

St. Mary's Catholic Church



***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Hamburg, Iowa
November 21, 2021***

Why we honor Christ as the King?

Pope Pius XI declared and promulgated this great feast in 1925 marking the culmination of the Liturgical year. Please see the excerpts from his Encyclical.

“It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.

He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors”.

“He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his "charity which exceeded all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom, since the Word of God, as con-substantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created” (Is 9:6-7).

The testimony of the Prophets is even more abundant. That of Isaias is well known: "For a child is born to us and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, God the mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace. His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace. He shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom; to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and forever."

The feast of the Christ the King is celebrated across the world with special liturgy, processions around the towns, villages and cities. Jesus says, “The Kingdom of God is within you”. When we follow the footsteps of our King in truth, justice and peace, we enter into his Kingdom with royal dignity.

Do you live in this spiritual kingdom of Christ practicing peace, joy and justice, or do we drift into the Worldly Kingdom seeking power, prestige and pleasure?

Happy Feast of Christ the King

Fr.Tom

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John’s Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today’s reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John’s Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate’s questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus’ mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John’s Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world’s salvation. In today’s reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John’s theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John’s Gospel to understand the context for Jesus’ words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. **To Pg. 4.....**

.In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.



For over 50 years, the ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development*** has worked on the margins by supporting groups that defend worker rights, promote responsible environmental practices, advocate for people with disabilities and immigrants, and support employee-owned businesses. On November 20- 21, many dioceses across the United States will take up the collection to support CCHD. When you participate in this collection, you help fight poverty nationwide and in your community because 25 percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to help local

antipoverty initiatives. Please place your donations in the envelopes you received and return in the collection basket. Thank You



Dr. Gustav Giblets expounds on the benefits of a low carb diet for poultry. CUZ...
'Nobody buys a 7 Pound Turkey'





Advent Waiting

waiting in God's grace

ADVENT WAITING

Waiting in line can be one of two experiences. See if you identify with the examples below:

First Example: Waiting in Dread

You're standing in line at the post office or the grocery store, waiting for

your turn. You're tapping your foot and keep looking at your watch. You don't want to be in this line. Before long, you begin to think, "Oh, I can't wait for this to be over!" Often times, the other people in line with you feel the same way! No one speaks to anyone else. Clearly few are enjoying the experience; the impatience or irritability you feel might even be visible on your face. Such an experience of waiting in line can seem isolating, almost lonely.

Second Example: Waiting in Excitement

Now think about the times when you waited in line at an amusement park, to buy tickets to see your favorite baseball team, or to hear your favorite band. In these instances, the waiting is much different. People are excited and you might even be talking to some of them about the ride you're getting ready to experience, the sports team that you love, or the band you're about to hear.

This second example is the kind of waiting we are called to in Advent.

Waiting in Joyful Hope

At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear "... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises us as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas.

Coming Soon.....

Nov. 21—NO Religious Ed Classes

Nov 24—No Bible Study!

Nov. 28—NO Religious Ed Classes—1st Sunday of Advent

Dec. 1—Mini Retreat—6p.m-7:15p.m.

Dec. 5—Religious Ed classes

Dec. 8—10 am bible study

Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception mass @ 6 pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Second Coming

During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the coming of Christ. However, we are not waiting for Jesus to be born—that event occurred over two thousand years ago. While we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus that has occurred, we also use the season of Advent to anticipate The Second Coming. When Jesus comes again, the Kingdom of God will appear in its fullness. The just will reign with Christ forever, glorified in body and soul, and the material universe will be transformed.

St. Mary's Video

The links for the videos that were done for us have been sent via email. Hope you have had a chance to view them. If not, the they are available on 'You Tube -St. Marys Hamburg Ia'. or St. Mary's facebook page. We are very grateful to our Diocese, Bishop Joensen, and 79 other parishes for supporting our parish project. May God bless all of us.

Readings for the

week of 11—21—21

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/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 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28,

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON



11-26—Alex Dewhirst

11-27—Jeff Phillips



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Zayne Osborn
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Lowell Dankof

Thanksgiving is the holiday
of peace, the celebration
of work and the simple life.
A true folk festival that
speaks the poetry of
the turn of the seasons,
the beauty of the seedtime
and harvest, the ripe product
of the year and the deep,
deep connection of
all these things
with God.



Happy Thanksgiving
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Happy Anniversary!



11-26

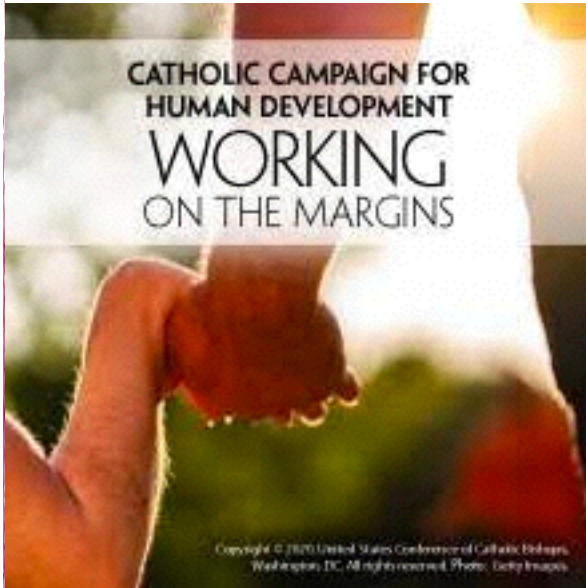
Marty & Carolyn
Maher

2021	November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:30	November 28 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 19 4th Sunday of Advent 8:30
Lector	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst	Michael Gallagher	Rick Jamison
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Beth	Kim /sons	Youth Choir	Beth	Youth Choir
Accompanist	Nancy	Donna	Guitars	Donna	Guitars
Server	Seth Ettelman	Mia Foster	Keeley Mount	Kylee Foster	Emily Hutt
Usher and Greeter	Denny & Joella Travis	Joe & Robbie Travis	Marty & Carolyn Maher	Rick & Teresa Jamison	Vince & Susan Hilton
Coffee & donuts	Angie Sheldon	Dave & Kate Roberts	Terry & Kim Travis	No Coffee and Donuts HS kids and parents meet	Tim and Donna Whelan Annie Wakefield
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES			Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8
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Inspiration for November 21

Satan may appear in many disguises like Christ, and at the end of the world will appear as a benefactor and philanthropists-but Satan never has and never will appear with scars

From The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



CCHD: Working on the Margins
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free."

(Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

