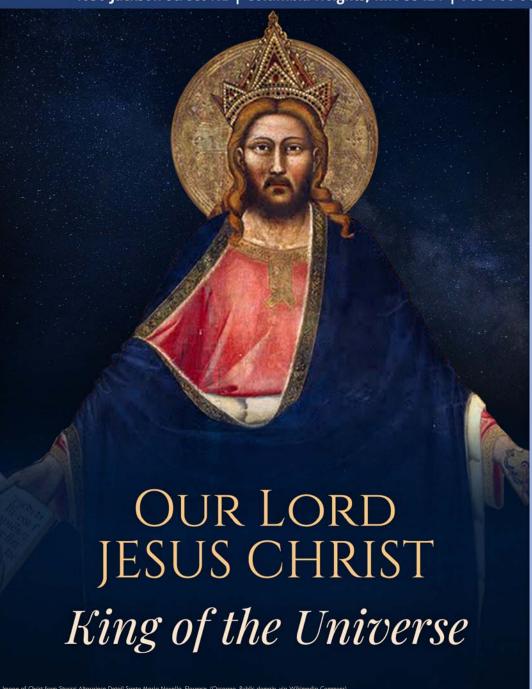


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November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Mass Schedule

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 12:00 pm

Reconciliation

3:00 - 4:45 pm

Saturday

San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration open to scheduled adorers only.



Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus is the King of Kings

This weekend marks the formal conclusion of the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. Amazingly, next week we will begin another Advent Season and prepare our hearts for the birthday of Jesus. In anticipation of that joyful occasion and in conjunction with what we are celebrating today I think it would be worth our time to contemplate the lyrics of a popular Christian song called "King of Kings" by the Australian group Hillsong Worship...



In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light, till from heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word, from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt. [Chorus]

Chorus:

Praise the Father. Praise the Son. Praise the Spirit three in one. God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings!

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the Cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side, knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died. [Chorus]

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath, till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored. [Chorus]

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame, now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. [Chorus]

(Source: https://hillsong.com/lyrics/king-of-kings/) (Bonus Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5IcFWiEpg)

Peace in Christ, Fr. James



This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, November 22, *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday, November 23, St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 24, *St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs* Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 25, *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr* Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 26, *Thanksgiving Day* Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 27

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 28

Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 29, 1st Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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Prayer



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention:

For God to give grace to teachers, school administrators and families as they enter this time of distance learning.



Thanksgiving Office Hours

The parish office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

"Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

(from Psalm 23)

Our eucharistic adoration chapel is a house of the Lord here on earth. Come and join this prayer-filled ministry by signing up for an hour of adoration. Our chapel is available to anyone who is interested in signing up for an adoration hour, Monday through Friday, with some regulations we must follow:

- Only registered, scheduled adorers are allowed in the chapel (No walk in visitors will be admitted at this time)
- Masks are required
- All adorers are asked to sanitize any surfaces they touch during their adoration hour
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home

If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246. We are looking for someone to cover Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, Wednesdays at 2:00 pm, Thursdays at 3:00 pm and Fridays at 2:00 pm. There are also some evening hours available.

Note: The chapel will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Discipleship

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS / ©LPi



Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

All Souls Memorial Service

Thank you to all who prayed with us at our annual Memorial Service In spite of inclement weather and the concerns due to the increase in Covid19 cases, we had a nice turnout for our Memorial Service. Thank you also to those that volunteered to help us provide a safe and meaningful evening of prayer.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Marjorie Meany and all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

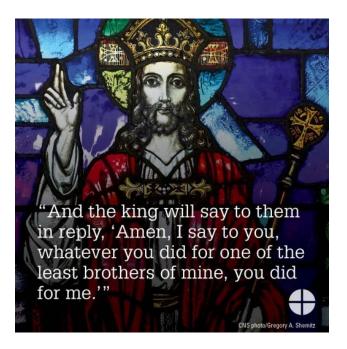
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Janet Mihalik • Teddy Miller • Shawn Moulzolf
Diane Redmann • Greg Sery • Doug Stone
Doug Strom • Martha Stwora • Elaine Thunstrom
Sandra Tabor • Lois Weyers • Germaine Wolsfeld
and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x212.

Dear Visitor

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki 763-788-9062 x 212.



Council of Catholic Women



The CCW Nut Sale

Due to the COVID pandemic the Nut Sale will be conducted with everyone's safety in mind. Nut Sale flyers will be available in the church narthex and online at ICCSonline.org, with instructions for ordering. Questions? Our contact information is on the flyer.

