

Hail, Christ Our King

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of all Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of all Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The Gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects his flock with his life, a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat, divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a

vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

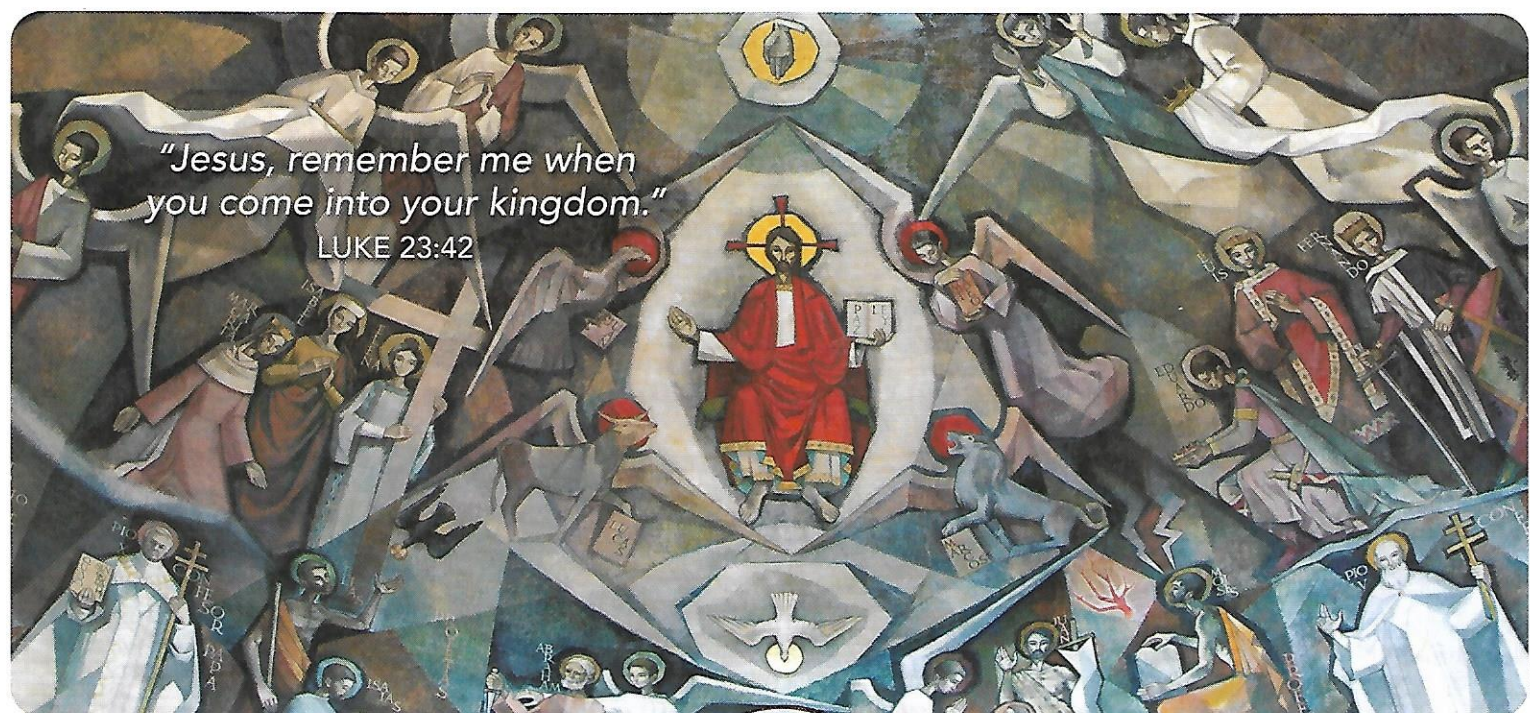
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Editor's note: This is Sr. Dianne Bergant's final reflection for *Our Parish Community*. She will continue to serve as professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. When a new liturgical cycle begins on November 27, 2022, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Fr. Joseph Juknialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.

FOR Reflection

- ★ Which image of Christ inspires you? Why?
- ★ What must you do to allow Christ to have sway in your life?



Dear Padre,

Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (CCC 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor...We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.

MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday

NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 27
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44



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NOVEMBER 20, 2022 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass Intentions



July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Monday, November 21st **No Mass - Montgomery City**
 Tuesday, November 22nd **No Mass - Montgomery City**
 Wednesday, November 23rd 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, November 24th 8:30 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 (Thanksgiving Day) **10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** +Fr. Paul Hartley
 Friday, November 25th **8:00 AM Mass - Mont. City** + Vincent &
 Delores Schimweg
 Saturday, November 26th **5:00 PM Mass - Mont. City** +Dianne Happe
 Sunday, November 27th 8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
10:00 AM Mass - Mont. City - Our Parish
 Family

Church & School Financial Report: **Income** **Expenses** **Difference**
October 2022 \$78,335.73 \$51,005.17 \$27,330.56
Fiscal Year July-June 2022-23 \$270,148.33 \$246,985.15 \$23,163.18
Needed Weekly - \$ 13,232.95
 November 6th - \$5,441.00-Church; \$6,431.00-ICS/Daycare; \$11,872.00 Total
 November 13th - \$4,464.27-Church; \$4,652.00-ICS/Daycare; \$9,116.27 Total
 November 20th -
 November 27th -

Last Week's Envelopes: 49

Thank you!! With God all things are possible!

(No Mass if there is a funeral at any of the two parishes)

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

To Become a Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

Liturgical Ministers for November 26th & 27th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Lector	Vicki Oden	Richard Schierhoff
Children's Liturgy	Not during Saturday Evening Mass	Dianne Talley
Communion Minister	Ruth Ann O'Keefe	Megan Hans
Ministers of Hospitality	Daryl & Nancy Cobb Bonnie Walker	Jeff & Amanda Arens Dave & Janet Cobb
Servers	Malorie Schulte Reed Pottebaum	Chase Queathem Leyla Beabout
Gift Bearers	Hospitality Ministers	Hospitality Ministers
Money Counters	Don & Sandy Oakes Judy Cobb	Megan Hans Steve Williams

Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church is:

Recognizing the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, may we embrace the spirituality of stewardship and avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationship with God.
 We pray to the Lord.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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Saturday, November 26th	5:00 PM Mass - Montgomery City
Sunday, November 27th	8:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg 10:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City (Rosary @ 9:30 AM)

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Monday, November 21st	7:00 PM - St. Vincent DePaul Mtg.
Tuesday, November 22nd	6:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
Wednesday, November 23rd	
Thursday, November 24th	
Friday, November 25th	
Saturday, November 26th	
Sunday, November 27th	



Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

*Mike & Vicki Oden - 31 years of marriage on November 23rd
Debbie & Walter Heidelberger - 43 yrs of marriage on Nov. 24th*

Additional Financial Information

Capital Improvements/Maintenance	\$	357.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Human Development	\$	290.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	100.00

(This is NOT included in Page 1 totals)

Grateful Living

The challenges, pressures, and many things on our schedules in our lives today often offer little opportunity for us to stop and reflect on our spirituality, our faith life. Small faith-sharing groups give us the time, the space, and the direction to reflect on our relationship with God and others; to reflect on how, through our time, talents and treasure, we can have an incredible impact in the lives of others and experience a life of purpose and meaning. Watch for more announcements about Grateful Living.

Pictorial Directory November 22nd & 23rd

Picture Day is here! We ask that you please arrive about 10 minutes before your appointment to complete paperwork for the parish update and for the photographers form. If for some reason you are unable to make your appointment, please contact Pat Korman at 636-359-0001. We did appreciate those who called last week so we could make other arrangements. If anyone has some time to assist in registration on Tuesday, November 22nd, it would be much appreciated.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on December 6th at 6:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the new Stewardship Model. Fr. Stephen Jones from the diocese will be there to explain the program and answer questions.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today we acknowledge that while leaders of nations in this world come and go, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is ruler over all people both now and forever. The idea to celebrate this feast was born out of a growing nationalism and secularism one hundred years ago. The world had just lived through the horrors of four years of war unprecedented in its spread over the whole world. This led to Pop Pius XI instituting this feast in 1925. Today we recognize Christ's preeminence and pray for the day when peace and goodwill forever overcome war and aggression.

Question of the Week

Who can I forgive this week, imitating the Lord's mercy, sowing the seeds of the kingdom, and bringing a sort of paradise to someone else's heart?

