots are limited.

2019 Homecoming Activities Announced!
Mum, Garter, Etc. Order Deadline Extended to Thurs., 10/3!
We are excited to announce 2019 Homecoming activities for all students the week of October 6th-11th! We have several special dress days plus many volleyball and football games to show your support of Trojan athletes - both jr. high and high school! Click here for a full list of events and activities: Homecoming 2019 Activities [...] ...»
Fall Festival Coming Friday, October 25th!
Fall Festival 2019 will be held on Friday, October 25th, from 5:30pm - 9pm. Updated details as of 9/29/19: Raffle tickets will be sent home with every student this week (10/3). If your child sells their allotment they will be entered into a drawing for a great prize. Also if your child sells the most [...] ...

Flu Shot Clinic - Wednesday, October 9th
Walgreens will be at the school on Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 2-4pm to give flu shots to those CTK/DCHS students (7 years old & older), parents, and faculty who would like to receive a flu vaccine. They will file insurance, so please have your insurance card with you. If you are interested, please call the [...] ...

Congratulations to Our Art Students!
Congratulations to these art students who had art work displayed at the South Plains Fair last week along with those who received ribbons for outstanding artwork! Diocese of Lubbock Catholic High School Classes: Jo X. - 1st place Andrew H. - 2nd place Matt S. - 3rd place Makenzie L. - Honorable Mention Alejandro M. [...] ...

Fall Scholastic Book Fair - Week of October 7th!
The Fall Scholastic Book Fair begins Monday, October 7th, in the CTK Shipton School Library, but you can order online now through Saturday, October 12th! Shop the book fair in the library from 10/7-10/11.
Shop online by visiting this link: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/christthekingschool10  Also, visit the online link to set up a new digital "e-wallet" payment method [...] ...

![Image of peanut butters](image1)

THANK YOU from the Cheesecake Factory and South Plains Food Bank!
The local Cheesecake Factory announced in morning prayer on Tuesday that CTKC School and DCHS collected 517 jars weighing almost 800 pounds of peanut butter for their September drive! All of our donations along with others in our community working with The Cheesecake Factory totaled over 5000 pounds of peanut butter that was donated to [...] ...

![Image of pumpkins](image2)

Pick My Pumpkin Contest - Open to ALL Students
The junior class (Class of 2021) is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest! All students are invited to participated in one of five divisions according to grade. Decorated pumpkins and entry forms are due on October 22nd. Click here for ...

![Image of CTK Garden](image3)

CTK Garden: Grow With Us!
The CTK Garden program mission is to help kids learn where their food comes from and feed the hungry as an active social justice ministry. Thank you for coming to Family Service Day! Thanks to everyone that came out to our Family Service morning last Saturday, 9/21. We REALLY cleaned up the front butterfly garden. [...] ...

![Image of Trojan Sports Schedules](image4)

Trojan Sports Schedules
Upcoming games for Jr. High and High School sports: Tuesday, 10/1 - JH & Varsity Volleyball v. Holy Cross @ HOME (5pm/6pm) Thursday, 10/3 - JH Volleyball @ St. Andrews (7th-4pm/8th-5pm) Friday, 10/4 - Varsity Volleyball v. Wichita Falls
Notre Dame @ HOME (6pm) Saturday, 10/5 - Varsity Volleyball v. Wichita Falls Christian @ HOME [...] ...

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LOW EFFORT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!
These are easy ways that your day-to-day spending can also help CTKC School & the Diocesan Catholic High School!

Convert Your United Family Store Rewards Points to CTKC School & DCHS!
The United Family® has been piloting a program with our school for the past few months that allows supporters to choose to donate their Reward Points to Christ the King Cathedral School & Diocese of Lubbock Catholic High School. Anyone who wishes to donate their Rewards to the schools may do so simply by visiting [...] ...

Use AmazonSmile While Shopping Online!
Many people use Amazon for their shopping - especially during the upcoming holidays! Here's another way you can help the CTKC School community with no additional cost to you! The AmazonSmile program is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features [...] ...

Don't Forget to Order SCRIP Cards for ALL Your Daily Purchases!
You are encouraged to buy gift cards for over 300 major retailers to use for your own day-to-day purchases or give them as gifts! Visit shopwithscrip.com for a full list of retailers. What a great way to help our school while taking care of your own buying needs! Parents and friends of the school can [...] ...

**Calendar Dates:** dates/times are accurate at time of publication but are subject to change

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**Volunteer**

**Box Tops Updates**

The CTK Café is open...
Opportunities
Volunteer Opportunities All CTK & Diocese of Lubbock Catholic High School (DCHS) families are required to complete 20 service hours (10 hours for single parents) for the 2019-20 school year. To help you fulfill your requirement, here are some [...]

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school! A drop-off location has been established across from Mrs. Ambrose's office in [...]

for the 2019-2020 school year! If you need a refresher on how to order lunches, click here for printable instructions: How to Order Lunches. All lunch orders for the CTK Café should be placed via the RenWeb lunch system. We strongly urge you [...]

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