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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

Vicky Hartung's Birthday: 11/2

Dean & Sherry Gilles' 54th Anniversary: 11/7

Bill Pittman's 90th Birthday: 11/13

Joyce Berger's Birthday: 11/15

Steve Carlson's Birthday: 11/18

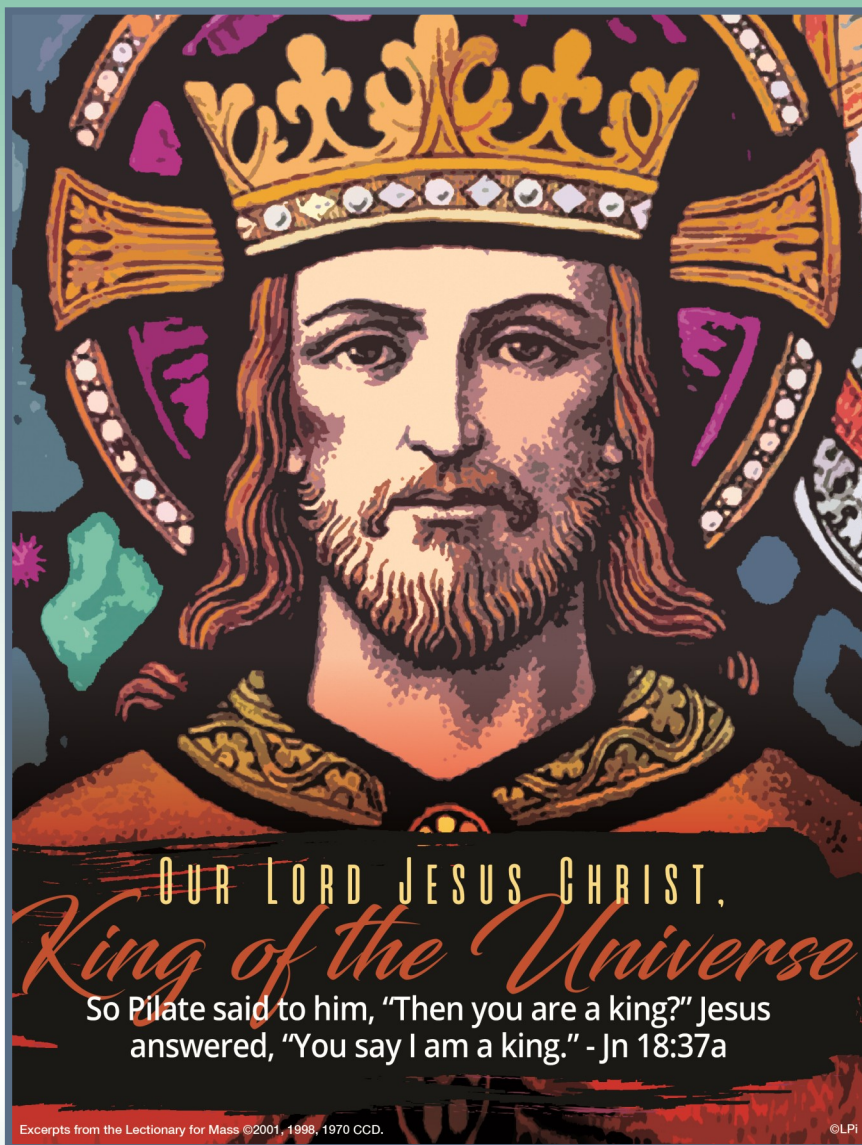
*John & Monica Krings' 51st Anniversary: 11/25

*Bella Smith's Birthday: 11/28

*Yvonne Blodgett's Birthday: 11/29

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HE IS OUR KING

Dear friends in Christ, the saying is true, that man proposes but God disposes. As I wrote to you last week, there was no shade of doubt on my mind that I would celebrate Thanksgiving with you this week and crown it all with the solemnity of Christ the King. I was doubly sure that my days were numbered. So certain was I that when a very good childhood friend of mine lost her mother and learnt I was returning to the US prior to the burial and came to ask how much it would cost to change my flight, I coolly told her it was not about the money, neither was it about the flight. It was all about my service to God's people, who were waiting eagerly to have their shepherd back as stipulated. Indeed so determined was I to travel back to Plum City that I was going to miss my own aunt's funeral which had been scheduled for the 23rd of November. However God knows best and he directs all things to work for good for those who love him.

