

CHRIST THE KING

CRISTO REY

November 20, 2022

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am talking about the kingdom of God on these three Sundays. I spoke about eternal life, the kingdom of God does not belong to this world, and God's second coming will end this world. Today's readings help us to understand the idea of God's messianic kingdom; I think this is the main point of the word kingdom. Catholics believe that Jesus is King in this kingdom that will be ruled by God's appointed Messiah.

In the second book of Samuel, we heard, “‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’ When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him King of Israel.” Many years before Jesus came, the people of Israel had this idea about God's appointed Messiah. Nowadays, the image and the concept of a King are very different! Jesus gave us a beautiful way to rule the world, and our church understood this role and considered this role every time we celebrate a baptism. The kingly office of Christ is evident in the threefold offices: Christ is a prophet, priest, and King.

In our second letter from Saint Paul, we heard, “He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.” Jesus' kingship is not something that remains in the future. Christ is King right this minute. He is in the seat of the highest cosmic authority. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to God's anointed. Jesus brought to humanity the needed light and the love of his Father. Now, we can walk in His light and show the world that God is good and everybody is invited to come to his kingdom.

Around the whole world, our Catholic Church is celebrating the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I read in the scripture reflection and commentary, *Living the Word*, “The Glory of Jesus Christ, our King, isn't something we merely sit back and admire. It envelops us, and its majesty transforms us until we become Christ-like through its presence and power.” On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, many tongues will sing, “Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler, Christ Jesus Lord, and Redeemer.” This solemnity lifts us to the majestic, toward the awesomeness of our God.

I would like to invite you to remember that we are called to make the invisible kingdom of Jesus visible by how we live in this world. If Jesus is our King, we need to bear witness in our jobs, our families, our schools, and even our checkbooks because God is going to be manifest by how we live as citizens of heaven and subjects of the King.

— Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez



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Mission Statement

“We are a welcoming spiritual home
that provides community and personal growth
through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of
God and a call to His service.”

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SJ Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM St. Joseph

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 AM St. Raphael
 Thursday, Friday 11:00 AM St. Joseph
 Saturday4:00 PM St. Joseph
 Saturday6:30 PM St. Raphael
 Sunday 9:00 AM St. Raphael
 Sunday 11:00 AM St. Joseph
 1st Sunday | Bilingual..... 11:00 AM St. Joseph
 Sunday (Spanish).....5:00 PM St. Joseph

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday3:30 PM St. Joseph
 Sunday 8:30 AM St. Raphael
 Also Offered During Adoration or By Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the pastor for further information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

Mass & Ministry Schedule

St. Joseph

Saturday, November 26, 4:00 PM

Lector **Volunteer Needed**
 Body of Christ Beverly Knoche
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Server **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, November 27, 11:00 AM

Lector Linda Showalter
 Body of Christ Dan Long
 *Blood of Christ (2) Maria Somsel, **+1 Volunteer**
 Altar Server Cheryl Showalter

St. Raphael

Saturday, November 26, 6:30 PM

Lector Carlina Breitner
 Body of Christ **Volunteer Needed**
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Servers Emily Fouchey

Sunday, November 27, 9:00 AM

Lector Steve Grumley
 Body of Christ Gabby Crandell
 *Blood of Christ (2) **Volunteers Needed**
 Altar Servers Maria Saul, Rose Clous

***EMsHC Note:** Deacon will be one of the ministers of the cup when he is assisting at Mass.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tuesday, November 22nd

10:00 AM Adoration followed by 11AM Mass St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Jose Acosta (Fernanda Acosta) Mass St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 23rd

11:00 AM Mass St. Raphael

Thursday, November 24th | Thanksgiving

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving St. Joseph

Friday, November 25th

No Mass St. Joseph

Saturday, November 26th

4:00 PM †Gino Nacco (Beth Klajda) St. Joseph
 6:30 PM †Peter & Marie Wasylzyn (Clair & Gerry Kastl) St. Raphael

Sunday, November 27th

8:00 AM TV Mass for the Homebound Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)
 9:00 AM †Jose Acosta (Fernanda Acosta) St. Raphael
 11:00 AM †Ed Bielat (SJ Ladies Guild) St. Joseph
 5:00 PM Spanish Mass St. Joseph

**Please note the Spanish mass time is subject to change on Sundays.*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all service personnel and first responders who are and have served our country.

Pvt. 1st Class, Andre Brown, Army	Jay Long, Air Force
Sgt. Gabe Caldwell, Army	Mike Meyers, Air Force
SSgt Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF	Adam O'Neill, Army
SSgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF	Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army
Mark J. Deban, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN	Capt. Karina Pierce, Army
2 Lt. Daniel J. Deban, Engineer, MIARNG	Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Navy
Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army	Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF
Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army	Hunter Scoggins, Army
2nd Lt. Connor Fitzpatrick, Army	Austin Soller, Navy
Olivia Fouchey, USAF	Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Army
Charles Fouchey V, Army, NG	Daniel Tanner, Navy
Aaron Logan, US Border Patrol	Trevor Tomkinson, Marine
Lt. Col. Christi Logan, USAF	Capt. Kent Turner, Army
Capt. Matthew Logan, Firefighter EMT	Yeoman John Tucker, CG
	Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG

Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, those who are in the Medical Care, adult foster care homes, and those who are ill including:

June Bartlett	Michele Gillaspie	Lisa Milliron
Gary Bentley	Don Gurn	Dale Moody
Dennis & Janice Berben	Pat Gurn	Nielsen Family
Colette Bernard	Sarah Harris	James Oliver
Rev George Bernard CSC	William Hogarth	Becky Petersen
James Bernard	Addy Hollifield	Judy Pendygraft
Kyleigh Borah	Tammy Holmes	Reed Family
Carlina Breitner	Dennis Humphrey	Rich Russell
Ned Brown	Nancy Kuczynski	Randy & Peaches Sanovic
Sharon Burkl	Stephen Kuczynski	Kelli Sattler
Anna Charlich	Joyce LaFleur	Bob Saul
Jayne LaFleur Daley	Ryan LaHaie	Peyton Scheda
Mark Dagnall	Tami Laurent	Chad Schualer
Dennis Daldine	Nancy LaVegue & Family	Maria Somsel
Karen Daldine	Joseph Lizon	Larry St. Onge
Martha Dirksen	Marilyn & William Lotz	Mary Steen
Christine Eckhout	George Macko	Jane Sweet
Blake Elmer	John David Martuch	Jack Sysko
Frank English	Mary Ellen Martuch	Kay Thompson
Mary Evans	Tammy May	Eleanor Wall
Erik Florit	Julie Miller	Donna Wallace
Norma & Arnold Fraley	Kelly Miller	Tom Wasco
Ken Franklin	Olivia Miller	Gordon & Frieda Wilson

Day of Fasting & Prayer | November 18, 2022

A voluntary (not obligatory) day of fasting and prayer in the reparation for sins against the Fifth Commandment (Thou shalt not Kill) will take place in the Diocese of Gaylord on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. In our Catholic tradition, every Friday is a remembrance of the day our Lord suffered and died for our sins. In solidarity with our Lord's cross, Bishop Walsh invites the faithful to offer a voluntary fast and prayers to "make up for what is lacking" in the Lord's suffering (Col.1:24). In particular, the passing of Proposal 3, which will enshrine an artificial "right" to abortion in the Michigan State Constitution, cries out for reparation. Fasting from a favorite food or snack and offering a devotion like the rosary or divine mercy chaplet, or ideally going to daily Friday Mass, will unite us to God in His promise that we will have life and have it to the full.

Stewardship by the Book

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

Vocation View

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honor, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim His Good News? It must be YOU!

Stewardship Reflections

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

Food Drive for Casman Academy Students

The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild is collecting items to help provide food for the many needy students of Casman Academy which is located in Manistee. This project will help the academy's backpack program provide items during the winter months. No child should go hungry! Through November, items may be brought to St. Joseph Church and placed in the marked boxes in the church vestibule. Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity!

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.

For each one, we are grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

Amen.

Did You Know...?

In the SJ Office, we have a large variety of Bible study materials and DVD's available to borrow, and some programs include a companion workbook. We also have many audio CD's about saints, the Church, and special interests. Please feel free to "check them out!"

Wait! Before you leave...

Before you head out of town for warmer climates, please make sure we have your current address, and/or email so that you can stay up-to-date on the happenings here at our parishes (as I am hoping you'll want to stay in the loop!)

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 21st

Canceled Stained Glass Ministry St. Joseph

Tuesday, November 22nd

11 AM Dominican Assoc. Mtg St. Raphael

6:00 PM Faith Formation..... St. Joseph

6:00 PM RCIA St. Raphael

Wednesday, November 23rd

9:00 AM Bible Study of James St. Raphael

Thursday, November 24th | Thanksgiving

Office Closed | Staff Off

Friday, November 25th

Office Closed | Staff Off

Celebrating Birthdays

11/27 Caroline King, Beverly Knoche,
Elizabeth Sidor

Council of Catholic Women

Christmas Luncheon

St. Raphael Council of Catholic Women's Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, at Noon, at the Platte River Inn. All ladies of the parish are invited to join the fun and festivities. We ask each lady to please bring a \$10 gift exchange, a wrapped white elephant gift, and lots of quarters. Sound like fun? It will be, so please join us! RSVP to Viva Kastl at 231.885.2295, by Wednesday November 30th.

With Deepest Sympathy

It is with our deepest sympathy that we announce the sudden passing of Elmer Kolarik, of St. Raphael of Copemish. Elmer was a faith-filled man who generously gave of his time to help, especially in our parish and community food pantry. His presence will be greatly missed. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. At this time, we do not have any further details to share.

Eternal rest grant unto Elmer, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you so very much for your giving of time, talent and treasure to our parishes.

It is greatly appreciated!

St. Joseph

Envelope Offertory.....\$2005.00

Loose Offertory.....\$666.00

Mass Stipends\$88.00

Vigil Candles\$28.00

Building Fund.....\$50.00

Total.....\$2837.00

Food Pantry.....\$935.00

SJ Cemetery\$5.00

St. Raphael

Envelope Offertory.....\$1710.00

Loose Offertory.....\$486.00

Building Fund.....\$100.00

Total.....\$2296.00

Christmas Flowers\$70.00