

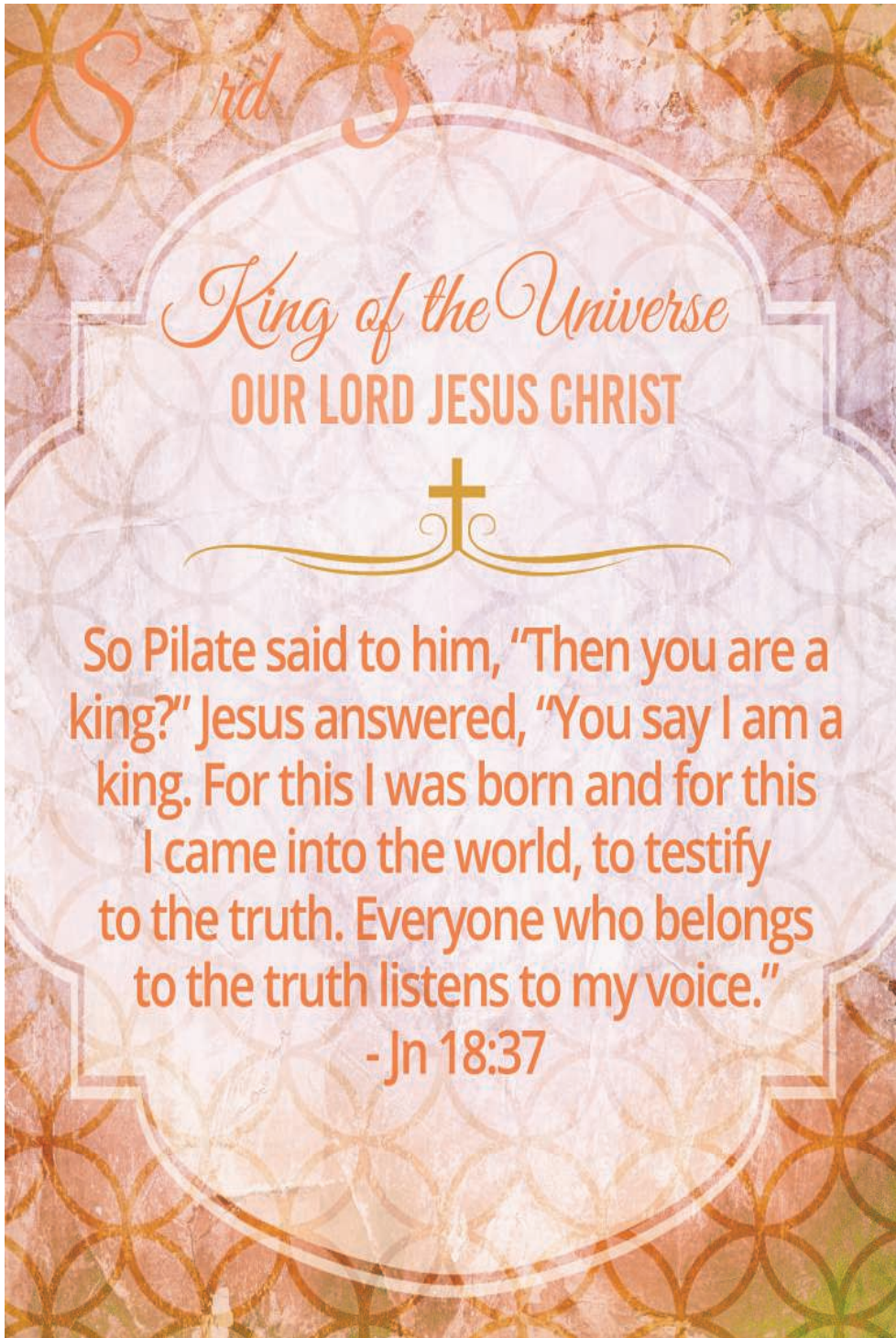
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Mondays by 12:00 noon (unless otherwise noted). Items may be faxed, called, brought in, or emailed.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

For arrangement, please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony

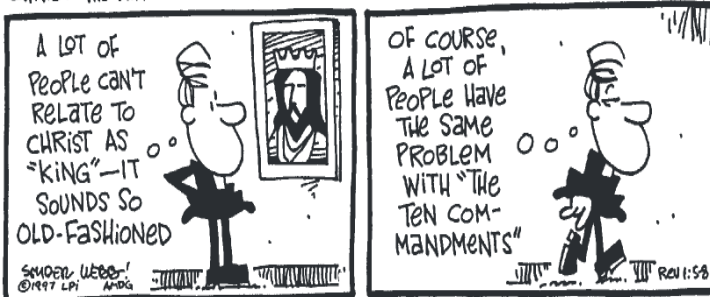
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CHRIST THE KING



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of

Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant? "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom. First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!



PLEASE PICK A CARD From the Angel Tree. When you pick a card from the Angel Tree the gift you buy should be new. Wrap the gift securely and fasten the card to the outside of the gift. If you take an animal put cash or check in an envelope with the animal and place your envelope in the box under the Angel Tree. The animal money goes to Heifer International and helps families and children all around the world to improve their lives. Please return your gifts by **Sunday, December 9th.**



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ADA: Just a reminder our Annual Diocesan Appeal continues as we strive to reach our goal of \$70,784. So far we have had 178 families pledge for a total of \$49,809 or 70% of our goal. The heart of our diocese, plus the many missions supported by our diocese; seminarian / deacon formation, and adult education programs and more are dependent upon this appeal – please try to answer your pledge/support soon.



THANK YOU! The families of Michael Skeffington would like to express a sincere Thank You to Circle 5 for their help and to those who brought food for the memorial luncheon. May God bless you.