All Souls

In the month of November, we remember those who have passed away in the past year:



Diane Happe, Jim Walker, James Cochran, Sr., Lorraine (Punky) Boes, Fr. Paul Hartley, Ignatius Busken, Douglas Zerr, Jane Dorlac, and Valerie Readey Neudecker.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE NOTICE



The Social Concerns Commission will have the Christmas Giving Tree up starting November 12. Youth in Need (YIN) will take delivery of the gifts from Dec 2nd to Dec 9th. YIN is located next to Dominos Pizza and they are open from 7:45am to 3:15pm Tuesday thru Friday. The Montgomery County Christmas Club recommends each gift be in the range of \$25. Keep in mind that each child that we are helping has 3 ornaments on the tree, so you only need to buy one item per gift tag. If you would rather give a cash donation instead of shopping, please send Beth Roesner or Debbie Heidelberger the money by no later than December 4. When you return the gifts to YIN, please have the gifts wrapped and the ornament attached. The Social Concerns Commission and the Montgomery County Christmas Club thank all of you that participate in this program.

Immaculate Conception School News



November 21st- School in Session (Music Day)
November 22nd - Thanksgiving Feast
November 23rd-25th - Thanksgiving Break
November 29th-December 8th - ICS Book Fair
November 30th - Muffins with Mom @ 7am
December 1st - Prayer Partner Mass@ 10am & Luncheon

A BIG thank you to Jack Wells for installing new electrical outlets and various repairs throughout the school! We appreciate all that you do!

Thank you to the IC Quilters for the amazing candy treats for all of our students and daycare kiddos!



IC Scrip Program

Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another but there is no extra charge to you. A \$25 card costs you \$25. Why not let some of your money that you would spend anyway go to a good cause? There are a few ways to obtain the cards. You may purchase physical cards at the school or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. **You may also go online to www.RaiseRight.com to create an account to purchase e-cards, reload select cards, or place a large order for physical cards. If you have any questions, call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**

IC School Athletics



Seventh and Eighth Grade ICS students are eligible to participate in the public school 7th and 8th grade sports throughout the school year. Winter sports season has started. Kendra Rakers, Brody Rieke, Zander Beck and Max Angel – 7th graders and Emersyn Schroeder – 8th grade are on the Middle School basketball teams. Unless noted, all “Home” basketball games are at 6 p.m. at the R-II Middle School. You are welcome to attend the games to support the ICS students! The “Home” games for basketball are as follows - 7G (7th Grade Girls), 8G (8th Grade Girls), 7B (7th Grade Boys) - Nov. 21st - 7G/8G, Dec. 6th - 7G/8G, Dec. 7th - 8G/8B, Dec. 12th - 7B/8B, Dec. 13th - 7G/8G, Dec. 13th - 7B/8B @ MC Elementary, Dec. 15th - 7B/8B, Dec. 20th - 7G/8G @ MC Elementary.

THANK YOU for supporting the ICS Middle School athletes!



Advent Supplies Available at SSDP Gift Shop

Advent is fast approaching! The SVDP Gift Shop has advent wreaths and candles as well as a variety of ornaments reduced for sale and other Christmas items. Please stop by the gift shop after Mass and check it out!!! Contact Dianne Talley or Debbie Heidelberg for questions or assistance.



BAKE SALE

N.R.G. Packs, which provides weekend meals for students in need, will be having a BAKE SALE at the KC Hall – Christmas Craft and Gift Show on Saturday, Dec. 10th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you would like to donate any bake sale items for that Saturday, please contact Ruth Ann O’Keefe / 573-823-2676. Any baked items would be appreciated!

Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

November 26th - Sounds of Starkenburg Holiday Concert from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at St. Martin’s Church Museum, 197 Hwy P, Starkenburg. A Soup Supper and Christmas Market will be held in Valentine Hall from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Head Count for October

We want to let you know the weekly head count for each month of the year. Starting in September this count will be listed in the bulletin with a grand total at the end of each month.

November 1st - 69	
November 5th - 75	November 6th - 123
November 12th - 62	November 13th - 126
November 19th -	November 20th -
November 26th -	November 27th -

Grand Total for November -

Catholic Stewardship Appeal



For Catholic disciples, sacrificial giving is in our DNA. Other people’s sacrifices, offered in love, have allowed the Good News to be preached and taught to us and those who went before us. We are people of gratitude and will only reach the fullness of our identity when we put our thanks into action. Your gift to God through the Catholic Stewardship Appeal helps ensure for the present and the future a vibrant Catholic community which Gospel values are caught, taught and celebrated.

