

# Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

*Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.*

**Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm**

**Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am**

**Daily Mass: 8:30am**

**Monday-Friday and First Saturdays**

### CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).  
Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

Deacon .....Roy Dibb

Parish Business Manager .....Sarah Jo Schmitt

Faith Formation Coord. .... Tracy Tremblay

Music Director .....

Cantor/Leader of Song .....

Facility Coord. (Volunteer) ..... Mary Ann Gabel

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Liturgy Committee..... Annette Noto

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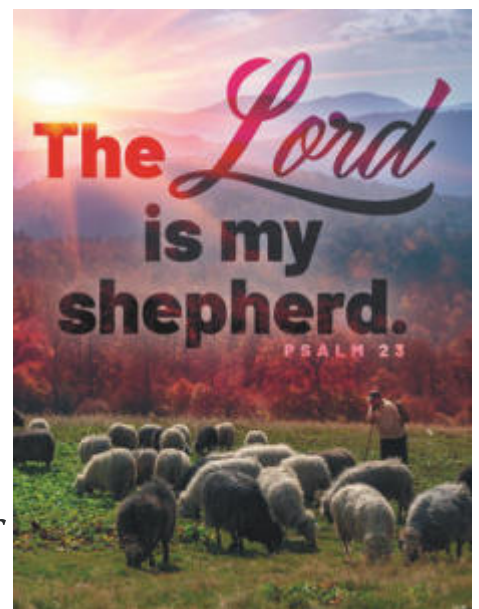
Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz

Bereavement ..... Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

**PARISH HALL RENTAL:** To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

*For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.*

Jesus is the mighty King who reigns in our hearts. There are compelling images of Christ on this solemn feast today. One is of the shepherd who lovingly and humbly cares for his sheep. The other is of a mighty king, ruler of the universe, and heaven and earth. In this image, he judges on how well we cared for one another, saying, *Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.*



**Mass Intentions  
For the Week of November 22nd  
(C) Church**

**Sat., Nov. 21st:** *Vigil Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
4:00pm (C) +Jim Skora, Walter & Ann Skora, Albert & Florence Schmitz

By Mary Ellen Skora

**Sun, Nov. 22nd:** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
8:30am (C) +Carl & Margaret Korthals

By Lisa, Lori, Paulie and Family

11:00am (C) +Werner Stang

By The Gabel Family

**Monday, Nov. 23rd:** *Weekday*

8:30am (C) +Mary and Jack Koessler

By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

**Tuesday, Nov 24th:** *Weekday*

8:30am (C) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners

By Father Mitch Byeck

**Wednesday, Nov. 25th:** *Weekday*

8:30am (C) +Olivia Bodick

By The Estate

**Thursday, Nov. 26th:** *Thanksgiving Day*

8:30am (C) +Gerald Hoelscher

By Mary Gattie

**Friday, Nov. 27th:** *Weekday*

8:30am (C) +Jack Koessler III

By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

**Sat, Nov. 28th:** *Vigil of First Sunday of Advent*

4:00pm (C) Laura Tremblay

By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

**Sun, Nov. 29th:** *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30am (C) +Dean Gallaway

By Vin & Bonnie Noto

11:00am (C) +Tom Powenski

By Mary & Dan Szegłowski

*The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for all those on our Compassion Ministry List.*

**Readings for the Week of November 22nd**

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-7, 19b; 64:2-1/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mk 12:33-37

Weekly Collection (11/08): \$1,595.00

Total Budget for this Fiscal Year

(Sept. 1st - Aug. 31st) \$145,000.00

Current Collection Total for this Fiscal Year:  
\$28,457.62



Thank you for all of your continued support of  
Epiphany of Our Lord Parish!

**Lector Schedule**

*Lectors, if you have not contacted the Parish Office about scheduling, please do as soon as possible.*

November 28th– Sylvia Michalski

November 29th, 8:30am– Paul & Robin Hohman

November 29th, 11am– Annette Noto

**Compassion Ministry**

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtly) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Nellie Jo Ballard, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Kathy Smith, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland.

Our Annual Parish Food Drive will continue his  
Weekend:



November 21st/22nd

Please put your donations of non-perishable foods in the totes at the entrances of Church. They will be delivered to the North Collins/Eden Food Pantry in North Collins. They will then be distributed to our neighbors in need. If you would like to donate a turkey, please call Maureen and Roy Schmitt at 992-9046 by Saturday November 21st to arrange delivery and freezer space until they are delivered to the North Collins/Eden Food Pantry.

