

November 20, 2016

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Solemnity



Jesus Remember Me

Jesus' innocence in dying converted the criminal who hung beside him; his death was the Good News that sinners longed to hear. Jesus' promise to the repentant criminal affirmed his identity as Messiah. In life, in death, and in life again, Jesus remains King of all ALL hearts.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Michelle & Walter Sanchez
in memory of Susie Magdaleno.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Alfons Vana
and Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Kram by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, November 21

6:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, November 26

6:30 p.m. Helen & Daniel Bohuslav

Sunday, November 27

6:30 a.m. Millie & August Darilek

9:30 a.m. Adolph C. Darilek

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Jerry Jochen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov. 21 - Community Thanksgiving Service

Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.



* As in the past we will gather in the Parish Hall after the Service for food and fellowship. Parishioners and society members may bring desserts and chips and dips. Sandwiches provided by the Catholic Daughters Court #2018.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m., Praha 8:30 a.m., Moulton

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

God, our Father, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. We have received generous gifts from your hand so that we may learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Open our hearts to concern for others so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This year, Cycle A, the St. Matthew's gospel is proclaimed. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

First Sunday: *The return of the Lord.*

Second Sunday: *John the Baptist, a call to conversion.*

Third Sunday: *The relationship of John to Jesus.*

Fourth Sunday: *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their loved ones. *Christmas Flower envelope attached.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC
– Community Thanksgiving Service, see article.

WEDNESDAY – No Champions Club Meeting

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day. Parish Office Closed.
– KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The Kingship of Christ on the Cross



Today you will be
with me in paradise.

Today we celebrate Jesus as king by remembering what appears to be the lowest point of his life. The picture of Jesus hanging on the cross between two criminals who were executed along with him drives home a message. The ways and wisdom of God are inscrutable. It was in being brought low that Jesus' greatness was fully revealed. In the moment when he appeared to be most powerless, he redeemed all from sin and death. It is those who rejected Jesus in disbelief who proclaim Jesus' unique identity: *The chosen one, the Christ of God, King of the Jews*. One of the criminals in his encounter with Jesus establishes Jesus' innocence, acknowledges his Kingship and asks to share in his reign. The words of faith he shared help us realize that as long as we draw breath, repentance and forgiveness are possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 20 – Bethany Braeuer
Nov. 21 – Deacon Milburn Kram, Elmer Michna,
Julianne Raabe, Jeanette Targac
Nov. 23 – Gloria Reindl
Nov. 25 – Allen Jasek
Nov. 26 – Floris Ann Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 24 – Cynthia & Robert Beran
– Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff
Nov. 25 – Jean & Sidney Bochat

The New Liturgical Year Begins Next Sunday

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy.
- The *2017 Respond & Acclaim* CDs are ready.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 4 – Commissioning of Altar Servers During Mass
– Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Meeting After Mass
Dec. 11 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 15 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m., Moulton
Dec. 21 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:00 p.m., Praha
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Pageant

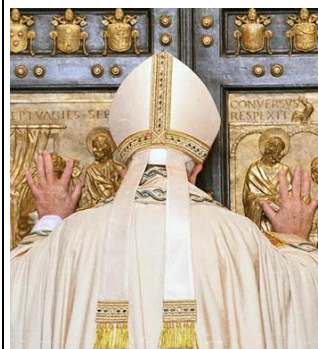
SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S.

Be generous.

The Conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy November 20, 2016, Feast of Christ the King



**A living sign of
the Father's love
in the world**

Year of Mercy

Dec. 08, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

[A]s we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. — *Pope Francis*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Youth Mass (3rd Grade) ; C.C.D.
– Youth Ministry Center Bake Sale
Nov. 21 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade
Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday:
No After School Program; No C.C.D.
Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Parish Youth Ministry Bake Sale Today

Proceeds from the annual Bake Sale go towards the YMC for the benefit of the youth of the community. All parishioners are invited to support the Center. *Coffee and juice will be served outside after Mass.*



Christmas Eve Pageant

Pageant forms were distributed to Sunday School and K – 8th Grade C.C.D. students. All C.C.D. youth who plan to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by next Sunday, November 27.