

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Feast of Christ the King

November 24, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI established this liturgical feast in 1925 while all of Europe still suffered nightmare memories of what was called "The Great War" (World War I). Pope Pius instituted this feast as a corrective to the secular atmosphere that existed after the war. New ideologies such as Nazism, Fascism, and Communism arose taking a dominant hold in the world scene. Evil corrupt dictators and governments used their authority and power creating a world of chaos and mistrust. In the midst of all this tyranny and mismanagement Pope Pius XI wanted to remind the Church that with the new ideologies spreading across the world and government leaders demanding people's loyalty and total support, that the Catholic Church and her members must always remain strong and loyal in their allegiance **only** to Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.



The title "King" is most fitting and proper for Jesus since His authority is absolute, universal and eternal. Jesus received his authority from God the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. No one on earth conferred authority upon Jesus and no government can take it away from him. Today's reading from Colossians reaffirms this fact. Today's passage is "one of the most theological statements about Jesus in the New Testament." (The Collegeville Bible Commentary, pg.1182). This passage extols the divine character and nature of Jesus by boldly proclaiming that Jesus existed before all creation. He is preeminent among all creatures and all things were created through his mediation. Jesus **is** the visible manifestation of our invisible God. Jesus **is** the cosmic Lord, Judge and King, and those who belong to him share his mastery over the world. Jesus enjoys priority in time and primacy in importance for: "He is the head of the body, the church."

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we honor Jesus our King whose kingdom knows neither boundaries nor walls, neither classes nor castes. We honor Jesus whose rule is one of humble service. Jesus our King whose crown is compassion, whose scepter is humility and whose throne is the cross. Jesus our King whose court belongs to sinners, the poor, the disenfranchised, the forgotten and the lost. Jesus whose reign is of love, mercy, and forgiveness. As we honor Jesus our King let us all pledge our allegiance to him in the following words: "I pledge my allegiance to Jesus my King. I embrace His eternal and universal Kingdom. I acknowledge His Kingdom to be one of truth and life, of holiness and grace. I wish to do what I can through prayer and action to bring to my community His Kingdom of love, forgiveness, justice and peace. Amen."

Love & prayers,
Fr. John

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 23	4:00 p.m.	Ellen, Lillian and Richard VonLehmden George Donaldson
Sun Nov 24	10:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Sat Nov 30	4:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving, Special Intention, Melissa Calvelage
Sun Dec 1	10:00 a.m.	Leo, Libby, and Dennis Schmenk

Communion Service

Fri Nov 29 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,145.00	Loose \$966.00
Children	\$39.25	Total \$4,150.55

73 envelopes returned = 35%



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Assignments for November 30 & December 1, 2019

Money Counters: Nick Recker and Deb Buck

4:00 p.m. – *please sign the sheet in the main entrance*

Greeters: Jan Emmert and Diana Sabater

Cantor:

Ushers: Bob Minto and John Parinello

Lector: Laura Jones

E.M.: Kevin Vance, Basil Meyer, Jim Tabler

Servers: Elizabeth Honse and Eli Jones

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: John and Sarah Schulte Family

Cantor:

Ushers: John Schulmbohm and Debbie Bullman

Lectors: Caitlyn Couch

E.M.: Wes Lovett, Logan Welch, Jerry Wehri, Cathy Hermiller, Becca Schlumbohm

Servers: Carson Meyer, Ty Meyer

Readings for December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1 – 5

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11 – 14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37 – 44

