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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

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Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

CHRIST THE KING

8:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM — 10:15 AM 3RD & 5TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

ROSARY ADVENT GIVING TREE GOES UP

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM MASS

12:30 PM — 2:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

7:00 PM KNIGHTS' SOCIAL & DEVOTION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

6:30 PM — 7:00 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

OFFICE CLOSED — THANKSGIVING

8:00 AM MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

OFFICE CLOSED — DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/KNIGHT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING/ LUNCHEON

5:15 PM — 6:00 PM YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

Be careful of email and text scams alleging to come from Fr. Chester! Fr. Chester would NEVER email or text you asking for money, gift cards, or to just reply to his text. He would call you or speak to you directly.

If you are unsure, call the office!

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY...
IT'S A SCAM

I need a favor from you, please text me back as soon as you get this message. There is something I need you to do for me, I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls, so please just reply my text

Rev. Chester Zalubski

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 — OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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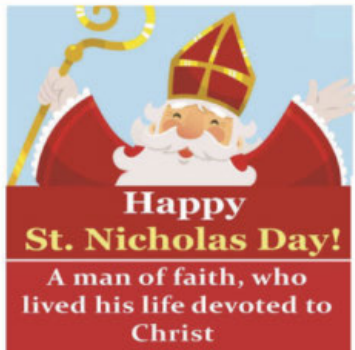
Are you celebrating your Wedding Anniversary in December?

Join us on December 8th, at the 11:00 AM Mass to receive a Wedding Anniversary Blessing.

All Sacramentally married couples are invited to join us in this celebration of their marriage vocation. Send your names and wedding date to Tee at tandersen@scoschurch.org

CELEBRATE WITH US!

**Sunday
December 8th
11:00 AM
Family Mass**



We are expecting a *special guest* to be with us during Mass and all will have an opportunity to take photos with him and the children after Mass.

A specially decorated area will be set up in Fellowship Hall for photos, so bring your cameras and cell phones.

Hospitality will also be provided in Fellowship Hall as well as **goodie bags for all the children.**

Calling all 8th Graders who need confirmation service hours. Volunteer as ushers, readers, offertory helpers, altar servers (if trained), and hospitality. Email Sandra: religiously@scoschurch.org

St. Nicholas takes up to the heart of Christmas and honors the Christ Child who selflessly gave the greatest gift of all ... HIMSELF!



**The Office will be Closed on
Thursday, November 28th
Friday, November 29th**

**St. Catherine's
pancake
breakfast**



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1

**following all Masses
HELD IN THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Enjoy pancakes (regular and chocolate chip),
scrambled eggs, sausage, toast,
juice, coffee, and tea**



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Rosary Society Advent Giving Tree



Our Annual Advent Giving Tree will be set-up in the Church Narthex on November 25th through December 16th.

The Rosary Society's Advent Giving Tree will be decorated with Christmas gift tag requests from the:

**Friendship Center for New Beginnings
Parishioners Who Are in Need
Veteran's Haven North
Family Promise**

Please take a tag from the tree, return the **unwrapped** gift, along with the gift tag, and place it under the tree....**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT!** Gift cards should be placed in the basket under the tree. You can donate unscented baby wash, shampoo, or conditioner without taking a gift tag.

This is a wonderful time to share our blessings with others who are in need.

Donate to the Advent Giving Tree Using the Giving Tree SCRIP Order Forms located in a basket under the tree, in the display racks, or on the SCRIP table in Fellowship Hall.

**All gift card orders MUST be placed by
December 1st to be included in the
Giving Tree Collection**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



**The 1st Sunday of Advent
begins the weekend of
November 30th & December 1st**

Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

Advent Parish Retreat, Adoration & Reconciliation

December 15th from 5:00 – 7:30 PM

Take some time to prepare yourself for Christmas in quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and listen to Jaime Parmese present a spiritually- focused exploration of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." Several priests will be available to hear confessions between 6 and 7 PM while seasonal treats await downstairs in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

For more information contact Mark Salerno at (908) 477-5039 or Mahy Churylo at (908) 310-2973.



**THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING....
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Questions, call Robin Potempa (908) 310 - 4273**

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Bead Blessing:
Sunday, December 8th at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please remember to bring your rosaries to Mass. Father Chester will give us and our rosary beads a special prayer of blessing.



