



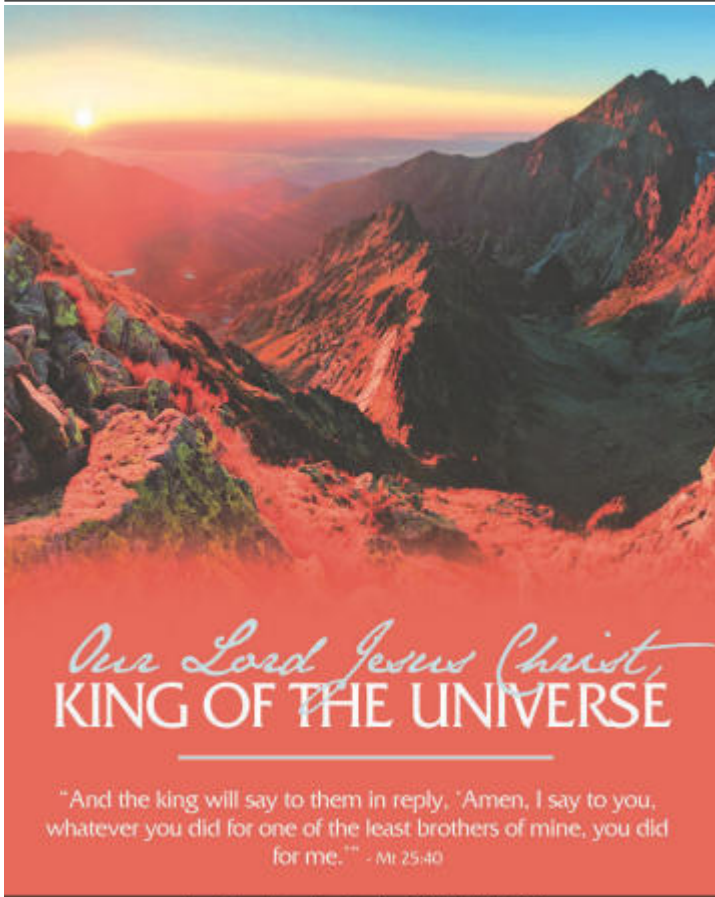
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Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe."

As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament.

"Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! *It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.*



Musings From The Pastor.

Thinking of this Sunday's gospel reading, that of the Final Judgement, and of the Gospel readings for the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King on other years, I was reminded of a scene from Victor Hugo's novel, Les Misérables, in which Jean Valjean, the principal character of the book, encounters the saintly bishop of Digne.

The broad outline of the story will be familiar to many of you who know it. Jean Valjean is a man imprisoned for four years merely for stealing bread; but because of other circumstances he ends up in prison for much longer. Released at last, he cannot get a room because his papers indicate that he has been a prisoner. But the saintly Bishop of Digne gives him food and a bed for the night. Instead of treating him with suspicion, the bishop gets his sister to take out the special silver cutlery because they have a guest. After the evening meal they all go to bed. Jean Valjean gets up early, steals the cutlery, and departs.

The next day Jean Valjean is picked up by the police, who find the silverware in his bag and rightly presume that he has stolen it. So they bring him back to the bishop. Instead of confirming the suspicions of the police, the bishop, to Jean Valjean's great surprise, responds with: "So here you are! I'm delighted to see you. Had you forgotten that I gave the candlesticks as well? They are also silver." And he hands over the candlesticks to Jean Valjean, who is then released.

But before Jean Valjean goes on his way, the bishop manages to say to him: "You no longer belong to what is evil but to what is good. I have bought your soul to save it from harsh thoughts and the spirit of damnation, and I give it to God." The bishop is no fool. He sees someone who is damaged, hardened, desensitized, even dangerous. But the bishop does whatever he can to bring this man back to God. A man who was used to being treated with brutality, was now treated with love. And this changed him.

I think that most of us would agree that there is, in a certain sense, a profound majesty in what the bishop did. Yes, the word 'majesty' is often applied to kings and queens, to the mighty and powerful of our world. Yes, by other standards the humility of allowing a criminal to exploit hospitality and to profit at one's expense could be understood to be very far from majesty. But the bishop exhibited a largeness of soul, a bigger perspective on things. He carried out a noble act of love and compassion, and so showed a profound majesty in helping to save a man in desperate need.

But the majesty shown by Christ pushes this sort of idea much, much further. In him we see a kind of majesty that goes so far that it shatters whatever preconceptions we might have of what majesty is really about. Quite simply: there is something startling, even shocking, in speaking of the majesty, of the kingship, of a man who is naked and dying, nailed to a cross in order to save us. But that is precisely what Christians do.

In the Gospel text for this Sunday we have the Son of Man who comes in glory with his angels, who judges the

nations. At first glance this presents a far more standard view of what majesty is about. But we should remember that the Son of Man who comes in glory is also the Son of Man who died on the cross. It is the same Lord. Even in his glory the Son of Man judges as the one who was crucified. He comes to us as the one who loves us so deeply that he mounted the wood of the cross for the likes of you and me. He comes to us as one whose majesty is founded on the total self-giving love of God. True majesty, true kingship, is founded on the supremacy of love.

To reflect on true and false, deep and shallow, understandings of majesty is appropriate for all times. Indeed, the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King was instituted by Pope Pius XI as a feast of the universal Church in 1925, when the dark clouds of totalitarianism were rolling over Europe. This was a time when false and shallow conceptions of majesty, based on domination and eschewing love, seemed to have the upper hand.

