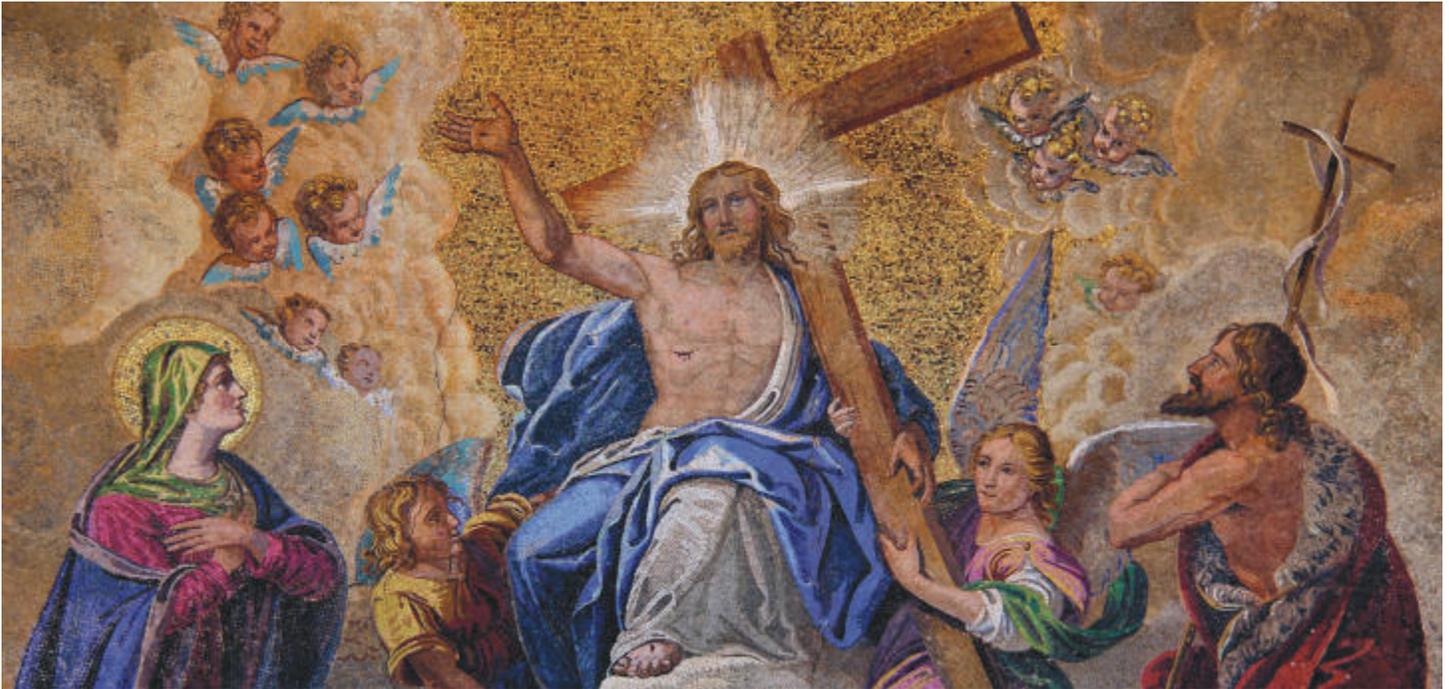


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020



“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 I will tend my sheep.”

Ezekiel 34:11-12

Parish Mission Statement

Blessed Sacrament Parish forms and nurtures active disciples of Christ, who love God and neighbor, through the Dominican pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, & Ministry.

Parish Vision Statement

To be a flourishing faith community, with all parishioners engaged in transforming lives through evangelization and discipleship.

Mass Times

Monday & Friday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:00 & 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM & Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 to 10:00 AM & 4:15 to 4:45 PM
Sunday: 7:00 to 7:30 AM & 10:15 to 10:45 AM



Jesus Christ is the King of All

The Encyclical of Pope Pius XI *Quas Primas* (On The Feast Of Christ The King) was promulgated on December 11, 1925. This encyclical established the former feast as a solemnity, which later was changed to what we now call the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This celebration is meant to be an antidote to the rampant secularization of the world. It is meant to remind us of the absolute sovereignty of Jesus Christ who is not only the King of Heaven, but of the entire Universe, of all peoples at all times and not just the baptized.

