

# November 26 – Feast of Christ the King



THE LORD IS  
*My Shepherd*  
I SHALL NOT WANT

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they knew a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are.

But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders. – Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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## PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

- ❖ **Baptism:** Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.
- ❖ **Marriage:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.
- ❖ **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.
- ❖ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

November 26 – Leroy Struewing  
December 3 – Charles Simon  
December 10 – Kenny Walke

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25 – Chad White  
Sunday, November 26 – Gene Simon  
Tuesday, November 28 – Dolores Wagner  
Saturday, December 2 – Lynn Herbert  
Sunday, December 3 – Dan & Lynda Bauerle  
Tuesday, December 5 – Dot Stier

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – December 2 at 4:00 PM

*Server:* Morgan Busch  
*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford  
*EM:* Judy Steuri (*Bread*), No EM for Hall  
Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

### Sunday – December 3 at 10:00 AM

*Servers:* Macy Kinker, Hudson Kohlman, Sam Simon  
Ava Wagner, Mason Ryder  
*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Arlene Gehl  
*Gifts:* Daniel and Becca Harlemert

### Saturday – December 9 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner  
*Lector:* Tara Johannigman  
*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner  
*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)  
Beth Simon, Judy Steuri

### Sunday – December 10 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Macy Kinker  
*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Ron Bauerle  
*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner  
*EM:* Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)  
Leslie Hicks, Katie Spreckelson

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2469.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 66.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 380.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2915.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$928.00
Capital Improvement	\$215.00
Smorgasbord	\$77.00
Cemetery	\$45.00

**THANK YOU!**

**175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** – Next Sunday, December 3, Archbishop Thompson will celebrate the 175th anniversary of St. Maurice at the 10:00 AM Mass, followed by a catered luncheon. Let's all come together as a church family to celebrate this milestone, remembering and thanking all the parishioners, priests, and religious who helped build and continue to sustain the parish.

**MARY AND MARTHA CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Monday, December 11, all ladies of the parish are invited to the Christmas Party, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. You are welcome to bring along your daughter, sister, mother, or friend. Please come and enjoy a night of fellowship and fun! You can sign up on the sheets at the entrances of church, and let us know the number of guests who plan to attend.

**YOUTH NEWS** – The next youth outing will be on December 10th: Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins. The youth would like to invite anyone in the parish to join them. They will meet in the hall after the 10:00 AM Mass and carol until 1:00 PM.

**RESEARCH** – The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesan-wide research initiative to help shape our communications strategies. Hiron, an Indianapolis-based communications firm, will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. For questions or participation information, please contact [research@archindy.org](mailto:research@archindy.org).

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, November 29, 6:45 PM.

**JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, December 3, at 8:30 AM.

**EXTRA DISHES** – Are you missing your favorite pie pan, bowl, or serving dish? We have accumulated a lot of extra dishes from past smorgasbords. Please stop in the hall sometime soon and check it out!

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The Sanctuary Light list has many openings. The cost is \$5, and it will burn for the week in memory of a loved one. You can put the money in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Light" with the name of the person you wish to remember.



**4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

December 2 – Brian Horan, Eric Busch  
December 9 – Paul Simon, Ken Harmeyer  
December 16 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner  
December 23 – Steve Gilland, Ken Hellmich  
December 30 – Gary Wagner, Eric Busch

**10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

December 3 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
George and Mary Bultman  
December 10 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide  
December 17 – Paul and Arlene Gehl, Kevin Tunny  
December 24 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
December 31 – Paul and Arlene Gehl, Kevin Tunny

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS GREETERS**

4:00 PM – George & Mary Bultman, Steve Gilland

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS GREETERS**

10:00 AM – Paul and Arlene Gehl, Kevin Tunny

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Mary McCoy and her Committee #12 will be cleaning church for the month of December. Thank you, ladies, for your service!

**PICKPOCKETS** – We will not have pickpockets the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, but they will be at both entrances of church the next weekend.

**SICK AND SHUT-INS** – During the holiday season, please remember in prayer our shut-ins and those who have been ill: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Lou Wolter, Sue Tunny, Eileen Wagner, David Meister, and Mary Busch.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Headline in a newspaper: "20-YEAR FRIENDSHIP ENDS AT ALTAR." (The Joyful Noiseletter)

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
No Jr. High/High School Religious Ed Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall No Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM <b>175th Anniversary Mass - 10:00 AM</b> with Archbishop Thompson Catered Meal Following Mass		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8:00 AM Mass at St. John 9:00 AM Holy Hour 10:00 AM Mass at St. Maurice 6:00 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Pickpockets
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Pickpockets Caroling After Mass		FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Bambinelli Blessing
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Mass - 10:00 AM Bambinelli Blessing		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT No Religious Ed Mass - 10:00 AM Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 PM	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  Christmas Mass 10:00 AM	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	No Elementary Religious Education Classes	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS		Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b> For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.	
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY No Religious Ed Mass - 10:00 AM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  9:00 AM Mass at St. John		No Elementary Religious Education Classes			