



CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE

November 22, 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Monday, November 23, at St. John's

12:00noon...No Mass

Tuesday, November 24

11:00a.m...No Mass

Wednesday, November 25, at St. John's

12:00noon...Vera Johnson

Thursday, November 26, at St. John's

9:00a.m...All Souls

Friday, November 27, at Holy Family

9:00a.m...No Mass

Saturday, November 28, at St. Mary's

5:00p.m...Justin Watson

Sunday, November 29

9:00a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz

11:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at Holy Family

We celebrate the great feast of Christ the King this weekend and also are getting ready to celebrate thanksgiving this week and the start of our new liturgical year for 2021. It might be a challenge to be as thankful this week after a tough 2020, but hopefully, we can give thanks for being part of great reign of Christ the King and our continuing role in building up His kingdom in our families and communities. With Christ as our King, we always have something to be thankful for no matter what things the world has thrown at us this year; we still have the choice to be on His right both now and in the kingdom to come.

I hope and pray that this week we take time to reflect on this year and find at least one thing that we can be thankful for and share that with God and our family and Church. People that can be grateful for things can always find the strength to keep making progress in their lives of faith and helping others to do so as well. So, let us experience great joy in our worship this weekend and in our gatherings with friends and family on Thanksgiving Day and look forward to our new spiritual year as Advent begins.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

from All Saints Press.com

**O God of all creation,
Giver of all good gifts,
You bless our lives
With your generous love,
By giving us once more
The fruit of the fields,
Our family and friends,
Our faith, our work,
And our lives together.
We thank you for these gifts,
And ask that you help us
To imitate your goodness,
To share our blessings
With those who are in need.**

OFFERING OF SELF

I will thank Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice the law required and the prophets foretold.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 23: [St. Clement I, pope & martyr; St. Columban, abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr] Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21: 1-4

Nov. 24: [St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & companions, martyrs] Rv 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11

Nov. 25: [St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr] Rv 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19

Nov. 26: [Thanksgiving Day] Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19: 1-3, 9a; Lk 21: 20-28

Nov. 27: Rv 20: 1-4, 11—21: 2; Lk 21: 29-33

Nov. 28: Rv 22: 1-7; Lk 21: 34-36

Nov. 29: [First Sunday of Advent] Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday, Nov. 25: K of C 7:30pm at St. John's

Thursday, Nov. 26: Mass of Thanksgiving 9am at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 22, 10-10:50am: First Sunday of Advent

Haiti at St. John's

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

All are invited to gather at 9am at St. John's for Mass of Thanksgiving. We truly have a lot to be thankful for even if it isn't always evident. Especially this year in the midst of such chaos, take time to truly reflect on our blessings and offer thanks.

Our Catholic Book Club & Sunday Morning Bible Study

Ready for a book study with an Advent book? There are so many books to choose. Here are a few suggestions:

A. "The Infancy Narratives, Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI, is always a good choice even if you have read it once or twice already,

B. "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas 'a Kempis is very good, too.

C. John Paul II, "The Way to Christ," would be another good choice.

D. "30 Days with St. Therese" by Thomas J. Craughwell, 73 pages.

E. "Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis" by Francis Cleary covers 40 days.

F. "Field Hospital Catechesis, The Core Content for RCIA Formation" by Nick Wagner, pgs. 110.

You can always pick one and read on your own; or, come as you can to a small group each Sunday during Religious Ed time from after Mass until the kids are dismissed.

Contact 765-348-3889 (Diana) or 512-627-6863 (Susan) for more information or to order a book.

You can also order online.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary in thanksgiving for all gifts in our lives and all that we have learned and grown through this year. Let us ask Mary the Mother of our Nation for her intercessions to heal our nation from this pandemic and other ills.

DISPENSATION AGAIN EXTENDED

The Bishops across all five Indiana dioceses have extended the dispensation from the obligation of in-person Sunday Mass attendance until further notice.

"I expect the people of our diocese to continue to keep the Lord's Day holy," said Bishop Doherty.

The diocese continues to strongly encourage proper social distancing and the use of face masks at Mass.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Fr. Hurley will be out of town Monday and Tuesday; therefore, no Monday Mass at St. John's. Please join us at noon on Wednesday for weekday Mass and on Thursday for a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9am.

WORKING I THE MARGINS

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

ADVENT AND A NEW YEAR BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

With Advent just a week away, we can look forward to a new day with renewed hope in Christ. Take advantage of the many avenues to refresh and strengthen your faith through The Word Among Us, or various daily reflections or online retreats. Many are free, but all are beneficial. Pick one to turn our focus on the coming of the Lord.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$317.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$968.00

Haiti: \$240.00

Building: \$35.00

Food Pantry: \$45.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$145.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

FOR NOVEMBER:

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEEDS YOUR HELP

A second round of letters will arrive in the next week with pledge cards for the CMA appeal. This replaces Fruitful Harvest and the Seminarian Fund Appeal. Our parishes are well below their goals and we ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to help the local Church, our diocese, as these funds are used for many ministries throughout our parishes.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17; PS 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 COR 15:20-26, 28; MT 25:31-46

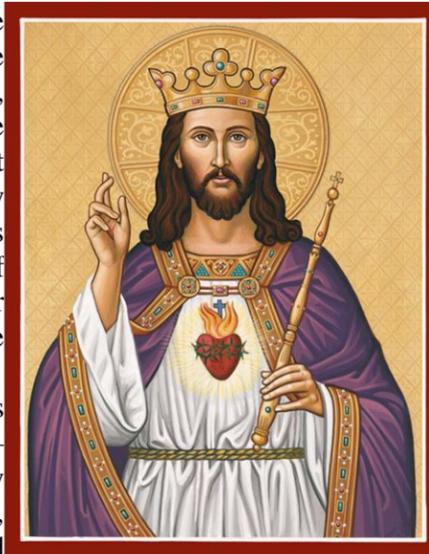
Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable.

How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, nor any "worldly" achievements, in fact. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, caring for the ill and imprisoned.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His.



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday
St. John, 3-4:00pm each Saturday
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

St. Mary, Dunkirk

**St. John the Evangelist,
Hartford City**

**Holy Family,
Gas City**

**A Pastorate of
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Holy Family, Gas City

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information