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November 21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

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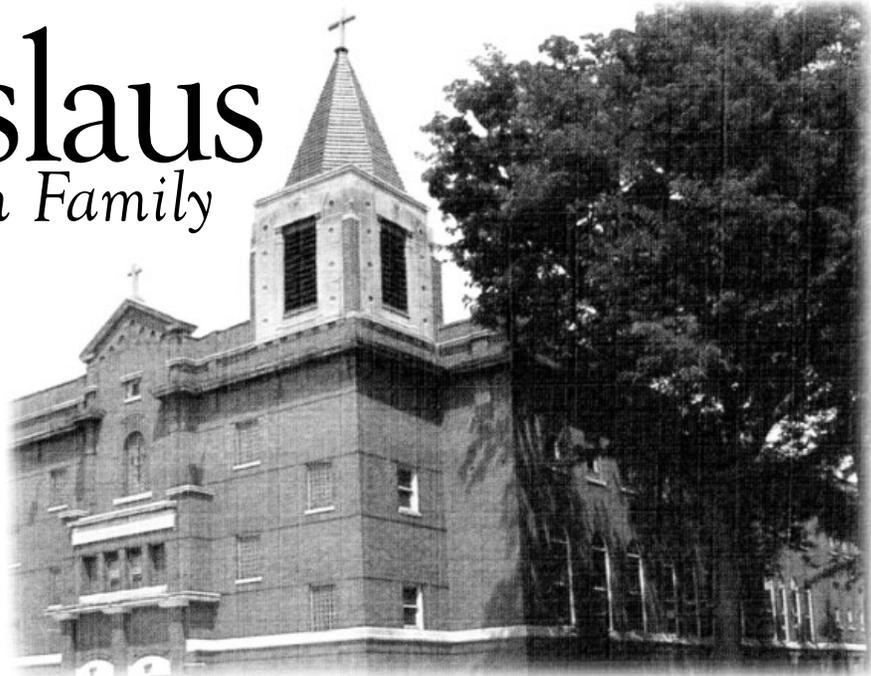
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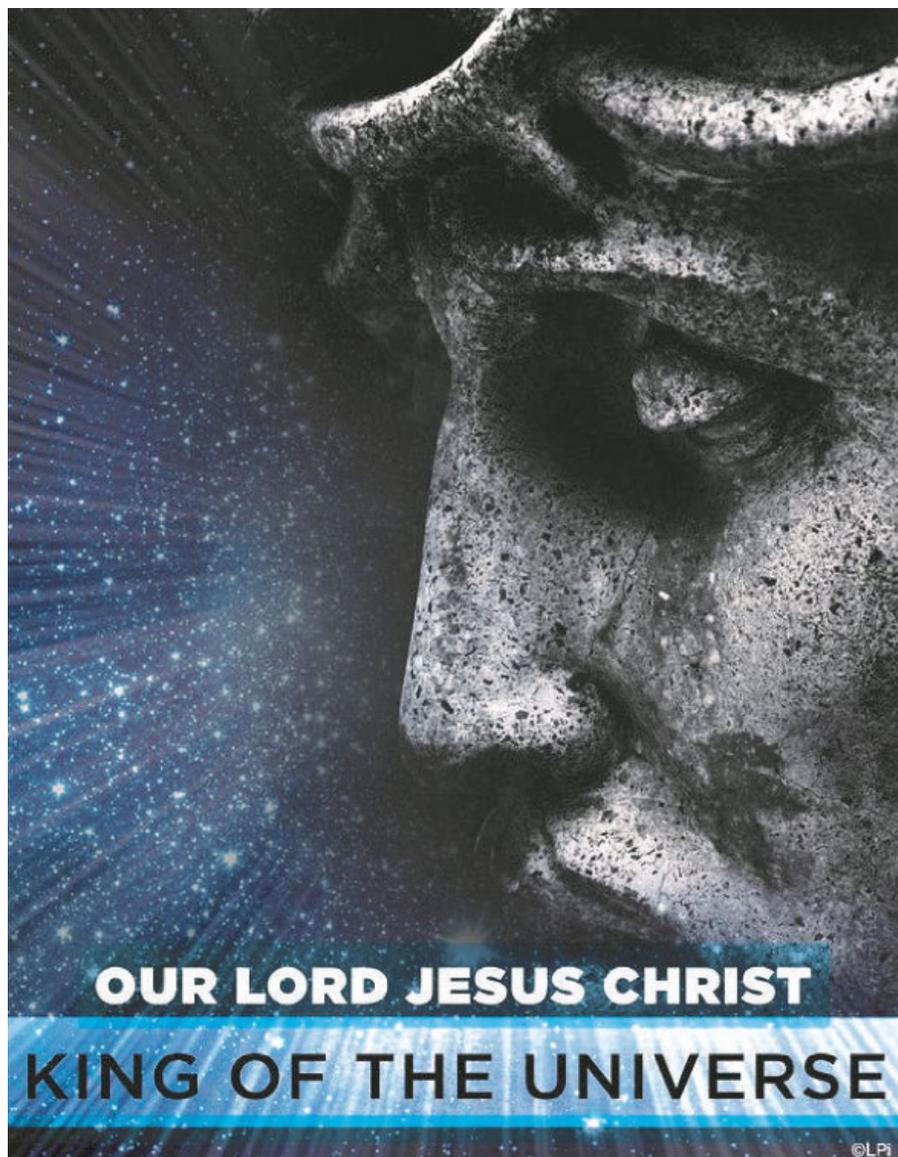
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

