

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 † JESUS KING OF THE UNIVERSE

From The Pastor

The mystery of Divine Love and its essence is beyond our understanding. It can only be realized by faith through a maturing trust in the experience of being loved, forgiven, and fully received in Christ. As human creatures, we cannot do this on our own. We cannot reach God by ourselves. God must come to us. This means that God must first make the free choice to create, and then through love make the Divine presence known to all that is created. In our finite nature as the created we belong to and live under the infinite authority of the One who created us.

Today's feast offers us the image of God, given to the world through the Incarnation of Jesus as the Christ who saves us as King of the Universe. The Kingship of Jesus is different than any worldly kingship. Worldly kings hold power over others; some with justice and compassion, others through power and oppression. The Kingship of Jesus is different. The Kingship of God in Christ is not an authority over us, but with us and in us as we share the Divine nature and identity of the One who created us. The Kingship of Jesus comes through humble surrender to death on a Cross to save all that is created from death caused by the lie of evil and the disorder of sin. The Kingship of Jesus is one of love revealed in self-emptying surrender that accepts human death caused by suffering and humiliation of our sin.

Why? God as the essence of love is perfect humility and self-giving. Human weakness, caused by the blindness of sin, cannot fathom this mystery of surrender for the sake of unity in love. To understand the Almighty nature of God is to realize that God is the perfect giver of unlimited, unmerited, freely given self-surrender in Jesus. Divine love surrenders all for the sake of the beloved. This is the mystery and the truth revealed in the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus. He became all that we are, without sin, that we might share through him the Divine glory. 'He who did not know sin, became sin that we might share in the righteousness of God. I Cor. 5:21

The defeat of sin and death was not squeaked out like a last second field goal in a one-point victory. The power of Divine love consumes the lie of evil, sin, and death in the glorious Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Out of love, his dying and rising, through perfect surrender and self-giving, crushes the vanquished foe. Ours is to choose this victory as our own, allowing it to become our identity and nature in Christ here and hereafter.

God is patient. The fullness of this truth has not yet arrived. We are living in the in-between. We are

already saved in the singular act of redemption accomplished on the Cross. In the world and in our human nature we are working out our salvation day by day as we seek to live and act in the love Christ modeled for us.

This tension is effectively seen in today's gospel. The tension and the lie of sin is blind to the truth of love. "This is the judgment, the Light has come into the world, and the people loved darkness rather than the Light." Jn. 3:19. The mystery of Divine love is too much to accept against the power gained in sin over others. The religious leaders lie and manipulate the truth about Jesus because his power of love was beyond their capacity to control. In the mind of the world, they had too much to lose to allow the truth of Jesus to prevail. They allowed themselves to be deceived in sin and cast the same deception on the crowds turning them against Jesus.

The battle between evil, sin, and death is played out on the Cross. The victory is secure, but the event nonetheless must play out. Through the action of the Cross, the truth is revealed for all who are willing to see and accept it. This is seen in the two criminals on either side of Jesus. One sees truth and light, the other sees death in fear with a rebuke against a dying Savior.

With judgment and disdain, the one criminal rebukes Jesus as a fake. "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." Especially me. God cannot save God. God is in no need of being saved. God is not for or about the Divine self. God is totally about others, even within the Divine Trinity. The Father and the Spirit fully given through the Son.

The 'good' criminal sees innocence and the light of goodness in Jesus. He is drawn to Jesus, mindful of his crime and its rightful punishment. He sees peace in Jesus who freely surrenders and accepts the judgment of the Cross. In this frame, the Cross is an image of love and truth. With a humble and desperate heart for love, the man says: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Boom! Victory. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." This is the power and the promise of our humble King. Not a squeaked out, falling forward victory, but a consuming fire of Divine love that defeats evil, sin, and death. Jesus Christ is Our Lord and King of the Universe. If you find this hard to believe, sign up for a time to adore the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday's during Advent from 8:45am to 12:30pm. Let Jesus speak to your soul.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm



Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday
8:00am and Sunday 9:00am

One hour of Adoration on
Tuesday following
8am Mass

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-542-8720 Fax 248-542-8721
Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Friday - 9am to Noon - Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Business Manager/Spiritual Direction
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA) Coordinator
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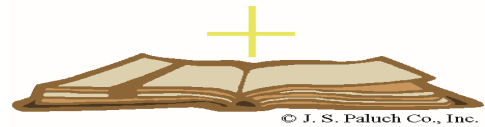
Faith Formation Office

**Hours: Monday thru Thursday Noon-3pm or
by appointment 248-398-1743**

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

**For information on Baptisms, RCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720**

Mass Intentions



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MONDAY, November 21, 2022

8:00am Mass: Jerry Gutowski† req. by Dolores Bail

TUESDAY, November 22, 2022

8:00am Mass: Deacon Xavier and Deacon Andy

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 2022

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy (Special Intention)
req. by Mom

THURSDAY, November 24, 2022 THANKSGIVING

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St Vincent Ferrer

FRIDAY, November 25, 2022

Wedding of Michael Kairis and Judy McCown

SATURDAY, November 26, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Susan Corrigan† req. by Nancy Sadowski

Donna Dietrich† req. by John & Jenny Dietrich

Genevieve Kairis† req. by Family

Robert Brunk† req. by Bill & Mary Beth Hochstetler

Donald Plotzka† req. by Barb & Girls

Peter Conway req. by Mom

SUNDAY, November 27, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Cathy McCarthy† req. by Corrine McCarthy

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Mike Higgins† req. by Mary Jane Guc

For deceased Religious Sisters, Brothers and Order
Priests that served in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Month
of
November

Pray for
the Dead



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 20, 2022



Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day
(suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

**VIRTUAL GIVING TREE
NOV. 26 TO DEC. 11**



The Giving Tree will be done virtually again this year. Online links to some items will be available beginning Saturday, Nov 26th. Find and order the requested items by going to the church website: www.stvincentferrer.net and click on the link for the Giving Tree. Items can be delivered directly to St. Vincent Ferrer Church 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI 48071. Another option is to purchase a gift card to one of the stores which the organizations have requested. Leave gift cards in the collection baskets in church or bring them to the Parish Office during business hours.

All items must be returned to the church by Dec 11th. Please allow enough shipping time for items to arrive at the Parish Office no later than December 12th.

Sanctum House

Provides housing, food, clothing, medical, dental, and psychological services to women who are victim survivors of human trafficking

Requesting: Cases of paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper, large containers of regular ground coffee, large containers of sugar, sweetener and powdered creamer, laundry detergent and dryer sheets, gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, Target & Kroger

Jail Outreach Ministry

Serves immediate needs of inmates and their families.

Requesting: \$25 gift cards to Meijer

Mary's Children Family Center

Provides a day program with academic, social, and recreational activities to persons with brain injuries, and intellectual and developmental disabilities

Requesting: gift cards to Kroger, Gordon Foods, Meijer, Michaels, Target, Walmart and Office Max

Pope Francis Center in Detroit

Provides meals, showers, laundry services, access to doctors, dentists, lawyers and housing providers for individuals experiencing homelessness

Requesting: thick socks, men's underwear medium to XL, men's long sleeve shirts L to 3XL, pajama tops and bottoms, hand warmers, toe warmers, hair oil, Vaseline, lotion, body wipes.

**RIGHT-TO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARD
NOVEMBER 19/20 & 26/27**



RTL Christmas Cards are available in the back of church.

← Pkg of 20 (5 x 7) are \$15.

Pkg of 10 (6.23 X 4.5) are \$7. →



FOOD PANTRY

For information on local food pantries, contact the SVF Parish Office at 248-542-8720



Monetary donations given at Thanksgiving Day Mass will go to support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

Marcus Tullius Cicero



The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th.

