OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 24, 2024 Mass Intentions

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November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:00AM+Anthony Alianiello, Birthday (Family) 10:00AM+John and Patricia Vargo (Family) 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM

November 25, Monday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr 12:00PM+ Bud Seidel (Weaver Family)

November 26, Tuesday, Weekday 12:00PM+Paul & Geraldine Rose (Kathleen Davies)

November 27, Wednesday, Weekday 12:00PM+Mildred Brady, Birthday (Joe and Dee Shellenberger)

November 28, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM Pro Popolo/ For the People

November 29, Friday, Weekday 12:00PM+Dan & Mariam Burns (Dave and Maureen Hanekamp)

November 30, Saturday, Saint Andrew, Apostle 12:00PM+Deb Capotosti, Birthday (Mother and Siblings) Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM+Sandy Cuomo, Birthday (Family)

December 1, First Sunday in Advent 8:00AM+Terry Smith (Randy and Paula Clemens) 10:00AM+Herbert Kutruff, Anniversary (Family) 5:00PM Pro Popolo/For the People Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church 11:30AM



We will have adoration on Wednesday, December 4th, from after the noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 P.M.

Stewardship Reflection

Today is our last Sunday in Ordinary Time for this liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, individualism, and increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of the feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, will and bodies.

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities. To see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives and to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, and the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy! After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home too. Christ the King!

Cathedral Christian Mothers Update

Thank You! A big thank you to all parishioners who recently supported your Cathedral Christian Mothers.

As a group of Cathedral women we are organized for the purpose of practicing works of charity. Thanks to your support, we have given parish children sacramental gifts from Baptist thru Confirmation and donated to many activities here at the Cathedral. Our group also has been an outreach for many of our home-bound parishioners. We have been connecting with those who can no longer join us in the celebration of Mass through holiday cards and flowers.

We need your help again. We are preparing a seasonal gift to be delivered the week of November 25th to any Cathedral parishioners who are homebound. If you know someone and would like us to visit them with this small token of the season, please contact any of the following Christian Mothers and we will add them to the existing list. Thank you. Carol Galioto-(814)327-4841, Mary Ann Bell (814)942-1016.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, November 17, 2024, \$ 9,377.02 Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

Basket Bingo Report

After having our final Basket Bingo committee meeting, we are pleased to announce that after all the bills were paid, the profit was \$17,208.83. We had 204 people in attendance. We also had 138 door prizes. Job well done by all that donated. We would like to thank our committee: Mary Ann Bell, Maryann Joyce Bistline, Paula Clemens, Paulette Farabaugh, Sherry Luke, Mary Lumadue, Paula Miller, Peggy McLucas, Lorie Eberwein, and Dallas Luke, Also, a BIG thank you to Lorraine Beck and Roberta Burns for their long hours they had put into this. We are looking forward to our next Basket Bingo, Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28th, 2025.

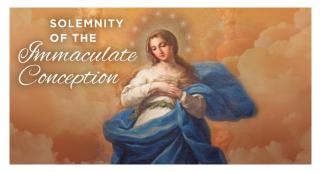
<u>The Bingo was so successful thanks to those</u> who attended, donated baskets, and our many business benefactors. Thank you ever so much!



St. Nicholas will be visiting Cathedral parish following our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 8th. He will also be visiting Our Lady of Fatima Parish following their 11:30 A.M. Mass.



Our parish has the entire exhibit of Eucharistic miracles prepared by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006). Portions of the exhibit are displayed in the side chapels of the cathedral.



This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred from Sunday, December 8, to Monday, December 9, and <u>is a holy</u> <u>day of obligation</u>.

Since all Masses on Sunday, December 8, must be of the Second Sunday of Advent, there can be no vigil Mass for the Solemnity.

On Monday, December 9, we will have Masses at the Cathedral at 8:00 A.M. and noon. There will be a 5:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.



You are encouraged to participate in our annual Thanksgiving Day Offertory Procession by bringing non-perishable food items to our 9:00 A.M. Mass on Thursday, November 28.

Our gifts will be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society for distribution to those in need.



This year we will be purchasing some large round tables for the cathedral's hall to complement our current supply of rectangular tables. There is also a need to replace the chairs in the Seton Suite. The current chairs were purchased in the 1970's. Any and all donations greatly appreciated.

You can contribute by using the envelopes available at our entrances or by going to iGIVECATHOLIC.org and typing in Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at the search tab.

Liturgical Ministers Schedules

The schedule and assignment of liturgical ministers will now be done by our parish office. Gratitude is extended to Gabrielle Cronin who has performed that ministry for many, many years.



PICTURES NEEDED FOR OUR PARADE FLOAT

We need pictures of our parish's families to attach to this year's Christmas float. You can bring your picture to our office and we'll make a colored copy of it. Thanks!



Our Calendar of Prizes is currently on sale. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket for a year's worth of opportunities to win cash prizes. Please be supportive. The tickets are available after weekend Masses and in the parish office.



Please pray that young people in today's culture will hear and respond to God's call. It is crucial that when God moves the heart of a young man to explore the priesthood, parents should be supportive.

We all need to do our part to encourage young people to consider the priesthood or consecrated life.

Our parish, along with other parishes, is forming a committee to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Recently, Maryann Bistline, Peggy McLucas, and Steve DeCriscio attended a diocesan workshop about this important topic.

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CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions. **CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM. By appointment, by texting or calling 814-937 8240 Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration **MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program. **DEVOTIONS:**

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of

Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

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Mass Times

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12. Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten thru 8. Grades 9-11 Sunday Evening at 6:15.

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Weekday: 12:00 Noon

Saturday: 12:00 Noon

