

The Solemnity Of Christ The King

November 21, 2021

Mass Intentions

November	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Mary Robinson
November	23	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father Donald Raila, O.S.B.
November	24	8:00 AM	John & Sharon Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	26	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	27	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	28	8:00 AM	Al Scro requested by The Harshberger Family
		10:30 AM	Charlotte Smith requested by Linda Myers

Liturgical Ministries November 27-28

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Scott Dunkelberger	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Rosanne Wheatley	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 28

The Hoffman Family

December 5

Phyllis Krieger & Gabby Brandt

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,985.70

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,213.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 21st

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, November 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, November 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, November 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Thanksgiving Mass, 7:00PM

Thursday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Day)

NO Mass

Friday, November 26th

NO Mass

Saturday, November 27th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, November 28th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

No CCD (Thanksgiving Break)

“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to you.”

From the Pastor's Desk

Many Americans have a fascination with royalty.



We love to follow the royal family in real life, especially if there is a royal wedding! As royal watchers know, the crown isn't all it's cracked up to be! History and experience, too, show that earthly kingdoms include their share of divisiveness, betrayal and, at times, a total disregard for other people. Jesus gives us a

different kind of kingdom and kingship to aspire to – one based on truth not fiction and born of suffering and not succession.

Jesus did not seek earthly glory but endured a crown of thorns and death on a cross to establish the kingdom of heaven – a kingdom that perfects us and unites us with the Holy Trinity. So, it is fitting that as we end the liturgical year, we honor Jesus as King of the Universe – heaven, earth, and all creation. Jesus established his kingdom by sacrificing himself out of love for us. By our baptism we have a share in this holy identity, and therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the authority and power to proclaim Christ's Kingship to all the world by our words and deeds. In this way we can serve the one true king and participate in building God's kingdom on earth.

Some people aren't shy about saying where they stand: just look at the bumper stickers people attach to their cars. We don't like to talk about politics or religion, but somehow, it's OK to proclaim our most deeply held beliefs as we tool down the highway. As we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe, it's a good time to ask ourselves: Is Jesus king of our universe? If so, how do we proclaim it? Bumper stickers can be fun but sharing our belief in Jesus as our Savior requires human interaction. Some of us may be introverts and find it difficult, but we can witness to our faith in several ways: Yes, through conversation, but also through the priorities we choose and the examples we set. As members of the kingdom of God – present on earth but not yet fully realized – our baptismal vocation is to participate in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. We can ask Jesus to help us find the words and actions that best help us do so.

Advent starts next Sunday! Just as we prepare for major holidays like Christmas and Thanksgiving, we can start roughing out an Advent “plan.” How will we observe Advent as a family this year? What are our goals for the season? What can I accomplish in the week ahead to free up Advent for prayerful preparation?

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

The Parish Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00PM in the Church. Mark your calendars now and plan to join your parish family as we give thanks for the many blessings God has showered upon our families, our parish, and our nation.

Advent Wreath Get-Together: will be held Sunday, November 28th at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All you need to bring is scissors, greens, and a round waterproof container. Oasis, ribbon, and candles will be provided along with refreshments.



For more information, please contact the DeFrancesco Family at 582-9149. **Mark your calendars now!**

Advent Penance Service: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory,



please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, November 29th beginning at 7:00 PM. Three

additional priests will be present for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

Hymnal Replacement: Your gracious assistance is needed on Saturday, November 27th at 8:00AM to replace our hymnals for the new liturgical year. You can sign up at the bulletin board if you can spare an hour of your time.

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will

have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Youth Group Dinner for Widows and Widowers: The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on December 4th in the parish hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our



Christmas Dinner

parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel free to bring family as well, especially if family or friends are your means of travel. Please note the number of people attending when you sign up.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards: Our Knights are offering Christmas cards for sale. They were designed by the children in our CCD program. Cost is \$15 for a pack of 15 cards and can be purchased after Mass at the kitchenette.

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 125 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a



Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag, please!! Your gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 19th.

The spirit of Advent is prayer, penance, patience, and preparation!!