King of King and Lord of Lords

and He shall reign for ever and ever!!

Today we celebrate The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe. On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, this liturgy celebrates Jesus as Lord of love, revealing God's love for all people and calling his followers to live in that love. We are reminded in today's readings of the biblical imperative to care for the most vulnerable in society.

About Today's Solemnity

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was added to liturgical calendar by Pius XI in 1925. It is fitting celebration to the end of Ordinary Time and transitions nicely into the Advent call to prepare for the coming King. Christ's kingship is eschatological, already present in the Church but to be fulfilled for all things at the end, and so cannot be divorced entirely from the idea of the last things, for which harvest is an appropriate image. This solemnity gives a preview of the coming fulfillment of the reign of Christ, which we will then spend Advent being asked to prepare for. It serves as both the fulfillment of the story as told throughout the liturgical year and as a transition back into Advent.

As the Our Father is prayed make a special effort to emphasize and to reflect on the petition — Thy Kingdom Come, and during the week pray the following prayerful words with the Benedictine Community of which it is part of their daily prayer.

Lord God almighty, you have anointed Jesus as the Christ not to rule a kingdom won by violence but to bear witness to the truth, not to reign in arrogance but to serve in humility and love, not to mirror this world's powers but to inherit a dominion that will not pass away. Freed from our sins by the blood of this faithful witness, shape our service of others after the pattern of Christ's self-sacrificing love. This we ask of you. Amen.

Monday of this week honors St. Cecilia, the patroness of music. Our very own choir has named her their patroness also. Think of what our world would be like without music. Remember the wisdom of the words "Singing is praying twice and recall how many beautiful hymns have been written just for inspiring us to give God praise. In celebration of St. Cecilia today hum, whistle or sing a happy tune or at least listen to one and next time you hear St. Stan's St. Cecilia Choir sing, give them a thank you and maybe because God blessed you with musical talent for singing or playing an instrument you can ask to join them.

Thursday is set aside as the National day of Thanksgiving for the USA. It is a holiday. We do not have an official Thanksgiving Day in the Church — a holy day as such because each time we gather for the Eucharist we gather to give God thanks and praise. Beginning one's celebration with Holy Mass today is especially fitting though not obligatory and surely it is right and just that before enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends a grace prayer is offered to God.

Decor for this day has a long time tradition of using a funny sounding and looking item know as a *cornucopia* — and this is because a Cornucopia is a Symbol of God's Abundance and our generosity. The word *cornucopia* comes from the Latin term *cornu copiae*, which means "horn of plenty." Its symbolic origins rest in mythology and refer to the horn of a goat. Today, the cornucopia symbolizes an abundance of good things; more than enough; bountiful; plentiful. The cornucopia has long been used as a symbol of our autumn celebrations and colorful produce of the harvest season. We arrange apples, pumpkins, squash, beets, carrots, corn, grapes, and other fruitful vines so that they spill from its wide opening, reminding us of God' abundant goodness. Since ancient times, an abundance of basic necessities has symbolized the spiritual blessings that God wants to lavish on people, if and when they are receptive and open. The overflowing cornucopia holds the fruits of hard work, drawn from the earth by the grower's careful cultivation and attention in partnership with God, The "horn of plenty" also expresses our gratitude for God's abundance when we graciously share our abundance with others.

