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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. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Pilato le dijo: "¿Conque tú eres rey?" Jesús le contestó: "Tú lo has dicho. Soy rey. Yo nací y vine al mundo para ser testigo de la verdad. Todo el que es de la verdad, escucha mi voz". - Jn 18, 37

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Questions?
Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

Wisdom from a Saint

"If I meet any long-faced Saints in Heaven, I will cheer them up, with a Mexican Hat Dance."

— *Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

A Note from Fr. Kevin

November 21 – A deeper appreciation for the Saints

We are often faced with the question of *how we live* the Gospel in our own complicated lives. How do we live the Gospel as we face our complex messiness of sin, emotions and passions, or deal with that with others; or in complex sometimes-violent political situations or a complicated world?

This is a question that the Saints can help us to answer. When I was younger, unfortunately, all I knew about a lot of Saints was: "They prayed a lot and were nice to the poor."
But when we really look deeply into the lives of the Saints, we begin to see different ways people concretely lived the Gospel in a world, a society, and a culture that was complex and messy. Many lived in a world of great political strife and a world where there were Church leaders (Popes and bishops and priests), who were at times corrupt, immoral, and unholy.
Saints like Catherine of Siena who lived in a time where there was much political turmoil in Italy; where civil wars and massacres were regular occurrence; where Italians felt abandoned by the Church because the Pope had moved to France … and where later an anti-Pope was elected.
She gives a concrete example of a way to live the Gospel in complex times.
Or Saints like Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross who saw much laxity, immorality, and corruption in the Church during their times, and so give us an example of living the Gospel and working for reform in such times.
Saint Martin De Porres lived in a structure of racism and oppression, yet instead of living out of anger, bitterness, and resentment, he transformed the world around him by his love, humility, and pursuit of holiness. Saint Catherine of Genoa was married to a violent and unfaithful husband and spent several years in melancholic depression … and so her life gives an example of struggling through this and eventually Christ breaking into her life during those struggles. Saint Augustine wrestled greatly with his own sinfulness, especially pride in his gifts and his lust and unchastity … and so he gives us an example of how God can work in the messiness of our own sinfulness. Saint Mark Ji Tianxiang was a layperson, a doctor … and also, an opium addict even to the end of his life … he also happens to be a Saint of the Church!

Recently I listened to a podcast episode from "Church Life Today" from Notre Dame University, where Meg Hunter-Kilmer talked about her most recent book, "Pray for Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered, and Struggled on Their Way to Holiness." She did must intensely research to find stories of Saints that really speak into the struggles people face and experience today. I'm excited to read this book, and I might recommend checking it out! And if you happen to purchase it and read it, let me know!

Peace,
– Fr. Kevin

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22		***Saint Cecilia***
8:30 AM		St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	† Marie McCormick	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Tuesday, November 23		***Saints Clement I & Columban***
8:30 AM	† Summer Jo Pearson	St. Patrick, Hampton
Wednesday, November 24		***Saint Andrew Dung-Lac***
8:30 AM		St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	† Anna Caster	St. Mary, Eldora
5:30 PM	† Scott Oleson	St. Patrick, Hampton
Thursday, November 25 *(Thanksgiving)*		***Saint Catherine of Alexandria***
9:00 AM	† Joseph Hanig	St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	† August & Hazel Conrad	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Friday, November 26		
12:00 PM	† Jim Priske	St. Mary, Eldora
Saturday, November 27		
4:00 PM	† Gene Kadolph	St. Mary, Eldora
6:30 PM	† Charles Fogarty	St. Mary, Ackley
Sunday, November 28		***First Sunday of Advent***
8:00 AM	† Deceased Members Praska/Henry Family	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
10:30 AM	† Dave Rowen	St. Patrick, Hampton
5:30 PM	For the People	St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

Sacramental Rites & Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- **Anointing of the Sick**
- **Communion Calls**
- **Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth**
- **Baptisms:** Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.

In Remembrance

† **Virginia Hurd**, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, entered into eternal rest on November 14, 2021. Please keep her family in your prayers

† **Mary Pieper**, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, entered into eternal rest on November 12, 2021; her husband, Ed Pieper, passed away earlier this month. Please keep her daughter, Frances (Randy) Off, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, and the rest of their family in your prayers.

† **Marjorie Friederich**, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, entered into eternal rest on November 10, 2021. Please keep her son, Steven Friederich, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, and the rest of their family in your prayers.