I believe a word on what's going on will allay your fears and calm your nerves. The R1 visa we use is rather unique. It has to be granted by the Home Office. Then a petition is sent to you to be brought to the Consulate in your home country for the visa. On my petition, my visa was to be good till December 14, 2018. However in the passport, the visa was given to last till the September 12. At the port of entry the officer gave me up to December 14 to stay and the I-94 I printed out gave me till April 2019. In as long as I remained in the US, I was fine. However if I left the US after September 12, I would need a new visa. Then my Mom's accident happened. Since I needed to come home as the accident was rather grave, I began a conversation with the attorney in the hope that a new petition could be obtained by the end of September so I could take a new visa while home. From all indications this was going to be possible as I was assured by the attorney. So I eventually made my mind to travel home as waiting too long after my mother's accident was making rather anxious. Incidentally the new visa petition did not go through and I was out of the US after the 12th of September anyway. It currently demands that I either petition the consulate to correct the old visa and add the months they took off the petition or wait for the new visa to be granted and claim it once and for all. The first option would bring me back immediately to the US if it works. However, I would have to return to Ghana when the new visa is ready for reception. The second option seems best as it will save me the trouble of having to travel back to Ghana twice within a short while. With the help of the attorney and the clergy personnel office, I hope the way out will soon be clear to enable me return to post. At the moment, securing an appointment with the embassy is the hurdle I have got. Maybe this is an occasion for us all to pray to Christ the King for his will to be done.

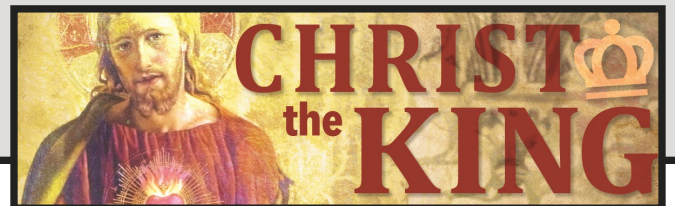
This Sunday, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the universal King. Once upon a time, when Jesus had multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed the multitude, the crowd turned round to seize him and make him king. Jesus however slipped through them and went up the mountain to pray. He clearly demonstrated his disinterestedness in the kind of king they meant him to be. His kingdom was not of this world, his kingdom was not a political kingdom, his kingdom was not of violence, his kingdom was not a material one. Rather his was a kingdom of peace, a kingdom of justice, a spiritual kingdom, a kingdom of love, a kingdom of truth.

In our first reading, the prophet Daniel foretells the power of a special person, set between heaven and earth: "Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed" (7:13-14). In these words, we find a king who reigns from sea to sea, to the very ends of the earth, possessed of an absolute power which will never be destroyed. According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, this messianic prophecy finds its clarity and fulfillment in Christ. Christ is the true Messiah, whose power will never pass away or be destroyed. Unlike the powers of the kingdoms of the earth which rise and fall, the power of Christ is truth and love, the one which gives all things their light and grandeur.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus Himself affirms his kingship to Pilate when he responded to the procurator saying: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice" (John 18:37). Thus Jesus here defines his kind of kingship as one of Truth. Earlier on he said to Pilate, "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." So Jesus is a King. His kingdom is secured not by armed conflict, neither is it defended by arms. His kingdom is established by doing the will of the Father through a life-giving love. His kingdom is utterly different from earthly kingdoms.