Speaking of seasonal symbols — next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Is your wreath being made ready to prepare the way of the Lord?

A Call to the King of Kings

Hello God,

I called tonight, to talk a little while. I need a friend who'll listen, to my anxiety and trial. You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own... I need your love to guide me so I'll never feel alone. I want to ask you to please keep my family safe and sound. Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound. Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day, and not to worry over things I can't change in any way. I thank you God for being home and listening to my call. For giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall. Your number, God, is the only one that answers every time. I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime. So thank you God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrows.

Good night God, I love you too,

And I'll call again tomorrow!



Scripture Reflection

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess? Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come. Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

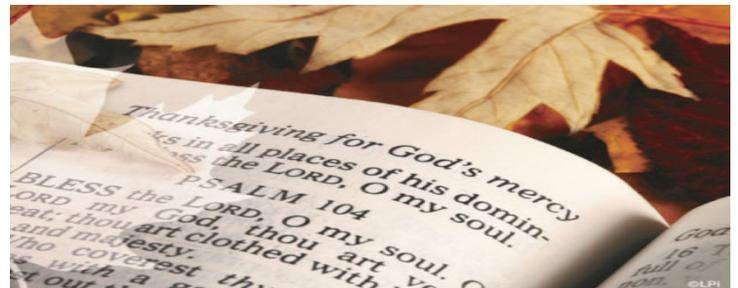


Everyday Stewardship

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself “Laird So-and-so.” Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee. My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their “king,” but most of us have those we think of as “our people.” Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition. We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends. There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



NOVEMBER 21, 2021 •
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
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Monday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

**Tuesday, November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin
Pro, Priest & Martyr**

**Wednesday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest & Companions, Martyrs**

**Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

Friday, November 26

Saturday, November 27

4:30pm †Mary Marszalek - Anniversary of Death int. Fam.
†Helen P. Krygoski int. Diane A. Traher
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30am †Teresa Tomczyk int. Radziwiecki Family
†Felix Reyes, Jr. int. Reyes Family
†In memory of the Faithful Departed

Quote from Pope Francis

Jesus is the center of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer: The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

The prophet Daniel has a vision of the “everlasting dominion” of the “son of man.” Why do think the Lord revealed this vision to Daniel?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that Jesus “has made us (believers) into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.” How should knowledge of this reality affect your spiritual journey?

Gospel:

In his trial Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. What do you think prevents the Kingdom of God from being more fully present in our world?



Community Events



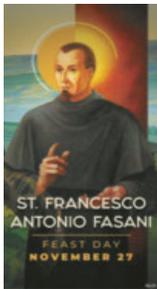
Convent Update: Many of you have been asking for an update on the Convent demolition. After getting several proposals to demolition the building, we received approval to proceed with STM Enterprises (the low bidder) to complete the demolish of the building. Starting on November 9th, an asbestos abatement company will be removing the asbestos that can be safely accessed and leftover fuel oil in the storage tank (left in the tank for 40 years) will be pumped out. Once the environmental work is complete, the demolition of the building will commence. Further updates will be announced in the bulletin.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

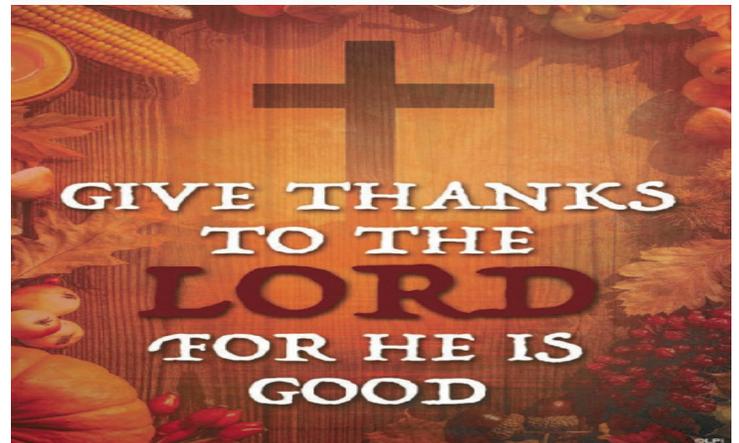
Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



St. Francesco Antonio Fasani Feast Day November 27

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 - 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera. Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.



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