1925 was a Jubilee year in the Church and a great moment to reflect on the deep struggles and conflicts of the world that had so quickly embraced secularization and removed Jesus Christ and His commandments from daily living. At that time in the United States, the "roaring 20's" were underway, Prohibition was the law, and Blessed Sacrament Parish was in its infancy. The world was trying to heal from the devastation of The Great War, but the groundwork for the next major conflict was already being laid. While many will know that the parish was alive and growing fast, the world was on pace to continue toward a deep secularization and atheism was growing slowly but surely.

And so the Church presented to Her faithful a new and stronger understanding of the Savior of humanity. As noted below, it was a title that Jesus would have rejected at the time of His ministry, but a title that we have come to know as the truth: Jesus Christ is King of the Universe...all of creation, seen and unseen, forever!

As noted so well in this important encyclical, "This kingdom is spiritual and is concerned with spiritual things." "On many occasions, when the Jews and even the Apostles wrongly supposed that the Messiah would restore the liberties and the kingdom of Israel, he repelled and denied such a suggestion. When the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have acclaimed him King, he shrank from the honor and sought safety in flight. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his kingdom was not of this world. The gospels present this kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which, though an external rite, signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross." (n.15)

As we conclude our Liturgical Year this week and approach the season of Advent, it is a worthy reminder from Pope Pius XI in his encyclical that our own end and the conclusion of God's plan for humanity is to be taken seriously by all people at all times. "Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honor and obedience to Christ. It will call to their minds the thought of the last judgment, wherein Christ, who has been cast out of public life, despised, neglected and ignored, will most severely avenge these insults; for his kingly dignity demands that the State should take account of the commandments of God and of Christian principles, both in making laws and in administering justice, and also in providing for the young a sound moral education." (n. 32)

This Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us of our duties and responsibilities to Our God, our families, our friends, our enemies and ourselves. Jesus Christ brought us the Good News of salvation and God's love for His creation, which he won for us on the Cross at Calvary. May we spread this Good News far and wide and may it bring eternal fruit to all our relationships this day and every day until Jesus Christ returns to earth as the glorious King of the Universe!

God Bless,

Fr. Andy

November 22, 2020



Drive-Thru Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Lot

November 21 and 22, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join us for a Drive-Thru Christmas Market and Tree Lot! From the Drive-Thru, order frozen, ready-to-bake pies; Sinsinawa Mound Bread; cider from Log Cabin Orchard; maple syrup from Drewry Farm, hand pies from Amish Bakery; and cheese from Cedar Grove. You can also park and shop for Christmas trees (Fraser and Balsam firs available) and wreaths from Wodill Farms; local beef, pork, and lamb, winter veggies, bread, and more from Ducks in a Row Family Farm; jewelry from Wearable Archeology; and goat's milk soap from Swiss Frau Farms.

Thursday, November 26 is Thanksgiving!

In an effort to allow more people to come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we will have 2 Masses, at 7:00 am and 8:30 am. These Masses will also be streamed on our YouTube channel.

The parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25 and reopen Monday, November 30.

There is NO ADORATION on Wednesday, November 25.

Christmas Mass schedule

December 24 (Advent weekday):

Daily Masses at 7:00 am and 8:30 am

December 24 (Christmas Vigil):

Masses at 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 10:00 pm

December 25 (Christmas Day):

Mass at 9:00 am

All Christmas Masses will be streamed on YouTube. We will also open the Assembly Hall for streaming and additional seating at all Christmas Masses. All the usual safety precautions will be followed.

Opportunities to Give and Serve

Luke House Meal Program

Blessed Sacrament has committed to providing meals for Luke House on the 4th Monday of the month for the 2020-2021 school year and we're looking for volunteers to provide food and other items! If you sign up, please note that you are committing to providing items EACH month. See this sign-up for more information and to see how you can help! tinyurl.com/yyxrwaxa

New and Noteworthy

Advent/Christmas devotionals available!

Starting this weekend, copies of "Waiting in Joyful Hope," a daily devotional for Advent and Christmas, will be available in the back of church. A \$1/book donation is appreciated!

Support Cub Scout Pack 16!

The Pack is selling popcorn and holiday chocolates online through December 31! These funds will support Pack activities like the Pinewood Derby and summer camp. Free shipping on orders over \$30! Visit tinyurl.com/yyo63fz1 to order!

ACA Wrap-Up

Please find enclosed a wrap-up report regarding the Diocese of Madison's Annual Catholic Appeal. This information indicates participation and performance as well as how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of parish and diocesan life!

