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Tuesday Noon

Wednesday Noon

Thursday 9:00 am

Friday No mass

Saturday 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

November 22, 2020

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

Jesus is the mighty King who
reigns in our hearts.

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In the first reading, the Lord speaks through Ezekiel, telling the people that he is the shepherd caring for his sheep. He provides for all their needs, and will judge between sheep, and between rams and goats. Paul writes to the Corinthians, telling them that as Christ has been raised from the dead, then so too in Christ shall all be brought to life. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples of the time when the Son of Man shall come in glory and sit upon his throne, separating the sheep from the goats.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday November 24th noon

Raymond Pasket,
John & Maggie Pasket

Wednesday November 25th noon

Margaret Hoffart

Thursday November 26th 9:00 am

Willie, Christine & Frank Sechelski

Friday November 27th NO MASS

Saturday November 28th 4:15

Living & deceased member of the
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Sunday November 29th 8:00 am

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Sunday November 29th 10:00 am

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday November 28th 4:15 pm

Lectors: Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Altar Servers: Allison Wisnoski & Wyatt Marek

Ushers: Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Rosary: Delores Posinski

Sunday November 29th 8:00 am

Volunteers

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday November 29th 10:00 am

Lectors: Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman

Altar Servers: Tyler Abraham, Hannah Abraham, William Abraham

Ushers: Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder, Ed Marek, Mike Wroblewski

Rosary: Eugene Yanchak



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*"What do you have that you have not received?
But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if
you did not receive it?"—1 Corinthians 4:7*

Thanksgiving

Although Thanksgiving is a national holiday, its celebration can certainly be enhanced because it echoes the basic orientation of our Christian faith. So let us not only thank God for the abundance of goods and freedoms we share as citizens, but also for the gift of God's abiding presence in our lives.

Thanksgiving for a specific event is common in human experience. Indeed, such thanksgivings have given rise to the characteristic liturgies of both Judaism (the Passover Seder) and Christianity (the Eucharist, Greek for "thanksgiving"). In the Middle Ages, days of special thanksgiving were held to praise God for deliverance from famine, plague and war. This tradition was preserved by the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts.

The winter of 1620 had devastated the Puritans' colony with famine and disease. Help from the Native Americans and a good growing season resulted in a generous harvest in 1621, an event the colony celebrated by proclaiming a public day of thanksgiving. Thus Thanksgiving was the first holiday celebrated by the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts. In 1789 President George Washington recognized an official day of "sincere and humble thanks." Later, in 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday to be celebrated on the final Thursday of November. In 1939 Congress changed this to the fourth Thursday.

Today we celebrate Thanksgiving as Christians and citizens. As we remember all the blessings that come from our faith and from our citizenship, we give thanks and dedicate ourselves to the responsible use all our gifts to do God's will. Thank you, Lord!

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

A Grateful Heart

THANKSGIVING & SERVICE

“Joy springs from a grateful heart. Truly, we have received much, so many graces, so many blessings, and we rejoice in this. Let us think back on our lives remembering when we were first called, remembering the road travelled, remembering graces received and, above all, remembering our encounters with Jesus Christ along the way. Let us grow in the spirit of gratitude and ask ourselves: Are we good at counting our blessings, or have we forgotten them?”

A grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of service. Once we come to realize how much God has given us, a life of self-sacrifice, of working for God and for others, becomes a privileged way of responding to his great love.”

—Pope Francis

*Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral,
New York City (September 24, 2015)*

Grateful Service

A HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITY

Pope Francis says that “a grateful heart is spontaneously impelled to serve the Lord and to find expression in a life of service.” Pope John Paul II also encouraged us to bring “into people’s lives the love of Christ received at the Eucharistic table” (*Dies Domini*, #73) and suggested that some ways to do this might be:

- Look around in your neighborhood to find people who may need your help the most, for example, the sick, the elderly, children or immigrants who might feel their isolation, their needs and sufferings more intensely on this holiday.
- Invite those who are alone to share a meal.
- Visit the sick.
- Provide food or necessities for needy families.
- Spend some hours in voluntary work.

Grateful “Thanks”

A HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITY

“To be able to offer thanks and to praise the Lord for what God has done for us is important. So we can ask ourselves: Are we capable of saying “thank you”? How many times do we say “thank you” in our family, our community, and in the church? How many times do we say “thank you” to those who help us, to those close to us, to those who accompany us through life? Often we take everything for granted. This also happens with God. Only those who know how to say “Thank you” will experience the fullness of joy.”

