

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
November 22, 2020**

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**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**



*The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking*

*and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.*

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

In ancient times, oriental monarchs visited their principalities (theophany), so the divine King appears in His city, the Church; from its sacred precincts. He casts His glance over all the world.... On the final feast of the Christmas cycle, the Presentation in the Temple, holy Church meets her royal Bridegroom with virginal love: "Adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, and receive Christ your King!" The burden of the Christmas cycle may be summed up in these words: Christ the King establishes His Kingdom of light upon earth!

*In courtesy of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas*



**From Fr. Vincent's Desk:**

**Thanksgiving Day**

On this Thanksgiving Day, I would like to thank all our parish members of both parishes who have been continually supporting us in prayer and with regard to stewardship. Many have reach out in different ways to volunteer and ensure that some few activities in the parish are moving on. Since our parishes re-opened for Mass, a good number of people have stepped up to help such as music canters, organists, guitarist, ushers, EMHC, lectors, CCD volunteer teachers, RCIA team leader volunteers, among many others. It is a challenging time to everyone but let's keep on supporting our parishes until our lives go back to normalcy. I just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and my payers on Thanksgiving Day. For those who are sick with the virus, I wish you a good recovery and if you lost a family member, relatives or a friend due to this pandemic, stay strong and the soul of your beloved ones are in my prayers during this month of November. Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Fr.'s Desk continued on the next column.....

**New updated DHM guidelines on Covid-19**

The Department of Health & Human Services has updated the guidelines again as from Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For details, check on the DHHS website or copies are available on tables in the back of our churches. We will continue to attend Mass as we have done with every other pew closed and families to keep a distance of 6 feet from each other. I'm emphasizing please wear a mask. It is not a requirement but it helps. If you are not comfortable in attending Mass in person, please feel free to stay at home and follow Saturday's Mass on Facebook. Do what is safer for you.

**Updates on Archbishop's Annual Appeal:** Stewardship is opening our hearts, hands, and availability to others. It means being present and willing to listen and give our time and our love to our neighbors and fellow parishioners. In doing this, we serve Christ.

I again ask you to take the Holy Spirit up on the gifts that are being offered to you. Your gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal strengthen our parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!

**Adult Mass servers Needed!**

I'm in need of adult volunteer Mass servers on Sundays and during Funeral Masses in Beemer and Wisner. I welcome any gender. This will be easy for people who ever served mass while young in those days but I welcome also new ones who want to learn to help just with the basics. We have enough vestments to use. All volunteer Mass servers will wear masks during the Mass since we get so close to each other occasionally. Contact me if you are willing.



**Let's Learn About Mass Corner: Why do we do that?**

**Penitential Rite, Gloria.** All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to gather us together into a worshiping assembly. They are like introductory parts meant to prepare us for the real thing. Sometimes we are asked to pause and recall our common need for salvation (*the Penitential Rite- this where we pause briefly when the priest ask that we recollect our sins before we continue with the Mass*). This short penitential rite should not be taken as a replacement of confession. The sins forgiven here are usually venial (small sins). It is a way of reconciling with God before we enter into major communication with him. The is why the pause is usually brief. We will still need to go confession for mortal (deliberate with full knowledge) sins.

Sometimes the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest" is sung or recited at this point. The "Gloria" has been a part of the Mass since about the sixth century! These longer hymns and responses are found in the missalette at our seat. In week day Masses, we don't sing Gloria because it is low Mass (not a big celebration like Sunday or major Feast days). We also don't sing glory during Lent and advent because, we are usually in the mood of waiting for a big celebration as with Easter or Christmas. An easy way to understand is like we don't cut the main cake in a wedding celebration before the wedding couple arrives at the reception hall. We wait patiently and sometimes anxious to see the guest of honor.

**Opening Prayer.** At the close of this first part of the Mass the priest will ask us to join our minds in prayer, and after a few moments of silence he will collect our intentions into one prayer to which we all respond "Amen," a Hebrew word for "So be it." *Next week I will talk about part 2 on Story telling i.e.: the 3 readings, homily and the Universal prayers.*

**Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer**

**Weekend of November 28th & 29th**

**WORD:** Renae Carlson, Tom Peatrowsky  
**EMHC:** Gerald Schlickbernd, Susan Niewohner  
 Brenda Anderson, Ann Bausch  
**USHER:** Melvin Niewohner, Gerald Gentrup  
**PRAISE:** Betty Guenther, Rosie McNamara

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—November 15, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$590.00
Plate:	27.00
Thanksgiving:	750.00
GA/CC	500.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$1,867.00</b>

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** at Holy Cross again this year. Please bring non-perishable food or paper and health products to Thanksgiving Mass Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. or the weekend after. Please, no outdated or opened items.

**HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY:** We have cancelled meetings for December. Baskets will be in the back of church for the Jesus Baby Shower, used eye glasses and postage stamps. The baby items go to Birthright in Norfolk. There also will be no Bingo at Colonial Haven.

**FROZEN TURKEYS & HAMS** will be accepted until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please put them in the basement freezer.

**THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** is at the entrance of Holy Cross. Please write the names of all those who have died whom we will pray for during the month of November. Your All Souls envelope or the parish ones available can be used to request a Mass for your loved one if you wish. Usual stipend is \$10.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS**

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

There will be an early deadline the week of November 23rd. Please have all announcements emailed to the parish office **by 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 24th for the bulletin week-end of November 28th & 29th.**

**THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE**  
**St. Joseph & Holy Cross**

Wednesday, Nov. 25th—NO morning Mass at Holy Cross  
 Wednesday, Nov. 25th—5:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross  
 Thursday, Nov. 26th—9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	23	NO MASS	—	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tue	24	9:15 AM <b>By Zoom</b>	WCC	Wisner Care Center Residents Mass by zoom only
Wed	25	— AM	HC	<b>NO Morning Mass</b>
Wed	25	5:30 PM	HC	Thanksgiving Day Mass +Lorenz & Elizabeth Ruskamp
Thu	26	8:00 AM	SJ	Thanksgiving Day Mass + Marie Woerdemann
Fri	27	8:00 AM	HC	+ Odelia Steffensmeier
Sat	28	5:00 PM	HC	+ Mac Seeman
Sun	29	8:30 AM	HC	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
Sun	29	10:00 AM	SJ	+ JoAnn Wagey

SJ—St. Joseph's                      HC—Holy Cross  
 WCC—Wisner Care Center      CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer

**Fr. will live stream only the 5:00 Saturday Mass  
 via both Facebook pages...**

St. Joseph—"Joseph Wisner"  
 Holy Cross—"Holy Cross Catholic Church—Beemer"

**Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner**

**Thanksgiving Mass: Thursday, Nov. 26th, 9:00 am**

**LEC:** Alan Harms  
**EMHC:** Sally Harms  
**USHER:** Men's November Work Group

**Weekend of November 29th**

**LEC:** Dave McGuire  
**EMHC:** Capri McGuire  
**USHER:** November Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—November 15, 2020	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,065.00
Plate:	106.00
Heating/AC:	100.00
World Mission:	10.00

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—November 2020**

**Chair:** Mitch Schweers  
**Co-Chair:** Steve McGuire  
**Members:** Jack Godbersen, Arvid Hass, Matt McGuire, Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, David Dinklage, Zach Andersen

**MEN'S WORK GROUP—December 2020**

**Chair:** Tom Feller  
**Co-Chair:** Jordan Feller  
**Members:** Tim Montgomery, Rick Jacobs, Chet Beckmann, Randy Jensen, Dave McGuire

DON'T FORGET!

**HAMBURGER FEED...TODAY!**  
 Please join the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Guild: **Sunday, November 22, 2020**, from 11:00am—1:00 pm. TAKE OUT ONLY and will be served from the church basement. The meal will consist of a grilled hamburger, chips, cookies and a bottle of water for \$6.00. Extra hamburgers will be \$2.00 each. Proceeds to go toward the renovation of St. Joseph's church basement.

**ST JOSEPH PARISH—POINSETTIAS**  
 If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Christmas Season in memory of a loved one(s), the sign up sheet and envelope are in the back of the church. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, or mail it to the church at PO Box 623. Be sure to include the name of your loved one(s) and \$20 for each Poinsettia.  
 Thank you! St Joseph Environment Committee



**TREE OF LOVE...**

For Wisner Care Center Residents. Lists are available at Citizens, Pinnacle & Midwest Bank in Wisner. Wrapped gifts along with the tag from the tree, should be returned to the Care Center no later than December 7th.

**Religious Education**

**ST. JOSEPH – GRADES K-6**

- Kindergarten learned that our 5 senses are gifts from God and discussed how they use them in the world and at Mass. The 5th graded discussed advent and how to prepare for it.
- **This week:** Nov. 25th - No class - Thanksgiving break.

**ST. JOSEPH & HOLY CROSS (GRADES 7 -12)**

**Grades 7th & 8th:** We finished our lesson on Virtue & Vice and how God's grace helps us overcome our vices. We ended with prayer. Please attend Mass if possible.

**Grades 9th-12th:**

- The lesson was on Thanksgiving and how it is right and just, plus our duty and salvation to always and everywhere give God thanks. In Mass we give thanks to God. We rarely appreciate what we have until it is gone so we need to be thankful for that we have.
- **This week:** Nov. 25th - No class - Thanksgiving break.