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Universe

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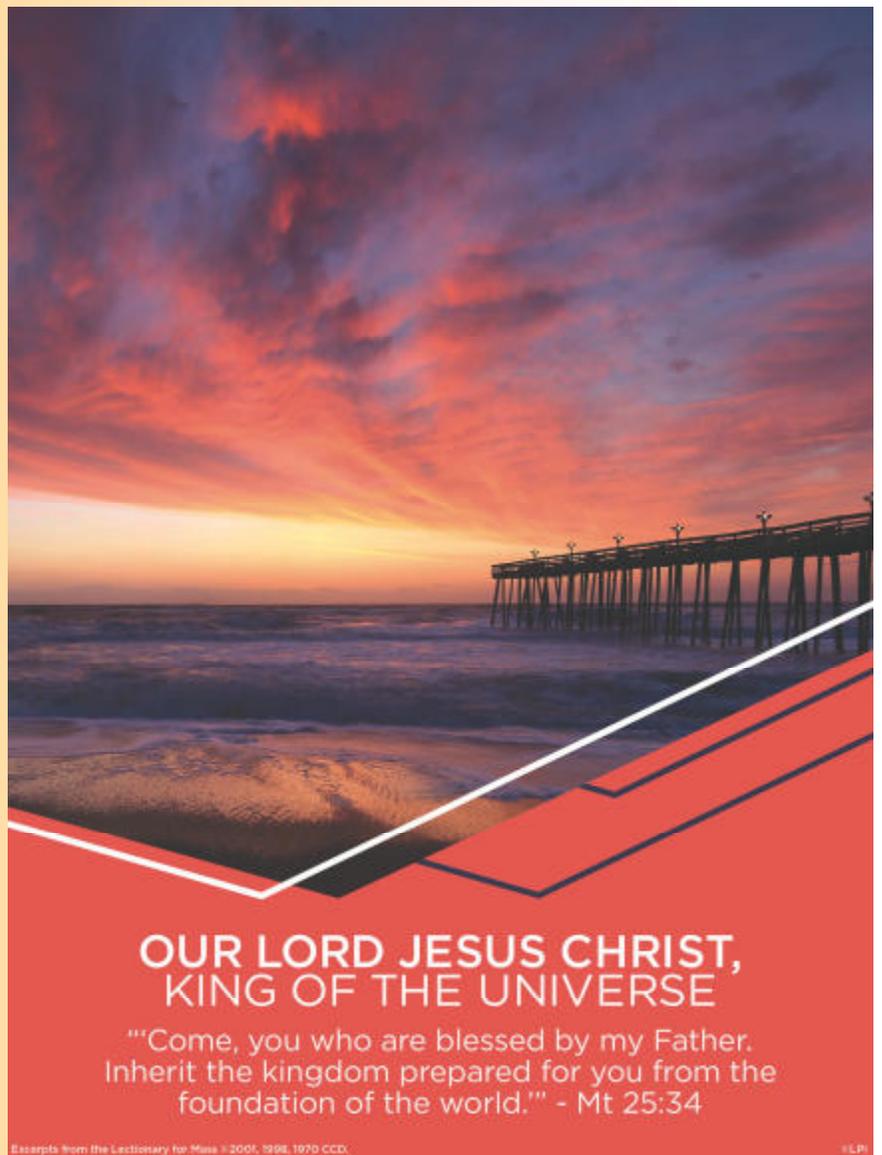
OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM
or by appointment

St. Basil's Church will be open
during daylight hours for
people to pray individually.



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

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

Parish Registration:

You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

New Members: Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are relocating to a new parish, please notify the office before you move.) Thank you.

Change of Address: Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

Inactive Catholics: As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.

(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.



Reflection

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12, 15-17). God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

The **Responsorial Psalm** (23:1-3, 5-6) The Lord is our shepherd.

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:20-26, 28). Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46). 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?

Readings

Monday ~ St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbott; Blessed Miguel Agustiin Pro, Priest, Martyr
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday ~ **St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr, & Companions, Martyrs**
Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11 see 683B: Wis 3:1-9; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Friday
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7b; Lk 21:34-36
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

2020 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Bazaar Raffle

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Bazaar Raffle tickets are now available. The tickets are \$15.00 and include 101 cash prizes. There will also be a "Bonanza Drawing" on November 23rd, and a "Buyer's Appreciation Drawing" will be on the night of the Bazaar, December 21st. There are extra tickets at the IHM Parish Office that are available to be purchased. Please call 570-928-8865 to do so.



First drawing will be November 2nd. Please return any unpurchased tickets to the rectory so that they may be sold.

The Bazaar Raffle will be run from November 2nd through December 21st. Please consider participating in the bazaar raffle! Thank you!

Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, November 21

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Donald & Helen Woodruff by the Woodruff family*

Sunday, November 22

7:30 AM **Mildred** *Helen Saxe McGee by Joe Middendorf*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Mass for the People*

Monday, November 23

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Kitty Minier by Tim Dailey & Family*

Wednesday, November 25

9:00 AM **Dushore** *Thomas J. Sick by Bill & Peggy Black*

Thursday, November 26

9:00 AM **Dushore** *John Minier by Phillip & Marty Denmon*

Saturday, November 28

4:00 PM **Dushore** *Mass for the People*

Sunday, November 29

7:30 AM **Mildred** *John W. Evangelisti by Elenora Grandinetti*

9:30 AM **Dushore** *Frances Mackiewicz by Jan Mackiewicz & Family*

If you would like to attend Mass, face masks must be worn, and social distancing followed. The dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance continues.

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 25th through Sunday, November 29th. The parish office will reopen on Monday, November 30th. Thank you and have a safe and happy holiday!

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The bulletin was sent in before the collection was counted. That collection will be included in the bulletin for November 29th.

*Please mail your offering to the parish office if possible.
Thank you!*

Thank you for your generosity!

Storm Damage Fund Total

\$148,441.41

Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

Total Offertory

\$103,117.75

Total Expenses

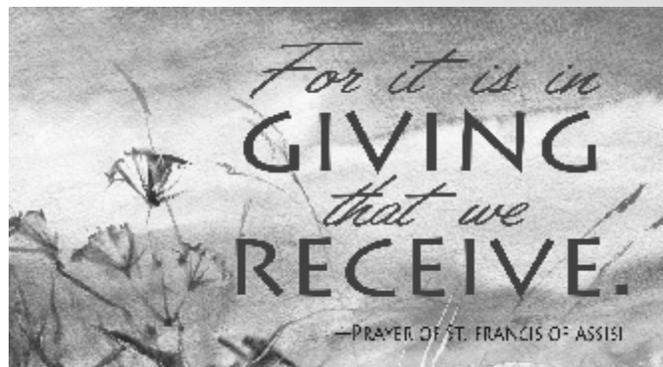
\$101,370.06

Storm Damage

\$16,451.00

Arrears (Debt)

\$18,350.00



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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS**

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

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28th Annual Night at the Races

November 27, 2020



*This year on Zoom, e.g.
due to Covid Restrictions*

Benefit Rectory Repair Fund

You can "Buy A Horse(s)" for \$10.00 each, and if your horse wins a race you gain a \$50.00 prize. For more information and tickets please contact Dean Homer, Bob Getz, Bob Hurley, Jerry McMahon, Jim Souto, Nathan Chase, Mark Evangelisti, Martina Denmon or John Shoemaker.

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Appeal Update:

Our Parish Goal: \$38,000

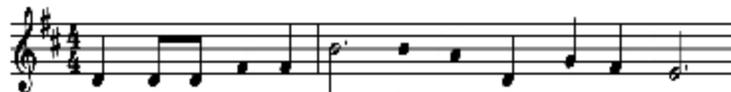
Total Raised: \$11,715

Percentage of Goal Pledged

30.83% (45 out of 417 families pledged)

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an - gels sing a - bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re-sound In praise of him a - lone.
2. Who on the third day did a - rise And hope to sin-ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won-crous name of Love.



1. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo - ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man - y crowns, As thrones be - fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris - en King For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. Who came e - ter - nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through-cut the earth his praise re-sounds For he is Lord of all.

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REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

DARWALL'S 148TH



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King a - dore! Re-
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king-dom can-not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re-joice in glo-rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more;
2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove;
3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n;
4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home;

Lift up your



1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: 66.66.44.44: Hymns For Our Lord's Resurrection, 1746; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: John Darwall, 1751-1786.

PSALM 23: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A



R. The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

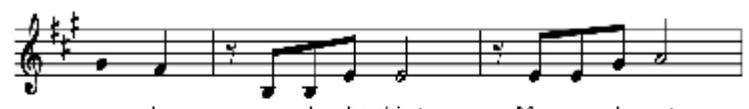
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BREAD FOR THE WORLD

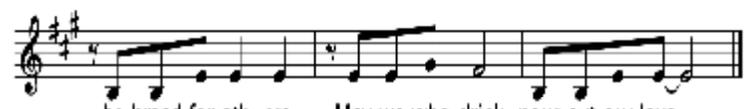
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Bread for the world: a world of hun-ger. Wine for all



peo - ples: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat



be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the



1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are
3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -



1. vive your peo - ple, you are wait - ing there
2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed.



1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.
2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.
3. you walk a - mong us aeg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

to Refrain

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The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in the glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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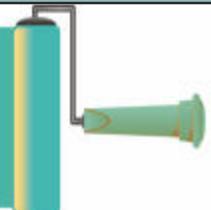
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you in the womb,
I knew you.

GOD

Jeremiah 1:5



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