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CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM • Saturday: 5:00 PM • Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Live streamed Mass Sunday at 9:30 AM on
St. Mary's website: www.smachurch.com

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PREP: Grades 1 through 8 • Confirmation: Grade 9
Sandy Fiscella, DRE (302) 239-7100, ext. 18.

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Cindy Krebs, Director (302) 239-7100, ext. 34.

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Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment.

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During a Mass or Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM.
Baptisms are scheduled the second
and fourth Sundays of the month.
Baptism classes are every other month.
Please call Parish Secretary for details
(302) 239-7100 ext. 33.

MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Secretary before a wedding date is finalized.
The diocese requires one year of preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office, (302) 239-7100.

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Contact Daniel DiGiacobbe (302) 239-7100, ext. 11.



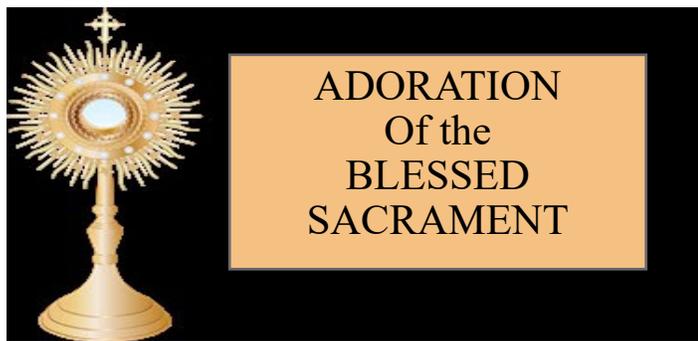


From Fr. Joe..

Kings are not really in fashion these days but are more so symbolic heads of state. What happened, then, for Pope Pius XI, in 1925, to institute the feast of Christ the King? It was the aftermath of World War I, the discord among people and nations, growing secularism and atheism that summoned the world to look upon the lasting reign of Christ the King.

The pope chose to counteract the kingship of worldly kings with that of Our Lord. Christ was not militant or repressive, but meek and humble, beaten, mocked and crowned with thorns. This King did not compete with politics nor was He self-serving or pretentious but identified Himself with the least ones. At the Last Supper, this King exemplified the role of servant by washing the feet of His disciples. This King extended Himself in service on the cross by becoming one of the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. In His perfect sacrifice on the cross, Christ is the true shepherd who leads His flock from death to His eternal Kingdom.

Every time we share in the Eucharistic meal, we call Mass, we have a personal relationship with Jesus Who offers Himself to us. We enter His eternal presence, His realm, experience His self-giving grace and take upon ourselves the commission to do whatever good we can do to the least among us. In our midst is the beginning to eternal life. We have the opportunity, now, to enter His Kingdom.



As we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ Our King, this Sunday, the diocese has asked each parish to focus on the Eucharistic Revival and offer Eucharistic Adoration this coming week. St. Mary of the Assumption will expose the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass on Monday, November 27th, to 12:00 noon. Additional adorations in surrounding parishes in our Deanery are published in the Dialog and their web site.



Beginning on the first Saturday of Advent, the **8:30 Saturday Morning Mass** will be offered every Saturday in our church.

Mass Intentions

Monday November 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intention for Alice Radziewicz

Tuesday November 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intention for
Leonard Radziewicz
Leo Troy

Wednesday November 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intention for
Gabriella Radziewicz

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:30 a.m. Living Intention for Nancy Shaw

Friday December 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. John P. Duff

