



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

— As Americans living in the 21st century, the word “king” may not have the same meaning to us as it would to people living in other countries in prior generations. Still, the Church continues to use the word in the title of today’s feast of Christ the King. And so the question: What does it mean to recognize the kingship of Jesus Christ?

First, a little history about the feast is important. Although the Feast of Christ the King is of relatively recent origin, the faith that underlies the feast has been present since the earliest days of Christianity. In generations prior to the Christian era, the Israelites recognized kingship not only in terms of their leaders (King David, King Saul, etc.) but also in God’s giving of the Jewish law. As the expression of God’s will for His people, the religious law (the Torah) was to rule their lives. This law was the measure against which they understood their faithfulness to God. With the coming of Christianity, however, people began to see kingship not in terms of earthly kings or external prescriptions of law, but in terms of the person Jesus Christ. As King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ not only exceeds all earthly kings, he is also the complete fulfillment of the law.

The Feast of Christ the King recognizes Christ’s providential care over all history and all creation. Granted, in the crosses of our lives and in the tragedies of our world, this may not always seem evident. And while it is tempting to place our sense of security in our health, wealth, or some other worldly good, it is only in our inheritance with God that we find unending and lasting peace. Both the Gospel and today’s feast challenge us to allow God’s care for us to become our care for others.

Fr. Mannebach

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



MONTHLY CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB is forming for those who like to read. It is open to those who enjoy books that enlighten and want to get more out of what they read. For more information contact Becky Koverman at 419-629-3470 or sissy5@nktelco.net.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be celebrated at Faith Alliance Church, 6670 Knoxville Avenue, on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. Faithful from the New Bremen churches are encouraged to come together and pray in thanksgiving for God’s blessing on the community. **Holy Redeemer parishioners will gather here for Eucharist on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.**



GIFT-GIVING TO NEEDY FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS – In collaboration with St. Paul, St. Peter, and Faith Alliance Churches, our parish is again working with the United Way of Auglaize County to provide Christmas gifts to local families in need. If you are interested in sponsoring such a family, please contact Deacon Bornhorst or the parish office.



GOT TALENT? Holy Redeemer will be hosting its first-ever ‘Holy Redeemer’s Got Talent’ Christmas contest on Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We’re looking for anyone who can sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic, be a comedian or has any other talent. Acts need only last a few minutes in duration and be performed by single, groups, families, friends, young and old. All are welcome. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. The audience will determine the winner by

placing money in the ballot boxes of the contestants. Money raised will be sent to the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem. Got questions? Contact Kathy Pape at 419-629-2543 or 419-629-3130 or email at hrcrc@nktelco.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

There are no CCD classes scheduled for grades one through twelve on Wednesday, November 25 for Thanksgiving break. Take time to thank the Lord for blessings too numerous to count.

CYO games on Sunday, November 22 at the South YMCA will be: boys' team vs. St. Johns team at 5:00 p.m.; girls' team vs. Botkins White team at 6:15 p.m.

HOPE EMERGENCY GIVING TREE project will continue through Monday, November 30. Gently used clothing will also be accepted at this time. Please place all donations by the church entrance doors. All items will be delivered to Hope Emergency in Lynchburg OH on Thursday, December 3.



FOURTH ANNUAL Thanksgiving Fellowship dinner will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 from

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Minster K of C Hall, 40 North Main Street, Minster. The meal, sponsored by Buschur Electric, Minster Bank and Minster Dental Care, is free to the public; however, donations will be accepted. Walk-ins will be welcomed. Meal delivery is available to the local area. For reservations, or more information, please call Shawn Sharp at 419-628-1328.

LEADING PRAYER WORKSHOP will take place on Monday, November 30 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, 33 Elm Street, Ft. Loramie. Carolyn Stucke will be the instructor. Participants will review the nature and meaning of prayer, the various ways to pray and the relationship between individual, communal and liturgical prayer. Ideas for leading spontaneous prayer and enhancing prayer through the liturgical seasons, environment, music and activities will be shared. This workshop will be helpful for leaders of prayer in both formal and informal situations. This workshop fulfills the

requirement for the "Prayer Workshop" for Catechist Basic Certification. To pre-register for this course, contact Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 119 East Water Street, Sidney OH 45365, 937-498-1192, or email at sidneymediacenter@catholiccincinnati.org.

