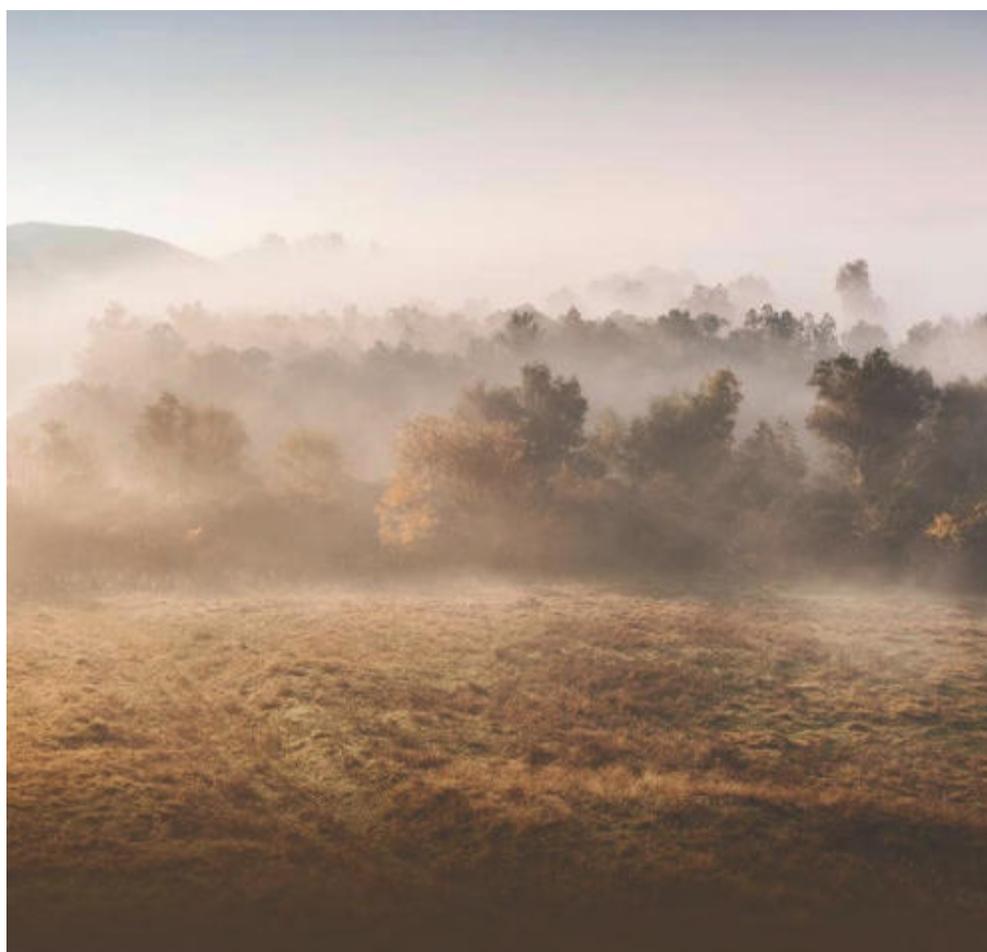


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

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Weekend Mass Schedule



**FACE MASK IS
REQUIRED**

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
and
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Weekday schedule is listed
inside the bulletin.

Please join us!



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Bible Study Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.
(Sept.-June)

Men's Fellowship Group—
2nd Saturday of each month
at 9 a.m.

Parish Council — 2nd Tues-
day of January, March, May,
September, and November, at
7:00 p.m. All Parishioners
are welcome!

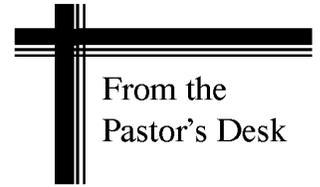
Religious Education —
Grades K-12 classes are held
on Sundays from Sept-May
from at 11:00 a.m.—12:00
p.m. == **Why Catholic (for
Adults)** Sundays from 8:30
to 9:45 a.m.

Rosary Group—after the
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!



The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.” Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” Luke 23:35-38

Jesus is the king of all kings. He is the king and Lord of our lives. All earthly kings and kingdoms only last for a term of years. Jesus is king forever, and His kingdom lasts forever.

Throughout history many subjects have died for their kings, but Christians are serving a king who died for us. Kings have thrown of gold and crowns of jewels. Jesus’ thrown was the cross, and his crown was thorns.

On the cross Jesus abandoned Himself into God’s hands. For Jesus, kingship is not about grasping power, but about serving God, even at the price of his own life.

