

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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Solemnity of Christ the King

Today marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year, also known as the Solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus is the King of the Universe, unlike any other worldly king. In his kingship, Jesus offers us an example of how to live. Today's feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, a time when kings and emperors were increasingly becoming remnants of the past. Pius XI instituted this feast as an attempt to counteract the atheism and secularism of that time.

Jesus came to proclaim and reclaim the Kingdom of God which had been taken over by the evil one. It's good to understand the title, "Christ the King." We should look at the ancient image of a king, what this solemnity says about Jesus and what it means for us as members of the Kingdom of God. The ancient ideal of a king was one who made difficult decisions with wisdom, mercy and justice. Ancient kings were meant to live lives in service to their people, being willing to set a faith-filled and servant-like example. Kings were meant to serve as peacemakers and were to be willing to give their lives in service to their people. They were called to live holy lives and to lay down their lives for their people if necessary. And this is exactly what Jesus did, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mk. 10:45).

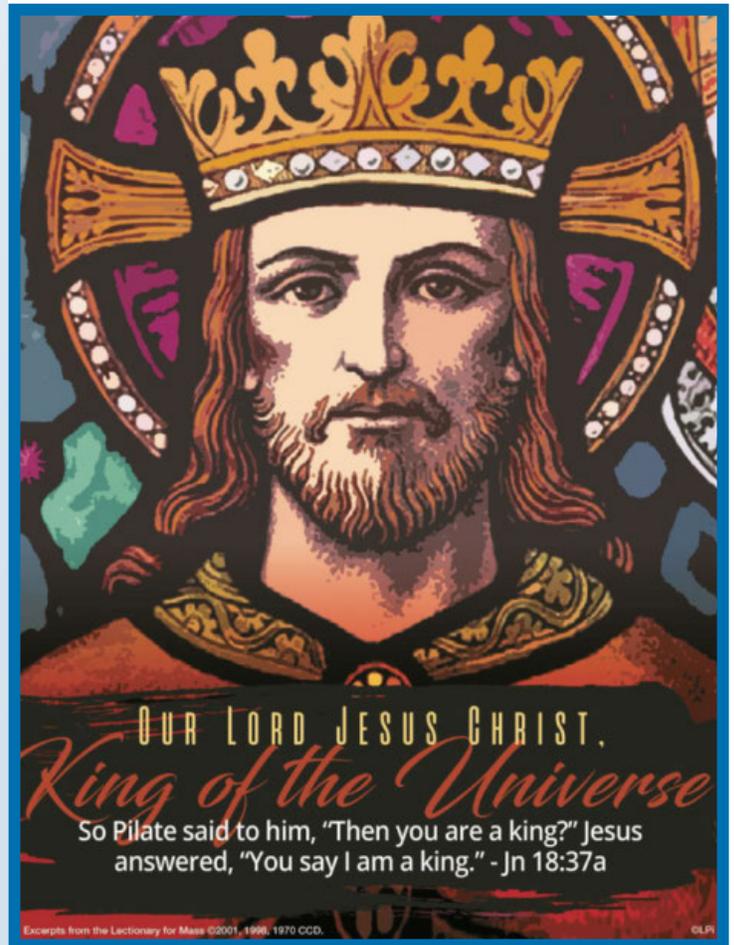
In today's Gospel, we hear part of the passion of Jesus where Pilate asks Jesus if he was the king of the Jews. Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." (Jn. 18:37). Jesus teaches us by his example that true kingship is not about glamour, power or wealth. It is about service. Jesus shows us by his life that we are called to humble ourselves and in loving service of others. As a good example, he accepted to be born in a manger, and yet he owns everything.

As baptized Christians, we should ask ourselves who Jesus is in our lives. Every day, we should answer the question he asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" If we live each day according to his teachings, loving God and our neighbor, then he is our King and Lord. If not, then we are serving our personal interests or the evil one, the devil. Let us bring forth the Lord's kingdom here on earth as we pray the Lord's prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Fr. Peter Patrick

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Jesus Christ King of the Universe



November 21, 2021

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 21 10:00 am Installation Mass (St. Seb)
 NO 9 AM MASS AT ST. CATHERINE
 Tuesday, November 23 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Adult Formation (FKCC)
 10:30 am St. Vincent de Paul (R)
 6:00 pm Adult Formation (St. Seb)
 Thursday, November 25 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass (C)
 Office is Closed
 Friday, November 26 8:30 am Communion Service (C)
 Office is Closed
 Saturday, November 27 9:00 am Food Pantry (FKCC)
 Sunday, November 28 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Look for the Letter

Letters for this year’s annual pledge renewal campaign were mailed last week. Your response lets the finance council know how to plan for the year. Please return your commitment card at Mass on Sunday, November 28, or mail it in. Thank you so much for your connection to this community. Pope Francis said, “Christian hope, rooted in God, is our anchor. It moves the will to share, strengthening our mission as disciples of Christ, Who shared everything with us.” Please help St. Catherine’s be stronger by showing your dedication to its mission.

Come to an Advent Day of Prayer . . .

at the Redemptorist Retreat House in Oconomowoc, Wed., December 8, 9:15 am -3 pm. The \$30 fee may be paid then.