Fr. John and the staff of St. Vincent Ferrer wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

MEET OUR NEW PARISH NURSE



We are very fortunate to introduce our new parish nurse, Angela Maynard. Angela has been a nurse for many years, specializing in Oncology nursing. She has a Masters' Degree in nursing and has served as past president of the Metro Detroit Oncology Nursing Society. Angela will begin offering blood pressure checks on December 11, 2022 after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. A monthly schedule for these will be announced each month. She will also provide articles for the parish bulletin on a regular basis. Welcome, Angela. We are grateful for your service.


UNDERSTANDING YOUR GRIEF

Grief is a spiritual journey because it forces us to examine our beliefs and feelings about why we are here and what life means. God doesn't need you to be happy all the time. He wants us to trust his love, truth, and empathy. Be honest with Him and your friends about your emotions. Then you will be open to receive their comfort and grace. This is healthy faith and demonstrates real courage when we are vulnerable and hurting.

Open your heart to God and friends. Accept your feelings; be kind to yourself. You will feel a multitude of emotions. Be patient with yourself. Don't set timelines. You have the right to talk about your grief. Seek out others to listen or sit in silence with. Support groups are an option. Communicate what you need. Be tolerant of your physical being. You may feel fatigued. Let your Primary Care Person know what's going on so they can offer medical support as needed.

An additional intervention can be journaling. In your journey to healing, writing down your feelings, thoughts, and memories help this journey. "Blessed are those that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Angela Maynard RN BSN MSN Parish Nurse




Anointing of the Sick

NEXT SATURDAY


HEALING MASS - November 26th - 4:00pm

Fr John will administer the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer.




During the month of November, the Book of Life, remembering our beloved deceased will be displayed in church. In it, you will find the names of the deceased of our parish and those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer during the past year. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones for our remembrance.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE



To have names of deceased loved ones included in the Christmas bulletin, memorial flower envelopes must be returned by Monday, Dec 12th.

Pray for 

...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from economic hardship and from complications caused by catastrophic weather

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually and emotionally

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,
You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally in these difficult times. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen

VOCATION DINNER THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 10th - 5:30pm

Join us in celebrating Fr. John's 39 years as a priest with a vocation dinner and musical performance

Menu: appetizers, country baked chicken, London broil, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, veggies, relish tray, dessert and beverages

Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person
Tickets must be paid in advance at the Parish Office
Seating is limited.
No tickets sold at the door.

SVF will be hosting a one-friar musical about Fr. Solanus Casey - open to all

More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle

Saturday, December 10th at 7:00pm

Free Will offering - See details below

A One-Friar Musical, by Br. Al Mascia, OFM
 inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

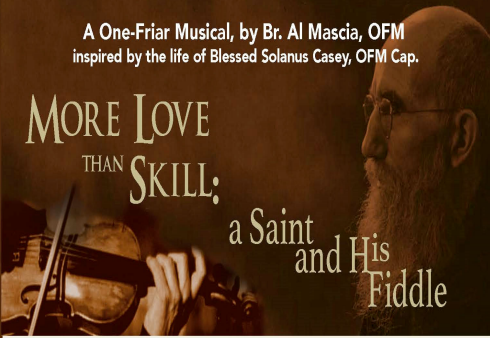
December 10th

More Love than Skill:
A Saint and his Fiddle

December 10, 2022
 7:00 PM
 Following Parish Social and Supper

Doors Open to the General Public at 6:30 PM

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI

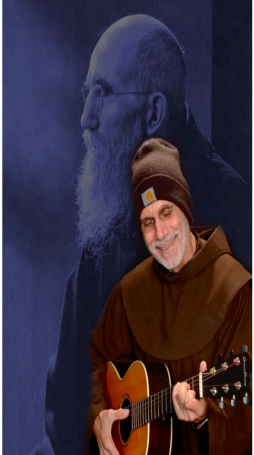


Blessed Solanus Casey is known for the miraculous healing powers of his prayers. But, he was also a musician! Some stories need to be sung!