The cross became the ultimate revelation of true kingship. By dying Jesus destroyed the reign of death. Nothing is beyond His ability. He is the Kings and the Lord of Lords.

The Solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and after the Second Vatican Council, it was placed at the close of the liturgical year. The Franciscans have emphasized the Kingship of Jesus for several centuries. St. Bonaventure and Blessed Duns Scotus were especially instrumental in promoting the kingship of Jesus.

Where do we see Christ the King in our world today? Let us enthrone Jesus in our hearts and souls, and allow Him to take control of our lives.

In Christ,



Due to an early deadline, your offertory giving will be listed in next week’s bulletin.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie’s brother), Karen Miller (Mike & Joyce McCoy’s niece) and Cathy Dreyer

Readings for November 21, 2021

- Dn 7:13-14
- Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]
- Rv 1:5-8
- Jn 18:33b-37

Next weekend, November 28, 2021

- 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



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!

We Pray in Faith that all who have died may be welcomed into the peace of God’s Kingdom.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Monday	11/22	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Dick Peach
Tuesday	11/23	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Emilia Mbinker
Wednesday	11/24	
8:30 a.m. Mass		In honor of Msgr. Farmer's 42nd Ordination Anniversary
Thursday	11/25	THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30 a.m. Mass		For the Parishioner
Friday	11/26	
8:30 a.m. Mass		Madeline & Orlando Liberatore
Saturday	11/27	
4:30 p.m. Mass		Lorraine Poist
Sunday	11/28	
10:00 a.m. Mass		For the Parishioners

Please join us this **Advent** as we take 4 weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! The Study is being offered free of charge and will be held on Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 AM Mass, as well as nights at 6:30 PM, in person, beginning Tuesday, November 23, in the St. Thomas More Room in the church. Please sign in the back of the church and specify whether you are interested in the morning or evening session.



LIVE THE LITURGY - 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. ©LPi

Thankful Conversations

Unexpected Angels

We were married 53 years ago at Saint Dominic's. At that time we had hope and dreams of a forever happy life. For the most part this has been true. We have three children who have grown, graduated from college, and gotten advance degrees. Looking back over the years the happy moments stand out. The weddings of friends, siblings, the ordination of my brother to the priesthood, and, of course, the birth of our children. When our first daughter was born my husband called his parents in Vermont to announce the birth of a "blue haired, red eyed baby girl." That was indeed something to remember.

The sad times came, too; the death of parents, friends, and relatives. The most terrifying time was when our youngest daughter was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma while she was in her first year of law school at the University of Virginia! This was a time of intense prayer seeking help from Our Lord and His Blessed Mother.

One afternoon we received a phone from our daughter asking her father to speak with a physician at the University of Virginia Hospital. This was the first angel we met in what turned out to be a four year ordeal. Since my husband worked at the National Institutes of Health he worked with and knew many physicians. It turned out he worked with one who was this doctor's roommate in medical school. From here on God answered our continued prayers by sending many angels to help and guide all of us.

The next angel was the head of oncology/hematology who took our daughter's case and worked with her through her second year of law school. The third angel was the head of radiology who treated during her third year. Even through all of this, our daughter continued her studies and graduated with her class. We all rejoiced at what we thought was the end of her treatments and a time of healing. BUT...

After graduation she took a job with a law firm in D.C. The following January she received the news that Hodgkin's was back. Again she called her father with the terrifying news. That's when the fourth angel appeared because sitting next to my husband at work was an oncologist. From there our daughter met the doctor who would save her life, our fifth angel, a transplant specialist.

She spent nine weeks in Georgetown Hospital having an autologous stem cell transplant and recovering. God is indeed good!

She was told that she would never be able to have children. But again God is good. Today she is a practicing lawyer specializing in health law, married with two children. Of course, we think they are beautiful and have the strongest mother possible. What do doctors know about God's plans?

Thanks be to God.

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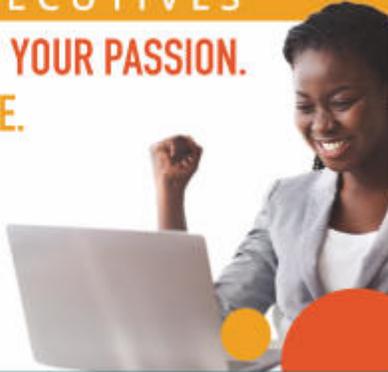
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