**November is the time to pray for the Souls in Purgatory**

The Church offers an indulgence for a Cemetery Visit that is available as a partial indulgence all year round, but from November 1st through November 8th (November 30th this year only, due to Covid 19), this indulgence is plenary. Like the All Souls Day indulgence, it is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. To obtain the plenary indulgence, one has to visit the cemetery, pray for deceased and receive Holy Communion.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residences for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one must fulfill the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God. Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

The Church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1st feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."



Dear Parishioners,

As much as we would love to be able to do the Angel Tree as we have in years past, the organizations involved feel that this year, because of distancing and time constraints, it would be best if it could be done purely as gift cards. The families can use gas cards, groceries, discount stores, and restaurants. Please try and keep the cards as local as possible (North Collins/Eden) as many lack transportation. Amazon cards would work as well, as things can be delivered.

I will put a large, wrapped "Gift" box underneath the tree in the back of Church. Please put the gift cards/certificates into the box, by no later than December 6th. We will see that they get distributed to those in need.

As always, thank you for your continued support.  
Nancy Koester, Angel Tree Chair

**Second Collection November 22nd & 23rd**

This week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Mass Intentions for 2021 may now be scheduled!**

To schedule a Mass please contact the parish office.

A Mass is a sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At Mass you could say that a "time warp" is opened in which the sacrifice of Jesus is mystically brought forward to be present to us. When we are present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we are not merely turning our attention to the past, we are actually bringing forward into the present the most pivotal moment of human history.

Masses can be offered for a number of intentions: for the deceased, to invoke the Lord's special graces for a friend or loved one, for a successful surgery and recovery, or for an anniversary. A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request a Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.

**Christmas Flower Sale**

Envelopes will be available in the back of Church, and at the side door, to order Flower Memorials for Christmas. Orders need to be returned to the office (or in the collection basket) by **Monday December 7th at noon.**

***If you would like to order poinsettias for home, please call the Parish office.***



**Christmas Card Blessings**

Starting next weekend (Nov. 28th/29th) we invite you to bring your, **addressed and postage stamped** Christmas Cards to Mass with you and place them in the basket in front of the Advent Wreath. A label will be placed on them saying that they were blessed at Epiphany. They will be mailed out for you on the following Monday!



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Homily**

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is a grand and mighty title given to our Lord, as we acknowledge that he is King of Heaven and Earth. Jesus, however, does not call on us to treat him like royalty. Instead, he commands that we pay homage to him by caring for his people. The Gospel is clear: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger. Jesus plainly tells us that by doing for others, we are doing for Jesus himself. Conversely, when we fail to care for another and his or her needs, we fail to care for Jesus. All who have answered Christ's call of discipleship, and who love and care for others, will inherit the Kingdom he has prepared for us.

There is an abundance of wisdom in the readings the Church has chosen for this special day. Surely, it is no accident that on the same day that we honor Jesus as King, he is also referred to as shepherd. One title appears grand and mighty. The other seems humble and unassuming, but both are integrally tied to the meaning of this feast. For in coming to inaugurate and reign over the Kingdom, Christ also came in perfect humility. It is a humility that demands the same of us, in a holistic attitude that serves as an antidote to secularism (Cf., Pope Pius XI, *Quas primas* [Encyclical], promulgated Dec. 11, 1925, which introduced the feast).

It is a powerful image in today's Gospel as Jesus sits on his *glorious throne* surrounded by his angels, with the nations assembled before him waiting to be judged. It is clear that those sheep who have listened to his voice will be welcomed fully into the Kingdom, for they will have been living in the Kingdom on earth. The goats, however, will be left aside, having not heeded the simple commands of their shepherd.

If we are gathered here today, it means that we, however well or imperfectly, hear and are listening to our Shepherd's voice. By the way we cooperate with God's grace, we can continue what we are doing, we can begin again, or we can do more to listen and obey his word, and help to bring about the Kingdom here and now.



Due to the current guidelines that we are working with this year, we have decided to add additional Masses to our Christmas Schedule. All Masses will also be live-streamed on our Facebook Page.

Please consider which Mass may be best for your family:

- Thursday, December 24th: 4pm
- Thursday, December 24th: 8pm
- Friday, December 25th: 12am (Midnight)
- Friday, December 25th 8:30am
- Friday, December 25th 11am



This year's penance service will be held on Wednesday December 16th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. There will be 4 priests available to hear confessions that evening.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th.





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