

**Saint Christina Parish of Turner County  
PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053**

**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever!” (Psalm 136:1). No matter how bad of a day I might be having, when I intentionally practice gratitude, I always end up feeling joy. This practice is reflected in the Bible in the book of Psalms. Many of the Psalms do not shy away from difficult human emotion and experience like anger, sadness, betrayal, complaint, and disappointment. Yet, in that whole range of human experience, the Psalms almost always take time for thanks and praise. This is because gratitude grounds us in the ultimate reality of God’s goodness. In all the ups and downs that life throws at us, gratitude reminds us that God is still LORD, he is still in control and his love is the power that moves history. So, what am I grateful for?**

**1. I am grateful for the change of seasons. I am not a fan of winter. Yet, I know that even the bitter cold of winter there is beauty to find. I am grateful that if it were not for the cold sting of November wind, I would never appreciate the soft warmth of Spring.**

**2. I am grateful for good books. I hated reading growing up. I am an avid reader now. The change came when I first started discovering my Catholic faith. I wanted to read all I could about Jesus, the Church and theology. I realized that you want to learn more about the things that you love. I know now that all truth reflects God who is Truth. So, each time I open a book that contains truth, I am discovering something of the majesty of God.**

**3. I am grateful for Bishop DeGrood. He has given us a vision for our diocese rooted in the desire that we would all discover our call to be lifelong disciples of Jesus. Bishop's vision has given me permission to promote a similar vision here in our parish. I know that unity with the bishop is a sure way of keeping oneself in God's will. I am grateful that Bishop DeGrood has shared his vision and his heart with all of us.**

**4. I am grateful for the challenge of being a pastor. I am still figuring out this whole being a pastor thing. But I'm grateful for the opportunity to be entrusted with a portion of God's flock in Parker, Tea and Sioux Falls. There is no greater joy in my life than accompanying all of you on the way to Heaven. Yet, this is a pastor's job! I literally get to do the greatest thing every single day.**

**5. I am grateful for God's mercy. Every day I make mistakes. Every day God offers me a fresh chance to start again in his mercy. I know that I never need to be defined by my mistakes but that I can be defined by God's love for me (which is infinite!).**

**I hope you take some time to practice gratitude this week even in the midst of the ups and downs of life. I will be offering special Thanksgiving Mass 6pm on Wednesday in Tea and 9am on Thursday in Parker. I hope you can join me! Let's give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!**

**God bless,  
Fr. Tyler**

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**WEEKLY MASSES— St. Christina**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>: Mass 11:00AM**

**Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
Confessions 5:00PM  
Holy Mass 6:00PM  
Int. +Melissa Leber**

**Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>:  
Holy Mass 9:00AM  
Int. Families & Travelers**

**First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>: Mass 11:00AM  
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***Mary Immaculate,*  
Patroness of the United States,**

**Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer  
for all the people in these United States. We  
again place ourselves in your care, in the gentle  
hands that cradled the Child Jesus.**

**We ask you to make us more alive in your faith,  
more generous in your love, more trusting in  
your hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did,  
and always to follow him with your courage.**

***Pray For Us***

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**If you are able to serve in any way at the Masses  
for Christmas, please contact the Parish Office.  
The Schedule is being planned at this time.**

**Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30pm;  
Christmas Day Mass at 11:00am.  
Office: 297-4983**

**Thanksgiving**

**Bud Ozar**

**As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for “The Lord is with you.”**

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**St. Christina Church Support: Deposited**  
**Monday, November 15th, 2021:**

**42 Env. Reg. Giving \$1999.00; Loose Giving \$146.02;  
Candles \$5.00; 2 Env. Fuel Fund \$200.00.**

**Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

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**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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**“PARISH POTLUCK!  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Following Mass**

**Pork loin and potatoes will be provided and  
Served by the Parish Council!**

**Please bring an item to share depending on  
what side of the church you normally sit on:**

**EAST SIDE: Salads**

**WEST SIDE: Desserts**

**We hope to see you all there!**

**“This is a wonderful opportunity for us to  
gather as a parish and build community.”**

**Fr. Tyler**