



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

ST. MARK PARISH



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in response to growing nationalism and secularism. At that time the Christian world was witnessing the rise of dictatorships in Europe and oppressive attitudes of the states toward the Church and the people. Instead of the humble, caring, and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Servant, world dictators and destructive ideologies "enthroned" themselves within the human minds and hearts. These days, there are numerous other "dictators" manipulating and controlling our daily living. Some of them are obvious, others are insidious and cleverly camouflaged. Like robots, we can stare for hours into our "smart phones," while no longer knowing how to interact even with our family and friends. Perhaps out of fear or ignorance, we willingly choose some of these dictatorial controllers in media, politics, and big pharma – as we enthrone them and bow before their lies and misinformation. Our Lord Jesus wants us to truly know ourselves as God's children and to be spiritually awakened – and not to succumb and be enslaved by the insidious and oppressive "virtual realities."

The initial title of the feast was: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, and it was celebrated annually on the last Sunday of October. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the Feast a new title: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and it was to be celebrated on the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. He also assigned to it the highest rank, that of Solemnity. Some people struggle with the titles of "Lord" and "King" for Jesus Christ because they remind them of oppressive rulers and dictatorial systems. The truth is, the kingship of Jesus is one of humility, love and service. "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them. But it shall not be so among you. Whoever wishes to be first among you will be your servant. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10: 42-45).

Pius XI hoped the institution of the Feast would have transforming effects on the nations and the leaders who would recognize and accept the fundamental principles of the Gospel, and the right of the Church to freedom and immunity from the state. He prayed that the faithful would gain strength and courage from this great celebration, as he reminded the Christian world that Christ must reign in our hearts and minds. Jesus connected His role as King to humble service and commanded his followers to do the same. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, His Good News spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with real love, mercy and peace. When we celebrate and honor Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to "give His life as a ransom for many," and whose love and mercy endure forever. His is a kingdom, not of deceit and destruction, but of truth and life. His is a kingdom, not of evil and oppression, but of holiness and grace. Jesus alone deserves to receive a throne within our minds and hearts!

In Christ's abundant Life,
Fr. Stanley

MISSION STATEMENT

As the Eucharistic family of

St. Mark Parish, we are called to welcome, love and serve. We continue the mission of Jesus Christ: "to transform our lives and believe in the Good News."

(Mark 1:15)

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parish Family,

Norman Rockwell had a unique way of presenting situation of life that spoke to many of us. The iconic picture titled "Freedom from Want" created in 1943, is an example of families enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner together. Many of us encounter this setting today and yet many of our brothers and sisters in need are challenged to experience this blessing. No matter what our circumstances, we can all be grateful for the many gifts God has shared with us.

"The best way to show my gratitude to God, is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy" St. Theresa of Calcutta. This too can be a challenge, as our problems become overwhelming and we struggle to show God our gratitude.

St. John Paul II reminds us to "Remember the pas with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence." We are all on different journey's in life, and must make every effort to be thankful for our blessing, large and small.

Let's remember on a daily basis, when we say grace before our meals, to thank God and ask that He provide for those who are in need of healing, strength and the ability to push through their struggles.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and thinking of how St. Gianna Molla says, "the secret to happiness is to life moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us everyday in His goodness."

Blessings to all of you,
Mary Jo

I CAN SHARE THE HARVEST

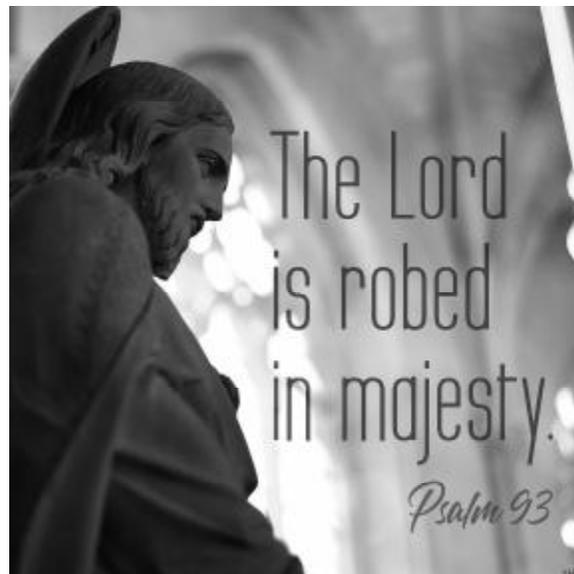
Please bring non-perishable donations to the Gathering Space Now through November 28th and place them in the designated baskets.

For those who wish to donate a monetary gift, please put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, marked *I Can*.

What to bring:

canned fruits and vegetables, soup, meat, broth, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, dried beans, rice, and oatmeal.

Thank you for your support and generosity to those in need.



LIVE THE LITURGY

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.

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Hello Fellow Parishioners,

The Christmas season is rapidly approaching and we hope you are ready to spread some holiday cheer! In keeping with our theme of warmth for this winter season, we are launching our Christmas outreach drive.