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This one-man, one-act musical tells the story of Capuchin Franciscan Blessed Solanus Casey in a way he would surely approve of: through song and music!

More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle is the creation of Brother Al Mascia, OFM, a Franciscan Friar from another generation. Through original music and fiddle tunes that Casey would have known and played on his violin, Br. Al tells the story of a saint whose love of playing his instrument was often belittled. Although Br. Al has been a professional musician and singer-songwriter for many years, he had never picked up a violin. That is, until now!



No charge for admission (Donations welcome)
 www.BrotherAl.org 313-320-0548



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Pick up an Advent Reflection Booklets in the back of church today or at the parish office for a small donation. **God is Near: \$1.00 donation** **Advent & Christmas (Large Print): \$5.00 donation**

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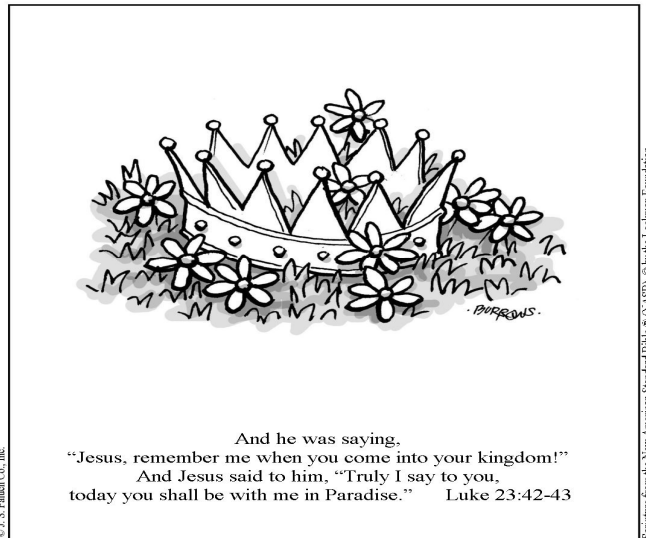
This past week we had a Parent Meeting with our religious education families where we discussed the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. The season of Advent is a time of joyful expectation for the coming of the Lord. We shared some ideas of ways to keep the season alive in our homes,

such as having an Advent wreath on our dining room tables, and lighting candles during meal times, or praying with a daily Advent meditation booklet. We are going to hold a "Carols & Catechism" event on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. Please save the date. The children from the religious education program will sing some Christmas Carols and we will listen to a Christmas reflection, followed by some cookies and hot chocolate. We hope you can join us!

Matthew Zinser, DRE

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, Nov. 26th - 9am

Faith Formation Office in School Building



No need to register, no cost involved. Join fellowship at any time. Come and see what God might want to say to you! Bring a friend or come and make new ones.

SAVE THE DATE



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with our Faith Formation Students

Monday, December 19th - 6:30pm

Please join us for Christmas Carols and a reflection on Christmas with our Faith Formation students, followed by a reception with hot chocolate and cookies.

**First Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Hope**

"We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first." St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Stan & Linda Yolkiewicz

Sunday, November 27, 2022

9:00am Mass: Kathy & Dennis Menard



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Ministry Schedule

November 26/27

Mass	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 9 am
Sacristan	T Riley	D Tourville
Reader #1	M Simmons	C McCarthy
Reader #2	T Riley	D Tourville
EME	P Miles	A Goll
	L Yolkiewicz	C McCarthy
	T Primeau	M Waskowski
Greeters	R Bertolini	D Vu
	P Miles	M Bessler
	Volunteer	P Rarus
	Volunteer	T Lane



Dear Fr. Esper and Staff of St. Vincent Ferrer,
 Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at St. Vincent's, our annual Halloween celebration was a huge success again this year! Our neighbors turned out faithfully to celebrate with us, with roughly 2,000 attendants again this year! The atmosphere was filled with laughter and fun. Here is a link to some pictures: <https://vwphotography54.pixieset.com/shmshalloween/> These pictures will hopefully give you a glimpse into the beautiful joy they brought to the hearts (and faces) of so many of our wonderful neighbors. Again, thank you so much for your generosity in making the day, week, or even year of so many of our young neighbors and for helping their parents and grandparents experience the joy of seeing them so excited! None of this could be possible without you and your kind support. Please keep us in your prayers as we do you.