Saturday December 2, 2023

5:00 p.m. Debbie Zoet
Parishioners

Sunday December 3, 2023

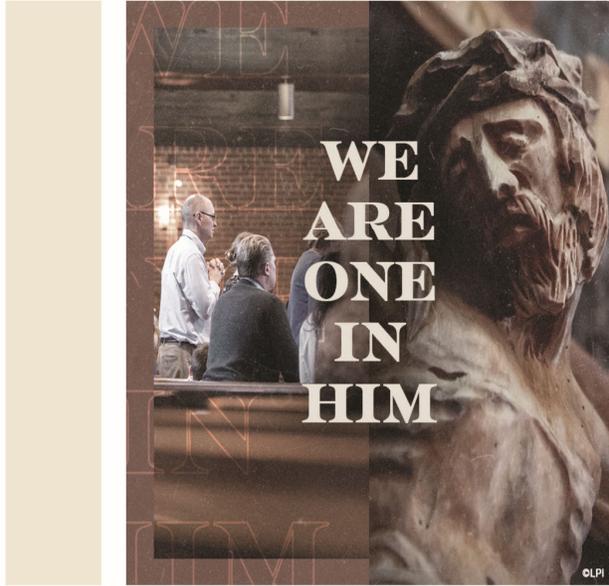
7:30 a.m. Mary S. Green
9:30 a.m. Theresa Puzio
11:30 a.m. Jeremy Madonna

In your charity, please pray for all who have gone before us and all the deceased of St. Mary of the Assumption.

+Isabella Escalona Stoehr
+Brian A. Sharkey

+Gail Giles, mother of parishioner Rusty Giles
+Joan A. Osterlof, mother of parishioner Carl R. Osterlof

Worship & Meditation



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir



Christmas Novena Cards can be purchased in the parish office during office hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The office is closed for lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.



CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC PROGRAM

There will be a concert of Christmas music, featuring our choir, handbell choir, and soloist, Lynne Claire Morse, beginning at 9:30 pm on Christmas Eve, in church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend!

Reminder – Send in 50-50 Tickets

The Super 50-50 raffle is at the halfway point and there is still plenty of time to purchase and return your tickets. The K. of C. and the Parish pro-life Committee rely on the raffle to help fund pro-life and other charitable work. We ask that you get the tickets in before the holidays. There are extra ticket strips and return envelopes at the Church entrances and they are also available in the Parish office. The drawing for 50 winning tickets will take place at the K. of C. chili cook-off on Saturday, January 20th .

If you have questions, please ask any K. of C. Member or in the office, and they will direct you to the answer.



Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar will be on the weekends of December 2nd & 9th after all Masses.

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday:

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:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/
Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:

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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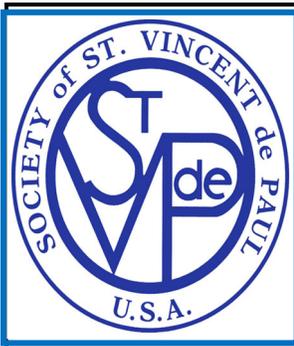
THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE GREATEST BOOK

It is a small book. The ordinary edition would easily fit into one's pocket. My own contains less than two hundred pages; yet that inconspicuous little article is the greatest book in the whole world, so much so that there is none that could be called second to it. This follows from the fact that it is part of the Bible and, let us add, the choicest part of it.

The Bible itself is the word of God - the message of God to the world, and for that reason, which is a unique reason, the book is supremely above every other work. However, the fact of its amazing sublimity of origin need *not mean* that it would be beautiful or humanly interesting. For instance, some of the great revelations of the Saints are not couched in language of beauty at all. It is to be remembered that when the Holy Spirit speaks He chooses men to speak through. They mark the message with their own qualities and sometimes with their own defects, with the exception of course of error. In a word, the message may be from God but it runs through human channels and it takes its color from those channels.

-from Mary Shall Reign by Frank Duff

Submitted by the Legion of Mary



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, for October 2023, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve 30 families, providing \$9,266 in food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



