

November 21, 2021



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

*King of the Universe*

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

## Church of the Blessed Sacrament

### Recognizing the King

When I hear the word 'king,' there's a couple familiar connotations come to my mind. First, I think Hollywood film, and second, British royalty. I think of Aragorn when he is crowned king after a series of epic adventures and battles in *Return of the King*; I think the king-becoming of Peter in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; I think King George III as depicted in the HBO mini-series, *John Adams*; I also think of the curious reason why Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh wasn't entitled "king" even after he married Queen Elizabeth II five years before she was crowned.



Jesus' kingship is altogether different.

As we enter in this Gospel scene, we find Pilate in a quandary in this interrogation. St. Cyril of Alexandria explains: "Having nothing at all of which to accuse Him, and none of those crimes to allege against Him that normally bring with them just punishment — and Pilate persisting in inquiring why they had brought Him — they assert that Jesus had sinned against Caesar in assuming the dominion that Caesar had acquired over the Jews and in changing the glory of His kingdom to suit His personal aspirations." Pilate is unsatisfied with Jesus' answer, so in an effort to placate the escalating tension in the gathered crowd and to assuage the situation in the eyes of Roman hierarchs, Pilate has Jesus scourged (in the following chapter of the Gospel text). Little did he know that he was preparing Jesus for His royal presentation.

In my fascination with the royal throne, I enjoy watching royal coronation ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance, the pageantry, the formality. I imagine there's plenty of assistance given to the royals to prepare them for such a momentous day. Jesus' preparations are much different. Jesus is soon dressed in His royal wardrobe, after having been brutally tortured, and then returned to Pilate and the gathered crowd. The paradoxical sight stuns them all, as it does us yet today. We are confused at the sight of the King in His royal wardrobe precisely because we tend to view Jesus' kingship with human eyes instead of through the lens of faith. We prefer to see kings in splendid majesty, and here is Jesus bloodied and bruised. We prefer to see the pageantry of the royal court, and here is Jesus standing alone. We prefer to see our kings with an enchanting presence over the crowd, and yet, we see Jesus

whose presence seems to incite a riot.

And so, when we join our question to Pilate's — "then you are a king?" (18:37) — we betray our own blindness to Jesus' kingship. In the opening scenes of the musical *Camelot*, we see King Arthur standing in a field dressed in the clothes of a common peasant. To look at him you would have no idea he was king. In fact, when Guinevere first met Arthur, she didn't have a clue that he was king over all England. Arthur was, in fact, king, but his outward appearance gave no evidence of this. Jesus' kingship is hidden in plain sight, He stood literally next to Pilate, who didn't recognize Him.

Many of us are probably in the same situation as Pilate, unable to recognize the kingship of Jesus: maybe it's due to a lack of faith, maybe it's due to unrepentant sin patterns, maybe it's due to unforgiveness in relationships, or maybe it's something else. Ask yourself, "What would change if I really did recognize Jesus' kingship over my life? Might things be better off? Same? Or worse?"  
*Br. John-Marmion Villa*

## IN LOVING MEMORY

The month of November has traditionally been a time to reflect upon the mystery of Christian death and to remember those who have gone before us. During the month of October, we were encouraged to write in our "Book of Life" the names of all family members, friends and parishioners who had died, whether long ago or recently. Let us all offer prayers and sacrifices in remembrance of those we have lost for the holy repose of their souls. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Thursday, December 2  
6:30 pm

## Wine Tasting

Appetizers and desserts, too  
Presentation by Marv Koppen of  
Party Time Liquors  
Please RSVP by November 29  
Free will offering  
Adults 21 and older are invited.

Hosted by Women's Club

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**FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**



**Veterans in Need**

*Every Third Saturday*, a Veterans' support organization, located near the VA Hospital, is in desperate need of gently used winter clothing. Boots, hats, gloves, winter underwear, jeans, shirts, colored T-shirts, sweats (tops and bottoms XL or XXL), shoes, diabetic socks, peroxide, liquid hand soap, mouthwash, sewing kits, muscle ointment, hand lotion, foot and body powder, Q-tips, baby wipes and Chapstick. This year there is also a need for men's boxers 2XL-3XL and T's 2XL-5XL and women's briefs M-XL. Laundered items may be left in the Veterans' Donation Box in the corner of the Gathering Space. Expect blessings!

**SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Kentucky Giving 2021**

This year's program for the annual giving to the community in Kentucky is going to continue looking a little different. We will be dedicating our Social Concerns' Collection for November so that we can send funds to Kentucky instead of you shopping for gifts. Please note "Kentucky Tree" on the memo line of any donation you wish to make to this cause throughout the month. Expect blessings!



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**ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS**

*"Go and find Him when your patience and strength run out and you feel alone and helpless. Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to Him, 'Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and you know all things. Come to my help.' And then go, and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory."*

*St. Jeanne Jugan (1792 to 1879)*

***Foundress of the Little Sisters Of The Poor***

We are still working at expanding our hours of Adoration, and have recently added Saturday mornings from 9am until noon. Please contact us if you feel called to devote an hour a week to spend with the Lord. We are always in need of prayer partners with a special need for a prayer partner for Fridays at 9 pm. Please call Kathy at 651-247-5185 or the parish office, if you are interested.