† **Ed Pieper**, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, entered into eternal rest on November 2, 2021. Please keep his son, Bruce Pieper, of St. Mark, Iowa Falls, and the rest of their family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Help Wanted

Brenda Strayer, has resigned from her position as the *linkage bulletin editor*. She will continue to publish the bulletin until a replacement is found.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the part -time position of linkage bulletin editor, please contact Fr. Kevin.

Get ready for the Black Friday Sales

Planning to start your Christmas shopping soon? Don't forget to order your SCRIP cards so you are ready when the sales begin! You'll find a complete list of national retailers at ***www.shopwithscrip.com/shop***. *Don't forget, you can buy Scrip for many of our local retailers, too!*

You can also download the RaiseRight App and buy many SCRIP cards as you are shopping. This is a great way to be sure you have the right amount on hand. We would love to tell you more about this..

Any questions, or to place orders, contact your parish Scrip coordinator:

St. Mark: Tammy Cooper or Cheri Geitz
St. Patrick: Dick Nelson
St. Mary, Eldora: Margaret Ruble

** The SCRIP program will also be having amazing deals with increased percentages on many retailers this month. Check the "What's New" section of the SCRIP website (www.shopwithscrip.com/shop) to see the current deals!*

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Social Justice ..... Robert Harms/Keith Galpin
Parish Life ..... David Keninger
Altar Society ..... Linda Sudtelgte
Building & Grounds ..... Jeff Frazier
Music ..... Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

Liturgical Ministers

November 25 – Thanksgiving Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Lector: Kay King
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent – 6:30 p.m.
Lector: Rosie Lindaman, Kaitlyn Porter
Ushers: Richard Bloom, Mark and Jodi Uthe
Money Counters: Mary Schumacher, Jessica Schipper
Altar Servers: Sammy Philips, Josie Kuper
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Unless souls are saved, nothing is save; there can be no world peace without soul peace.
The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

Geneva United Methodist Annual Tukey Dinner Sunday, November 14 at noon

Prayer Chain if you would like to be added to the prayer chain we have two options you can be called or you may receive it by email. Call Jim Wessels, Kathy Burkle or the parish office to be added.

No Religious Education Classes

There will be NO Religious Education classes November 24.

Thanksgiving Mass at St. Mary November 25 at 9 a.m.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
As the youth and chaperones are attending NCYC November 18-21 please keep them in your prayers.

There will be wine and cheese following the 6:30 p.m. Mass December 4.
Everyone is welcome.
Plan to attend

Book Club

December 6 at 6 p.m.

Comfort and Joy

By Kristin Hannah

Everyone is welcome we would love to have you join us!
This meeting will be a soup supper...

Stewardship - Treasure

Saturday, November 13
Budget Envelopes $920
Offertory $64
TOTAL $984

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Faith Formation Commission ..... Andrea Sparrow
Stewardship ..... Cecilia Penning
Liturgy Vice Chair ..... Judith Andrews
Social Justice ..... Mary Nederhoff
Building & Grounds ..... Jim Roling
Seton Circle ..... Diana Stickney

Family Faith Formation

- **December 1** - 6:30 pm Family Meeting
- **December 5** - Youth Christmas Shopping

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE DATES
Sunday, Nov 21, 9:00 am
Sunday, Nov 28, 9:00 am
Sunday, Dec 5, 9:00 am
Saturday, Dec 11, 9:00 am

Family Faith Formation pies may be picked up after Mass this Saturday, November 20.

Reflect and Prepare

The First Sunday of Advent is next week. Make this Advent season more prayerful, meaningful, unifying and fruitful. Look for the "Advent Wreath Prayers" pamphlet in the north foyer. It contains prayers and reflections for each week of Advent, a special Advent song and family mealtime prayer.

Liturgical Ministers

THANKSGIVING MASS
Wednesday, November 24, 5:30 pm
Lector: Linda Priske
Gifts: Clark & Beth Lawler
Greeters: Marianne Gatton
Ushers: Randy Ledger, Jim Roling
Altar Servers: Volunteer

Saturday, November 27, 4:00 pm
Lector: Sara Hobson
Gifts: Ron Kadolph, Paul Lawler
Greeters: Rich & Lynnette Groepper
Ushers: Josh Hobson, Eldon Droessler
Altar Servers: Jada Hobson, Jacoby Hobson
Offering Counters: Dan & Sharilyn Kadolph, Brian Krause

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The Giving Tree in the north foyer is to give parishioners an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for those in the Care Center. Take an ornament off the Giving Tree, do your shopping for the item on the ornament keeping in mind a $20 limit, and return the wrapped gift under the tree by Saturday, December 11.