Our second reading situates us in the kingdom of Christ, making us sharers in his kingdom. The author states that Christ loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, he has also made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father (Rev. 1:5-6). According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the kingdom referred to here is not a political kingdom, it is rather one based on a relationship with God, and with truth. Jesus' sacrifice has opened for us the path to that profound relationship with God: in him we have become true adopted children and thus sharers in his kingship over the world. Jesus thus is King. His kingship is not political. His kingship is not violent. His kingship is neither secured by armed conflict nor defended by arms. His kingship is of peace, of self-giving love and of truth. It is obtained in the accomplishing of God's will. We, by virtue of his blood that poured on Calvary, have been made partakers and sharers in his kingdom. We are citizens of his kingdom, by virtue of his blood. Our call therefore is strive not to let the logic of earthly kingdoms hold sway on our lives. Ours is the call to champion peace and promote love, self-sacrificing love. Ours is the call to stand for the truth and champion its cause. It is in this that we will make fine citizens for the kingdom of God.

Have a pleasant week
Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey



MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: November 26

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mt 24:42a, 44/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: November 27

- Communion Service: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Readings: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Rv 2:10c/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: November 28

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Rv 2:10c/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: November 29

- **No Mass**
- Mass or Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Readings: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: November 30 - Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:19/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: December 1

- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - † Antone & Lucian Bauer
- Readings: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:36/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Florence Jakes
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 85:8/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" meets again this Friday the 30th from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the St John the Baptist School Building in Plum City. The topic for week eleven is Step 6: Friendships and Moral Formation. Please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010 with any questions. All men are welcome to attend. Thanks!



SACRAMENTS

Confessions (*anytime by appointment*)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

Hospitalized / Homebound

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Tuesdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



The Plum City/Arkansaw Knights of Columbus are collecting donations to support seminarians in our state again this year. Instead of toiletry items, this year seminarians are in need of gift cards or cash. Generic gift cards for gas stations and stores will allow them to purchase the items they need. During the month of November a donation box will be at the back of each church. Please place any donations of cash or gift cards in those boxes. Thank you!

PCCW NEWS

Vice President Needed

The PCCW needs a new Vice President. If you are interested in learning more about this leadership role, please contact Suzie Brunner at (715) 495-2699.

Christmas Cards

The PCCW will be addressing Christmas cards for our Parishioners on Wednesday, November 28th at 3:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

Monday, November 26, 9:30 a.m.
Betsy Fetzer, Steve King,
& Terry Pelzel

Announcements

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Ramona Schneider

Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Monica Krings
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles

Gift Bearers

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Suzanne & Dale Gilles
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Dorothy Kopp & Family

Lector

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Margaret Hartung
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Jeff Bergmann



Music

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Organ: Arleen Ebersperger
Cantor: Steve Carlson
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Musicians: Bob & JoAnn Larson

Rosary Leader

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Monica Krings
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Sacristan

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Kathy Luebker
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles

Servers

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Parker Bechel & Grace Hinrichs
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
The Bergmann Family

Usher

Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m.
Gary Lecheler & Roger Gilles
Sunday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
Dan & Mackenzie Wieser

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Envelopes (26).....	\$	1282.00
Utility Fund (2).....	\$	50.00
Offertory.....	\$	255.83
Works of Charity.....	\$	523.00
Total Income.....	\$	2110.83

PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com.

OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

Money Counting

Monday, November 26, 8:30 a.m.
Bud Bauer, Dawn Lauer,
& Madalyn Fleishauer

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Mary Berger

Gift Bearers

Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Brad & Annie Bauer

Lector

Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Galen Radle

Music

Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzter

Rosary

Saturday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.
Joyce Haigh & Betty Lauer

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Adult Envelopes (21).....	\$	820.00
Fuel Fund (1).....	\$	25.00
Offertory.....	\$	307.77
Total Income.....	\$	1152.77

HOT DISH & SALAD SUPPER

Please join us for a Hot Dish and Salad Supper at St. Joseph's Parish in Arkansaw on Saturday, December 1st. We will be serving from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Good-will offering. Everyone is welcome to attend!



BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with ...

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey



To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

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POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

November: That The language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

The Ave Maria Academy is grateful for the generous support of our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. We thank everyone who helped, attended, and donated towards this event. We also thank Catholic Financial WI33, who was our co-sponsor. Thank you for making this night a huge success!



Thank You



SLIME BIBLE CAMP

For all kids in grades K-5

When: Thursday, Dec. 27, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: St. John the Baptist Church School

Cost: \$5 per child/\$10 per family

Make time for God and slime this winter break!