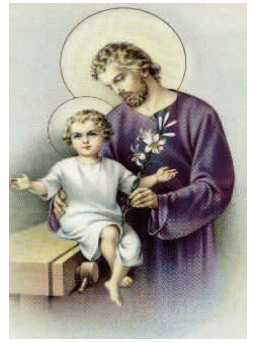


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018



THE REIGNING CHRIST

The image of Christ, the King, and the symbolism are taken from the Book of the Apocalypse. He wears His emblems of Prophet, Priest and King. He holds seven stars in His hand and His feet rest on the Book of the Seven Seals. The Alpha and the Omega flank his head. Seven burning candles appear before His throne with the palms of His victory at the sides. Below is the tomb of the holy martyrs, who are the first to be raised on the Last Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 24

8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Gonzalo Riveros +

Sunday, November 25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Donnajeanne Wahman +

Monday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Joseph Schandler +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +
8:30 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 28

6:25 p.m. Rosary
7:00 p.m. Charles Ault +

Thursday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Jane Witwer +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Friday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Marcella Quinn +
8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, December 1

8:00 a.m. No Intention
8:30 a.m. Rosary
4:00 p.m. Confessions
4:35 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Geraldine Huffman +

Sunday, December 2

- First Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Maria Edwards +

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

In Everything Give Thanks!

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 26- Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary

Time - Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/ Lk 21:1-4

Tues., Nov. 27 - Rv 14:14-19/ Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 28 - Rv 15:1-4/ Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 29 - Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a/ Lk 21:20-28

Fri., 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle - Rom 10:9-18/ Mt 4:18-22

Sat., Dec. 1 - Rv 22:1-7/ Lk 21:34-36

Sun., Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent - Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12-4:2/ Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018 - Year B

While the understanding of Jesus as king of all creation is a biblical theme (cf. Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 28:18, Rev. 19:16), the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe**, is itself a relatively new feast day. It was first introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in his 1926 encyclical, *Quas Primas* ("In the First"). This was Pope Pius' second encyclical, both of which followed shortly after and meditated upon the Great War (World War I). Having seen the great suffering and loss that resulted from this strife, Pope Pius called all people to place Jesus Christ, the king of peace and source of salvation, at the very center of their lives. Only in Jesus Christ can we find true and lasting peace.

Pope Pius purposely placed this feast at the end of the liturgical year to "set the crown-glorious upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year" (*Quas Primas*, Para. 29). In this way, our year begins in preparation for the coming of Jesus in the flesh throughout the Advent season and appropriately ends with this solemnity, recognizing and celebrating Him as King of the Universe. As is revealed to St. John, our Lord is the "Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Rev. 22:13). In the same way, Pope Pius reminds us that Jesus is our beginning and end and must reign in every aspect of our lives. If we truly claim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, nothing in our lives can ever be kept from Him. He must reign in our minds, our wills, our bodies, and our hearts (cf. *QP*, Para. 33).

Our reading this weekend highlight Jesus as King. In our first reading (Daniel 7:13-14), Daniel prophesies that the Son of man, which is a title of the Messiah, will receive an everlasting kingdom. This prophecy coincides with the promise made to King David in 2 Samuel 7:11-16, where the Lord promises David that from his descendants will come the messianic king that will reign forever. These prophesies are continued in our second reading (Revelation 1:5-8) as St. John now speaks directly of Jesus. The language closely mirrors that of Daniel and speaks of seeing the resurrected Jesus assume His position as King of the Universe. Similar to the beginning of his Gospel, St. John highlights not only Jesus' kingship, but also His divinity as "the one who is and who was and who is to come" (v. 8). As has been prophesied and is now seen in fulfillment, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, reigns as King of the Universe yesterday, today, and forever.

In our Gospel (John 18:33-37), we hear the question of Jesus' kingship arise directly from the lips of Pilate. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus has been charged by the Sanhedrin with having committed blasphemy. As they wish to have Him put to death, they bring Him before Pilate, the Roman governor of Judaea. Pilate, being a Roman official, will not punish Jesus for religious charges. Instead, the Sanhedrin state that Jesus claims to be a king, an act of rebellion against Caesar and punishable by death. For this reason, Pilate asks Jesus this question: Are you a King? Jesus does not deny His kingly office in response. Instead, He clarifies that His kingship is something very different. Jesus does not have political or worldly motivations. He does not care for wealth or power. He is not simply an earthly king, but the King of the Universe. His domain has no limits and His kingdom will have no end because it is not a kingdom based on this earth, which passes away. Instead, the heavenly kingdom starts first in our hearts. Jesus Christ is Lord.