A **SOLIDARITY PRAYER WALK** sponsored by the Social Action department of the Diocese of Davenport is in the hallway of the gathering space. The last day for the display is Monday, November 26th. This "Stations of the Cross" experience depicts immigrants and refugees from around the world. Please walk and pray this Station of the Cross experience to learn about those who have made the difficult decision to leave home, family culture and why.

ADVENT STUDY: Please join us for an opportunity to enter into the season of Advent by spending time with the "O Antiphons". These are, as most of us know them, the seven verses of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", based on the *Magnificat* antiphon at Vespers during the week preceding Christmas. Through reading and musical reflection, we'll explore the origins of these titles for Christ. The study will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Harness Hall. The dates are November 27, December 4, 11, and 18. Contact the parish office with any questions and to register so we can have enough reflection materials for everyone. Please bring your Bible and a notebook.



ALTAR & ROSARY COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 9:00am until 11:00am in Harness Hall. For \$6 per pound pick out a great selection of cookies. Circles 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 are to supply 4 dozen cookies per person for the Cookie Walk. Please drop off your cookies on Friday, December 1st between 7:00am and 7:00pm in Harness Hall. Circle 10 is the chair circle. In case you don't know what circle your on the leaders are: Circle 5—Carrie Rheingans, Bernie Klein-smith, Judy Fletcher, Renee Meier, Cindy Hughes; Circle 6—Pat Frey, Cathy Eberhart, Jan Schumacher, Nancy Mohr; Circle 8—Vicki Jaeger, Mary Jean Nantz, Sue Porth, Joan Puck; Circle 9—Rita Schmidt, Martha Rheingans, Mary Ann Cowan; Circle 10—Monica Soppe, Judi Devine, Audrey Mueller, Julie Dickey

NATIVITY SETS NEEDED: If you have a Nativity set that our parish could borrow and display for a couple of days please sign up in the gathering space. We are looking for all kinds of sets. Large, small, interesting, unusual, old, new, historical, from far away, homemade, etc. The sets will be taken very good care of during their time with us. Father Page will even give them a blessing while they are here. Sign up and bring them to the gathering space (in containers with your name on it). Nativities may be brought in on Wednesday, November 28th through Friday, November 30th between 8:00am to 4:00pm. Pick up your nativity set on Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00pm or on Monday, December 3rd between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

NATIVITY SET DISPLAYS: Bring the FAMILY and have a great time viewing a wide array of nativity sets. They will be on display in the gathering space on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd. Everyone is invited.

QUILT RAFFLE: Members of the Altar & Rosary Society are selling quilt chances before and after each Mass this weekend. The quilt drawing will be held on Sunday, December 2nd.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNAL PENANCE will be on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00pm. Communal Penance service will also be held on Sunday, December 2nd at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 East 10th Street in Davenport at 3:00pm and on Monday, December 3rd at St John Vianney Church, 4097 18th Street in Bettendorf at 6:30pm.

In Your Prayers

This week, please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Rosalie Trimble, Bill McGarry, Joyce Marme, Ed Franzen, Jerry Renner, Katie Moore, Brittney Moore, Mary Roling, Morgan Nesbit, Sandra Fries, Janet Driscoll, Robert Rosenberger, Emily Blaga, Julie Howard, George Vens, Jeanette Ilg, Mike Thomas, Robert Delost, Chris Forret, Michelle Smith, Lori Hand, Henry Kruse, Jr., John McGarry, Mark Trimble, Sandy Fischer, Joyce Erling, Betty Summers, Sharon Barr, Joni Moore, Renegade Richmond, Amy Campbell Coulter, Marcellus Grell, Grayden Hanrahan, Patricia (Pat) Cahill, Phyllis Goodall, Kelly Fenner, and Jim Burke

And for the recently deceased, Joe Ryan, that he may have eternal happiness in heaven.

"Heavenly Father accept our prayers which we offer for them."

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, November 25, Christ the King

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am **No Religious Education**
10:30 am Mass

Monday, November 26

Tuesday, November 27

5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Advent Study

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 am School Mass
6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday, November 29

8:00 am Mass

Friday, November 30

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am Cookie Walk
Nativity Sets on Display
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass
Nativity Sets on Display until Noon
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Mass
11:30 am Advent Breakfast in Harness Hall

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 27

5:30 pm Crystal Burke†

Wednesday, November 28

9:00 am Eleanor Hughes†

Thursday, November 29

8:00 am Mary McGarry†

Friday, November 30

8:00 am Pattie Sander & Ann Patzkowsky†

Saturday, December 1

4:30 pm Al Determan†

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am Intentions of Parishioners

10:30 am Leo Kedley†

Liturgical Roles

For the Month of December

4:30 pm

Cantor: Dorothy Sheldon
Lector: Patty Tarchinski
Communion: Megan Fuglsang, Mary Ketelsen
Ramona Lee, Joanne Scheckel
Hospitality: Mike & Judi Devine
Bob Lee, Scott Tarchinski

8:00 am

Cantor: Joel Dieckmann
Lector: Dan Burke
Communion: Bernie Kleinsmith, Roxanne Oerman
Don & Peg Thiltgen
Hospitality: Gary Burke, Paul Stillmunkes
Darrel & LaDone Schnurr

10:30 am

Cantor: Donna Klostermann
Lector: Susie Ernst
Communion: Vicki Judge, Jill Peterzalek
Kirk & Lori Machovec
Hospitality: Joe Burke, Tim McClimon
Dean & Lori Holst

Readings for the Week of November 25

Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36
Sun: 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 25

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Important Dates for December

Saturday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
Mass 9:00 am

Thursday, Dec. 13 St. Joseph School
Christmas Program 6:30 pm
Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 16 First Penance and
Communal Penance 4:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 4:00 pm
Vigil Mass 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Mass 9:00 am

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