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# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

26 Erie Avenue • Gowanda, NY 14070

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 • OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, November 20

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, Church basement

### Sunday, November 21

10:30 am to 12 Noon....Generations of Faith,/Advent/St. Nick, Church basement

### Tuesday, November 23

6:00 pm....Free Community Thanksgiving Meal, Gowanda Moose, Drive-Thru Only

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting, school

### Wednesday, November 24

9:00 am.....Bible Study, school

### Thursday, November 25

*Thanksgiving Day...Rectory Closed*

### Friday, November 26,

*Rectory Closed*

### Saturday, November 27

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, Church basement

### Sunday, November 28—Advent Begins

10:30 am-11:30 am....Adult Faith Formation, school

10:30 am-11:30 am....All Faith Formation Classes, school

10:30 am-11:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class, school

### Tuesday, November 30

6:30 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting, school

### Wednesday, December 1

9:00 am.....Bible Study, school

### Saturday, December 4

8:00 pm.....AA Meeting, Church basement

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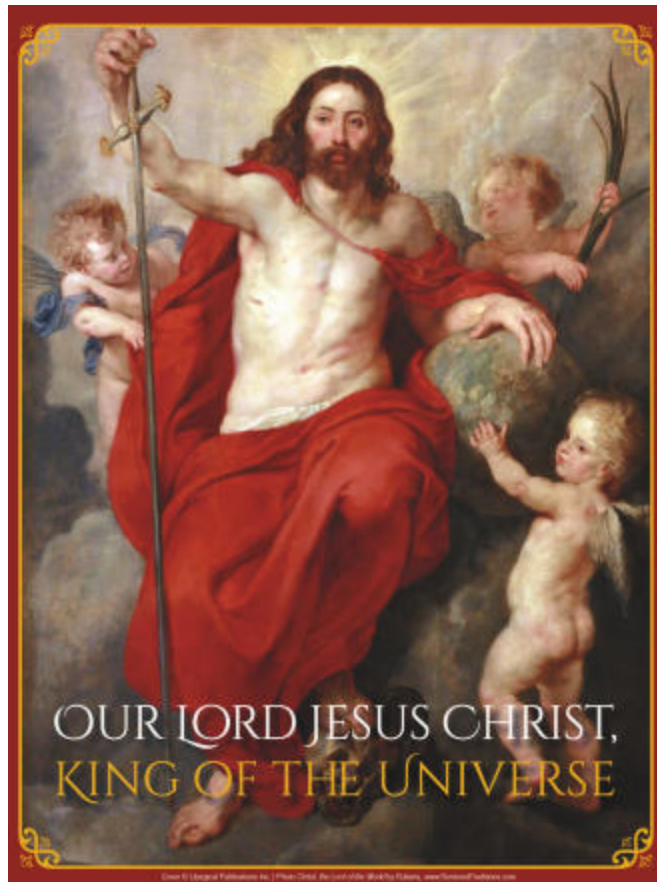
**Rev. Innocent Diala, Pastor**

**Deacon Wally Samick**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Joseph Church:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. • Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.



**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. Call the rectory as soon as possible.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday at 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**RCIA:** Please contact the rectory.

**BAPTISMS:** Upon request; pre-baptismal instruction is required. Please contact the rectory.


**PRE-CANA:** Classes can be scheduled by calling the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance at the rectory.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register at the rectory as soon as possible after you have moved into the Parish. Registration as a member of the parish requires the completion of an application available at the rectory.



Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for the **Purdy Family** as requested by *Marilyn Purdy*.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

For all those serving in our **Armed Forces** here and around the world. For those who are suffering from pain and illness, especially: **Patricia Leonard, Mary Stelley, Carol Regan, Joan Cain, Leo Gassman, Colt William Matz, Mark Smith, Mike Gernatt, Kiley Denea, Melissa Moulton Peglowski, Peter Johnson, Justin Regan, Beatrice and Donald Swanson, Sister Lucina Stang, Mary Vanderbosch, and Mike Wesley.** For those who have died...

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

Praised be Jesus Christ, King of the universe! We assemble in church as the royalty of His court, brave knights & noble ladies sent out to do His bidding. What has Christ the King decreed for you? Could it be a life of service in the Church, as an ordained or lay minister? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716 -847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**BELL RINGERS NEEDED**

Salvation Army Bellringers are needed at Shop'N'Save in Gowanda from November 26th through December 31st. All donations stay local! To volunteer, call Love In the Name of Christ at 716-532-3541. Make this a special holiday season...Volunteer!