Buildings & Grounds Update- Basement door in the office will be modified to provide more safety and circulation. Trim was re-glued in the pre-school room and the ceiling panels replaced in the south foyer. A checklist is being created to ensure at least monthly inspection of exit lights. Ceiling lights and one fan is being inspected for defects/ replacement. Bids will be sought for replacing concrete in the south parking lot next year. Long range planning for repair and sealing of cracks in both parking lots is ongoing. The leak in the pre-school room is being repaired.

Stewardship - Treasure

Date
Budget $2570.00
Offertory $31.00
TOTAL $2601.00

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Liturgy ..... Susan Swart
Social Justice ..... Rose Atkinson
Parish Life ..... Cindy Stalzer
Women's Group ..... Sherry Martin
Building & Grounds .....
Knights of Columbus ..... Kevin Bredthauer
Music ..... Lisa Barnett

ADVENT STUDIES

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Advent begins next week! We hope you will take advantage of some of the following as we prepare for Our Savior's arrival. Many materials can be found on a table in the back of the church (in front of the cry room).

- ***Magnificat Advent Reflections*** *- Booklet of daily devotional reflections for each day of Advent.*
- ***"Little Blue Book"*** *- Booklet of daily reflections for each day of Advent.*
- ***Blessed is She*** *- This* Daily Journal for women will again be offered for the Advent and Christmas season. Cost of book $15. Contact Brenda Strayer ASAP if interested.
- ***Word Among Us*** *- Daily meditations for Advent.*
- ***Advent Video Bible Study Series*** - A 4-session Bible Study based around the scenes and themes of the beloved Christmastime film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, emphasizing that it is Christ who makes our life precious. In-person gathered sessions will be held following Sunday morning and Monday evening Masses. If you are interested in a virtual option, let Brenda know. We ask that you let us know ahead of time if you are interested to be sure we have enough materials, but it is not necessary.
- ***2021 Liturgical Calendars*** *- These charts help you follow along & understand the Church calendar.*
- ***Lighthouse Kiosk*** *- Our kiosk has been restocked with many new materials in both English and now Spanish.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, November 28 – 8:00am
Lector: Kathy Hanzek
Ushers: Joe Brunkhorst, Sam See
Greeters: Brian & Liz Buresh
Gift Bearers: Keith & Lisa Barnett
Music: Jessica Lara, Christine Burchfield
Offertory Counters: Shari/Al Keninger, Susan Jones
Livestream: Brenda Strayer

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COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

*Our **Advent Communal Reconciliation Service** will be held **Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30pm**. We will have four priests available this night.*

We hope you will join us.

Faith FORMATION

YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

Class Schedule — Kindergarten-Grade 8
* Wednesday, November 24 — NO CLASSES
* Wednesday, December 1 (6:15-7:30pm)
Grades 2-8 — Reconciliation

Class Schedule — Grades 9-12
* Sunday, November 21 — CLASS CANCELLED
* Wednesday, December 1—Reconciliation (6:30pm)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION -

Baptism - If you have a child that you would like to have baptized into the faith, please contact Brenda Strayer. Sessions held on an as needed basis.

YOUTH MINISTRY -

Festival of Lights Display - We will be setting up our annual nativity display on November 22 & 23. Watch for texts from Brenda Strayer for times.

ADULTS

ADVENT OFFERINGS - See offerings to the left.

JOINING THE CHURCH - Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering joining the Catholic Church? Contact Brenda Strayer for more information.