“COATS FOR KIDS”

We are asking for donations of NEW coats for kids (Boys and Girls). Sizes 5 to 18 are needed. Kids only, no adult sizes. We are partnering with Great Oaks Academy to make sure all the children will have a new coat to keep them warm this winter.

We are also accepting NEW hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Monetary donations are always accepted.

The drive will start this weekend and run through December 12th.

Bins will be in the gathering space to accept your donations. Monetary donations can be put in the collection basket. Please note on the envelope “Coats For Kids”.

Our parish of St. Mark has been tremendously generous in all of our outreach programs!

Our “Sock It To Us” drive was so successful. Catholic Charities could not have been more thankful for our wonderfully, generous donation. Many toes will be warm this winter - thanks to St. Mark Parish!

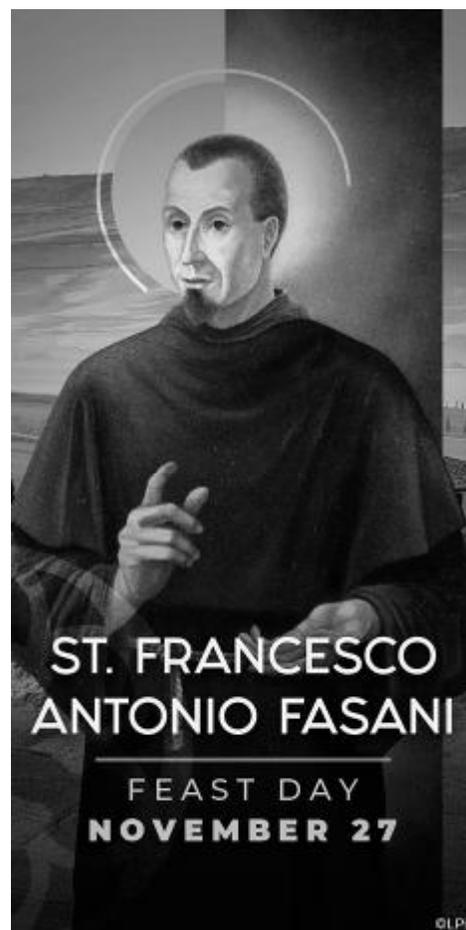
Let us do the same for the kids!

As always, we pray for those less fortunate and any act of love that we are fortunate to give is a gift.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you,

Christian Service Team



THE WORD

Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Saturday, November 20

- 4:00 pm Agnes & Raymond
Grimski
- Christy Zarek
- Karol Lipinski
- Angeline Lipinski
- Richard Lipinski
- Donald Krysinski
- Irene Lipinski
- Paul & Helen Filipovich
- MaryAnn Wozniak

Sunday, November 21

- 8:30 am Leon Kozemchak
Carmela Palamara
- 11:00 am Anna Gavin
Dominic Lanni
Sue Zinger

Wednesday, November 24

- 9:30 am Helen Gasporapos
Christine Kohut
- 7:00 pm Leon & Dolores
Kozemchak
- Christine Mixen
- Ken & Richard Hernandez

Saturday, November 27

- 4:00 pm Edward Pelc
Danuta Pustelnik
Jason Pustelnik
Tony & Jenny Benicek
Joseph & Anna Bittner
Frances Szpont
Henry Gambrell
Robert Twardecki

Sunday, November 28

- 8:30 am Eleanor Modajczyk
Carmela Palamara
- 11:00 am Henry & Mary
Naguszewski
Linda Galindo
Jerome Burger

ST. MARK OUTREACH



The Pantry Needs:

Thank you for your food and monetary donations.

God Bless



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Daniel has a vision of the "everlasting dominion" of the "son of man." Why do think the Lord revealed this vision to Daniel?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that Jesus "has made us (believers) into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." How should knowledge of this reality affect your spiritual journey?

Gospel:

In his trial Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. What do you think prevents the Kingdom of God from being more fully present in our world?

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PRAYER INTENTIONS



Cathy Gambrell
David Harrison
Richard Harrison
Marilyn Parrish
Dale Parrish

Only **immediate** family members may request a 'prayers for the sick' listing. Call the Parish Center: 586-759-3020. Names remain on the list for 4 weeks.

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO SERVE
IN OUR ARMED FORCES.



**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR
MILITARY, & PARTICULARLY:**

Sr. CPO Michael Brightman
Lt. Commander Adam Craig
LCPL Sarah J Page
Sgt. Steven Parisi
Major Michael F. Weigle

Family members who wish to have their loved ones prayed for may do so by submitting names to the parish office.

Prayer Resources

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

POPE TWEETS

"A person who is generous, helpful, meek, patient, not envious, does not gossip, brag or lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds heaven on earth. That person may not be noticed, and yet, what he or she does will not be lost because God lasts forever."

- Pope Francis

@Pontifex Twitter (November 14, 2021)



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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Center Office to arrange for Baptism instruction and a date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony at St. Mark Parish are asked to allow at least six months to complete arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Private Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

LAST Sunday of every month after all Masses.

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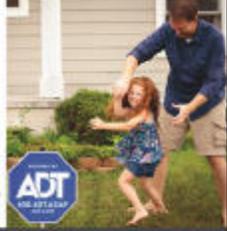


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