God bless you,
 Ivan Alatorre, Theology II Seminarian



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

In what ways can I proclaim God's praise in the coming week?

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- Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Cecilia
- Wednesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
- Thursday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Excerpts from A Message from the Archbishop Regarding the Passage of Proposal 3 (Complete message at aod.org)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 We awake today to the news that Proposal 3 has passed, altering our state constitution to allow for unregulated and unsafe abortion on-demand in Michigan. As people of faith who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and His teachings, we are deeply saddened by this grave assault on the dignity and sanctity of unborn, innocent human life. We grieve for the many women who will continue to be harmed by abortion in our state...

I offer my deep felt gratitude to all who prayed, spread awareness, voted, and otherwise worked against this proposal; and I share in their sorrow at the outcome... We must pray and ask God for his mercy upon us for allowing this evil to happen in our state. **For this reason, I want to invite all the faithful to join me in the first two weeks of Advent, from November 27 to Dec. 9, in doing penance, giving alms, praying, and fasting. We must use these spiritual practices to make reparations for the great sin of abortion in our midst.**

We also renew our commitment to accompanying women and families in need, with greater resolve than ever... we must step forward with no judgment, open arms, and effective resources to help women reject the "solution" of death and empower them to choose life for their children.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we do this largely through **Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan...**, **Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN)...** and **Project Rachel**. For more information and to get involved in these ministries, visit aod.org/walking-with-moms-in-need and evangelicalcharity.org...

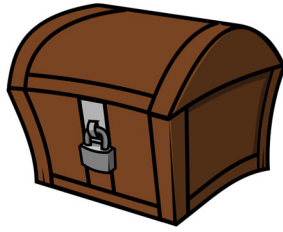
We will continue our efforts to build a culture of life in which abortion is unthinkable, all families receive the support they need, and the dignity of all people is recognized. We do this with confidence in the ultimate victory of Christ, whose resurrection to life has defeated the powers of death.

St. Gianna Molla, the patroness of mothers, physicians, and unborn children, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, who carried the Savior in her womb, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
 Archbishop of Detroit

Weekly Offering	
Offertory Env. Distributed & e-fund participants	723
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	92
Total Amount in Offertory Env. & e-funds rec'd	\$ 4,437.02
Loose Cash /Check Collection	80.00
Total	\$ 4,517.00
Budgeted Amount for Offertory	\$ 9,340.46
Energy	\$ 190.00

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

—James Field,
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**GOD DOESN'T WANT OUR DEEDS;
GOD WANTS THE LOVE THAT
PROMPTS THEM.**

—St. Teresa of Ávila

THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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Jesus conquered sin and death when he suffered and died on the cross. Because of this, the cross is an important symbol to us. See how many crosses you can count in this poster. Write that number in the heart. Color everything and hang this in your room.

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God's Word for Children

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Colossians 1:15–20 tells us about who Jesus is! Some of these things are written here. Carefully read and think about them. Then, inside the scroll, write each vowel (a, e, i, o, u) above the number of times it appears in these sentences.

He is the image of the invisible God.
He is before all things.
He is the head of the body.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

Most importantly...

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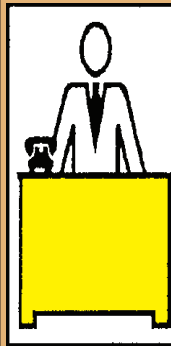
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