

November 20 – Feast of Christ the King

Ministers and Priests of God

Remember the old TV sitcom *Maude*? That saucy character, portrayed by Bea Arthur, had a standard reply whenever someone insulted her or revealed an unpleasant truth about her. “God’ll get you for that,” she’d snap (cue audience laughter).

As hilarious as that comeback is, it reveals how we sometimes think of God: as a transcendent disciplinarian who watches people closely and punishes them when they do not toe the line. This is not the God Jesus came to reveal, this is not the God Jesus called “Abba.” When he was crucified, did Jesus say to his executioners, “God will get you for this”? On the contrary, from the cross Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Advent, which begins next Sunday, presents us with an opportunity to grow in a spirit of compassion and forgiveness, to remember God’s mercy. If we stop to remember how we have been forgiven, we may find it easier to forgive others. If we remember the undeserved gifts we have received, we may find it easier to be generous. If we remember our failures to love, we might more easily forgive those who don’t love us as we long for them to do. These shifts can culminate in a grace-filled Christmas and a grace-filled life—one where we extend hospitality to those we find difficult to welcome, embrace those we struggle to love, and open ourselves to the embrace of others.

And isn’t this how believers are called to live? Saint Peter writes to the Christian communities—and to us: “You are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own...’” (1 Peter 2:9).

Saint Peter doesn’t ask us to change our station in life to be God’s priests and ministers. We are to live out this calling within our families and communities, at school or at work, while shopping or waiting in line.

Just as we prepare what we hope will be the right gift for someone we love, so too, as priests and ministers of the Lord, we prepare to give the gift of our faith in the way it is needed. Exercising this ministry might mean something as simple as pausing to acknowledge the other person, listening, encouraging, calming, affirming. Whatever we do during our day, we can do it ministerially and in a way that makes people feel attended to when they are with us. As priests and ministers, we are always and everywhere witnesses to the Good News of a merciful and loving God, revealed to the world by Jesus, who was and is “God-with-us.” (Mitch and Kathy Finley)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 20 – Walter and Annabelle Busch
November 27 – Fred and Matilda Geis
December 3 – William and Catherine Wagner

MASS INTENTIONS

November 19 – Lucille Simon
November 20 – Mike and Katie Spreckelson
25th Wedding Anniversary
November 23 – Lynn Herbert
November 26 – Fred and Matilda Geis
November 27 – Amelia Wolter

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday – November 23 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Donna Harlemert, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

Eucharist Minister: Susan Schutte

Saturday – November 26 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – November 27 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Jane Pictor

Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – December 3 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – December 4 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Grace Truesdell

Gifts: Ken and Janice Fry

Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2419.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 25.64
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 662.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3106.64
Cemetery	\$140.00
Military	\$30.00
Capital Improvement	\$25.00
Smorgasbord: Sale of Food	\$188.00
Tickets (<i>Bills To Be Paid Yet</i>)	\$4897.00

**WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER THANKS TO
YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING!**

THANK YOU – A big thank you to all the people who donated food for our smorgasbord, helped work, deboned turkeys, and cleaned up. It was greatly appreciated!

SILVER ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to **Mike and Katie Spreckelson** upon the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary! May God bless them with every good gift as they continue to live out their marriage vows.

MEMORIALS – The parish received **\$2,590.00** in memory of Mary Gilland at the time of her death. With these memorials and her gift of \$10,000, the carillon bell system itself was donated by Mary. May she rejoice in heaven, especially as the new bells are rung!