Nuts are a healthy and yummy snack and make great Christmas gifts. Decorative Christmas gift tins ready for mailing are a convenient gift item. As always, we appreciate your support which enables us to support a variety of outreach programs and the IC General Fund.



Social Justice

The Giving Tree

The Giving Trees will be up through December 6. There will be containers in the church narthex for the return of your unwrapped gifts. If you purchase gift cards please attach the ornament and give them to the ushers or place them in the collection basket at the time of the offering.

Your generous gifts are shared with:

- The IC Gift program which distributes Cub and Aldi food cards to those in our community that are in crisis.
- *SACA*—age appropriate gifts for younger children and Target or Walmart gift cards for older youth (distribution safety during covid19 is the reason for this change).
- Crest View Senior Center—personal hygiene products for residents.
- Ascension Place and Stepping Stone Emergency Housing of Anoka—gift cards for residents.

If you, or an IC parishioner that you know of are in need of help from our Giving Tree Program this Christmas, please contact the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Reflections

Word of Life

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person."

—Pope Paul VI, Dignitatis humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 2.
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Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Question: What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer: The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass. In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Live the Liturgy: Inspiration for the Week

Titles and privileges, palaces and guards, banquets and benefits, servants and fine living, are all things earthly folks associate with kings and royalty. These have no place in Christ. To understand the kingdom of Christ and what it means to have Christ as our king, one must be willing and able to understand transformation, engagement and empowerment. To live in the kingship of Christ, we have to live deeply and contemplatively; allowing God to change not only how we act, but how we feel, think, and see. It is not an easy journey or one that is always welcomed. Sometimes, it is easier and safer to live as if Christ were our earthly king. It's a more black and white world. But the kingdom of Christ exists in a world of gray where the hungry, thirsty, those who are strangers, naked, ill, and imprisoned find a welcome home. It is a kingdom that doesn't always make sense, where the last are first and the weakest are most strong. World economics and secular philosophy doesn't like this kind of king. Maybe that is why they crucified him the first time and continue to. Whatever we do to the least of God's children, we do to God. Do you really want to inherit the kingdom?

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there is nothing I shall want."
(Ps 23)

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12:00 pm IC Parishioners

Tuesday, November 24

7:30 am +Ed Anderson

Wednesday, November 25

7:30 am +Frances Putz

Thursday, November 26

8:30 am +Bill Lawler

Friday, November 27

7:30 am + *John Botzet, Jr.*,

+Lloyd and Beulah Staveteig

Saturday, November 28

5:00 pm +Bernard Cegla

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am +Bill Lawler, Sr. 10:00 am +David Fuhrmann 12:00 pm IC Parishioners

+Deceased

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Parish Support

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection report for the weekend of November 14/15 will be printed at a later date.

Gospel Meditation



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

Sunday, November 22

Monday, November 23

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Thanksgiving Day Mass......9:00 am - 10:00 am

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Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What <u>G</u>ifts have You given me?
How have I <u>Received love from others?</u>
How is grace at work in <u>A</u>spects of my life story?
Do I <u>T</u>rust You to continue to bless me?
Where have <u>I</u> missed Your movements?
Have I used my <u>T</u>alents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life <u>U</u>nderway?
How can I have the <u>D</u>iscipline to thank You daily?
Help me give <u>E</u>verything back to You!

Beyond Our Parish

Archdiocesan Consecration to St. Joseph

On Tuesday, December 8 Archbishop Hebda will consecrate the Archdiocese to Saint Joseph on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. COVID-19 protocols will be observed for those in attendance, and the event will be livestreamed.

The lay faithful are invited to join Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens in preparing for our Archdiocesan Year of St. Joseph, by making personal consecrations to St. Joseph through a 33-day preparation period during the year of St. Joseph. Learn how at archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/.

March for Life Youth & Family Conference

Friday, January 22, 2021, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. As you may have guessed, this year we will be unable to bring a group of pilgrims to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. as we have in years past. However, we still wanted to have an opportunity to provide a similar experience here in the Twin Cities! So, we are introducing the March for Life Youth & Family Conference! We will meet at St. Agnes for a morning session, march to the Capitol for the noon rally, and then return to St. Agnes for an afternoon of prayer and education. Registration information is coming soon. Please reach out to Katie Walker at walkerk@archspm.org with any questions!

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus!

Tuesday December 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm via Zoom, hosted by St Paul's Monastery, Maplewood.

Participants will explore the mystery of the coming of Christ in history and at the end of history. How are these mysteries expressed in the readings, hymns and rites of Advent? To find answers, they will immerse themselves in readings, hymns, rites found in Christian and other texts. Cost \$25.

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