—Pope Francis

Marian Jubilee (October 9, 2016)

As you gather together for your household’s Thanksgiving meal, recall that praising and thanking God go together. Praising God means telling God what we think is wonderful about God. When we know who God is and what God has done for us, we find it easy to say “thanks.” First for praise, invite each member of the household to share something about God that is wonderful. You might start each suggestion with the statement: “O God you are wonderful because...”

After everyone has had a chance to share, then go around the table again this time inviting each member to share something for which we ought to thank God. You might start each suggestion with the statement, “O God, for...” and then after each person’s sharing, the rest of the household members can respond, “We thank you.” When everyone has finished, continue with your usual grace before the meal.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



*The lost I will search out,
the strays I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
and the sick I will heal.*

EZEKIEL 34:16

CHRISTIAN ROSEPH/SHUTTERSTOCK

Dear Padre,

**Today we celebrate Christ the King.
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?
The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

Christ the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in

this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,
NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5

Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest, and Companion,
Martyrs

Rv 14:14–19

Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Rv 15:1–4

Lk 21:12–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;

19:1–3, 9a

Lk 21:20–28

Friday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2

Lk 21:29–33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Rv 22:1–7

Lk 21:34–36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday
of Advent

Is 63:16b–17, 19b;

64:2–7

1 Cor 1:3–9

Mk 13:33–37



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.
936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions November

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Announcements

Knights of Columbus Briskets orders dates
November 21st & 22nd and 28th & 29th



The office will be closed Thanksgiving week.



2021 church calendars are now available.



There are compelling images of Christ on this solemn feast today. One is of the shepherd who lovingly and humbly cares for his sheep. The other is of a mighty king, ruler of the universe, and heaven and earth. In this image, he judges on how well we cared for one another, saying, Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.



November 22, 2020

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 | 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 | Mt 25:31-46

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today, we acknowledge and celebrate Christ the King. It's hard to put this royal image together with today's Gospel passage, where Jesus is not asking to be treated like a king, but rather instructing us to perform merciful deeds for the least of his brothers and sisters. Yet it is the perfect follow-on to the previous three Sundays' Scriptures, where Jesus tells us what it means to live a life of holiness, preparation, and faithful investment in the Kingdom. Now we see what awaits those of us who turn over our lives to him, seeing the face of Jesus in the least among us – the poor, the imprisoned, the thirsty, the stranger. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess that judgment day readings scare me a little. Some days I behave more like a "goat" than a "sheep." Side note: After a deep dive into the Internet (did you know that sheep have 54 chromosomes and goats have 60?), I've concluded that Jesus isn't talking about farm animals here. He's talking about us humans and the choices we make or don't make through sins of omission. The list seems endless if I focus on all the things I *could* be doing to help others each and every day. Yet, rather than getting caught up in fear or guilt, today's readings encourage me, and remind me, that Jesus has told us what we need to do to be counted as "sheep" on the last day.

ACTIONS:

- Choose one corporal work of mercy today and act on it. What does it look like to "visit the sick"? Donate blood; make food for someone who isn't feeling well; check in on an elderly neighbor.
- Do you know some "sheep" – people who radiate faith and kindness to others? Just as you might network with a professional in your field, invite that person out for coffee. Ask them about their faith and how it inspires them in their daily lives.

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Advent 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 M ake and bless an Advent wreath with three purple candles and one pink one. Light the first purple candle tonight.	30 A dvent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.	1 L et your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you.	2 I nteract in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.	3 O ffer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.	4 P ick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.	5 S et a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.
6 L ight two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet.	7 T oday, try to remember stories from the Bible of God's merciful treatment of sinners.	8 T oday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrating Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, pray a Rosary.	9 S t. Juan Diego was a simple and loving man. In his honor, pray a Rosary to recognize his devotion to Our Blessed Mother.	10 T oday, try to go the whole day without complaining.	11 T he presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.	12 T o honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.
13 T oday is Gaudete Sunday - the halfway point of Advent. Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy.	14 I n honor of St. John of the Cross, offer any suffering or difficulty you experience today to our Savior, Jesus.	15 L ight a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Remember for whom it is you are waiting.	16 P erform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession, if you can, to ready your soul to greet the Savior.	17 P ut a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.	18 P ray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.	19 E ven if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.
20 L ight all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading, <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> .	21 M ake time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.	22 C hoose a candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it every night until Christmas to remind you of the light Jesus brings.	23 T ake a drive or a walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations. Let yourself get swept up in the excitement of the season.	24 S et up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.	25 R ejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think about how joyful it will be to finally meet Jesus when he comes.	

Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday December 3rd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

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Choir Practice: Do to COVID-19, No practice at this time.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

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Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

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November 14th & 15th

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Upcoming 2nd Collections:

December 13th

Retirement Fund for Religious



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8 to 4

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