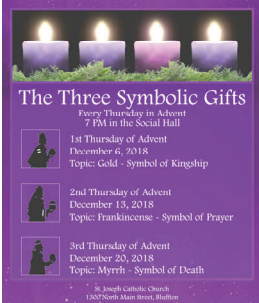
Next weekend, we begin the Advent season. We use this time to prepare our hearts to welcome the newborn King. Let us use this Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to look into our hearts and to see where we may not yet be prepared to welcome Christ. We must honestly ask ourselves: Do we allow Jesus Christ to be King and Lord of our entire lives or do we hold something back? When we find those areas in our hearts where we are not yet prepared to welcome Him, let us focus on those areas during the Advent season. May we use those four precious weeks to, once again, open ourselves even more fully to the love of God and to our Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

- In Christ, Fr. David



Our Love & Prayers Go Out To... Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson and John R. Smith.

Advent Parish Mission



SOUP'S ON!

Please gather together in the Social Hall for a soup dinner at 6:00p.m. and stay for the Advent Parish Mission— The Three Symbolic Gifts at 7:00p.m. December 6, 13 and 20th.

Advent Reconciliation-

On December 20, after the Mission, confessions will be offered from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For your convenience, there will be several Priests here.



Newly Baptized - November 17, 2018 Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Family!

Kyli Andrew Mayer, daughter of Jeremy Mayer and Vanessa Haneline,
Granddaughter of Patrick and LeAnn Mayer, and
Great-grand Parents Greg and Louise Mayer

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 11 - 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will not be a gift exchange this year; we will have finger foods and continue with our book, *Beyond Sunday*, Chapter Two- The Church as a Field Hospital. Please bring a finger food to share and don't forget your book!



PARISH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

- Sun., Nov. 25 - No Religious Education Class - Thanksgiving Break.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 1/2 - Sr. Rose to speak on Religious/Sister's Retirement Fund - NO second collection for Building/Rainy Day Fund; Instead a second collection will be taken up for Religious/Sister's Retirement Fund.
- Thurs., Dec. 6 - All Day Adoration - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 6 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Gold, Symbol of Kingship - 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Fri., Dec. 7 - Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception, A Holy Day of Obligation, Masses - 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Sat./Sun., Dec. 8/9 - Regular Mass Schedule of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Dec. 11 - Women's Christmas Party/Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food/appetizer to share. All women of the Parish are welcome!
- Thurs., Dec. 13 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Frankincense, Symbol of Prayer- 7:00 p.m. Church.
- Thurs., Dec. 20 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Myrrh, Symbol of Death - 7:00 p.m. Church -
* Confessions immediately following- 7:30-8:30 p.m.

WEEKEND OF December 1/2, 2018

CANTORS:

5:00 Jay Crisp (Choir Mass)
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Sophie Emrah

LECTORS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Monica Harris

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus Choir Mass- need 4
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Jill Morrissey
10:00 Ann Reifsteck, Diana Cole, Tammi Helm, Larish Sudhoff, Sandy Smythe

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Dale/Sarah McCorkle, Mike
10:00 Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

SERVERS:

5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Mark/Beth Geisel, Jacqueline Mayer
10:00 Quinn Dreiband, Grant Reifsteck, Kody Coyne

Collection for Weekend of November 17/18, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,884.00
Child Envelopes-\$25.41
Loose- \$270.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$610.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$60.00
All Saints' Day- \$10.00
Memorial Candle- \$5.00
Reimburse St. Joseph Women's Grp. *Beyond Sunday* books- \$279.92

Total- \$5,144.33

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*



The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$2,057.28 ahead of our monthly budget.

Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$95.00
All Soul's Day Mass Intentions- \$25.00
Farm Land Rent- \$4,500.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

World Mission- \$25.00
Campaign for Human Development- \$348.00

Watch for new Spiritual CDs coming soon!!



ALL DAY ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /
Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /
Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

KARING FOR KIDS/ANGEL TREE PROJECT

All gifts need to be returned, **UNWRAPPED**, by **Tuesday, December 4th**. You may drop off your gifts in the narthex on the weekends; at any other time, please drop them by the Parish office or leave by the office door if locked. Thank You!!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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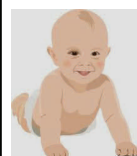
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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?