

November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

"The Year of Mercy has made the goodness of the Lord present in my mind and heart. He is now encouraging me to show mercy to those I meet in my daily life since He is all loving, all kindness and all forgiving. Thank you, Lord God, for *your generous mercy.*"

With these words from a parishioner we are reminded that officially the Year of Mercy has ended but *unofficially it continues throughout our lifetime.* Each time we prayed the Mercy Prayer we prayed, "GAZE ON US WITH LOVE." There is no time that God does not gaze on you with love. Soak in that love and may it overflow into the lives of all whom you meet each and every day!

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

It's bad enough when we realize that humanity shouted to free "Barabbas" and let innocent Jesus be condemned to scourging and final crucifixion. But what makes it worse is the insulting sign at the top of the cross. That sign seems to be the cruelest of all our misdeeds. "King of the Jews" invites the crowds to laugh at the God who is writhing on the cross.

Considering what we have done, we come to realize that the creator of the universe has infinite patience with us. By our sins we deserve for him to snap his fingers in frustration and reduce the entire planet to cosmic dust.

But long before Jesus was crucified, we read of God's patience in the Book of Genesis. Abraham asks the Lord: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

God tells Abraham that if he finds 50 innocent people he will spare the whole city of Sodom. Abraham continues to ask, "What if there are 40, then 20 and finally to 10 innocent people?" And God continued to show his patient mercy, promising not to destroy the city. (Deacon Dick Folger, *Celebration*)

PRAYER SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 23 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer
Thursday, Nov. 24 5:45 PM NO Evening Prayer
Friday, Nov. 25 7:45 AM NO Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. November 19 4 PM Tom Amsden
Sun. November 20 10 AM Jerry Bedel
Sat. November 26 4 PM Lorraine Foster
Sun. November 27 10 AM Alma Schwering

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – November 26 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Kyle and Bridgette Horan
Kyle and Lindsay Horan
Servers: Macey Moorman, Kayla Simon
Cantor: Sharon Miller
Lector: Dottie Hellmich, Jack Ferkinhoff
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Steuri, Beth Simon
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – November 27 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Mike and Katie Spreckelson - *back*
Matt and Leslie Hicks - *back*
Greg and Becky Simon - *side*
Servers: Rosie Newhart, Connor Toops
Cantor: Scott Simon
Lectors: Doug Stier, Cathy Wagner
Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Newhart, Leslie Hicks
Dolly Stirn, Ben Harlemert

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2345.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.35
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 374.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2728.35
Cemetery	\$100.00
World Mission	\$100.00
Capital Improvements	\$350.00
Military	\$100.00

God bless your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP – Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidenced that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn November 20 through November 27 for Fred and Matilda Geis.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – This weekend, you are asked to help break the cycle of poverty in the United States. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Christian Douglas Stier**, the son of Doug Stier and John Glick, who was baptized Sunday, November 13. May God bless and protect him!

REST IN PEACE – Barbara Lecher, the mother of parishioner Valerie Caudill, died this past Sunday. May she now know the fullness of God's love for her!

UCA – Please send in your United Catholic Appeal card as soon as possible.


RELIGIOUS ED – No classes this week for Preschool through Grade 5, and no classes for junior and senior high school students next Sunday, November 27.

CYO BASKETBALL – St. Maurice plays St. Louis today at 1:00 PM at St. Louis.

THANKSGIVING

Come, join parishioners in sharing the best Thanksgiving Dinner at the table of the Eucharist on Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM, at St. John Church, Osgood.

Blessed Thanksgiving Day and Season to You and your Family!



FALL RAFFLE WINNERS	
\$1,000.00	Lora Truesdell
\$750.00	Laura Ferkinhoff
\$500.00	Roseann Wirth
\$400.00	Emma Walke
\$300.00	Mike Schuler
\$100.00	Ken Harlemert
Beef	Catherine Wagner
1/2 Hog	Dot Stier
1/2 Hog	Mike Wagner
Garden Basket	Dorothy Green
Necklace	Jessica Steuri
Kroger GC	Rachel Busch
Pillow	Caleb Payne

\$9,725.00 – THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE! Thanks, too, to **Jack Ferkinhoff** and **Bob Schwartz** for organizing the raffle and to all who sold tickets.

SMORGASBORD – **\$4,863.00** was made from the 400+ meals served. All bills need to be paid from this amount, so the actual profit will be reported at a later time. **Thank you to all for a wonderful meal prepared and served!**

TURKEY DINNER – St. John's Lutheran Church, Napoleon, is having its annual Turkey Dinner today, serving from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST – Millhousen Knights of St. John are having a Christmas Breakfast, Sunday, December 4, 8:00-11:00 AM. Santa arrives at 9:00 AM!

VALENTINE EVENING – All couples married five years and less save this date, February 12, 2017, for an evening celebration!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Asked what surprised him most about humanity, the Dalai Lama replied: "Man sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies never having lived." (Rev. Dale A. Schoening)