

November 21, 2021

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Solemnity



The Kingship of Jesus

When a witness is being sworn in at court, the bailiff asks, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" Telling the truth can be difficult. For some the truth is worth dying for. In today's Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says he was born to speak the truth. "Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asks him, "What is truth?" We must ask ourselves the same question. Do you know the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth for you?

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Rose & Marvin Kristek, sponsored by their family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are in memory of
Deacon Milburn Kram, sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22

6:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 p.m. For the Welfare of Parishioners

Thursday, November 25

8:00 a.m. For the Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 27

6:30 p.m. Betty Martinez

Sunday, November 28

6:30 a.m. Regina & Willibald Kleihege

9:30 a.m. Philip Bochat

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha
- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Mildred Pilat and Floris Ann Simper.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m.

Remember the Poor at Thanksgiving. Come celebrate God's goodness to the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county (Lavaca County Assistance Body - L.A.M.B.)

* As in the past, we will gather in the Parish Hall after the Service for food and fellowship. Parishioners are asked to bring desserts. The Catholic Daughters are organizing the reception.

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Vigil Masses

4:30 p.m., Praha

6:30 p.m., Moulton

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Mass

8:00 a.m., Moulton in Family Room

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH REPAIR FUND

We thank the following for their continued donations.

Debbie & Glen Jasek - \$100

In Memory of Gene Orsak

To make a tax-deductible donation you may donate online or make a donation directly to St. Joseph's Church.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Eugene Orsak: Nelda Tamborello

Thank You: We thank the Moulton parishioners and friends of the parish that have been supporting the church with their on-line donations. To make an on-line donation visit us on <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-stjoseph-moulton>

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. - No Gold Star Club Meeting (School Holiday)

- Community Thanksgiving Service. See article.

WED. - No Champions Club Meeting (School Holiday)

THURS. - Thanksgiving Day, Parish Office Closed.

- KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRI. - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.



The Sanctuary Light will be
lit this week in memory of
Deacon Milburn Kram.

REFLECTION

**Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37**

The Kingship of Christ

In addition to providing a setting in history for the saving work of Jesus, today's gospel passage uses the figure of Pilate and the exchanges between him and Jesus to tell us who Jesus is.

- that Jesus is indeed a King.
- that his reign and authority are divine in origin.
- that those who should have recognized the truth about Jesus but refused to do so are culpable.

As the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate unfolds, Jesus tacitly accepts the title of King but the true significance of his Kingship and Kingdom are made clear.

Jesus and the Kingdom are divine in origin. This Kingdom is to be established not by human devising but by God alone and through the one who God has sent, Jesus.

The presence of Jesus in the world extends to all peoples the challenge of accepting the truth. Those who open themselves to the truth and respond to its demands will recognize the presence of God in the person and mission of Jesus.

The recognition of that presence is an experience of the Kingdom that has begun in Jesus and will forever continue in him until the end of time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 21 – Elmer Michna, Julianne Raabe, Jeanette Targac
Nov. 23 – Gloria Reindl
Nov. 25 – Allen Jasek
Nov. 26 – Floris Ann Simper
Nov. 27 – Lillian Kubicek, Caden Michal, Eleanor Wagner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 24 – Cynthia & Robert Beran
– Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Nov. 21, 24 & 28 – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holidays)
Nov. 22 & 24 – No YMC (Thanksgiving Holidays)
Dec. 5 – Confirmation Enrollment; C.C.D.
– YMC Bale Sale After Mass

YMC Donation: In Memory of Lillie & Henry Dornak
Sheri & Glenn Grohmann - \$25

Mass & Holy Hour at Raphael's Refuge November 22
Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome. Presider: Fr. Gabriel

The New Liturgical Year Begins Next Sunday

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy.

St. Joseph's Pancake Sunday Today, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m.



Come join us for breakfast consisting of bacon, eggs, pancakes and fruit. Orange juice and coffee will also be served. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Church Youth Programs. *Take the opportunity to visit with friends and family.*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development

Please be generous.

ORIENTATION

King of the Universe

The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe brings us to the end of the liturgical year (the Church's calendar) and always replaces the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism and what he saw as an "Anything Goes" world. The feast refocuses our



attention on Jesus Christ's reign over the human race and human heart. Seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Micah announced his coming. The Magi came in search of a King. The people hailed him as King when he entered Jerusalem. Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate ask if he was the King of

the Jews, and his cross was raised with a sign declaring him King of the Jews.

Christ himself refused the title of King, yet we acclaim him as King in this feast. The feast emphasizes God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's return at the end of time, [his second coming] and his final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during the Season of Advent.

Calling Christ our King assumes that his Kingdom is unlike any other the earth has ever seen. He has no military might, passes no laws, imposes no taxes, and does not lord it over the subjects of his Kingdom. He rules by grace, and love and his reign extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. We belong to him. His Kingdom will have no end.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT



Come join us celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pageant forms were distributed to Sunday School and K – 8th Grade C.C.D students. All C.C.D. youth who plan to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms today.

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Eugenia Reeves
and the comfort of her loved ones.
May she rest in peace.

