



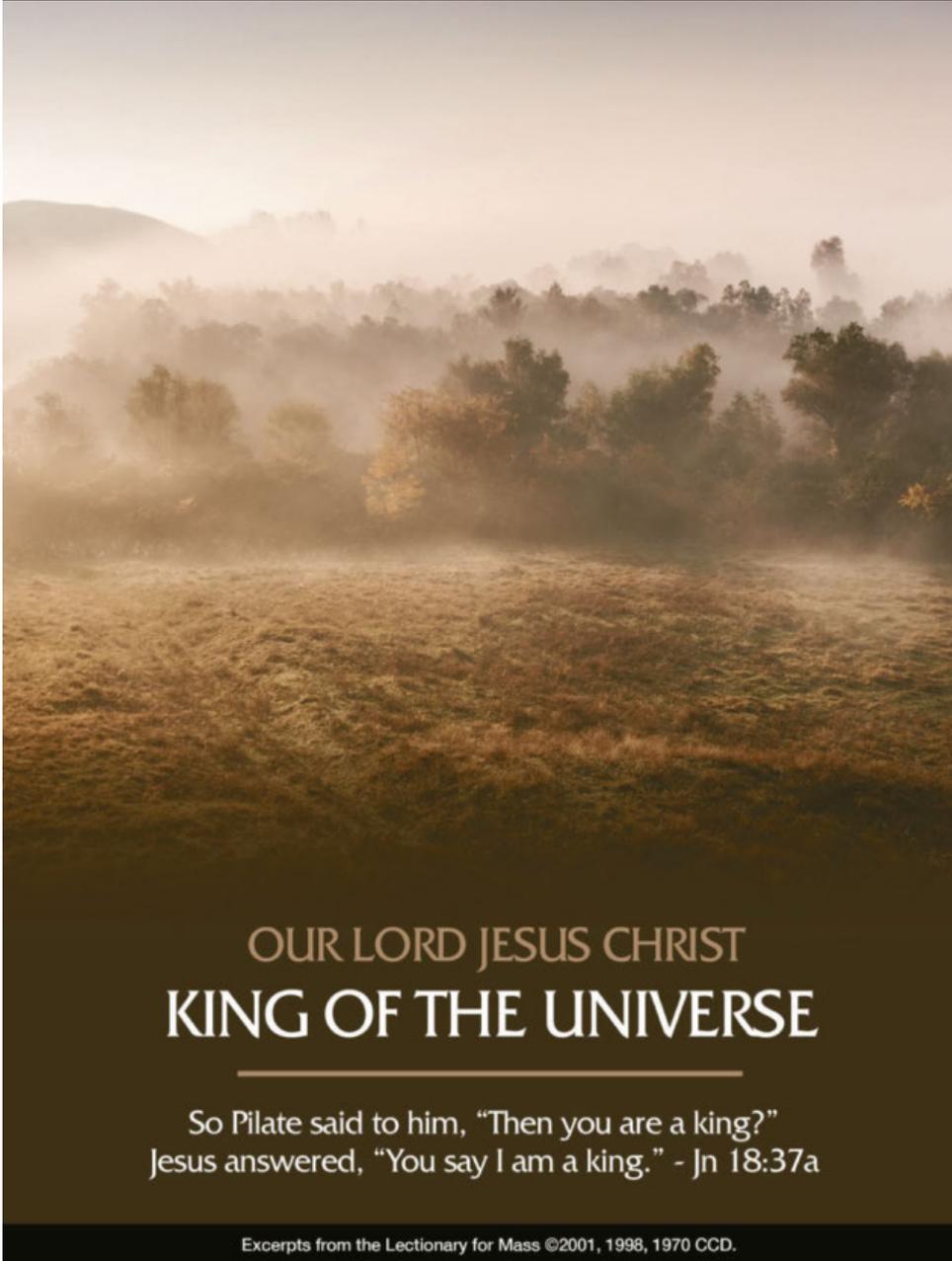
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Saint Thomas Becket

**A Welcoming Spirit-led
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to *love*,
to *serve* and
to *be hope*

“Your Spiritual home,
where each is called by name.”

