



November 26, 2017 Solemnity of Christ the King

This past Saturday, we had the Final Session of our Diocesan Synod during which the official members of the Synod voted to accept the various declarations and statutes that will set the direction for our diocese for years to come.

As you know by now, the central thrust of the Synod has been to invite the faithful of our diocese to a more committed life of discipleship and stewardship. Of all the words written in the Synod documents, I find the following to be one of the most powerful lines: Disciples are those who “make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves.” (*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1992).

I find it very fitting for the closing of our Synod to take place on Christ the King Sunday, because making this commitment to live as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ means to let Him be the king of our lives. Being a disciple means letting ourselves be led by Christ the King, trusting that He knows the right path, that He will defend us, that He will protect us, and that He will provide for everything that we need.

Admittedly, this is a radical and slightly intimidating proposition. We enjoy our freedom and don’t particularly like being told how to live our lives or what to do with what we have. But our reluctance in this regard usually comes from a distorted understanding of the type of kingship that Christ wants to exercise over our lives. His kingship is one that, instead of taking our freedom, grants us a type of freedom that this world cannot offer. But Christ does not want to impose His authority, He wants each of us to make that “conscious, firm decision” to be His disciple. It’s not enough for the Synod to say that we are making this commitment as a diocese. Each of us needs to make that decision today, tomorrow, and every day until we enter into the fullness of His Kingdom in Heaven.

So, let each of us hear Christ asking us the question today and each day: “Will you let me be the King of your life?” Have no fear of what the cost of saying ‘yes’ might mean, but rather rejoice in the promise of the many blessings this kind and loving King has in store for His beloved disciples in this life and in the life to come.

Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Bob & Evelyn Goin, parents of Vicki Walker
Randy Bruso, parishioner
Joyce Hogan, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Tracy Medler, sister of Chuck Kuntzman
Tony Magro, Sr., father of Tony Magro Jr.
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Diane Bartlett, sister of Jeannette Waters
Adam Garrett, brother of Carrie Zucco
Evelyn James, cousin of Barbara Hattes
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Ray Roth Sr., father of Deacon Ray Roth
Jim Reiser, father of Kevin Reiser
Joanne O’Connor, sister of Ginger Rentschler
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Madeline Conant, friend of Laurie White
Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille

Ms. Patricia Kornfeld
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
217-321-1155

Breadline Sunday

Thank you for your support of the Breadline Sunday Program. With your generosity we are sending a check for \$555.00 to Catholic Charities for St. John’s Breadline.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

Saturday, November 25th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: David Brandist†)
 Prather Baptism

Sunday, November 26th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:10 a NO PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Deacon Ray
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)

Monday, November 27th
9:00 a Counting Team #4
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)
6:00 p The Bible Timeline

Tuesday, November 28th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, November 29th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p PSR

Thursday, November 30th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p RCIA
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 1st
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, December 2nd
8:30 a Confessions
9:00 a Mass (Int: Leonard Howard†)
10:00 a Decorating church for Advent
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Jim Waters†)
 Prather Baptism

Sunday, December 3rd
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Catholic War Veterans)
9:10 a PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calverts
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (93)	\$ 6,097.25	\$104,424.33
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 24,247.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (5)	\$ 153.00	\$ 5,747.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,980.00
Poor Fund	\$ 24.00	\$ 1,211.42
Children's Stewardship(0)	1.00	\$ 12.00
Justice & Hope (25)	\$ 939.41	\$ 1,136.41
Calvary Cemetery (4)	\$ 20.00	\$ 356.00
Children's Home (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Retired Religious (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	129	
Number of electronic contributions:	1	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 2nd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Maynerich, Scheufele, Williams

Lectors: S & I Long

Servers: A, J, J, Western

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, December 3rd – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert, Deacon Ray

Lectors: H & J Hendrickson

Servers: Delgado, McClintock, Zeidler

Hospitality: A & Z Dahlkamp, R & B Yong

Sunday, December 3rd – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, Fjelstul, Deacon Tom

