

**Do you remember when it was called the “Thanksgiving Appeal”?**

**There is plenty for everyone!**



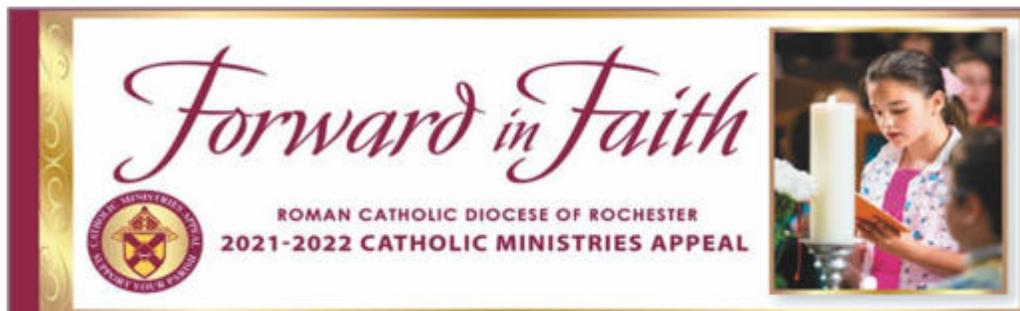
You may not remember that at one time, our Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) was referred to as the “Thanksgiving Appeal”. The theme of this year’s appeal is “Forward in Faith”. As I reflect on the theme, of this year’s appeal, being thankful and grateful to God allows us to move “Forward in Faith”. Our thanksgiving truly flows from all God has done for us in Jesus Christ! Jesus is truly the source of all our blessings, all our gifts, and everything we have, especially the gift of our faith. Jesus freely gave all of Himself to us, to the point of His redeeming death on the cross. True faith in Jesus requires that we share all God’s blessings and gifts to us, including the gift of our faith.

As Catholics, we celebrate our Thanksgiving not simply once per year, but each and every day! At each Mass we celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks and praise to God as we participate in Jesus’ offering of Himself upon the cross for us. We do this not only at Mass but in our lives, living as truly grateful disciples of Christ. One way we truly show our gratitude to God is by sharing some of our blessings with others. The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to do this by loving our neighbor. Our gift to the CMA reveals our love for God through the love of our neighbor.

Just this past year, through our generosity, 250,000 people were helped through Catholic Charities. Could you imagine what would have happened with all those people without our generosity. What if it were me or you in need of those resources? Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our gift to the CMA allows us to do just that.

I had to write and submit this bulletin article the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>, so I don’t know where we will be relative to our goal when this is published. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! Your pledge supports the many ministries here at St. Marks Parish and in our diocese, and also helps those most in need throughout our diocese. If you have not made a pledge, please do so as soon as possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

*Deacon Frank*



WEEKEND OF: Nov. 20-21, 2021

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**“St. Mark’s Roman Catholic  
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**MASS TIMES**

**Monday Through Friday:** Rosary begins at  
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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

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# Stewardship Corner

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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*

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# INCYC

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We will be igniting in Rochester for NCYC 2021 and setting the world and our faith ablaze!

**Virtual NCYC**      **November 20th**  
**World Youth Day**    **November 21st**

## Social Ministry Food Donations

St. Mark's Social Ministry Committee continues to collect food for those in need in our area served by the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf. There is a bin in the Narthex for you to put any non-perishable food items, paper products or personal care items you wish to donate. **Please make sure foods have not passed their expiration date.**

Food prices are high right now and the need is even more acute. The Food Shelf currently has a special need for canned peaches and chicken noodle soup. They are very thankful for the boxes of cereal you have been donating.

Thank you for your constant generosity to the poor.



## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / November 21, 2021

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### **First Reading:**

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

#### **Psalm:**

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

#### **Second Reading:**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

#### **Gospel:**

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

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### **Observances for the week of November 21, 2021**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr;  
Thanksgiving Day

Friday:

