FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (NOVEMBER 24, 2019)

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM Sunday at 9:30AM

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"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, "they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin." In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular selfexamination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity "make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least." Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, is requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. "The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic wellbeing of humanity." Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together "be with [him] in Paradise!"

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 24th, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 [Christ the King]

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4 [St. Catherine]

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28 [Thanksgiving Day]

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22 [St. Andrew]

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 [1st Sunday of Advent]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note*: Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshiping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25th — Immaculate Conception Parishioners (Gambill)

Tuesday, November 26th — Doris Inter (Parish Care & Concern)

Wednesday, November 27th — Jacki Cherpak & Randy Bell (Widomski)

Thursday, November 28th — Cecelia & Frank Inter (Family)

Friday, November 29th — Mary Ruth Macie (Barbara Bukoski)

Saturday, November 30 — Joseph Wieczorek (Family)

Sunday, December 1st — Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

ADVENT 2020

Having an Advent Wreath in your home is a warm and prayerful devotion to practice this Advent Season. We encourage you to bring a wreath to church on the weekend of November 30th & December 1st. We will bless the wreaths at each Mass.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 1st) marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Having listened to the voice of the Parish Council, and the casual conversations among parishioners, we are going to introduce some *subtle* changes to our liturgical celebrations in order to enhance our prayer and "freshen up" our worship experience. As we implement these changes, please share any feedback, or other ideas you may have, with members of the Parish Council.

31 DAY LOTTERY — JANUARY 2020

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a raffle throughout the month of January. The winner will be determined by the 7:00PM PA Daily Number drawing. \$500 will be awarded the first day of the month; \$100 each Sunday of the month; and \$50 the other 6 days of the week. The cost per ticket is only \$5. See Chris Brocious or any Holy Name member.

WOMENS' SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

... will be held on Sunday, December 8th at the Polish Falcons on East Third Street. A social will begin at noon, with dinner served at 12:30PM. The price is \$15/person. Guests are WELCOMED and ENCOURAGED. Please contact Nancy (454-4046) or Diane (825-5748) to make reservations.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

...are now available in the back of the church. Please take your box in order to save us the cost of mailing it to you. Also, if you know someone who cannot come to church, kindly take their box to them. Many thanks!

TEAM A will clean the church on November 26th. **TEAM B** is scheduled for December 10th.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 23rd

Servers: Marlene Shaba Lector: Bobby Sulecki Gifts: Justka Family

Sunday, November 24th

Servers: Katie Brocious Lector: Dan Pomorski Gifts: Popovich Family

Saturday, November 30th

Servers: K. & K. Danowski Lector: Ed Czulewicz Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Macie

Sunday, December 1st

Server: G. Widomski Lector: D. Valahovic Gifts: The Leretsas Family

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, we will offer our parishioners the opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one by dedicating a sanctuary candle. The candles cost \$10 and burn for a period of two weeks. Contact the parish office if this is of interest to you.

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

... for January - March, 2020 are currently being prepared. If there is a weekend that you are not available, please call Katherine (864-9144) by **December 4th**.

"THE GUIDING POWER OF HOPE," a booklet of Advent prayers and reflections, are available at the entrances of the church. A donation of \$1.25 is appreciated. Donations envelopes are provided and can be placed in the collection basket.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Fr. Jason is interested in reconstituting a Liturgy Committee at St. Stan's. The Liturgy Committee would meet a few times a year and assist in planning for the liturgical seasons, special celebrations, and other devotions. The committee would also offer ideas and suggestions that could enhance our prayer and worship. If you are interested in this ministry, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.



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Holy Trinity Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:00PM - November 30th

Lector: Joan Rowland Server: A. & L. Moore

EM: M. Moore & D. Thiemann

10:00 AM - December 1st

Lector: Michelle Koszegi Servers: J. & T. Chermack EM: S. Chermack, J. & P. Stano

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus Tuesday, November 26th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus Wednesday, November 27th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus

Thursday, November 28th - 9:30AM - Thanksgiving Mass at Saint Stan's

Friday, November 29th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus

Saturday, November 30th - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Sunday, December 1st - Lukasz Sperka (Dave & Jane Thiemann)



11/24 - Daniel Brieger

11/27 - Theresa Tomczak & Keith Zambrzycki

Christian burial was given November 23rd to Sophia Juliana (Borkowiak) Koslorek. May her soul rest in peace.

Our Parish Catholic Education Program families are busy making baked goods on Monday evenings in preparation for our Christmas market, which will be held on December 20th & 21st. Pre-orders will be taken until December 8th.

