

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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." - Jn 18:37

**Parish Stewardship**

Offertory collection for 11/10/24 .....\$3,865.00  
 Offertory collection for 11/17/24 ..... not available  
 Weekly offertory budgeted for 2023-2024 ..... \$3,365.00  
 CSA Campaign Assessment for 2024.....\$31,134.00  
 CSA Pledges to date.....\$28,210.00

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Church!

**Pope's Intention for November  
 For the Pope**

**We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission,  
 may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to  
 him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

“Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.”  
 Join us in St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptism Preparation Classes**

November 26 7:00 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

\*this is the final class for 2024

**The 2025 Mass Book** is open for scheduling Masses. You can come into the office M-Th between 9am & 4pm, call the office at 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request into the collection basket, or mail your request.

**REMEMBRANCE BOOK**

It is so necessary that we offer prayers for those loved ones who have passed on. Please continue to write in our Book of Remembrance those who you want to pray for during this month of November.

**Thanksgiving Mass** will be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to place at the altar after the homily. These donations will be given to the Christian Food Bank in St. Marys. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE CONCERT CHOIR OF ELK COUNTY** presents  
 “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Tuesday, December 3rd at St. Leo Church in Ridgway **AND**  
 Saturday, December 7th at Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys.  
 Both concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. Social to follow.  
 Please join them in ushering in the Christmas Season!

**CEMETERY** Just a reminder to please remove any summer flowers or decorations that are on the graves in the cemetery. You can begin placing Christmas wreaths/flowers on the graves. Thank you.

**Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast** Sunday, December 1st, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this “all you can eat” breakfast buffet!

**Advent Adoration and Adult Faith Formation** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Sunday evenings during the season of Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 1st, and continuing on the following Sundays-December 8th, 15th, and 22nd, starting at 6:30 p.m.  
 On Monday evenings, at 6:30 p.m. during Advent, beginning December 2nd, and continuing on the following Mondays December 9th, 16th, and 23rd, we will have Adult Faith Formation in the social hall. All are welcome!



**Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich's  
 Eucharistic Miracle  
 and  
 Outstanding November Saints**

From a farm in Germany, in the 1770's, Anne Catherine Emmerich entered the religious life in a monastery in Agnetenberg. Anne Catherine's most outstanding Christian witness was that of her deep mystical prayer life and her identification with our Lord's Suffering, especially during His Passion.

The stigmata which she had received are the wounds of Our Lord's Suffering. This involves the appearance of the nail marks on her hands and feet. At times, she would also feel the crown of thorns on her head. During this time, she worked at manual labor in housekeeping. Eventually, she had to relax her work because her physical health had declined.

She had a very great devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. She would often extend her hands in praise to our Lord. The Eucharistic Miracle in her life was that at certain times during her illness, she was unable to eat solid foods. She was able to drink water and she would receive a Consecrated Host every day. Taking the Holy Eucharist each day was the only food she had for **years!**

Amazing! Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist, was her *all-in-all* for her body and for her soul.

**Elizabeth of Hungary**

As Leonard Foley, O.F.M., describes in his book Saint of the Day, Elizabeth had a great love for the poor and suffering. At the age of 14, she married a German nobleman, Louis of Thuringia, and bore three children. Unfortunately, her husband died in the Crusades' conflicts that were happening at that time. Eventually, Elizabeth's love for the poor and sick led her to join the Third Order of St. Francis, serving the poor in a hospital which she founded, in honor of St. Francis. What a witness of one who lives a life of royalty to a life of selfless love for the poor and sick.

(Saint of the Day, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., 1991, pg. 307)

**Saint Cecilia**

All of us love music. Whether the music is an instrumental piece, or instruments and lyrics, we are drawn to it. Truly, music is the universal language that has the possibility to create inspiration in us. My hope is that the Church hymns, which we sing at Sunday Mass, bring the greatest inspiration into our lives and draw us closer to God.

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians. She was a martyr in the early Church, around the year 545. Pictures of her often show her holding a viola or even a small organ. St. Cecilia sang her praises to God. When we sing at Mass, or play an instrument, we, like St. Cecilia, are giving praise to God. In doing this, we, like the Angels in Heaven, are giving “Glory to God in the Highest.” (*The Gloria* at Mass) Think of this when we sing at Mass.

God Bless, Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dale Forster	Cindy & Dale Duell	Weekday (Last Week in Ordinary Time) <i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i>	Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21: 1-4 (503)
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Aggie Cataldo	Janet Forster	Weekday	Rv 14: 14-19 Lk 21: 5-11 (504)
Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:00 p.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday	Rv 15: 1-4 Lk 21: 12-19 (505)
Thursday, November 28, 2024 No Mass			Weekday Thanksgiving Day	Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a Lk 21: 20-28 (506)
Friday, November 29, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown 15th anniversary	Family	Weekday	Rv 20: 1-4, 11--21: 2 Lk 21: 29-33 (507)
Saturday, November 30, 2024 No Mass			Saint Andrew, Apostle  Here ends the Year of Grace 2024	Rom 10: 9-18 Mt 4: 18-22 (684)
Saturday, November 30, 2024 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of First Sunday of Advent	(see below)
Sunday, December 01, 2024 9:15 a.m. Mass	Ann Michelini 3rd anniversary	Children and Grandchildren	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Jer 33: 14-16 1 Thes 3: 12--4: 2 Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36 (3)

**Church Hours: St. Joseph Church: Sun. 7:30 am — 4 pm; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8 am—4 pm Sat. 9:00 am —7:00 pm**

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

**HEAVEN (This is where we want to go)** On this Feast of Christ the King, let’s look at what the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** says about Heaven, where Jesus our King lives and reigns.

**Paragraph 1023:** Those who die in God’s Grace and Friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they “see Him as He is,” face to face.

**1024:** This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called “heaven.” Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

**1025:** To live in heaven is “to be with Christ.” The elect live “in Christ,” but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.

**1027:** The mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father’s House, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: “no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

**1029:** In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfill God’s Will in relation to other men and to all creation. Already they reign with Christ; with Him “they shall reign for ever and ever.” Amen!

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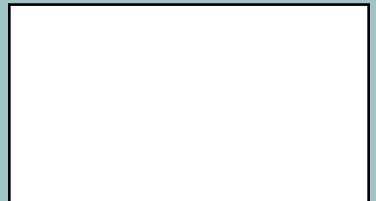
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