

# November 26, 2023

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Christ the King—Let Him be the King of Our Hearts

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. In a world filled with various forms and types of leadership and authority, we look to Jesus as our true king, the one who reigns with love, compassion, and selflessness.

The gospel passage from Matthew 25 presents a powerful image of Christ as the ultimate king and judge. He separates the sheep from the goats, not based on their wealth, status, or achievements, but on their acts of love and mercy. The king we honor is one who identifies himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. He calls us to recognize his presence in the least of our brothers and sisters.

Ezekiel's prophecy paints a picture of God as the good shepherd, caring for God's flock. This passage reminds us that our king is not distant or indifferent but deeply involved in our lives. God seeks out the lost, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. Our shepherd-king knows each one of us by name and desires that none of us should be lost.

As we reflect on these readings, we are challenged to examine our lives. Do we recognize Christ as our king and allow him to reign in our hearts? Do we follow his example of humble service and selflessness in our leadership roles, whether in our families, communities, or workplaces?

In a world that often values power, wealth, and success, Christ's kingship stands in stark contrast. He reigns not by force, but by love. He leads not with arrogance, but with humility. He serves not for personal gain, but for the well-being of others. This is the kind of leadership that our world desperately needs.

As we honor Christ the King, let us surrender our lives to His loving rule. Let us allow Him to be the King of our hearts, guiding us in acts of kindness, compassion, and love. Let us be a community that serves the least among us, recognizing the presence of our King in their faces. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—Reflection by Sister Maria Ukamaka Okeke, I.H.M. at <https://uscatholic.org/>

### 'Jesus and the Eucharist' Study

There is only one more session!  
Join Us!

Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m.  
Holy Cross Parish Hall

*A Wonderful Way to Reconnect with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!*

*Come, even if you haven't been able to attend previous sessions.*

### Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 30 @ 6:30 p.m.

Contact a Parish Council member, if you have a suggestion/concern to be addressed by the council.

Limited Space Available, so please signup in the vestibule, if you plan to attend!

### Advent By Candlelight

a special spiritual evening of dinner and a speaker for the women of our area to prepare for the Christmas season

Friday, Dec. 1

Parish Hall @ 6:30 p.m.



### Our Spiritual Journey of Advent Begins Dec. 3

*A season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.*

As you light your advent candles, may God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation—a time we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

**O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King. All that has been made has been created for You. Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows. I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works; I promise to live as a good Christian. And, in particular do I pledge myself to labor, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, laboring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.**

**Coffee, Cookies, & Fellowship**  
after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass  
**All Welcome!**

### First Wednesday of Every Month

**"Night of Encounter and Mercy"**

Wed., Dec. 6th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Short Presentation followed by Adoration with Confessions also available

### Youth Faith Formation Classes

Each Sunday morning following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Nov 25 (Vigil)	Nov 26		Dec 2 (Vigil)	Dec 3
Sherry Ruyle Linda Steinheil	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiara	<b>USHERS/GIFT BEARERS</b>	Laura Rodriguez Paul Rodriguez	Isaac, Abby, & Elizabeth
Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Aceah, Carlos, Liam, & Makenna	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Larry Chekofsky Matthew Higginbottom	Liam, Carlos, Makenna & Kaygan
Carolyn G./Mary F.	Mike H./Elaine H.	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN</b>	Kay R./Mary F.	Bille C./Mike H.
Kay Rodriguez	Candace Stuart	<b>READERS</b>	Judy Helms	Carlos Sorell Aceah Stuart

Are you or do you know of someone that is considering joining the church? Or are you or someone you know Catholic and want to return to or learn more about the Catholic faith?

### RCIA Classes

Each Thursday from 5-6:15 p.m.

Questions? Contact Dcn Jim (retired) at [jandsruyle@gmail.com](mailto:jandsruyle@gmail.com), 918-638-0605, for more information and to register.