Summarized Parish Activity through 10/31/2121

	Budget	Actual
Income from Envelopes	175,000	54,107
Other Income	76,500	61,404
Parish Expenses	(275,300)	(86,698)
Net Income (loss) from Childcare	20,000	21,244
Surplus (deficit) Budget vs. Actual	(3,800)	50,057

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 21 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 am Installation of Fr. Peter Patrick as Pastor
 Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday, November 22 St. Cecilia

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 23 St. Clement; St. Columban

8:30 am In Appreciation For All Veterans
 Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions

8:20 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for God’s Gifts & for our Patron Saint
 Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 26

8:30 am Communion Service
 Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Sunday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am † Ted Bandoni (Marianne Hondel)
 Jer33:14-16/1Thes3:12-4:2/Ps25:4-10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, November 21 - 10:00 am - Bishop Jeffrey Haines

No Mass at St. Catherine’s

Sunday, November 28 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lectors Bernadette Davel, Mary Miller
 Acolyte Brendan Holahan

Reflections on this Sunday’s Readings

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is a grand title for Christ. Every time I read it, I have to do a double take. The feast used to be “Christ the King” and was later changed to be the solemnity of “King of the Universe.” I believe it was an attempt to put into words the impact, the scope and the power of Christ in not only our world but in all of creation. It is an effective title! It makes you stop and think about a grand image of God. I especially find it intriguing because of what comes next.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is placed right at the end of the liturgical year. In essence, it is the end of the story. Directly following this Solemnity, we begin a new liturgical year with the season on Advent. Advent is the time we wait in anticipation for the little, helpless, homeless refugee baby Jesus to be incarnated into this world. So we have this image of Christ “King of the Universe” that is followed by a strikingly contrasting image of the baby Jesus coming into our lives. It reminds me that God is both/and. God is all powerful and God is also so precious. God is so complete that He fits both images. Also, who would have ever thought the “King of the Universe” would come from such humble beginnings? It is a good reminder to have faith and not make assumptions about the miracles God can make in our lives.

- Which image of Jesus resonates with you? Jesus King of the Universe or the infant incarnated into this world? Or another?
- Have you identified your personal relationship with Jesus as it matches your image of Christ?

Pray for Our Sick

Fr. Dick Aiken, Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Maureen Crowley, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, Carla Jones, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Carmen Napper, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatcheck, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

Parent teacher conferences took place this past Wednesday, November 10, and Thursday, November 11. Our school continues to strengthen the partnership with our parents in educating their children.

Senior Ministry

Permission Revisited "With my daughter on my side, I feel more at peace and less burdened by guilt when I choose a bike ride over that third trip to Elaine's care facility. The trouble is, all caregivers feel that same need for permission—permission to choose their own health and happiness once in a while, or even once a day. If you don't have a daughter, friend or other family member to give you that sense of permission—that it's necessary to care for yourself, too—please consider this blog the approval you seek. This is your permission to prioritize your own health, happiness and well-being so that you can truly live your best life possible." *Marty Schreiber*

Sustainability Tip

The best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer this Thanksgiving is to get vaccinated if you're eligible. Also, wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth in public indoor settings if you're not fully vaccinated. Wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated. If you are gathering with a group from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, consider additional precautions (avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.

Facing Racism

"You show your humanity by how you see yourself not as apart from others but from your connection to others." *Desmond Tutu, The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*

Plan to Attend the Men's Retreat

The Redemptorist Retreat House in Oconomowoc will welcome the men of St. Catherine's on the weekend of April 8-10, 2022. For more information, contact Deacon Ralph at 262-293-3189. Retreat pamphlets are on the table in back of church.



Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Today, Fr. Peter Patrick is Installed as Pastor

We rejoice that the Lord has led Fr. Peter Patrick to lead our congregations. We are excited about the future ministry of our church under his leadership for the next six years.
"God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good!"



We express our sympathy to the friends and families of

Ellie Cunningham

and *Chuck Cooney*

May they rest in peace in the arms of their Savior and Lord!

Black Lives are Sacred Witness Event

On Saturday, November 27, from 10-11 am, St. Catherine's will host a Black Lives are Sacred Witness Event, on Center Street in front of church. Please support this event by joining the witnesses. Bring a small chair if standing for one hour is difficult.

Church Cleaning

We're getting a head start on our "Christmas Cleaning." Come for an hour or more at 9 am, on **Monday, November 29**. Bring a pail and some rags. Enter off the playground. Save the date, Thurs., December 16 for additional cleaning. Thanks in advance for your help.

The Current Issue of Reflections of Faith . . .

has been sent to your homes. It offers reflections from a wide variety of parishioners of all ages, and we are grateful for the wisdom they have shared. Consider offering your reflections on "Community," the theme of the upcoming issue. Share your ideas! We are delaying the pick up of our faith publication due to COVID concerns and new bulk mail regulations.

Miracle on 54th St. Boutique Shopping & Luncheon

This annual St. Seb's event is Saturday, December 4. Boutique shopping begins at 9 am till noon in the Church Hall. **Note that all attendees for shopping & the luncheon will need to show proof of their Covid 19 vaccine upon entering.** Luncheon reservations are due **tomorrow**. Registration forms are in the Gathering Area. The elevator is out of service; attendees may be dropped off at the 55th St. entrance where there are fewer steps. Ring the bell to alert someone to open the door.

Beware!

Someone is texting in Fr. Peter Patrick's name asking people to buy gift cards. IGNORE! He would never ask you to do so.

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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