Sunday, 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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M/T/W/TH 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Lord's Day Masses: All Are Welcome
See website for current information.

ONLINE:

www.stbeagan.org

Bulletin & Calendar

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CONFESSIONS:

Call parish office for appointment

Welcome!

a Catholic Community Where ALL are Welcome.

To New Parishioners: If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our parish family. Registration Forms are available at the New Parishioner Welcome Kiosk in the Commons, and online or call our Office at (651) 683-9808, and we will help you out.

Baptism: All parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation meeting prior to the baptism of their child. Please register online; if you have questions call the parish office at (651) 683-9808.

Next baptism preparation meeting is Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.

Marriage: Registered parishioners should contact the Office at least eight months prior to requested date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call Parish Office at (651) 683-9808.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School and Tri-Parish Center: www.fscsmn.org or call 651-406-4747

Readings

Week of November 21, 2021

Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/ Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Prayers for the Sick

Please hold these parishioners in your prayers:

Karen Little Mary Cloutier Judy Schmidt
Lisa LaFrance Janet Higgins

If you have someone you would like added to our confidential Prayer Line call Cathy at 651-344-3350.

Calendar

Monday, November 22:

No Event Scheduled

Tuesday, November 23:

AA meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 24:

No Event Scheduled

Thursday, November 25:

Parish Office Closed

Thanksgiving Mass, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Al-Anon meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 26:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 27:

5:00 pm MASS, Fr. Tim

Sunday, November 28:

NO SGS

9:00 am Mass, Fr. Mike (Fr. Tim preaches)

Adult Faith Gospel, 10:15 am - 11:30 am

RCIA 10:15 am - 11:30 am

11:00 am MASS, Fr. Mike

Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 am

You will have the opportunity to express thanks
for the blessings in your life in a shared homily.



Are You A Narwhal?

In nature, a narwhal is a species of whale that is unique, hard to find, and super cool. In Faith Formation, a narwhal is a species of volunteer who is all of those things as well – someone who teaches because they love kids and have a gift for it, even if they don't have children of their own in the program.

A narwhal might be an "empty nester," an older teen or young adult, or a parent who originally volunteered for their own child's program and discovered they have a gift for it.

Currently, we are seeking some narwhals who would enjoy sharing their faith with teens in our Confirmation Preparation program that kicks off in January.

Contact Dez in the parish office for more details: dezs@stbeagan.org



KofC Strudel Sale

The Knights of Columbus are having their 2nd annual Strudel Sale to support our local seminarians.

You can order these entrée and dessert strudels by clicking the link below. They will be available for pick-up on December 18th at St. John Neumann, or if you prefer the KC's will deliver these to you on that same day- December 18th at no additional cost.

Just click on either option.

<https://eaganknights7604.com/ruhlands-strudel-haus/>

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Keep Christ in Christmas

The Eagan Knight of Columbus council is once again sponsoring our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" coloring/creativity contest for the Tri-Parishes of St. Thomas Becket, St. John Neumann and St. Peter as well as all Faithful Shepherd Catholic school students.

Participation is Covid-safe with all correspondence completely on-line, and winners receiving Target gift cards from \$10-\$25!

Please click on the link below for further details and to download the coloring page: <https://stbeagan.org/keep-christ-in-christmas>

Parishioners of St. Thomas Becket!

Many thanks for the school supply drive you hosted! The children at Red Pine Elementary are prepared and engaged with their learning thanks to your KIND donations.

*Thank you again so much!
~ Meg Bell,
School Social Work
- Red Pine Elementary*

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Deacon Charles A. Bobertz, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament at
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FULL DETAILS HERE

On our website or at this link:
<https://stbeagan.org/advent-series-2021>

Session One

November 21

Liturgy in the Formation of the Gospel Narrative

Our first session will explore how the early Christian Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, was at the very center of how the earliest Christians understood the story of Jesus we have in the Gospels.