Lectors: K Petty, Schudel

Servers: Deen, Marinelli, Toliver

Minister of Care: J & N Calvert

Hospitality: Fjelstul Family

CLOW: A & B Toliver

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nov. 26 – Dec. 3

Sunday:	EZ 34:11-12, 15-17	MT 25:31-46
	1COR 15:20-26, 28	LK 21:1-4
Monday:	DN 1:1-6, 8-20	LK 21:5-11
Tuesday:	DN 2:31-45	DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Wednesday:	DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	LK 21:12-19
Thursday:	ROM 10:9-18	MT 4:18-22
Friday:	DN 7:2-14	LK 21:29-33
Saturday:	DN 7:15-27	LK 21:34-36
Sunday:	IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64 ;2-7	1COR 1:3-9
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Volunteer for this week: Nov. 27th – Dec. 3rd:

Church Dusters: Laurie McWard

Recycling Vol. Nov.: Jan Catalano

Nov. Food Volunteer: Susan & Victoria Arnish

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, Dec. 3rd:

Lenna DeGroot

What is the First Saturday devotion and why is it?

Our Lady of Fatima asked Sr. Lucia (one of the 3 shepherd children she appeared to at Fatima, Portugal), multiple times to spread the First Saturday devotion, so that the faithful will “stand in the gap” by doing penance for sinners. When we stand in the gap, we make public witness, and we strive through that, and prayer, to help everyone love Mary, who always leads us closer to her Son. We also know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus; Jesus loves His mother. Honoring, Respecting, and Loving Jesus’ mother helps us to love the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There are 5 offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Saying/Declaring that Mary was not Immaculately Conceived;
2. Saying/Declaring that Mary was not perpetually a virgin;
3. Saying/Declaring that Mary is not the Mother of God, and/or saying that Mary is not the Mother of us all;
4. Publicly trying to influence children to be indifferent, reject, or even hate Mary;
5. Defacing or destroying images of Mary.

The 1st Saturday devotion is fulfilled by doing the following on the 1st Saturday of the month for 5 consecutive months:

1. Having the intent of consoling the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a spirit of apologizing for offenses against her;
2. Going to confession within 8 days before or after the 1st Saturday;
3. Receiving Holy Communion on the 1st Saturday;
4. Saying 5 decades of the Rosary;
5. Meditate on 5 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intent of keeping Our Lady company.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Thurs., Nov. 30 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA
Sat., Dec. 2 – 1:00 p.m. Sewnsews Potluck
Mon., Dec. 4 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
Wed., Dec 13 – noon Ladies Tea/Bunco
Thur., Dec. 14 6:30 p Mission Trip meeting
Tues., Dec. 19 7:00 p K of C meeting

PSR NEWS – November is the month we contribute **Soup** to the Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your Souper donation with you to PSR!

The **Saturday Sew-N-Sews** will meet for their



Christmas potluck on **Saturday, December 2nd at 12:30 p.m.** We will have a soup and salad lunch. Please feel free to join us, bring a dish to share and a project to work on....or

just come to visit!

Mission Trip meeting!

The next meeting for the 2018 Mission Trip will be held **Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.** Topics for discussion will be the next fundraiser and available seats for the trip. Your input is important so please plan to attend!

BUTTERBRAIDS, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas for Thanksgiving/Christmas

The Butter-braids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas have been delivered and are ready for pick-up in time for the holidays of Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. You can pick up your order after Mass, or during office hours. If you ordered from a Mission trip participant, your order will be delivered.

Note from Deacon Tom Re: CHRISTMAS FRIENDS



Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE “Thank You” to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success in years past due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. Parishioners will be able to adopt an individual to provide gifts/food within the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@stjude.dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to make this program a success. Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God’s Children Program to volunteer for the Christmas Friends Program.

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:

Nov. 25/26 – Adoption Week #3
(Volunteers needed before and after each Mass)

Dec. 2/3 – Gift Drop-off Week #1
Dec. 9/10 – Gift Drop-off Week #2

Dec. 15 – 7:30 a.m. Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer & vehicles.
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick’s School to deliver gifts.
9:30 a.m. Aperion Care Center to deliver gifts.

Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope

This past weekend a second collection was taken for the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope. Because of your generous donations, we are sending \$1,136.41. God Bless you!

Ebenezer Scrooge: The Spirits of Christmas and Political Conversion is the name of a special Advent “Food & Faith” event on December 5th at 6:00 PM at the Chiara Center. Fr. Richard Chiola will demonstrate how Charles Dicken’s story *A Christmas Carol* is a wonderful example of the Catholic imagination at its best and how the story flows out of the Advent readings that we’ll be hearing over the next several weeks. The evening begins with a jolly welcome from several of Dicken’s characters who will usher guests to the great hall for a festive English dinner including the prized Tom Turkey, sage dressing, roasted chestnuts and plum pudding. The cost for the evening’s dinner & presentation is \$20.00. You can call in your reservations (by November 28th) or obtain directions to the Chiara Center by calling (217) 523-0901.

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Miranda Ernst Glenna Kulek <i>Scott & Meghan Melton</i>	2 Steven Decker Molly Knoepfle Charles Kuntzman III Raymond Rowden Laurie White <i>Russ & Jan Militello</i> <i>Frank & Linsay Stefano</i>
3 Kate Harris Alexandria Judy Gregory Long Bob McDermott <i>Jerry & Helena Lafferty</i>	4 Barbara Hattes Elizabeth Livengood Del Reeves	5 David Potter	6 Brenda Jeffers	7	8 Brett Callahan Ryan Fitzsimmons Andrew Gladson Lance Megginson Gina Siddens Donald Vanover Jim Woosley	9 Lindsay Alewelt Diane Arthur John Hogan Carla Houser
10 John Conlon Jared Cullen Megan Earheart Lincoln Schudel	11 Dawson Gladson Ruth Ann Helling Joseph Leonard Lane Megginson <i>James & Rita Owen</i>	12 Mayme Benson Alanna Gillespie Jonah Guerretaz <i>Jeffrey & Melissa Gass</i>	13 Jarod Altadonna Dan Connolly Holly Weitekamp Jude Wetherell	14 Debra Decker Anthony Livengood William Livengood Karter Reiss Ginger Rentschler Edna Saputo Emily Tweedt	15 Christina Marx Grace Winkler	16 Shannon Harrison Jessica Ingold <i>Charles & Dorothy</i> <i>Beeman</i> <i>David & Dawn Bruno</i>
17 James Cray Makenzie Dowding Gary Leach Hannah Matrisch Carmel Settles	18 David Lindstrom Courtney Ostrowski <i>Josh & Marie Bales</i> <i>Ronald & Karen Wojcicki</i>	19	20 Lauren Dambacher Karen Ramsey Kathleen Staley	21 Patrick Londrigan Isabel Long Briggett Rayhill Donald Rayhill <i>Eric & Anne Judy</i> <i>Richard & Judy Sprinkel</i>	22 Fiona Ostrowski Yolanda Saxbery	23 Jordan Cornett
24 Sue Martyn Nick Rollins	25 Vaida Keen	26 David Lacy Dan Thompson <i>Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski</i>	27 Josh Bales Denise Garceau Joseph Streder <i>John & Mary Fox</i>	28 Ryan Amerson Ayden Doehring <i>Carrie & Joe Ross</i>	29 Lori Bartolozzi	30 <i>Robert & Toni</i> <i>Langdon</i>
31 Leo Crawford Wendy Follin <i>Charles & Deona</i> <i>Kuntzman</i>						

SHG Placement Test for 8th Grade Students

All Area 8th Graders are invited to SHG on Saturday, December 9 from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. for the Placement Test for incoming freshmen. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Students should enter through the circle drive entrance at 1200 W. Washington St. and bring 2 #2 pencils and a \$10.00 testing fee. Calculators are allowed.

There will be a parent meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room where Tuition Manager, Becky Jones, and President, Sr. Katherine O’Connor, will be available to answer questions. For more information, call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595 ext. 126, or email phillips@shg.org.