In the face of similar troubles, the Solemnity of the Christ the Universal King is a call to us to see our world by the light of Christ. This is a light in which the "majesty" of the potentates, the demagogues and the despots, looks like a pale and paltry imitation of the true and lasting majesty founded on love. But this Solemnity is also a call to hope, that regardless of what the tides of history might bring, the love of God will ultimately prove victorious: that at the end of the ages Christ the Universal King will come to judge the nations and he will do so in true majesty as the one who wore a crown of thorns.

Happy Thanksgiving



: Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

NO ADORATION THURSDAY

There will be no Adoration Thursday, everyone have a safe and happy holiday.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE-10/09/2020

Pledges \$2,525.00
Pledge Payments \$2,325.00

Pledge Balance \$ 200.00 # of Donors 46
Gifts \$19,547.00

Parish ADA Goal \$28,121.00

Current Amount Due/Refund Due) \$ 7,911.00

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-Pledges \$ 2,525.00
-Gifts \$17,685.00
Expected Shortfall (Overage) \$ 7,911.00

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED

Face masks are now **required** at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings in the Diocese of Des Moines, effective immediately. This requirement extends through February 2, 2021. Please see that letter from Bishop Joensen that was e-mailed to you if we had your e-mail, or there are copies by the bulletins, or posted on the bulletin board.





FAITH FORMATION **2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

All In-Person classes are cancelled at this time. Please watch Facebook and Flocknote for any future Zoom meetings and classes. Virtual Classes are to continue as planned, everything online. Alan will keep everyone updated, again, on Facebook and Flocknote. The Living Nativity is cancelled as well. PLEASE call Alan if any questions.

Thank you everyone who attended the October Family Formation, Confirmation and YDisciple meetings. Please pick up your November Family Formation packets in the back of church. There are videos and schedules on the St. Mary's Faith Formation website giving information about these meetings. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so. Please sign up for Formed and YDisciple. The formed website is: www.formed.org.

We continue working in the can shed, doing them on a regular basis. PLEASE separate your cans and bottles. If you are able, please put the bottles in a box. They are not to be in the same containers/bags as the cans. Thank you.

I realize much is changed but these are real opportunities to improve our programs. Please know that the St. Mary's staff, volunteers, and especially myself will always be there to help!

Any questions call Alan @ 712-303-2680. Blessings to all!
Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church
Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This week is our special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. That is one in six people! Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

FLOCKNOTE

Please remember to sign up for flocknote so that you may stay informed of all the changes in our masses, our meetings, and any pertinent information we need to pass along at this time. We pray all of you and your families stay safe. If you need any help please call the office.

DIocese OF DES MOINES-REGATHERING POLICY

Due to the rising COVID cases throughout the Diocese of Des Moines, the increased hospitalizations, and the anticipated difficulties that the winter season will bring, **the Diocese of Des Moines is suspending all parish and diocesan sponsored or hosted social events, beginning on November 23rd through January 10th.** We have posted the letter from the Diocese on the bulletin board, or you may go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus/regathering>

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 ; St. Cecilia
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11; St. Andrew Dun-Lac
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28; St. Columban
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33; St. Francesco Antonio Fasani
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36; St. James of the Marche
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Thank you to all who participated with our Drive Thru Pork Loin Dinner. That's the closest thing to going out for dinner that some of us are getting! Thank you Knights! More to come later!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

December 2nd-Pastoral Council

CIVILIZE IT IOWA

Do you want to help heal the divisions we see in our country? If so, check out Civilize It Iowa, a diocesan campaign that is inviting all of us to pray, fast, and give alms for the sake of charity in your own hearts, and in our country. To check out this simple invitation to pursue holiness in our own lives, and charity in our country, visit civilizeitiowa.com or scan this QR code.



COVID RECOVERY COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE

COVID Recovery Iowa offers free virtual counseling and assistance for all Iowans affected by COVID-19. Counselors available 24/7 at 1-844-775-WARM(9276). You will never be asked to share payment or health insurance information or your last name. All services are confidential.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-November 28-No Mass

Sunday-November 29

Lector: Bruce Swanson

Altar Servers: Liah Wemhoff / Elly McDonald

Min. of Communion: Kerry Carlson

Homebound: Jim & Kim Laughlin

Greeter/Usher: Ken Podliska / Tim Schmid / Richard & Connie Sampers

Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Patti Wetterlind / Pat Horn

Sacristan: Kevin Naser

Money Counters: Jim Kearney / Steve Gray

A ceremony honoring the Holy Eucharist is available on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 6, WOW TV, Omaha.

AA MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

AA meetings are held in the Church Hall on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning Josh Watson
Homebound Parishioners Patricia Menendez
Noe' Sanchez Flores Len & Fran Ross
Margarita Vasquez Ken Steffen
Teresa Williams



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 21

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Roger Kirby+

Sunday, November 22-Special Collection-2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Joseph Kirigia+
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, November 23-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 24

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Wednesday, November 25-Thanksgiving Day

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of Our Parish

Thursday, November 26

- 6:00 a.m. NO Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. NO Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. NO Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. NO Spanish Rosary

Friday, November 27

- 6:00 a.m. NO Adoration
- 8:30 a.m. NO Mass in Red Oak
- 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, November 28

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday, November 29

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Fr. Tom Kunnel
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting



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