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, November 20**

9:00 am Virtual NCYC

**Sunday, November 21**

9:30 am First Penance

Class

11:00 am CLOW

**Monday, November 22**

**Tuesday, November 23**

6:15 am That Man is You

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday, November 24**

**Thursday, November 25**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Friday, November 26**

**Saturday, November 27**

**Sunday, November 28**

9:30 am First Penance Retreat

11:00 am CLOW



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 20**

5:00 pm *Anthony Colaprete by Grace Tantalo*

**Sunday, November 21 - Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

8:30 am *Joseph & Nancy Rizzo by Ed & Marge Boehme*

11:00 am *Mary Grizzanti by Michael & Carol Lamendola*

**Monday, November 22**

8:00 am *Michael Lamendola by*

*Michael & Carol Lamendola*

**Tuesday, November 23**

8:00 am

**Wednesday, November 24**

8:00 am *Special Intention*

**Thursday, November 25 - NOTE TIME CHANGE**

9:00 am *For the People of St. Mark's Parish*

**Friday, November 26 - NOTE TIME CHANGE**

9:00 am *Louise Skinner*

**Saturday, November 27**

5:00 pm *Michael J. McArdle by Diane McArdle*

**Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am *Howard & Pauline Monnat by the Monnat family*

11:00 am *Jack Heine by Social Ministry*



**American  
Red Cross**

**Next Youth Ministry sponsored blood  
drive:**

**December 6, 2021**

**From 1pm - 6pm.**

**More information to follow.**

## Pregnancy Support

**Pregnant and in need of support? We're here  
for you!: [optionline.org](http://optionline.org), Call 1-800-712-4357,  
Text: "HELPLINE" to 313131**

**Experiencing a prenatal diagnosis? You are  
not alone:**

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4030, email: [help@supportafterabortion.com](mailto:help@supportafterabortion.com)**

*This Week  
Sanctuary Lamp:*

*In Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings*



**Prayer Requests**

The following members and extended members of our  
Parish Family have had prayer requests made for them:

*Gina Bach, Jeff Biss, Amy Brewer, Mary Camiolo*

*Steve Clar, Mya Colon, Sue Ellyn Coons*

*Rich Cyganovich, Ann DiStefano*

*Timothy Glasow,*

*Ann Gifford, Jane Gunzelmann,*

*Dawn Lamendola, Cara Mack, Lynne Mikel*

*Dr. Ronald Penna, Marie Pettrone, Kelly Reilly*

*Ken & Nathan Schultz, Michele Schulz,*

*Donna Sindon, Evelyn Tisa,*

*Emma Webster, Bob Yanus*

**The Daily Mass Book for 2022 is  
open for intentions from  
January 1 - July 31, 2022.**



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PICK OF THE WEEK

## WATCH

### ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR

Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," as a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. His research also led to the discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes. Moscati regarded his medical practice as a lay apostolate, a ministry to his suffering fellowmen. Before examining a patient or engaging in research, he would place himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments.



ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI

## LEARN

### FORMED NOW: HOLY HEROES AND THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN

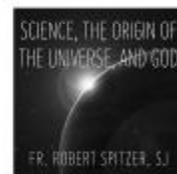


Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Ken Davison, founder of Holy Heroes, to discuss the formation and education of children and how Holy Heroes was created in order to bring the faith alive in a new way for kids of all ages.

## LISTEN

### SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenets of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - November 21, 2021 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE



As you prepare to celebrate this Christmas season with your family and friends, please keep in mind those in need. One way to brighten their holiday is to participate in the annual Advent Giving Tree project sponsored by St. Mark's Social Ministry Committee. This year the Committee will be collecting gifts for the Catholic Family Center

(helping clients from Children and Family Services) and the Women's Care Center (supporting mothers and babies in need).

There will be tables displayed in the Narthex beginning the weekend of November 19th **Please take an ornament tag, choose a gift from the suggestions listed on the tag, attach the tag to the gift and return the gift unwrapped, no later than 12:00 PM Sunday, December 5.** The tag assures that the gift will get to the intended child.

Some teens will request store Gift Cards. If you purchase a Gift Card please put the Gift Card and tag in an envelope marked Advent Giving Tree and put the envelope in the metal collection box in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

May God bless you during this holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McCoy at 585-441-9194. **THANK YOU!**

## HANDS OF CHRIST!

### Attention:

### High School Seniors and Families:

The "Hands of Christ" recognition is a Diocesan sponsored program that acknowledges **high school seniors** who have actively participated in their faith, and have demonstrated that they have been the "Hands of Christ" in their lives.

The criteria for youth to receive this recognition includes having consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example; having been actively involved in the parish, as well as, their school or community; having been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults; is a practicing Roman Catholic with faithful Mass attendance in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester.

If you are interested in nominating a senior for the "Hands of Christ" recognition, please contact Kris Burgio, no later than November 21st. Thank you!



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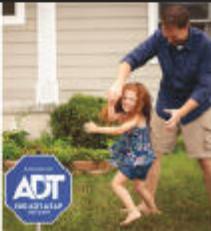
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