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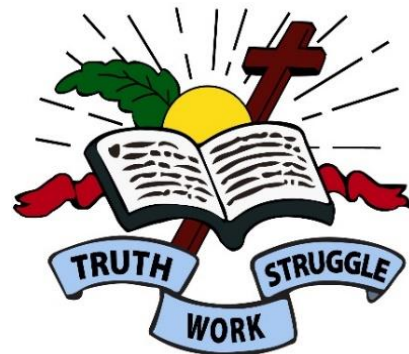
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Solemnity – Christ the King

A Festival Thought

We end this church year by rendering loving allegiance to the sovereign who created our hearts and who rules them in his love. Jesus Christ is the king before whom we bow in worship.

About Today's Bible Readings

DANIEL 7:13-14

In this ancient vision, a glorious figure receives dominion over the whole world, a reign that will last forever.

Responsorial Psalm: 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

REVELATION 1:5-8

A Christian prophet shares the message of his book: Jesus is Lord. He has saved us and deserves our grateful praise.

JOHN 18:33b-37

Before Pilate, Jesus reveals the true nature of his kingship. He rules, not my power but by truth.

ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29

V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Isaiah 43:15

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

**TODAY – November 21st
Solemnity – Christ the King**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – November 28th
First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – December 5th
Second Sunday of Advent
Confirmation and First Holy
Communion**

ONE MASS – 10:00AM

*Please join us in welcoming the
Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki*

ADVENT!

Next Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. It is also the start of a new church or liturgical year, Cycle "C" during which the Gospel readings each Sunday will primarily focus on the Gospel according to Saint Luke. Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are booklets on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and resolve to spend a few minutes each day in prayer and reflection so that you may truly appreciate God's great gift to His people, Eternal Life in the form of the Baby Jesus.

Christian Generosity

And let's not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to, please be a part of the Angel Tree Project to benefit the elderly or shut in of our community. The tree is set up in the fellowship hall. Please take a tag from it and fulfil the gift requested. Return the gift to the auxiliary office in the upstairs of the Annex and we will see that it gets to the appropriate individual.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman and Riley Rejniak.

Let us Pray: **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 21st; Monthly Parish Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, December 5th; Confirmation and First Holy Communion. One Mass at 10:00AM. Please join us to welcome The Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the PNCC, who will celebrate mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to Skye Sadowski. Scarlett Sadowski will receive First Holy Communion.

Monday, December 6th; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library.

Tuesday, December 7th; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, December 9th; The book club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. Since we are between books, this meeting will, once again, take the format of an Adult Forum or round table discussion hosted by Fr. Sr. Donald. Tonight's topic will be Penitential Services in preparation for Advent Penitential Services Saturday, December 11th.

Saturday, December 11th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00PM.

Sunday, December 12th; The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will meet in the library at 11:00 AM. All of the ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, December 12th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous Egg Sandwich Sales after each Mass. PLUS – a special guest appearance by St. Nick!

Saturday, December 18th; Parish Christmas Party – from 1:00PM until whenever. Refreshments, songs and other fun and exciting Christmas related revelry.

Friday, December 24th; Christmas Eve, Shepard's Mass – Pasterka at 12:00 Midnight.

Saturday, December 25th; Christmas Day, Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022; Saint Stephen's Annual Picnic returns! From 10:00AM until whenever at Saint Benedict's Picnic Grove in Mohnton. We have a band, a beer wagon and of course, great Polish Food. The picnic has been sorely missed the past few years by almost everyone, parishioner and non-parishioner alike so let's get behind the Picnic Committee and volunteer to help when the time comes in order to make the return of the Picnic a rousing success.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For the months of October, November and December all of the donations to the Little White Church will be used to help the less blessed of our community as the winter and holiday seasons come upon us. These donations will be used for heating assistance and other such necessities.