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*Collection information was unavailable due to the early submission deadline of this bulletin.*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Long Live the King**

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

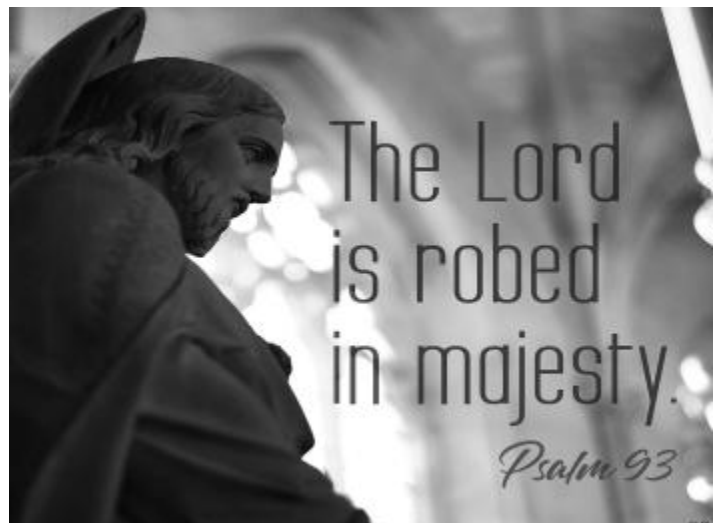
My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

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 ©LPi*



## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The Community Thanksgiving Meal will be Tuesday, **November 23, 2021 at the Gowanda Moose**. Start time is 6 pm until food is gone. Take-Out Only. Delivery is available, but you must call 532-3541 ahead of time. Cooking Volunteers are needed for Sunday, 11/21 starting at 10 am, and Monday 11/22 at 10 am. Volunteers will be needed to package, bag, and load cars the night of the dinner (11/23) beginning at 5:15 pm.

## **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our dioceses to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## **GENERATIONS OF FAITH**

Mark your calendars - Sunday, November 21, 2021. All are invited to this informative and fun gathering. It begins with the 9:30 am Mass and then the Church Hall. **PLEASE BRING A DISH-TO-PASS. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please call the Faith Formation Coordinator! Call the Rectory to tell what dish you will bring, how many in your party plan to attend, including the number of children...St. Nicholas usually provides gifts!

## **LETTERS TO SANTA**

St. Joseph Church and St. Mary's Church are inviting ALL parishioners, as well as Faith Formation Families, to participate in the Collins Center Seniors "LETTERS TO SANTA" Program. For every letter delivered to Macy's, they will donate \$1.00 per letter to the Make A Wish Foundation. The money from the letters stays in our local area. Please pick-up the forms at all entrances of the church and deliver them to the Faith Formation Coordinator by church collections, church rectory/outside mail slot, or call Wilma Parry, 716/229-2043 no later than December 1st. Let's join together and help others wishes come true!

## **WARM THE CHILDREN**

Love INC is still looking for shoppers to meet families at Walmart so the children can choose their winter coats and boots. Please call 532-3541 if you would like to volunteer. They also need monetary donations to enable this program to help children of Cattaraugus-Little Valley, Gowanda & Pine Valley. Please make checks payable to "Warm the Children" and mail to Love INC, 15 West Main St. Gowanda, NY 14070. GOD BLESS YOU!

## **GOSPEL MEDITATIONS**



### **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. ©LPi



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, November 20**

4:30 p.m. William Hojnacki † by Allan and Becky Mowry

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

8:00 a.m. Jack and Joan Hoffman † by Gerry and Jacque  
Emborski

9:30 a.m. Harold † and Carol Leonard on their 70th  
Wedding Anniversary by Family

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Monday, November 22—Saint Cecilia**

8:30 a.m. Esther Dittenhofer † by the Purdy Family

**Tuesday, November 23**

8:30 a.m. Marilyn Utley † by the Comstock Family

**Wednesday, November 24—Saint Andrew Dung-Lac  
and Companions**

8:30 a.m. Charles Ostrout † by the Purdy Family

**Thursday, November 25—Thanksgiving Day**

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners

**Friday, November 26**

8:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Bill and Lisa  
Rebmann by Mom

**Saturday, November 27**

4:30 p.m. Flavia Gernatt † by Pat, Dan, Phyllis and  
Families

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

8:00 a.m. John and Lillian Sharkey † by Estate

9:30 a.m. Bill Loehr † by John, Debi, Bryan, Tara and  
Families

11:15 a.m. St. Mary's—Cattaraugus

**Please remember that all Masses are subject to change.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**November 27/28**

**4:30 PM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Logan Lukonaitis

Eucharistic Minister: Buck Parry

**8:00 AM**

Altar Server: Any Available Server

Lector: Max Comstock

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

**9:30 AM**

Altar Server: Daniel Stang

Lector: Nancy Johnson

Eucharistic Minister: Clergy

### CHRIST THE KING



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Want Envelopes
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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