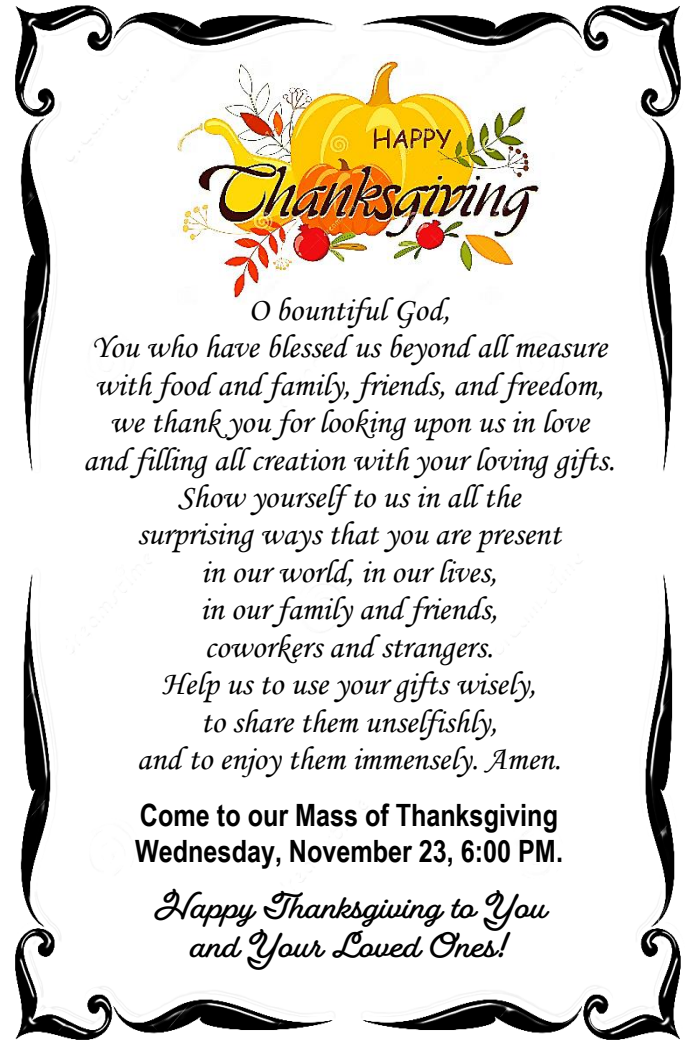
RELIGIOUS ED – Preschool through Grade 5 will **not** meet on November 23, but you are encouraged to come to the Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 PM.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED – Our youth will **not** meet for class on Sunday, November 27. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 8:30 AM. This includes the 11th and 12th grade youth.

MEETING – Members of the Faith Formation Committee will meet Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 PM. We welcome our new members, Ann Dicken, Caleb Payne, and Rosie Newhart. We also thank Jack Ferkinhoff, Tara Johannigman, Carolyn Richards, and Marge Thole for remaining on the committee.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – The goal for this parish is \$15,274.00. I am confident that you will respond positively to this appeal as you have in the past. Together we are “**United in the Eucharist**” as we respond to this Archdiocesan appeal. Thank you!

SEMINARIAN – Each parish is assigned an Archdiocesan seminarian to pray for throughout the year. Our seminarian is Aiden Hauersperger from St. Joseph Parish in Jennings County. There are cards at the entrances of church with his picture and birth date and a prayer for vocations on the back of the card. You are welcome to take one home.



4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

November 26 – Ken Harmeyer, Steve Gilland

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

November 27 – Paul & Arlene Gehl

THANKSGIVING MASS GREETERS

Wed., Nov. 23, 6:00 PM – Paul & Arlene Gehl

MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER	
Electronic Giving for October	\$1,670.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/22 - 10/31/22)	\$69,761.00
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/22 - 10/31/22)	\$63,684.00

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – Thank you to all who donated to this cause.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – Television is called a medium because nothing in it is ever well done. (Fred Allen via Rev. Dale Schoening, Madrid, IA, The Joyful Noiseletter)

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		 <p>ALL SAINTS' DAY Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>All Souls Day</p> <p>RE Classes 6:45 PM</p> <p>Talk by Sr. Loretta on Missions</p>		 <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>Blessing of Throats</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>HALL RENTED</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>RE Classes - 8:30 AM</p> <p>Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>-Blessing of Throats-</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Pick Pockets</p> <p>Catechist Appreciation Meal 6:00 PM</p>		<p>Election Day</p>	<p>RE Classes 6:45 PM</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND MARTYR</p>	<p>Finance Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	 <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>SMORGASBORD 4:00 - 6:00 PM</p> <p>NO MASS IN HALL</p> <p>UCA Intention Weekend</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>RE Classes 8:30 AM</p> <p>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>UCA Intention Weekend</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 PM</p> <p>Thanksgiving Prayer Service</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting (if needed) 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Dedication of Sts. Peter & Paul Basilica</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>RE Classes 8:30 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING</p>	<p>PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> 		<p>NO RE Classes</p> <p>Mass of Thanksgiving 6:00 PM</p>	 <p>Happy THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Give Thanks to the Lord!</p>		<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>HALL RENTED</p>
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>NO RE Classes</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent Mass 10:00 AM</p>			<p>RE Classes 6:45 PM</p> <p>Penance Service Grades 3-5</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE</p>		<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p> <p>For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.</p>	