An invitation to anyone concerned about sexual unmanageability and powerlessness

Blessed Sacrament is starting a weekly 12-step program for men (and potentially women) whose recurring sexual thoughts or behaviors are contradictory to or in conflict with our Catholic faith journey. With our devotion to God, and the fellowship of weekly meetings, we recover from a powerless and unmanageable relationship with sexual experiences, thoughts, and behaviors and we embrace a renewed freedom from sexual sin. We abandon shame by accepting God's grace. To learn more or if you're interested, email pulls.madison@gmail.com.

Mass, Church, and Office procedures

We are no longer requiring sign-ups for Sunday Masses, but keep an eye on our website and parish communications for changes to this. See our website (blsacrament.org/safety-updates) to learn more about our Mass safety procedures.

The Assembly Hall is open during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays! We will use our projector to broadcast the live-stream of the Mass. Please follow all normal safety precautions if you join us from the Assembly Hall.

During private prayer and confessions (see front cover for adoration and confession times!), please keep adequate distance (6 feet or more) from others.

Per Dane County's emergency order #8, please wear a mask in the church during Mass and private prayer when others are present, and when entering the school and parish center.

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially:

Andy Devine, Dan Brigham, Alexander Kotloski, Henry Pitot, David Stiennon, John Ouellette, Paul Werth, Cormac Bower, Helen Karls, Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Adrian Stransky, Dave Wirka, Pat Ryan, Ila Elizabeth Scullion, Linda Kelly, Joe Cooper, and Colleen Brown.

Mass Intentions

+ indicates the person is deceased

Saturday, November 21, 2020—The Presentation of the BVM

8:30 AM Megan Pederson

5:00 PM +Helen Bergan (*Celebrant: Fr. Ron*)

Sunday, November 22, 2020 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Christ the King)

7:30 AM +Charles Matikiewicz (*Fr. Ron*)

9:00 AM +Cecilia Coyle (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

Monday, November 23, 2020

8:30 AM +Mary Frawley

Tuesday, November 24, 2020—St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

7:00 AM +William Kashatus

8:30 AM +MariaKutty Joseph

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:00 AM +Mary Jean Whelan-Iacovani

8:30 AM +Ann Baum

Thursday, November 26, 2020—Thanksgiving Day

7:00 AM In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary for their blessings

8:30 AM +Bill Vandenbrook

Friday, November 27, 2020

8:30 AM Pat Humphrey

Saturday, November 28, 2020

8:30 AM Peg and Glenn Darst

5:00 PM +Virginia Rogers (*Celebrant: Fr. Andy*)

Sunday, November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Our Parish Family (*Fr. Andy*)

9:00 AM +David Geier (*Fr. Andy*)

11:00 AM Our least-remembered and loved family in purgatory (*Fr. Andy*)

Mass intentions are available by calling the parish office at 608-238-3471 or emailing erin@blsacrament.org.



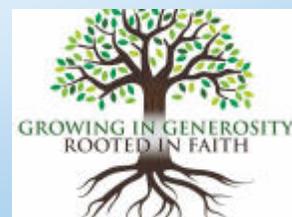
We are still having Wednesday adoration and are in need of adorers! Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. Visit blsacrament.org/adoration to sign up!

Stewardship Report

October 2020

Total: \$75,437.94

October 2019: \$66,561.50



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Creation Care Corner

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Reduce acquisition

The sum total of all our daily purchases has a massive impact on the environment. The associated destruction of nonrenewable resources, the global warming emissions and industrial toxins from manufacture and transportation of "stuff" really adds up. Examine what you really need, where it comes from, and whether it needs to be a "new" purchase. Pope Francis urges us to live more simply, and to be mindful of our impact on and interdependence with nature.

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*Pray for us;
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Start planning NOW for the annual Men's Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh! February 18-21 (Thursday through Sunday)

Every year for about 40 years, men from Blessed Sacrament and other Madison parishes have been attending a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago. The coming year's Men #008 Retreat will begin with dinner Thursday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All are invited despite financial constraints due to the generosity of those who can do more. Preached retreats are planned to be on-site, but the effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus require changes in how retreats are conducted and most importantly, how many retreatants can be welcomed on-site.

Please visit www.jesuitretreathouse.org/index.cfm to register and to read about JHR's efforts to provide a safe environment for retreatants and staff. Please feel free to contact Steve Sadoff, Retreat Coordinator, at healprint@gmail.com or 608-770-9778.



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