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**BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.

**RECONCILIATION**— Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; after 8:30 am Mass on Friday or by appointment on other days

**MATRIMONY**- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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- Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-F, Please see signage for hours.
- The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.

**Sunday, November 21**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37*

8:30am † Barbara Luna

11am Parish Mass

**Monday, November 22**

*Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

*Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4*

**Tuesday, November 23**

*St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

*Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11*

Bianconi/Frey Families

**Wednesday, November 24**

*Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs*

*Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19*

† Mr. & Mrs. Ed Patterson

**Thursday, November 25**

*Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr/Thanksgiving Day*

*Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28*

† Edward & Lorene Bauer

**Friday, November 26**

*Weekday*

*Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33*

NO Mass scheduled

**Saturday, November 27**

*Weekday/BVM*

*Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36 (Morning Readings)*

4pm † Nancy Cocchiarella

**Sunday, November 28**

*First Sunday of Advent*

*Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

8:30am Parish Mass

11am † Northeast Residents and Staff

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## Church of the Blessed Sacrament

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

November 21—November 28

- Sun, Nov 21:** Second Collection for the Kentucky Tree  
9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts  
9:45am Faith Formation Classes  
Noon-2:00pm Advent Decorating
- Mon, Nov 22:** 6:30-7:30 Movement & Christian Meditation
- Tues, Nov 23:** 9:30-11:00am CGS
- Wed, Nov 24:** Young at Heart after Mass
- Thurs, Nov 25:** Happy Thanksgiving!  
Parish Offices Closed
- Fri, Nov 26:** No 8:30 am Mass/Parish Offices Closed
- Sat, Nov 27:** Cross Catholic Outreach at Mass
- Sun, Nov 28:** Cross Catholic Outreach at Masses  
9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts  
No Faith Formation Classes

## FINANCE

### Gifts of Treasure

November 13/14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$ 2,165.50
All Saints' Day:	\$ 25.00
Other:	\$ 165.00
Kentucky Tree:	\$ 225.00
Additional Operations & Other:	\$ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,610.50</b>



### **Bishop Andrew Cozzens is named the new Bishop for the Diocese of Crookston.**

His installation as the eighth bishop of Crookston will take place December 6, at 1 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

A Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens will be held Sunday, November 28, 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, with a reception following for people to greet him from 1-4 p.m.

### **Divine Mercy Cenacle**

"Tell the people that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."  
Diary 1074



Prayer cards are on the table to take. Look for a new message from St. Faustina's Diary weekly.

### FAITH FORMATION: PEEK AT THE WEEK

Families are taking back their Sundays by placing God first at Holy Mass and participating in Faith Formation classes. We are inspired!

Last Sunday we held a Parent/Child meeting for those students preparing for First Reconciliation. We talked about this beautiful Sacrament as a gift from God where we meet Jesus and restore our relationship with Him and with others. Parents heard about the role they play in raising children with a Catholic identity and worldview. Also last Sunday, some students worked in the atrium and Father Benny met with Confirmation candidates. We strive to guide our kids in following the Good Shepherd. We are empowered!

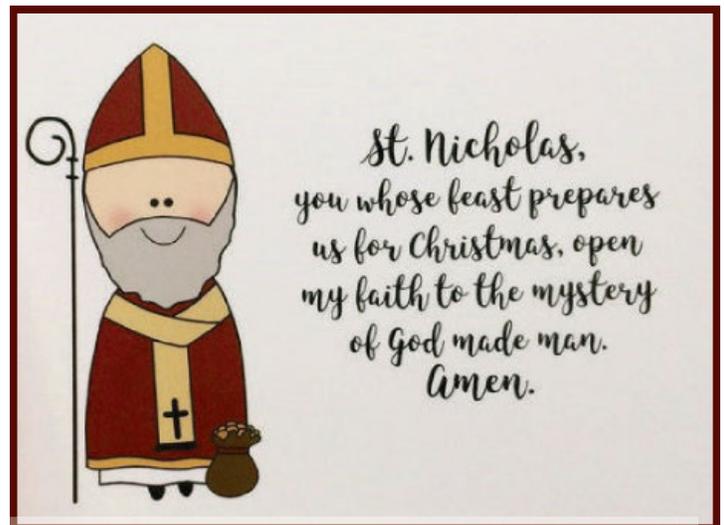
Each of us in the parish has a unique mission and God equips us for what He calls us to do (as an E Team member reflected on last week.) Some of us work very directly with the youth, helping them to learn the truths of the faith. Arguably, all of us impact our youth by living our vibrant Catholic life at Mass, parish activities, and community events. We are Blessed Sacrament!

#### **Saint Nicholas Celebration**

Join us on Sunday morning, December 5 for a small celebration to celebrate the Feast of Saint Nicholas, from 9:30-9:45am.

We will have treats, a story, and a special visit!

All children are welcomed!





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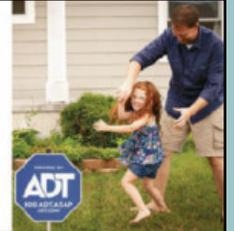


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