



# Assumption Catholic Church

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

**November 23, 2025**



*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the sovereign who rules all creation with unfailing love and perfect peace. Unlike earthly rulers who often govern through power, authority, or fear, Christ reigns from the throne of the Cross—offering forgiveness, mercy, and redemption. His kingdom is not marked by riches, armies, or earthly grandeur; rather, it is built upon the eternal foundations of love, justice, compassion, and hope. In Jesus, we encounter a new and radiant model of leadership—one that elevates the lowly, listens to the forgotten, and chooses humility over dominance. To proclaim Jesus as King of the Universe is to acknowledge that He is above all created things. The heavens and the earth, the vast galaxies and the smallest living creatures—all exist under His gentle providence. As our King, He knows the silent worries of our hearts, the burdens we carry, and the wounds we hide. He accompanies us through every valley of sorrow and rejoices with us on every mountain of gladness. His reign is not distant or abstract; it touches the intimate details of our daily lives, shaping us with grace and strengthening us with hope.

On this sacred feast, we are invited to place Christ at the very center of our lives. To follow Jesus as our King means choosing kindness over bitterness, forgiveness over resentment, and faithfulness over fear. It means allowing His love to flow through us—reaching those who are hurting, defending what is right and true, and becoming a source of peace for all we meet. As we honor Christ, the King of the Universe, our hearts lift in joyful expectation of the day when He will return in glory, fulfilling His promise of a kingdom of lasting peace and boundless joy. In that blessed moment, heaven and earth will be renewed by His love. Until that day comes, we walk in trust, guided by His wisdom and strengthened by His grace, living as citizens of His eternal kingdom. May Jesus Christ, our King, reign forever in our hearts and lead us ever closer to the heart of God.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

## Saint of the Week... St. Catherine of Alexandria

According to the legend of St. Catherine, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine of Alexandria touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. Catherine of Alexandria was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, invoked as a protector against sudden death.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day November 25



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schulle, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock\*, Barbara Willis.

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## Advent Prayer Exchange

You are invited to participate in our Advent Prayer Exchange! The steps are simple:

- 1) **Today**, fill out the card you received from the greeters with your own information and drop it in the offertory basket as you leave.
- 2) **Next weekend**, you will receive a card with someone else's name on it when you come to Mass.
- 3) **Throughout Advent**, pray for the special intentions of the person or family whose card you receive.
- 4) **Just before December 25**, send a Christmas card to the person or family you've been praying for to let them know who their prayer warrior has been!



## Dorothy Ann Raschella

Born into Life  
October 26, 1933

Born into Eternal Life  
November 10, 2025

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Dotty's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*



Fr. Thomas will offer the Anointing of the Sick to those dealing with chronic illness or impending surgery following both Masses this weekend.

## Happy Thanksgiving

Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving  
November 27 † 9 a.m.

*Please note there will be no Mass on Friday, November 28.*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 22	4:00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs .....	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Soul of Joan Roach .....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		The Demasi Family .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, November 23	8:30 am	Souls of Robert & Kay Fazzalore .....	The Fazzalore Family
		Soul of Todd Myers .....	Jeff & Kelley Kuhn
Monday, November 24	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 25	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 26	5:00 pm	Soul of Joan Roach .....	Linda Marsh
		Intentions of Marion Dorsey .....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Thursday, November 27	9:00 am	Souls of Elgie & Joe Kazlo.....	René Trezise
Friday, November 28	No Mass		
Saturday, November 29	4:00 pm	Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley .....	Anonymous
		Soul of Fred Selders.....	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, November 30	8:30 am	Soul of Michael Mayolo .....	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Willard Burnett.....	Assumption Choir
		Intentions of Doug & Jane Placka .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.





**Parish Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**10:15 am – St. Mary's Hall**

Join us on Sunday, December 14 for our second annual parish Christmas brunch! The catered meal will include a variety of delicious brunch and beverage selections. Cost is \$15 for adults; CCD students are free, compliments of the parish.

Please sign up in the Vestibule or call/email the Parish Office by Sunday, December 7. Cash or check (payable to Assumption Parish) can be dropped in the offertory basket or in person at the Parish Office. Please pay when you sign up.

Hosted by the Assumption Ladies Guild



**Ladies Guild Bake Sale**  
 Stop by St. Mary's Hall after both Masses this weekend!

**Memorial Candles**

Those parishioners who have had memorial candles displayed this month can pick those up after Mass this weekend so that you can include them in your Thanksgiving celebrations.

**Advent Candle Lighters Needed**

Next Sunday, November 30 is the First Sunday of Advent! As you know, we invite families to light the Advent candles at the beginning of each weekend Mass during the season. We will be reaching out to schedule families this week.

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, November 29**

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
 Servers: Sue Harber & Paul Bogdan  
 EMs: John Gustafson, Mary Wagoner (c), Bill Lupis (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: TBD

**Sunday, November 30**

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
 Cantor: Patrick George  
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

**Saturday, December 6 (Knight's Mass)**

Lector: Doug Minnich  
 Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan  
 EMs: Mike Landis, John Gustafson (c), Alan Taylor (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

**Sunday, December 7**

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
 EMs: Rosie Landis, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)  
 Cantor: Patrick George  
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

**Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

November 27 Pam Williams  
 December 6 Jean Harber

**ATTENTION LECTORS**

The 2026 Workbooks for Lectors have arrived. You can pick up your copy in the Vestibule. Our continued thanks to each of you for proclaiming God's Word in our parish!

*Your Faithful Stewardship*

**November 15-16, 2025**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,534
Loose Donations .....	\$1,071
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$115
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,720</b>

**Attendance**

Saturday, 11/15.....	72
Sunday, 11/16.....	147
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>219</b>

**Diocesan Collection**

A special collection is being taken this weekend to support the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, the mother church of our diocese. A separate basket is available for this appeal.

*thankful ♡ grateful ♡ blessed*