Stewardship - Treasure

November 14
Budget $1300.00
Offertory $18.00
Holy Day—All Saints $25.00
TOTAL $1343.00

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Social Justice	Donna Devereux
Parish Life	Sue Garrett
Building & Grounds	Dick Nelson
Knights of Columbus	Greg Cavazos
Music	Leon Kuehner

Upcoming Events
Próximos Eventos

Monday/Lunes, November/Noviembre 22
6:15-8:15 PM- Social Hall in use/Salon social en uso
Tuesday/Martes, November/Noviembre 23
8:30 AM - Mass/Misa
7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus meeting/Reunion de Caballeros de Colon
7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)
Wednesday/Miércoles, November/Noviembre 24
10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)
5:30 PM-Mass-Bilingual/Misa Bilingüe
Thursday/Jueves, November/Noviembre 25
6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración
Friday/Viernes, November/Noviembre 26
7:00 PM- Practice for the Feast of Guadalupe/ Práctica para la Fiesta de Guadalupe
Sunday/Domingo, November/Noviembre 28
10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa
3:00 PM -Estudio Biblico/Bible Study-Espanola/Spanish
5:30 PM-Masa/Mass-Espanola/Spanish

FELICITACIONES a Rafael y Esther García por renovar sus votos matrimoniales durante la misa en español el 14 de nov. ¡Que sean bendecidos con muchos años más juntos!

CONGRATULATIONS to Rafael and Esther Garcia in renewing your wedding vows at the Spanish Mass November 14. May you be blessed with many more years together.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the **Christmas Pageant** (Faith Formation Students) December 19 following 10:30 AM Mass, light lunch to follow.
Por favor anota en tu calendario unirse al ***desfile de Navidad*** *(estudiantes de formación en la fe) el 19 de dic. después de la misa de las 10:30 a.m.; le seguirá un almuerzo liviano.*

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, November 28-10:30 AM
Lectors: Julie Streblow
Servers: Chase Showalter, Connor Miller
Offertory Counters: Julie Streblow, Tracy Baltes
Usher: Greg Cavazos, Filemon Flores, Wyatt Yoder
Sacristan: Judy Nelson
Linen: Sue Garrett
Domingo, Noviembre 28-5:30 PM
Lectores: Margarita Rincon, Anabel Alanis
Monaguillos: Serigo Rincon, Juan Valenzuela
Contadores de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabby Garcia
Sacristan: Anabel Alanis
It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.
Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su

Help support our Youth--Cookie Sale
Orders need to be in by November 28th and Delivery will be December 2nd. Please order as soon as you can!
Holiday Cut-Out Sugar Cookies-36 ct. are $15
Gingerbread Men Cut-Out Cookies-16 ct. are $15

Todas las órdenes deben realizarse hasta el 28 de nov. La entrega es el 2 de diciembre. Por favor ¡ordene lo antes posible!
Paquete de 36 galletas de azúcar de Navidad pre cortadas, vale $15
Paquete de 16 galletas de Hombre de Jengibre pre cortadas, vale $15

Upcoming Masses for St. Patrick:
Thanksgiving-Bilingual Mass 5:30 PM Wednesday November 24
Immaculate Conception--Bilingual Mass 6:30 PM Wednesday December 8
Feast of Guadalupe during Spanish Mass-5:30 PM Sunday December 12
Christmas Eve-English Mass 6:30 PM
Christmas Day-Spanish Mass 9:00 AM

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Próximas Misas de San Patricio
Día de Acción de Gracias: *Misa bilingüe; miércoles 24 de nov. a las 5:30 p.m.*
Inmaculada Concepción: *Misa bilingüe; miércoles, 8 de dic. a las 6:30 p.m.*
Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe: *Durante la Misa en español; domingo 12 de dic. a las 5:30 p.m.*
Nochebuena: *Misa en inglés a las 6:30 p.m.*
Navidad: *Misa en español a las 9 a.m.*

Stewardship - Treasure

Budget	$1290.00
Offertory	$488.00
Food Pantry	$100
Building & Grounds	$10.00
TOTAL	$1888.00

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Noticias del Ministerio Hispano

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Una nota del P. Kevin

21 de noviembre – Una apreciación más profunda por los Santos

Regularmente nos preguntamos *cómo vivir* el Evangelio en nuestras complicadas vidas. ¿Cómo vivir el Evangelio mientras nos enfrentamos a nuestro complejo desorden de pecados, de emociones y pasiones, o al lidiar con eso en los demás; o en situaciones políticas complejas a veces violentas o en un mundo complicado?

