

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 2019



Sunday November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners
 10:30a Donald & Joan St. Pierre Req. John & Claudia
Monday November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:00a For All the Faithful Departed
Tuesday November 26, Weekday

8:00a Jane Lotko Req. Family
Wednesday November 27, Weekday

8:00a No Mass
Thursday November 28, Thanksgiving Day

8:00a Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Friday November 29, Weekday

8:00a Wesley L. Goodman, Jr. Req. Patricia Rielly

7:30p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday November 30, St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00a Richard Spencer Req. Joe & Jo-Ann
Saturday November 30, Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

4:00p James & Lena Parente Req. Peter & MaryAnn Giola

Sunday December 1, First Sunday of Advent, Children's Mass

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners
 10:30a Henry Miliski Req. Carol & Chuck



We welcome all who gather here to worship with us. You are most welcome if you are visiting with us today. If you are new to our parish and wish to become a



member of OLM, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Raymond Smialowski, and to register. Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, filling out the short form on the front page of our bulletin, or completing a short registration form which can be found on our home page at www.olmct.org under the heading "New to Our Parish?" Please return the form to the office by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.



The Tabernacle Lamp...

is lighted for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering *for the intentions of the Stephen J. Bruno Family.*

The Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for a \$5 donation per week. Consider having the lamp burn in memory of or the intentions of a loved one. Please call the office to schedule at 860.747.6825.

This Week This Week This Week This Week

Sunday November 24

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Monday November 25

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Library*
 6 – 8:45p Farmington Boys Basketball, *Gym*

Tuesday November 26

8:30a – 1:30p OLM Blood Drive, *Parish Center*
 4p Martial Arts Graduation, *Parish Center*
 7p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

Wednesday November 27

7p Men's NA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Thursday November 28

Parish Office Closed

Friday November 29

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Saturday November 30

8:30 – 10a Talented Basketball, *Gym*
 Noon Confession, *Church*
 5p Advent Wreath Making Workshop, *Parish Center*
 7p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Sunday December 1

9 – 10:15a Rel. Ed. Classes, *Parish Center*
 10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*
 11:30a – 12:30p Sundaes on Sundays, *Parish Center*

Church Support

\$4,045.50 Weekly Envelopes for Nov. 16 & 17
-\$299.36 Cathedraticum to the Archdiocese
\$3,746.14 Amount for OLM use

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the US,

1 in 6 people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. 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. Learn more about the Campaign at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Religious Education News

Children's Liturgy Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Dec. 1, a Children's Mass will be celebrated at the 10:30am Mass, with the children in Grade 2 having lead roles. The Children's Choir will sing. Refreshments for all ages will follow in the Gathering Space.

Blessing of the Child Jesus Figure

The Blessing will take place during the 10:30am Mass *NEXT* Sunday. The children in Grades 1 & 2 will receive a blessed figure of the child Jesus. You are also invited to bring the Child Jesus figurine or the whole creche scene from your own creche at home for the blessing on that day.

The Faith Formation Committee...

will meet **THIS** Monday, Nov. 25 at 7pm. All parishioners interested in the educational mission of the parish are invited to attend.

Our Christmas Pageant...

will be held after the 10:30am Mass on December 22nd. We are going to start rehearsals for the play *NEXT* Sunday December 1st, after the 10:30am Mass. Children of all ages are invited to attend. Please contact Susan Van Cott at susan.faithformation@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to participate. We could use some adult volunteers, as well! Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.



Attention Teens

There are 2 *NEW* exciting programs beginning soon in Youth Ministry.

First one starts *NEXT* Sunday, December 1st at 11:45am

(after the 10:30am Mass)

"Sundaes on Sunday" - Create your own ice cream sundae and socialize with other teens your age. Topic of discussion will be, "What do Sunday's mean to you and how can it relate to your everyday life?"

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Teen Talks - Starts on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Lunch will be served and topics of discussion will be on cultural issues such as drugs, dating, anxiety, depression, peer relationships, pressures at school and how the Catholic Faith can help you in your everyday life.

questions - please call or text Mrs. Donna at (860) 952-4005

New 4th Grade Class

We have started an additional 4th Grade Religious Education class on Sunday mornings. If you have a 4th grader who needs a Sunday class, please contact Susan in the Faith Formation Office at 860.747.6825.

Confirmation News

The second-year Confirmation class attended their retreat this past Sunday at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington. It was well attended. Thank you for your prayers in helping the teens become part of our church community.

Another thank you to the church community for prayers for the first-year Confirmation students. They participated in the Commitment Ceremony this past Sunday where they made their promise to God to be confirmed and to grow in their faith.

Family Discussion for Today's Gospel Reading:

Next Sunday, a new Liturgical Year begins with the season of Advent, where we await the birth of a baby in a humble manger. We end **THIS** year with a reading about the end of the earthly life of Jesus, where he is publicly killed on a cross. Today is Christ the King. Ask your children what they think of when we say the word, King. How is Jesus different from other Kings? Who, in today's reading, referred to Jesus as a King, and what promise did Jesus make to that person? What does that promise mean to us?