ALL PARISHIONERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

St. Catherine's
"Family
Favorites"
COOKBOOK!



Has arrived

**Stop by Fellowship Hall after all masses
to pick up your book orders.**

Thanks to everyone for submitting your favorite recipes.

*You helped make this a great cookbook
that's filled with enough recipes for an entire year!*

If you missed ordering a cookbook, we have extra copies for you!
Come to Fellowship Hall and purchase a cookbook of your own.
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All proceeds from this book will benefit the parish center building fund.

*Calling all youthful voices...
join our youth choir and help us
Ready The Way of The Lord!*



**Sunday December 8th
11:00 am Mass and Feast of Saint Nicholas**

Come be a part of our ANGEL CHOIR Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve pageant and Children's Mass
(pageant at 3:30 pm - Mass at 4 pm)

For choir details and practice schedule
Contact Nancy Coletti at (908)391-5103 or e-mail youthmusic@scoschurch.org

Our November Couples Anniversary Blessing
*As these couples received a special blessing, please
continue to pray for those united in the
Sacrament of Marriage.*

Rich & Debbie Fass	David & Jennifer Perna
William & Crystal Higgins	Michael & Lynne Perrino
Samuel & Joni Lamparello	Kenneth & Suzanne Portera
Tom & Jessica Lawrence	James & Joan Santoianni
Mike & Jessica Meyer	John & Patricia Ziobrowski
Mike & Mary Mitariten	



Youth Group Corner Upcoming Events

Dec. 8th 11 AM Mass — St Nicholas Family Mass

Dec. 8th 6:00 — 8:30 PM — Christmas Party

Dec. 15th 6:00 — 8:00 PM — TBD

Dec. TBD — Country Arch Concert

Mass Intentions

Saturday: November 23, 2024

4:30 PM Catherine Santry
r/o Donna & Kevin Cahill

Sunday: November 24, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Webster
r/o Bernie & Larry Remaly

9:30 AM Anthony Nigro
r/o AnnMarie & Bruce DeRites

11:00 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Monday: November 25, 2024

8:00 AM Ryan Kollehoffer
r/o Karen & Ed Trzepla

Tuesday: November 26, 2024

8:00 AM Alma Jackson
r/o Jane & Glenn Ricketts

Wednesday: November 27, 2024

7:00 PM Helen Zrebiec
r/o The Baker Family

Thursday: November 28, 2024

8:00 AM Pat & John Ziobrowski 60th Anniversary
r/o The Family

Friday: November 29, 2024

8:00 AM Wesley A. Weickert
r/o The Wunder Family

Saturday: November 30, 2024

4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

Sunday: December 1, 2024

8:00 AM Evelyn Fudge
r/o Bob & Laurie Keeling

9:30 AM Virginia & Anthony DeRites
r/o AnnMarie & Bruce DeRites

11:00 AM Roger Cramer
r/o Lori & Jim Young

From the Pastor's Desk *Solemnity of Christ the King*

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year and we gather to celebrate this great feast of Christ the King. The Church wants us to reflect upon what the whole of all creation is ultimately about. Our Faith tells us that Christ will return to establish the Kingdom of God and when that time comes, the world as we know it will be transformed. This is not something to be feared but rather something we long for because it means the complete fulfillment of God's will.

For us today, the meaning of the feast day may be a little less clear than it was some centuries ago when there were many kingdoms in the world, each ruled by a monarch with total authority over the lives of the people who lived there. The people were called "Subjects" because they were subject to the will of their King. Today, such monarchs no longer exist as all Kings and Queens today are Heads of State in democracies and so are pretty much figureheads. For Catholics of a few centuries ago, the image of Christ the King would have been a very real and easy concept to understand; it would be the time when Christ would surpass even their own earthly King and reign forever over their lives.

As if to emphasize the point even more, the readings for the coming weekday Masses all come from the last book of the Bible, The Apocalypse, or as it is also called, The Book of Revelations. The readings highlight the struggle between good and evil that goes on in our daily lives even today, but which will come to a climax in those last days. What we must remember is that victory will be for the Lamb of God, the one we celebrate today as Christ the King.

Have a great week!

Fr. Chester



The collections for November 17th will be posted in the December 1st bulletin.



On-Line Giving for November 17th will be posted in the December 1st bulletin.

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