

November 25, 2018

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Solemnity



The Kingship of Jesus

When a witness is being sworn in at court, the bailiff asks, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" Telling the truth can be difficult. For some the truth is worth dying for. In today's Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says he was born to speak the truth. "Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asks him, "What is truth?" We must ask ourselves the same question. Do you know the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth for you?

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Gene Selzer, sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are donated in thanksgiving to God
by Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff
on the occasion of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, November 30
8:00 a.m. William Bayer, Mary Patek,
Special Intention
Saturday, December 1
6:30 p.m. Vicky R. & Frank H. Schultz
Sunday, December 2
6:30 a.m. Annette Fojtik
9:30 a.m. Margaret & Alphonse Simper

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Dorothy & Eugene Barta.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment \$17,386.00
Contributions So Far \$ 13,219.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 4,167.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed 43
No. of Families Yet to Contribute 271

Our quote is to be paid no later than the end of the year. *Do please consider making a donation.*

The Enthronement of Christ

The Feast of Christ the King is placed at the conclusion of the Liturgical Year because it celebrates the realization of all of our theology. It is not only the goal toward which our Sunday meditations have been taking us, Christ's enthronement is the omega point toward which all of history has been moving. On a broader scale it is the climax of all of creation as contained in the major myths. There we read that after the primordial battle has been won, the triumphant warrior is enthroned above the heavens. The feast celebrates that enthronement.

Christ's Kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through baptism, and he has taught us how to live in it, although we live in it only by faith. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever. — Dianne Bergant

Altar Society Raffle Update

The Altar Society members thank all those who donated raffle prizes for the raffle to be held in conjunction with the Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner in February. A total of 53 prizes will be given away. Look out for more details.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m.,
YMC
– Catholic Daughters Rosary & Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
Family Room
WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m.,
YMC
THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any
Pastoral Emergency call the Parish Office at any time.

**Bulletin Sponsorships Available
December 16, 23 & 30**

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Filomena Blaschke.

REFLECTION

The Kingship of Christ

In addition to providing a setting in history for the saving work of Jesus, today's gospel passage uses the figure of Pilate and the exchanges between him and Jesus to tell us who Jesus is.

- that Jesus is indeed a King.
- that his reign and authority are divine in origin.
- that those who should have recognized the truth about Jesus but refused to do so are culpable.

As the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate unfolds, Jesus tacitly accepts the title of King but the true significance of his Kingship and Kingdom are made clear.

Jesus and the Kingdom are divine in origin. This Kingdom is to be established not by human devising but by God alone and through the one who God has sent, Jesus.

The presence of Jesus in the world extends to all peoples the challenge of accepting the truth. Those who open themselves to the truth and respond to its demands will recognize the presence of God in the person and mission of Jesus.

The recognition of that presence is an experience of the Kingdom that has begun in Jesus and will forever continue in him until the end of time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 25 – Allen Jasek
Nov. 26 – Floris Ann Simper
Nov. 27 – Lillian Kubicek, Caden Michal, Eleanor Wagner
Nov. 28 – Robert Lee Berckenhoff, Sheri Beyer,
Sofia Martinez, Margaret Rebeck,
Dwayne Simper
Nov. 29 – William Self
Nov. 30 – August Etlinger, Lauren Roznovsky
Dec. 1 – Susan Jasek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 25 – Jean & Sidney Bochat
Nov. 27 – Patricia & Elmer Michna
Nov. 28 – Cynthia & John Cindar

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Nov. 26 – Gold Star Club Meets (K-2nd Grades)
Nov. 28 – Champions Club Meets (3rd – 6th Grades)
– 9th – 11th Grade C.C.D.
Next Sunday – Confirmation Enrollment; C.C.D.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale Nets \$1,059

We thank all those who made monetary donations and donated/purchased items. From the proceeds we have been able to purchase two new air hockey game tables and an indoor basketball goal for the Youth Center. Once again, thank you very much for your support.

ORIENTATION

King of the Universe

The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe brings us to the end of the liturgical year (the Church's calendar) and always replaces the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism and what he saw as an "Anything Goes" world. The feast refocuses our attention



on Jesus Christ's reign over the human race and human heart. Seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Micah announced his coming. The Magi came in search of a King. The people hailed him as King when he entered Jerusalem. Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate ask if he was the King of the Jews, and

his cross was raised with a sign declaring him King of the Jews.

Christ himself refused the title of King, yet we acclaim him as King in this feast. The feast emphasizes God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's return at the end of time, [his second coming] and his final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during the Season of Advent.

Calling Christ our King assumes that his Kingdom is unlike any other the earth has ever seen. He has no military might, passes no laws, imposes no taxes, and does not lord it over the subjects of his Kingdom. He rules by grace, and love and his reign extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. We belong to him. His Kingdom will have no end.

Advent/Christmas Activities

Dec. 2 – Czech Advent/Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m., Praha
Dec. 5 – Community Advent/Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m. until ???, **Moulton**
Dec. 12 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:00 p.m. until ???, Praha
Dec. 16 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 19 – Knights of Columbus Christmas Party
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Pageant

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Herman Bohuslav

Willie Mae Darilek

Deacon Milburn William Kram*

Frances Spaniel Pustejovsky Bollom

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.

* See insert



Christmas Eve Pageant Forms Due Today

Come join us celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.