Book of Remembrance

You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which is located in the church, near the sanctuary.

This will be the last week. They will be remembered in prayer for the rest of this week.



Advent Wreath Making

We have a few spaces left! Learn how to make an Advent Wreath on Saturday, Nov. 30th at 5pm in the parish center. The meaning of the wreath and the lighting of the Advent candles will be explained. The workshop will also include a pizza supper. It's a great family event. The cost is only \$10 per family. If you plan to bring the Advent Wreath frame from last year's workshop, the cost

is \$6. Participation space is limited. Please sign up by calling the parish office by tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 25th at 860.747.6825.



Men's Retreat at Holy Family

The men of our parish are invited to go on retreat at Holy Family in West Hartford on January 17 - 19, 2020. The theme of this year's retreat is: "Come Away and Rest Awhile..." Plan ahead to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, laughter, inspiring liturgies, home-cooked meals and more. Our parish Men's Retreat Coordinator is Bill Fasciano. Please call Bill at (860) 997-2016 with any questions and information about registration. For those who are going on retreat for the first time, a scholarship is available to cover the costs. What a wonderful gift this would make for a husband or father for Christmas!

OLM Blood Drive

Children with cancer, trauma patients and those undergoing treatments for sickle cell anemia are among those who depend on the kindness and effort of people like you to donate blood. Our Blood Drive will be held **THIS** Tues., November 26th from 8:30am to 1:30pm in the parish center. Please go to www.redcross.org to schedule your donation!



*Christmas Carol Sing
Come and prepare for
Christmas here at OLM on
Dec. 15th at 4:30pm in the
church! Enjoy singing*

*favorite sacred Advent and Christmas Carols
with fellow parishioners and any friends you
wish to invite. Admission is 1 canned or
household item to be donated to the Plainville
Community Food Pantry.*

Evening Holy Hour

Please join us **THIS** Friday, Nov. 29th, for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite families to visit Jesus for a short time and let Him know how much you love Him. You don't have to stay for the entire hour. The music will be provided by the Rock Group. The Holy Hour will begin at 7:30pm and conclude with Benediction at 8:30pm. Please note that there will not be morning Adoration on this day.



Thanksgiving Prayer

Father, at this time of giving thanks, please look upon us with love and mercy. Receive our heartfelt gratitude for all that You have given to us:

our faith, our health, the blessings of family and friends, food and shelter.

Please continue to grant us these graces throughout the coming year.

We ask You this in the name of Your Son.
Amen.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

The Liturgy will be celebrated at **8:30am** on Thanksgiving morning. To show the Lord how thankful we are, we ask for a food item donation as you enter the church. Those donations will be brought up to the altar in wicker baskets with the Offertory Gifts. All donations will be shared with those in need in the town of Plainville.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

Breakfast with Santa

The OLM Breakfast with Santa will be held Dec. 8, 8am - Noon, \$4 adults, \$1 Ages 13 - 18, 12 and younger FREE, Parish Center. Come visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and take your pictures with them! There will be free Christmas crafts for the children to decorate and take home with the help of a few Confirmation students assisting. St. Anthony Society will also be hosting a Christmas Boutique of hand-made ornaments, baked goods, and small gift items. St. Anthony Society will be gratefully accepting donations of baked goods, hand crafted items, and knit or crochet items to sell. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or early in the morning of the breakfast. Bring your children or grandchildren and share your good cheer with each other!



The Parish Life Committee...

will meet **THIS** Monday, Nov. 25 at 6pm in the parish center. Agenda items will include the Parish Carol Sing which is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15. Please join us!

Christmas Flowers

Donations to help defray the costs of Christmas flowers are gratefully accepted. Please use the flower envelope found in your envelope donation packet. If you do not use parish envelopes, flower donations can be placed in a plain envelope then placed in the offertory basket. If you wish to make a flower donation in memory of loved ones, please indicate their names on the envelope.

A listing of those in whose memory Christmas flowers have been donated will be printed.



Legion of Mary

The General Annual Reunion of the Legion of Mary for the New Britain Curia will take place next Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2:30pm at St. Ann Church in New Britain. All members and friends of the Legion of Mary are invited.

Sweaters for Vets – Thank You!

Over 450 items were donated, sorted and organized! Also, thank you notes to the veterans for their service were colored and placed in the sleeves of the sweaters. Thank you to several Confirmation students and the Social Justice Committee who helped with the project! Awesome job!!



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is set up in the Gathering Space. Please plan to stop by the Tree, choose a tag of the gift you

wish to donate, follow the directions on the tag as to whether the gift should be wrapped or not, and please return the gift by Monday, Dec. 9th, so that we have time to distribute the gifts to the agencies listed. The agencies participating in the program this year are: Catholic Worker, Apple Rehab, Plainville Senior Center, Rocky Hill Veterans, St. Philip House, and St. Mary's Parish in New Britain.

Your participation in this community outreach project will bring much joy to those in need. Thank you!

You are invited to **FILL the Truck this weekend** through Tuesday with non-perishable food items for the Plainville Food Pantry at Gnazzo's Food Center.



Feast of Christ the King

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the



greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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