



November 20, 2022

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Collection Nov. 13, 2022

Regular Collection	\$751.00
All Saints	5.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	1005.00
Attendance	45

November 27, 2022

Lector: *Dan Grubb*

Commentator: *Guenter Schlottmann*

Ushers: *Owens family*

Readings for November 27, 2022

<i>Reading 1</i>	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>
<i>Reading 2</i>	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Matthew 24:37-44</i>

Information about St. Edwards- *Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>*

Prayer List - *Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, John McNair, the Webb family, and Father Bernie.*

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

New Church Directory- *If you haven't had your picture taken for the new directory, please see Stan today after Mass.*

Thanksgiving Baskets- *Thanks to all who made a monetary donation for the Thanksgiving Gift Cards. Your generosity is always appreciated!*

Outreach chair person needed- *The pastoral council is in need of a person to chair our outreach program. If interested and willing to help out, please see Sally Warburton for more information.*

Message from Father Boat- *"I've always been praying for you all (my parishioners) every day especially since I left you for my vacation. On the other hand, I'm asking all of you to pray for traveling mercies for me as I prepare to return to my home of choice on Monday and Tuesday. I love you and miss you all."*

Happy Thanksgiving- *Wishing each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with abundant love and gratitude.*

November Birthdays

<i>Tim Taylor</i>	<i>Nov. 1</i>
<i>Carol Brandau</i>	<i>Nov. 8</i>
<i>Thomas Tedesco</i>	<i>Nov. 11</i>
<i>Melinda Epperley</i>	<i>Nov. 12</i>
<i>Leigh Ann Owen</i>	<i>Nov. 13</i>
<i>Megan Talbert</i>	<i>Nov. 19</i>
<i>Bob Strenz</i>	<i>Nov. 20</i>
<i>Marty White</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>
<i>Haley Rakes</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>

November Anniversary

Danny & Michele Coalson Nov. 25

The first Sunday of Advent is next Sunday, November 27th. Each Sunday before and during Advent on the back page of the bulletin there will be inserts from Creighton University. Today is part of the preparing for Advent.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This week we might be inspired by the gospels to ask God to help us be attentive for the signs of God's presence in our lives each day.

We can ask Jesus to help us open our hearts and be more generous in our daily lives. Inspired by the poor widow, we can ask ourselves, in faith, "How willing am I to share? Do I give from my surplus or is it a real sacrifice?" Are we generous with our time and talents? Perhaps we spend too much time at the computer or at work or in various other projects, neglecting our family or other relationships. Are there places where we could give more of ourselves to people who need us?

When Jesus speaks of the "tribulations" that are ahead for all Christians, this might prompt me to ask myself how willing I am to live my faith courageously. Caring for the poor, seeking justice and self-giving love are basic elements of following Jesus, but they are not valued by our culture. Am I willing to face the objections of family and friends for being so "counter-cultural" in following the gospel?

Perhaps we are distracted by the pressures of daily life, or as Jesus says so aptly, we allow our hearts to grow drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise...." What is it in our lives that keeps us from recognizing God's Kingdom here on earth? Maybe we abuse alcohol, are greedy or know deep inside there is a basic selfishness we don't even want to recognize in ourselves. We can only rely on Jesus for an "awareness" that will help us to see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love and forgiveness. It is in that moment, when we recognize that we are "loved sinners" that we can ask for the strength to make changes in our lives.

As we "awake" each morning and sit by the side of the bed before we begin our day, we can ask Jesus for the grace to see his presence in our lives in this day, and beg him for the help that we need. And in all of the smallest moments of the day, we can ask him from the deepest part of our hearts for the mercy and grace that will keep our eyes and hearts open this day. Then we can say, from our hearts, Thank you.

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Preparing for Advent

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.