VOCATION VIEWS – Jesus claims, "*Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.*" Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37)

OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFT-

November 15 - \$5,862.75	Attendance – 905
Adults - \$5,224.00	High School - \$6.00
Grade School - \$31.50	Anonymous - \$601.25

HOLY REDEEMER has a website. Check it out at www.holyredeemercatholicchurch.org.

JUBILEE CHORAL GROUP OF DAYTON

will present **Advent by Candlelight**, an evening of sacred music and readings for the Advent season, on Sunday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH. Candles will light the path to this awe inspiring Advent musical evening. Call the Spiritual Center at 419-925-7625 for reservations. \$5 donation per person. Registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH, HIS ROLE IN THE NATIVITY

will be presented by Fr. Ernie Ranly on Saturday, December 12 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the Maria Stein Center Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH. Join others for dessert and coffee and an interactive look at St. Joseph and his role in the Nativity. Participants will gain a new appreciation for this poor carpenter and of life during the time of Jesus' birth. There is no cost for the program. Pre-registration is requested by calling 419-925-5022 or email office@stmarysdeanery.com.

CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB enables its members to share, trust and enjoy the ideas and company of fellow single adults through weekly activities. For more information, call 419-305-

6118. On Saturday, November 28 they will travel to Clifton Mills. They will attend Mass and enjoy supper and movies or shopping on Saturday, December 5. On Saturday, December 12 they will visit Fort St. Clair's Whispering X-mas.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

November 26, 28 & 29

Thanksgiving

Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

C. & R. Brookhart – H. Kremer – R. & R. Kremer

D. Kruse – B. & R. Niekamp – C. Turner

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Deacon G. Bornhorst – E. Ahrns – J. Berning – A. Elking

C. Opperman – H. & P. Overman – M. Topp – L. Utz

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

D. & S. Bertke – D. & M. A. Keller

K. Smith – J. & S. Thieman

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

F. Borchers – R. Dicke – A. Flaute – D. Knapke – C. Kuck

J. & S. Niekamp – N. Riethman – E. Rump, Jr.

D. Schwartz – S. Thieman

LECTORS:

November 26, 28 & 29

Thanksgiving

Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

D. Freeman – J. Homan

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

S. Bertke – D. Freeman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

R. Bertke – F. Goettemoeller

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

D. Knapke – R. Tangeman

USHERS:

November 28 & 29

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Alig – P. Heitkamp – L. Lane

M. McClurg – D. Steineman

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

R. Homan – M. Mueller – J. Niekamp

B. Parker – G. Wendeln

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

R. Brandt – B. Kramer – J. Lehman

T. Wenning – R. Ziegenbusch

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

November 29

Molly Wateke

COLLECTION COUNTERS – November 29

K. Gruebmeier – J. Moore – G. Schwartz

ACTIVITIES:

- Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Mon. - Adult choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. in music room
- Tues. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Exercise program, 9:15 a.m. in parish hall

MASSES:

November 21 to 29

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Betty Bergman- Phlipot

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Elmer Poeppelman

10:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

Living & dec'd Subler-Barhorst family

Tues. 8:30 a.m.

Ruth Stueve

Wed. 12:05 p.m.

Agnes Schulte

Thanksgiving

Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

Wilma Shelby

Fri. 8:30 a.m.

Luella Kitzmiller

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

Mike Heitkamp

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Redeemer Parish

10:00 a.m.

Jeannette Phlipot

SERVERS:

November 23 to 29

Mon. 7:00 p.m.

K. Maurer – J. Niekamp

Thanksgiving

Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

O. Meyer – M. Thieman

Sat. 5:00 p.m.

D. Kremer – R. Selby

Sun. 8:00 a.m.

T. Homan – V. Wente

Sun. 10:00 a.m.

E. Francis – C. Topp

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

November 28 & 29

Sat. 5:00 p.m. Brad & Lisa Feltz family

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Nancy Feltz

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Michael & Leanne Fleck family



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born

- Wed. - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Faith Alliance Church, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. - High school choir sings during 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sun. - Communion to the Sick/Shut-ins by Ministers of Eucharist
- CCD for 3's, preschool and kindergarten during 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00 a.m. Mass

*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*