December Prayer Partner Mass

Prayer Partner Mass and Luncheon will be on Thursday, December 1st. It will start with **10:00 AM Mass** followed by lunch at Immaculate Conception School, ending around 12:00 PM. In order to get a head count for the preparation of lunch, please let Ruth Ann know if you will NOT be able to attend at (573) 826-2676. Thank you!

2022 No Hunger Holiday Donations



Please remember to drop off your donation of a turkey or cash for the Knight of Columbus 2022 No Hunger Holiday by Monday, November 21st at Bainbridge Insurance Office. Thank you for your kindness in helping the less fortunate!

Please Keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Dorothy Bowman, Mary Pettig, and Susie Ryan

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: Pat Klein, Nick Schneider, Lucille & Marvin Griesbauer, Pat Merz, Parker Calbreath (son of Chris & Stacy Calbreath), Al & Christine Barger, Marla Daniels, John Rybacki (father of Sue Beck), Kim Dryden, Christine Welter (niece of Kathy Holtz), and Matt Brumagin.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Steve (Hip) Hill, Noah Richard, Dylan Willis, and Daniel Lohmann.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



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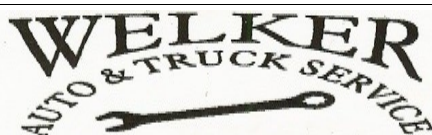
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brothers
and sisters,
rejoice!
Strive
for full
restoration,
encourage
one
another, be
of one mind,
live in
peace. And
the God of
love and
peace will
be with
you."**

2 Corinthians 11

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November 11, 2022

Message from Ms. Schroeder

Little Bit of Heaven was held on October 28. The kids really enjoyed learning about their selected saints. Their saint projects are on display in the hallways. It was FUN to see all the ICS students in their Halloween costumes. The students also had a blast on the Rooster's Farm field trip. Thank you to the parents and teachers that helped make this entire day possible. We appreciate all your hard work!

Parent/Teacher Conferences went amazingly well! Thank you to all the parents who attended on behalf of their child(ren). A positive partnership between home and school is a HUGE component of raising our children to become SAINTS!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the ICS Home & School Trivia Night. The night was a success for Home & School. Trivia Night brought in a little over \$13K for our students and school.

ICS Thanksgiving Feast will be held Tuesday, November 22, 2022. The classroom teachers will be sending out classroom sign-ups very soon. Please keep an eye out for them!

PK3-8th grade will have their Advent/Christmas Program on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Christmas parties will be held on December 22, 2022. Please mark your calendars!

Reminder to please attend the Home & School Meetings. The meetings are a perfect time for parents to be informed of upcoming events, policies, school and classroom information, etc. Please mark your calendars to attend. Our next meeting will be on December 7, 2022 at 6pm in the school cafeteria.

Important Dates:

Nov. 11- Veterans Day Program

Nov. 18- Stone Soup Program @ 9am

Nov. 21- School in Session
(Music Day)

Nov. 22- Thanksgiving Feast

Nov. 23-25- Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29-Dec. 8- ICS Book Fair

Nov. 30- Muffins with Mom @ 7am

Dec. 1- Prayer Partner Mass
@ 10am & Luncheon

Dec. 7- Home & Meeting Meeting
@ 6pm

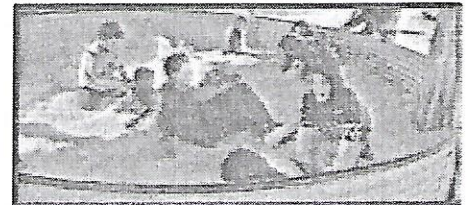
Dec. 19- School in Session
(PE & Art Day)

Advent/Christmas Program @
6pm at ICC

Dec. 22- Classroom Christmas
Parties, Noon Dismissal

Dec. 23- Jan. 3- Christmas Break

Jan. 4- School Resumes



Rooster's Farm Field Trip



Grandparents' Day



Little Bit of Heaven Party



Enjoying the
Nice Weather



Trivia Night