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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday , November 26th

8:30am- Oregon

8:30am-Polo

No Mass on Friday, November 27th

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Cremation and The Church

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.



Saturday: 4:30pm, Oregon
 Sunday: 8:30am, Oregon
 10:15am, Polo *New time
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30am, Oregon *New time
 Tue: 8:30am, Polo
 Confession Monday Evening

OREGON ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

Please help make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate by taking an "ornament" from the St. Vincent DePaul Giving Tree at the church or pick one up at the office during the week. The ornaments contain gift information on a St. Vincent client or a nursing home resident. Purchase a gift, wrap it and ATTACH THE ORNAMENT securely to the outside of the package. Gifts should be returned to the church or parish office by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th**.



If you prefer to donate cash for the purchase of gift cards, please place your donation in an envelop marked "GIVING TREE". Place the envelope in the Offering Box at church, or drop off at the parish office or mail to: St. Vincent DePaul, 881 Mongan Dr, Oregon, IL 61061



Polo Community Council of Churches

Has begun collecting for the 2020 Christmas Baskets

We are responsible for 200 jars of fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges)

Due by December 8th– drop off in church or at front entrance of the Rectory

Sort & Pack Baskets Dec 11 from 5pm-6pm at Faith Discovery Church

Delivery on December 12 at Faith Discovery Church at 9am



St. Mary Church is having its annual Christmas Bazaar this year with a twist: it's completely drive-thru. You can attend the Bazaar without leaving your car! It will be on Saturday, December 5, 2020, 11am-1pm, at the St. Mary Parish Center in Oregon. The event will include lunch, raffles, and cookies.

Lunch will be available to purchase for \$10. This consists of a jumbo loaded baked potato, a cup of chili, and a supersized brownie. Toppings on the potato include butter, sour cream, cheese sauce, broccoli, and bacon, all served on the side.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be there selling assorted homemade cookies for \$5 a dozen. Pre-orders are appreciated but not required. Pre-order forms are available at the St. Mary Parish Center office.

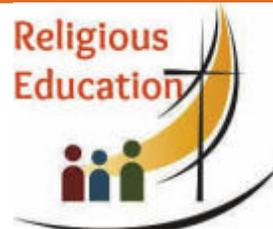
There will be several raffles available this year as well. The Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo has generously donated 6 zoo admission tickets with parking and admission to all the attractions, a package worth \$345. Tickets for this raffle are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25.

Other raffle items include a handmade quilt made and donated by Fran Kaminski, an end table made and donated by Mark Kramer, two gift card packages for Oregon restaurants and stores, and a 50/50. These tickets go for \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the Bazaar or ahead of time at the Parish office.

Parishioners, please help our annual fundraiser by returning your Christmas Bazaar raffle tickets and the Oregon Parish Office along with any extra raffle tickets needed.

COMBINED PARISH CALENDARS WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Oregon		Polo		Both	
Saturday November 21					
4:30 PM	Mass: +Jim Lauer				
Sunday November 22					
8:30 AM	Mass: Pro Populo				
10:15 AM	POLO - Mass: + Loretta Carroll				
Monday November 23					
8:30 AM	Mass: +Mary Stenger				
6:00 PM	Adoration & Confessions				
7:00 PM	SVdP Meeting - PC				
Tuesday November 24					
8:30 AM	POLO - Mass: + Leota Cavanaugh				
Wednesday November 25					
8:30 AM	Mass: +James P. Bird				
6:30 PM	NO R.E. Class-PC				
Thursday November 26					
(All day)	Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed				
8:30 AM	Mass: +Nancy Kaczmarzyk				
8:30 AM	POLO - Mass: + Grace Smith				
Friday November 27					
(All day)	Thanksgiving Holiday Offices Closed				
Saturday November 28					
4:30 PM	Mass: +Kevin McKee				
Sunday November 29					
8:30 AM	Mass: +Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #1092				
10:15 AM	POLO - Mass: Pro Populo				



Class schedule all virtual Classes

November 25 -No Class– Happy Thanksgiving

December 2– Class

December 9-Class

December 16– Jesus Birthday Party

December 23 & 30– No Class Merry Christmas



Have questions, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Ask for Marie, CRE 815-946-2535 or 815-732-7383

mariemonaco@rockforddiocese.org



The students of St. Mary Religious Education are collecting New hats & gloves for HOPE of Ogle County.

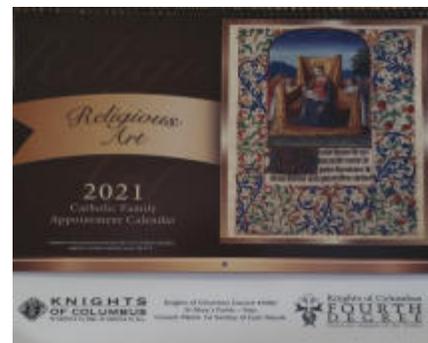
This agency provides support and counseling for victims and survivors of domestic violence in the Ogle County Area.

Drop off at either church or the parish offices by Dec. 16th.

Calendars have arrived!

They are available at both Churches and offices.

Grab one before they are gone!



OREGON PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On November 7-8, 2020 we received 50 envelopes out of 276 sets	
Envelopes	\$2,515.00
Offertory	\$15.00
Online	\$1,160.00
Subtotal	\$3,690.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Holy Days	\$170.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Weekly Grand Total	\$3,970.00

POLO PARISH GIVING SUMMARY

On November 8, 2020, we received 19 envelopes out of 110 sets	
Envelopes	\$2,808.00
Offertory	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$1,033.00
Maintenance	\$932.00
Holy Days	\$50.00
Weekly Grand Total	\$3,790.00

Christmas Star Project-Polo

A tree will be placed in the First State Bank Shannon-Polo as usual. Instruction sheets and a sign-up sheet will accompany the stars. The gifts should be purchased, wrapped and returned on or before Dec. 12th.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Lectionary: 160

Reading 1

EZ 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

1 COR 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the

firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel

MT 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "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. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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