Esta es una pregunta que los Santos pueden ayudarnos a responder. Cuando era más joven, desafortunadamente, todo lo que sabía sobre muchos de los Santos era que: "Oraban mucho y que eran muy buenos con los pobres".
Aunque en realidad, al mirar profundamente en las vidas de los Santos, comenzamos a ver distintas maneras en las que las personas concretamente viven el Evangelio dentro de una sociedad y una cultura que es tan compleja como desordenada. Muchos vivieron en un mundo con grandes conflictos políticos, o en uno donde había líderes eclesiásticos (Papas, obispos y sacerdotes), quienes a veces eran corruptos, inmorales e impíos.
Santos como Catalina de Siena, quien vivió en un momento de gran tumulto político en Italia; donde guerras civiles y masacres era una ocurrencia regular; en donde los italianos se sentían abandonados por la Iglesia ya que el Papa se había trasladado a Francia … y donde más tarde se eligió a un anti Papa.
Ella entrega un ejemplo concreto de cómo vivir el Evangelio en tiempos turbulentos.
O como Santa Teresa de Ávila y San Juan de la Cruz, quienes vieron demasiado relajo, inmoralidad, y corrupción en la iglesia, nos entregan un ejemplo de cómo vivir el Evangelio y de trabajar por una reforma en aquellos tiempos.
San Martín De Porres vivió durante una estructura de racismo y opresión, pero en vez de vivir con odio, amargura y resentimiento, transformó el mundo a su alrededor con su amor, humildad, y búsqueda de la santidad. Santa Catalina de Génova estuvo casada con un hombre violento e infiel y pasó varios años viviendo en depresión y melancolía … por lo que su vida nos ofrece un ejemplo de sobrevivencia y nos muestra la eventual irrupción de Cristo en su vida durante esas luchas. San Agustín luchó de gran manera contra su propia pecaminosidad, especialmente el orgullo de sus dones, su lujuria y falta de castidad … y así, nos ofrece un ejemplo de cómo Dios puede trabajar en el desorden de nuestra propia pecaminosidad. San Marcos Ji Tianxiang era laico, doctor … y también, adicto al opio, incluso hasta al final de su vida … quien ¡también resulta ser un Santo de la Iglesia!

Recientemente escuché un episodio de podcast de "Church Life Today" (la vida de la iglesia de hoy) de la Universidad Notre Dame, en el cual Meg Hunter-Kilmer habla sobre su libro más reciente, "Pray for Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered, and Struggled on Their Way to Holiness" (Ora por nosotros: 75 santos que pecaron, sufrieron y lucharon en su camino a la santidad). En el cual, tuvo que investigar intensamente para encontrar historias de santos que realmente hablen de las luchas que las personas enfrentan y experimentan hoy. Estoy entusiasmado en leer ese libro, y ¡se los recomiendo! Si lo compras y lo lees, ¡cuéntame!

Paz,
– Padre Kevin

Oración comunitaria por los hispanos y el MH de la arquidiócesis de Dubuque

ZOOM and https://www.facebook.com/mhdubuque

Todos los domingos a las 8:15 pm. CT

Si desea que oremos por sus intenciones específicas, https://dbqarch.org/prayer-request-hm o envíe un mensaje a: dbqcffhm@dbqarch.org, teléfono - WhatsApp 3192592366, con sus intenciones y con muchísimo gusto estaremos rezando por ellas.

Dios los bendiga¡!!!!

Readings of the Week

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Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/
Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sun: Jer 33:14-16
1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Please Pray for Our Sick:

- Chuck Baltes
- Ray Baltes
- Gary Cashatt
- Anna Marie Conroy
- Mark Dolash
- Riva Dostal
- Mary Ellen Doughty
- Leon Doughty
- Marjorie Friederich
- Thomas Friend Sr.
- Deb Glodowski
- Dianne Henrich
- Virginia Hurd
- Kraig Kasischke
- Emma Kramer
- Cathy Kuper
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How Would You Rule Your Kingdom?

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

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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.

Christmas Flowers

We are once again offering all parishioners an opportunity to make donations for our Christmas flowers in remembrance of loved ones. Donations for flowers are due to the parish offices **by December 5**. Please use the form below. **Forms** may also be found on the linkage website and in all the church entrances. Any questions, contact your parish secretary.

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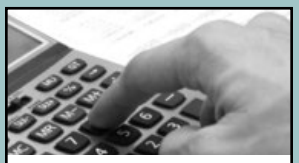
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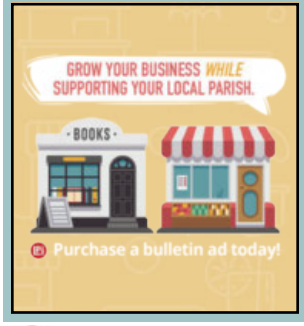

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