Session Two

November 28

The Gospel of Matthew

Why did Matthew think it was necessary to write a new Gospel? What are the main theological ideas that one discovers in a comparison with the Gospel of Mark? And what role does Matthew's understanding of the Lord's Supper play in his version of the story of Jesus?

Session Three

December 12

The Gospel of John

This session will explore how John understands the importance of the Lord's Supper in a unique way, leading to a unique way of understanding the reality of Jesus Christ.

Session Four

December 19

In this session we will look at the early history of the Lord's Supper as the Church emerged into the second and third centuries.

Stewardship Message

The quieter you are,
the more you can hear.

Everyday Stewardship

Long Live the King

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 ©LPI

FACE MASKS (friendly reminder)

If you choose to continue wearing a face mask to church, please don't forget to bring your own face mask.
Thank You!



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers, Ray Bremer, who died on Sunday, November 6 at the age of 79. Preceded in death by his parents Raymond & Ruth.

Our Sincere condolences go to his loving wife of 56 years, Marilyn; children Brad (Lisa) & Matt (Kim); grand children Brandon, Lauren, Nick & Tori and brother Dennis Bremer.

The Funeral Service was held here on Tuesday, November 16 with a luncheon afterwards. Thank you to all who graciously assisted with Mass, the musicians, those who helped set up the tables and get the food set-up.

*May God grant eternal rest
and give comfort to the family at their time of loss. Amen.*

Faithful Shepherd Coat Drive

Join FSCS from November 15 - November 24th as we collect new or gently used winter coats for Joseph's Coat. Due to the pandemic, Joseph's Coat is emptying its inventory weekly, so donations are very much needed! Coats can be dropped off in the large box in the entryway of the school from November 15th to November 24th.

Gospel Meditation

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.

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STB's Christmas Sharing Tree

People served by the Neighbors Food Pantry in South St Paul and the Visitation Sisters of North Minneapolis will gratefully benefit from your kindness.

This year, you can pick up SOME Giving Tree tags from the Commons. But our MAIN LIST is on SignUpGenius

Go to this page to get the "Online Tag" link:

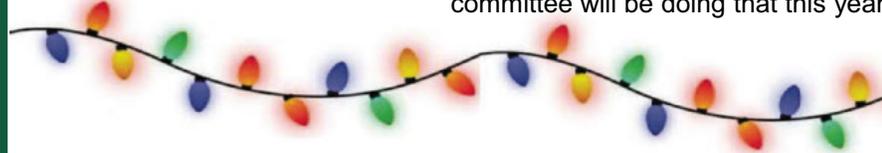
www.stbeagan.org/christmas-sharing-tree

Gift Card Giving - Holiday gas card *CUB *Aldi *Target *Walmart

Choosing to give a Gift Card is always a welcome gift because it gives the receiver freedom to choose what they really need or want most! The Visitation Sisters and Neighbors Food Pantry offer these cards to people in need all through the year.

All gifts are due back **Monday, December 6th** by 3:00 pm.

Gifts will be distributed on December 6th. Due to restrictions there will be no group sorting and distributing. The committee will be doing that this year.



May you have a joyful day this Thanksgiving. May your holiday be full of blessings, love, and an abundance of happiness.

Happy Thanksgiving

Kids corner

Read the Gospel & Color



Gospel

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

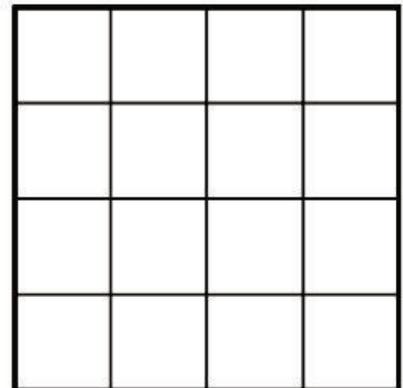
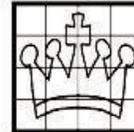
Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our loving king

Christ the King • John 18:33b-37

PUZZLE

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MISSION

We "listen to Jesus" when we follow his example. This week, let others go first when you play a game.



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