A **Personal Intention Book** is available in the vestibule so that you can add your personal intention for that Mass. The book is carried up to the altar along with the other gifts during the Offertory at each Mass.

### Beware of Scams!

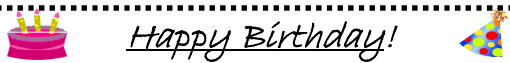
We are all seeing an increase in the number of scams sent via email and text across the Diocese. This may increase with the holidays upon us. Please be mindful of all the messages you receive across the variety of digital platforms you use.

Be assured that the Bishop, nor any of the Diocese priests or deacons, will ever request donations or gift cards via email or text from their parishioners.

Request Cards for both  
**Outreach to The Sick and/or Homebound & Special Mass Intentions**  
are available in the vestibule

### Do You Wish to Volunteer to Serve as a Mass Minister?

Please contact Mary Feichtinger — call or text 303-519-0605, if you are able to serve.



Abigail Higginbottom 11/1 Mark Sorell 11/8  
Angela Schmidgall 11/1 Michelle Atanasio 11/19  
Karol Watson 11/2 Lance Dufour 11/2 Bill Scrimsher 11/21  
Anthony Herndon 11/3 Elizabeth Sullivan 11/21  
Michael Snyman 11/4 Liam Wright 11/27  
Vinnie Guadagno 11/6 Earlyne Hutchens 11/30  
Skip Gordon 11/8 Carlos Sorell 11/30

### Offerings from Nov 18-19

General Collections \$1,473.00  
Capital Improvement 155.00  
**TOTAL \$1,628.00**  
Social Justice 2nd Collection \$257.00

### Daily Mass Readings—Nov 26-Dec 2\*

Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:  
**www.holycross-wagoner.org**

To place information in the bulletin or on the church website, contact Karol Watson, karol\_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

For issues/help with Flocknotes, contact Kay Rodriguez, msrod@sbcglobal.net or 405-659-0507

### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
Judy Wright, parishioner  
Becky Harding, parishioner  
Hope Watson, parishioner  
Lucille Dickinson, parishioner  
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker



### WE PRAY TO THE LORD

### Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

	<u>Altar Linens</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
<i>Nov</i>	Bille Cummings	Kathy Gordon Sherry Ruyle
<i>Dec</i>	Carolyn Greer	Advent (no flowers)

**Stay Connected — Stay Informed  
with your Catholic Faith & your Holy Cross Family**

*Daily Readings, Daily Prayer of the Day, Bulletins,  
Catholic & Holy Cross News/Events*

**www.holycross-wagoner.org,  
Holy Cross Catholic Church - Wagoner OK (FB) &  
https://holycrosscatholicchurch5.flocknote.com/  
dashboard**

### Finding solutions for your financial need.



**Seth A Yoder**  
Financial Advisor  
114 East Cherokee  
Wagoner, OK 74467  
918-485-0992

**Edward Jones**  
BROKER/DEALER IN SECURITIES  
edwardjones.com

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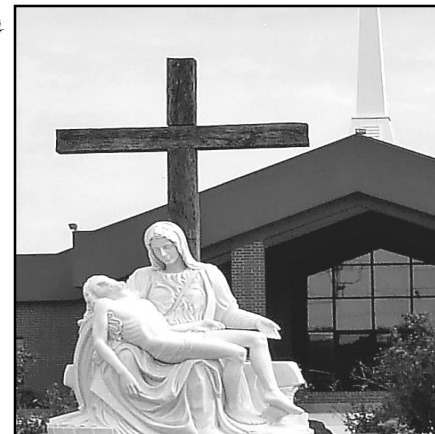
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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday — 8:30 a.m.**

**2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.**

**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.**

### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

**Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.**

### CONFESSIONS

**30 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Or by appointment/request**

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**Breaking Bread Book  
Pages 223-224**

**Vatican II Hymnal  
Pages 677-678**