THE USHER SOCIETY will meet on November 26th at 7:00PM in the Social Hall's gathering space to report on the Pre-Election gathering. New members are always welcome.



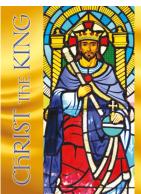
Messiah wine inscription rebuking crimes

Amen

sneered soldiers King criminals condemnation remember

Paradise

save jeered Jews reviled sentence kingdom



Luke 23, 35-43

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/24 Len Sebastian; 11/25 Jack Kempisty; 11/26 Patricia Straub; 11/27 Sr. Maxine Kaminski; 11/28 D. & M. Carlson; 11/29 Msgr. Urbaniak; 11/30 Edie Luniewski

PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

11/24 Msgr. John Herbein; 11/25 Fr. David Whitford; 11/26 Fr. John Fischer; 11/27 Fr. Jim Gutting; 11/28 All Vocations; 11/29 Fr. Rich Toohey; 11/30 Fr. Mike Allison

****************************** CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORAL

Parishioners are invited to memorialize their loved ones by contributing to our Christmas flowers & decoration. Please return your envelope to the Parish Office by December 16th and we will include your memorial in our Christmas Remembrance bulletin insert.

ADVENT WREATH & OFFERTORY

During the Season of Advent, individual PCEP families have volunteered to join in the opening procession and light the Advent Wreath, as well as present the offertory gifts:

> 11/30 - The Purzycki Family 12/1 - The Sebastian Family



Two Irishmen are traveling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their dads gives them both a bit of advice: "You watch them Aussie

cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle." At the Sydney airport, the Irishmen catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, "That'll be twenty dollars, lads." "Oh no you don't! My dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting fifteen dollars from me," says one of the men. "And you'll only be getting fifteen from me too," adds the other Irishmen.



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WE'RE CLOSED
But Still
AWESOME

THE PARISH OFFICES OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST. STAN'S WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH.

THANKSGIVING MASS

PLEASE NOTE: There is only one Thanksgiving Day Mass scheduled at Saint Stan's at 9:30AM on November 28th. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be taken for the needy of our neighborhood.

CORRECTION: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

... will take place during Mass at **Holy Trinity** December 15th, *Gaudete Sunday* - a Sunday of "Rejoicing." Please consider inviting anyone who desires to celebrate this Sacrament to the 10:00AM Mass. Perhaps you can offer someone, who otherwise cannot drive, a ride to Mass. An Anointing Mass will be scheduled at St. Stan's during the season of Lent.

DINNER THEATER

Tickets are on sale now for the Christmas Wishes Dinner Theater at Sacred Heart Auditorium. Doors open at 5:45PM on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. On December

8th, doors will open at 12:45PM. Call 450-7748 to reserve your ticket.

A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

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 Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!

Fr. Jason will be away this coming week, spending some time with his family. He will return on Saturday, November 30th.

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH ORGANIZATION

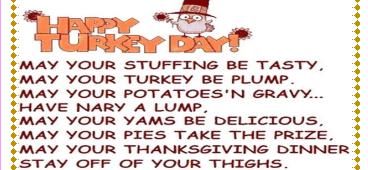
... will host their annual clothing distribution party on December 7th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at a *new location*: Saint Paul Center (453 West 16th Street). In addition to free clothing, patrons can also enjoy a free, hot meal. For more information, or to become involved in this ministry, e-mail Tim Nowakowski (TimWWJD@aol.com) or call 566-6435.

With the impending winter months ahead of us, we urge you to exercise due prudence in balancing your obligation to attend Mass and personal risks you may take due to inclement weather and poor road conditions.

Additionally, when ill, be mindful of the potential of spreading your illness onto others attending Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass for these legitimate reasons, know that there are several televised Masses:

Channel 55 - Sundays at 6:30AM
Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM
Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM
Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM,
12:00PM, & 7:00PM

The 31 Club is a prayer opportunity in which a parishioner chooses one date of the month when he/she will go to Mass and pray for all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers who have served - or are serving - in his/her parish, and that future vocations will be forthcoming. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

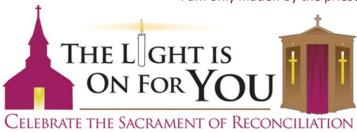


Happy Thanksgiving

"When you approach the confessional, know this: that I Myself am waiting there for you.

I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul."