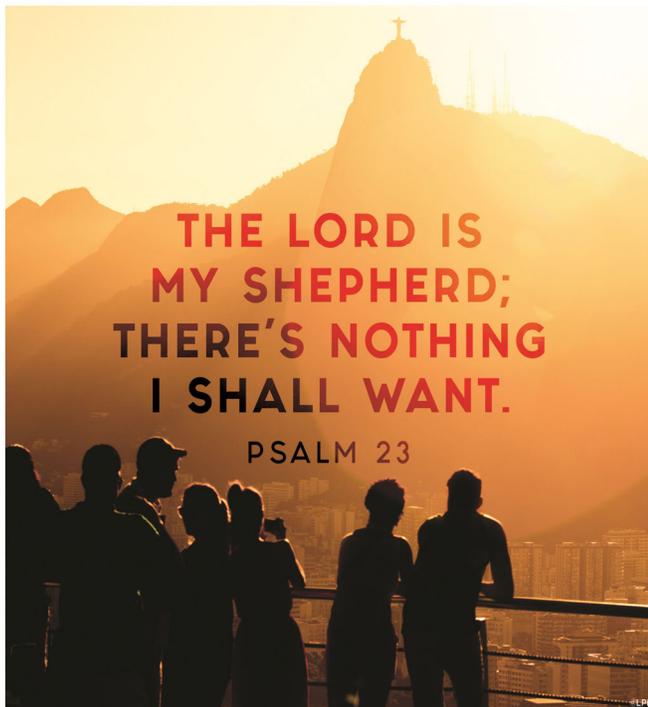
CHRISTMAS ADOPT A FAMILY

Please consider participating in the Adopt a Family Program. Sign up online at smachurch.com or in person in the gathering space after Saturday 5pm Mass or Sunday 9:30am Mass. Outreach has over 100 families in need this year.

Questions, contact Jennifer LaFrankie at jenlafrankie@yahoo.com

Thank you.

Liturgical Life



Calendar

Monday November 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
11:00 a.m. Finance Council meeting (J)
6:00 p.m. Monday Night PREP

Tuesday November 28, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal (C)

Wednesday November 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
10:00 a.m. Ladies Guild meeting (M)
1:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Prayer Group meeting (CP)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday November 30, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:30 a.m. Liturgical Environment (C)
6:30 p.m. boy Scout Troop 803 meeting (H)
7:00 p.m. OCIA 2023-24 Inquiry Sessions (J)

Friday December 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (CF)
9:15 a.m. Mother's Prayer group (CP)
6:00 p.m. Music Ministry Recital (C)

Saturday December 2, 2023

Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar (GS)
9:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Session (C)
12:00 p.m. Music Ministry Recital (C)
12:30 p.m. SVDP Christmas Greens Distribution (Hall)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (CP)
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (C)

Sunday December 3, 2023

Ladies Guild Christmas Bazaar (GS)
7:30 a.m. Mass (C)
9:30 a.m. Mass (C)
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CF)
11:30 a.m. Mass (C)
12:30 p.m. Junior Praesidium (CF)

Parish Office and Church Rooms:

**Coffee Run Room (CF), St. Mary Room (M)
Chapel (CP), Church (C), St. John Room (J),
Hall (H), Gathering Space (GS)**

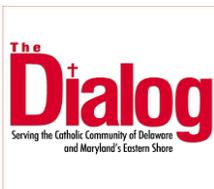
Bulletin announcements due 2 weeks in advance

Need a Ride???

Fellow Parishioners!!! Do you occasionally need a ride to Church for Mass or perhaps elsewhere? As one of the service organizations of our parish, The Knights of Columbus may be able to help. Contact, John Ryan, Community Director for the council. You may contact him at, 302-507-7915.

Helping you stay socially connected!

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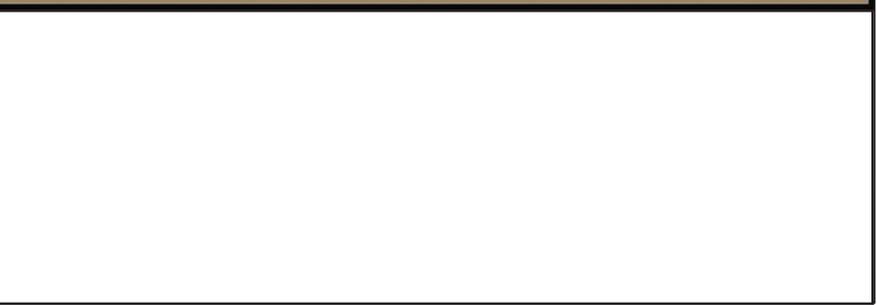
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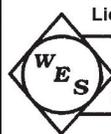
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