

CHRIST THE KING

CRISTO REY

November 21, 2021 † The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world."

My Dear Friends in Christ,

We are finishing another liturgical year. I think this year was a wonderful time that God gave us. In this year, we know a little more about our God and He helps us to find the peace that God can only give to the human heart.

I am trying to find the topic that helped me to grow in my spiritual life this year. I realize that acceptance is that topic. When I think about this theme, I find that God is so good in helping me to grow in my peace. When I think that I only need to see the reality in front of me and accept that reality because many times I cannot change it, I find a wonderful peace that grows when I put my trust in God who can change that reality.

During this month, I told you that I am going to talk about eternity. This is a very important topic because this is our final destiny. Today's readings help us to understand who is going to rule our lives and what kind of kingdom we are going to live in. Today in our liturgy, Jesus Christ is presented to us as the King of the Universe. My attention has always been drawn by the emphasis the Bible attributes to the word "king" when applied to our Lord.

If I asked you about the image that you have about the word "king", I am very sure that you have the image that our world gives us through movies and the reality that we see in the mass media. Whenever I think about the kinship of Jesus, I find that the word "king" does have a certain affinity with the biblical language. For instance, when a mother is taking care of her baby and tells him, "You are the king of our home." What is she implying? Just a very simple thing — that her little baby is her number one priority and means everything to her. We have so many expressions that help us to understand that we are not very far from the biblical expression of the word "king."

I believe that when thinking a little deeper on the expressions that we heard and what we mean when we acclaim God as our King, it helps us to understand Jesus' assertion about his kingdom, "My kingship is not from here."

Every single time, when in the Lord's prayer we say, "Your kingdom come", we mean we would like to see that more and more people could find the source of their happiness in God while following the path He shows us, which is the path of love that can draw good from evil. We always need to remember that Jesus' kingdom is never imposed and respects our freedom.

This week, before we began a new Liturgical Year, we need to make a choice. Who do I want to follow? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that He alone can give us.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

Mission Statement

"We are a welcoming spiritual home that provides community and personal growth through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of God and a call to His service."

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Pastoral Staff

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 Faith Formation Tracy Daberkoe

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM..... St. Joseph

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 AM St. Raphael
 Thursday, Friday 11:00 AM St. Joseph
 Saturday 4:00 PM St. Joseph
 Saturday 6:30 PM St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 AM St. Raphael
 Sunday 11:00 AM St. Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

By appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the pastor for further information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday at Noon - 10 days prior to publication
 Send info to StJosephOnekama@gmail.com,
 or drop off hard copy to the Parish Office.

Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, November 27, 4:00 PM

Lector Pam Stokes
 *Body of Christ Beth Klajda
 Altar Servers Shay Anhalt
 Usher/Greeter Ed Barlan & George Goodrich

Sunday, November 28, 11:00 AM

Lector Maria Somsel
 *Body of Christ Deacon Kim
 Altar Servers Easton & Landyn Kequom
 Usher/Greeter Joe Veverka & Mike Kamaloski

St. Raphael

Saturday, November 27, 6:30 PM

Lector Pat Mullen
 *Body of Christ Deacon Kim
 Altar Servers Emily Fouchey
 Usher/Greeter **Volunteers Needed**

Sunday, November 28, 9:00 PM

Lector Mary O'Connor
 *Body of Christ Gabby Crandell
 Altar Servers Maria Saul | Rose Clous
 Usher/Greeter **Volunteers Needed**

***EMsHC Note:** Deacon Kim will distribute Holy Communion when he is concelebrating at Mass. Thank you in advance for your flexibility.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 23rd

10:00 AM Adoration followed by 11:00 AM Mass..... St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 24th

11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, November 25th

No Mass (Happy Thanksgiving) St. Joseph

Friday, November 26th

No Mass..... St. Joseph

Saturday, November 27th

4:00 PM †Daniel Hesslin..... St. Joseph
 6:30 PM †Mary Jane Eroh..... St. Raphael

Sunday, November 28th (First Sunday of Advent)

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM †BJ Tooker (Chris & Doug Sattler)..... St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Julie Daly (Ray Daly) St. Joseph

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army
 SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF
 SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF
 Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN
 2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG
 Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army
 Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army
 2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army
 Olivia Fouchey, USAF
 Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG
 Jay Long, Air Force
 Mike Meyers, Air Force

Adam O'Neill, Army
 Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
 Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
 Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
 Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
 Hunter Scoggins, Army
 Austin Soller, Navy
 Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
 Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
 Capt. Kent Turner, Army
 Yeoman John Tucker, CG
 Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG
 Daniel Tanner, Navy

Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, those who are in the Medical Care, adult foster care homes, and those who are ill including:

Florence Anderson	Michele Gillaspie	Olivia Miller
June Bartlett	Don Gurn	Lisa Milliron
Gary Bentley	Pat Gurn	Dale Moody
Janice Berben	William Hogarth	Gino Nacco
Ann Bialik	Addy Hollifield	Nielsen Family
Dianna Bialik	Tammy Holmes	James Oliver
Ed Bielat	Bruce Howell	Becky Petersen
Kyleigh Borah	Dennis Humphrey	Judy Pendency
Ned Brown	Marlene Krause	Reed Family
Anna Charlich	Nancy Kuczynski	Rich Russell
Jayme LaFleur Daley	Stephen Kuczynski	Kelli Sattler
Mark Dagnall	Joyce LaFleur	Bob Saul
Dennis Daldine	Ryan LaHaie	Chad Schualer
Karen Daldine	Tami Laurent	Paul Sedlar
Martha Dirksen	Joseph Lizon	Mary Steen
Bill Duff	Marilyn & William Lotz	Jane Sweet
Blake Elmer	George Macko	Jack Sysko
Frank English	John David Martuch	Kay Thompson
Mary Evans	Tammy May	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Julie Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Kelly Miller	

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 24th

9:00 AM Bible Study St. Raphael
6:00 PM Faith Formation Classes St. Joseph

Thursday, November 25th

Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)



Celebrating Birthdays

11/23 Jon Hall
11/27 Beverly Knoche
11/27 Caroline King
11/27 Elizabeth Sidor
11/29 Joel Lyman

Celebrating Anniversaries

11/29 M/M John Schaub

CCW Installation of Officers

The installation of CCW officers will be held on **Sunday, November 21st**, at the **9AM Mass**, at **St. Raphael**.

Marion Marcero	President
Vicki Tarker	Vice President
Lilly Sapp	Secretary
Gerry Kastl	Treasurer
Viva Kastl	Social Secretary



Stewardship of Treasure
May Our Lord bless us through our generosity.

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory.....	\$1310.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$834.00
Vigil Lights	\$22.25
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
Total.....	\$2216.25

Food Pantry.....	\$790.00
Cemetery.....	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory.....	\$1352.00
Loose Offertory.....	\$479.00
Stipend.....	\$20.00
Vigil Lights	\$0
Coffee	\$0
Fuel	\$20.00
Total.....	\$1871.00

Christ the King Sunday

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Let us offer our prayers to Christ the King for the freedom of the Church:

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,*

*You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.*

*By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
called to live as one family of God.*

*Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.*

*Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.*

May we remain with you always.

Amen.

CCW Christmas Luncheon

The CCW Christmas luncheon will be held at Noon, on Monday, Dec. 6th, at Jen's Restaurant in Thompsonville. We will have a minimum \$10 gift exchange. Ladies, make sure your pockets are full of quarters, as Vicki has a game for us. Also, ladies dress in your finest Christmas attire as there will be a prize given to the best dressed. Sound like fun? Please RSVP before Nov 29th, to Viva Kastl, at 885-2295.

Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center

Thank you for all of the prayer, volunteer, material, and financial support your congregation and many of the individuals in your church have shown to the ministry at Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center throughout the last year. It is because of your support that we are able to share God's love and grace with men, women, and little ones as we open the doors, welcome them in, and assist them with material goods, prayer, and a visit. Please let us know if there is ever anything we can include in our prayers for you or someone you know. — Sherry and Sue, 231.398.7984

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers"
Ephesians 1:16

Right to Life of Manistee County

The Supreme Court is getting ready to hear a very important case involving Mississippi's law to ban abortion after 15 weeks gestation, and it could have a huge impact on, perhaps even overturning, Roe v. Wade. RTL of Manistee County would like to invite your parish to our prayer services being held at Divine Mercy.

Please contribute your voice for the protection of life in the womb and the sanctity of the mother carrying new life within her by joining Right to Life of Manistee County in prayer for the witnesses defending life in the oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case. We will also pray for the members of the Court as they hear and decide the outcome of this important case concerning the right to life in the womb.

Our vigil prayer will be an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with Father Zeljko on November 30th, at 5:30PM, at St. Joseph Church on Sixth Street in Manistee. We will also offer the rosary with the Rosary Society and Prison Ministry following the 9AM mass on December 1st, as the Court begins hearing oral arguments on December 1st, at 10AM.