- Christ to Sister Faustina Kowalska



This Advent, on December 4th, churches throughout the Erie (including St. Stan's & Holy Trinity) will be open from 5:00 - 7:00PM for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Stop by any church and rediscover the healing power of God's love and forgiveness.

Sunday, Nov 24, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Real power doesn't grab or push

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43 "Are you not the Christ? Save yourselves and us."

The bluster of schoolyard bullies isn't much different from the threatening words of the world's tyrants. Only the reach of their destruction sets the tyrants apart. Among the revelatory transfigurations of Jesus is how he deftly transforms divine authority into the surrendering action of a servant. While worldly powers seize and hold, Jesus shares, teaches, and heals. As bullies lash out, Jesus lays down his life and forgives his enemies. The King of the Universe makes no claim on territory or seats of grandeur. His throne is truth, and his realm, justice. Take time to honor him.

Monday, Nov 25, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

A saint for the ages

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
"She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

Just as November begins with the feast of All Saints, it ends with examples of how the church remembers saints such as Catherine of Alexandria (c. 287-305). Iconography reminds us that she was of Egyptian royalty (often shown with a crown), and she could have used her privilege to do almost anything. She chose to immerse herself in the study of philosophy—she's often shown with books. Other symbols remind us of her fate once she was baptized at 14 and rebuked the Roman emperor for persecuting Christians. Catherine is typically depicted with a spiked wheel—a torture device said to have miraculously broken apart as the emperor first tried to execute her—along with the "palm of martyrdom" and the sword that finally beheaded her. We're all called to be saints. What symbols would adorn your holy card?

Tuesday, Nov 26, 2019

Test the message

Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 "See that you not be deceived... Do not follow them!"

Jesus warned against false prophets promising salvation to those who heed their call, yet each age seems to produce its own crop of misguided messiahs. In our own time, many will remember the tragedies associated with delusional figures such as Charles Manson, David Koresh, Yahweh ben Yahweh, and Jim Jones. Be cautious with those who promise much but demand unquestioning loyalty in return. If the fruits of humility, compassion, respect, and integrity are not visible in the message, don't trust the messenger.

Wednesday, Nov 27, 2019

I had a dream

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 "I have heard that you can interpret dreams and solve difficulties."

You might wonder if God still speaks to us, as in biblical times, through our dreams. The church teaches that while we already have received the fullness of "public revelation," God can still offer us "private revelation"—guidance on our life journey or major decisions—through our dreams. But such revelations are not common—most dreams are randomly generated as part of sleep—and dreams with a message require skillful interpretation by way of prayer and reflection, and ideally with the assistance of a spiritual advisor. Pay attention to your dreams, but also test them.

Thursday, Nov 28, 2019

THANKSGIVING DAY

Deepen your gratitude

Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
"Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Research from the Greater Good Science Center at University of California, Berkeley and A Network for Grateful Living has underscored the importance of gratitude—or "reverence for what is given." Focusing our mental lens on abundance, not scarcity, can lead to dramatic improvements in health and quality of life. Dr. Robert Emmons and Brother David Steindl-Rast pioneered the field that teaches us to appreciate *all* experiences, whether we once labeled them "good" or "bad." Find a gratitude practice for you or your family at gratefulness.org. Try it for a week.

Friday, Nov 29, 2019

God's persistent presence

Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 "Know that the kingdom of God is near."

Both of today's readings point toward the notion that God's kingdom persists, no matter what. Daniel presents fantastical, destructive beasts with teeth and horns and thrones of flames. But vanquishing them all is "one like a son of man" with an enduring kingship. In the gospel, Jesus reinforces the idea: the kingdom is near; his words will endure. There is comfort here for the faithful: While the world around us may be in upheaval, God's presence never fails. Allow yourself today to rest in the certainty that God's kingdom is always at hand.

Saturday, Nov 30, 2019

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

Introducing Jesus

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 "They left their nets and followed him."

If ever there were a patron saint of introductions—fortuitous, lifechanging introductions—it would have to be Andrew. At the beginning of John's gospel, Andrew tells his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah," before introducing him to Jesus. And we all know how that turned out for Peter! Later, before Jesus performs the miracle that fed 5,000 people, it was Andrew who introduced him to the boy with two fish and five loaves. Later still, it was Andrew who was approached—on the eve of Jesus' death—when a few curious Gentiles wanted to meet Jesus. As Advent begins, consider ways that you, too, could introduce others to Christ. Like the boy with the loaves and fishes, it could be as simple as bringing food to a gathering.

