

November 24th & 25th

Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus Christ is a King unlike any other. In his kingship, Jesus offers us an example of how to live.

When we think of royalty, what may come to mind most quickly is the British royal family. There has been much coverage of that family through the years. Often we may have thoughts of a glamorous life of ease and luxury. Over time, though, we have come to see them as a sometimes dysfunctional family that can be painfully, woefully human. This does not seem to be the kind of King we celebrate in Jesus.

As a nation that fought a revolution to throw off the reign of an unjust tyrant, our own kind of "royalty" can disappoint, too. Presidents, politicians, great athletes and stars of stage and screen can too easily let us down. We hope for them to show us an image of a better way to be as people, yet they often let us down because we see their all-too-human side.

As we celebrate this Solemnity of Christ the King, it is apparent that we need a different image of kingship. We should look to the ancient image of a king to better understand what this solemnity says about Jesus, and what it entails for us as members of the kingdom of God.

The ancient ideal of kingship meant that a king was one who was faced with making difficult decisions with wisdom, mercy and justice. Ancient kings were meant to live lives in service to their people, being willing to set a faith-filled and servant-like example. Kings were meant to serve as peace-makers, and were to be willing to give their lives in service to their people. They were called to live holy lives, and to lay down their lives for their people if necessary.

This ancient image of the king helps us to better understand Jesus Christ, the King. He is the one who offers us an example of living to emulate in our daily lives. He is the one who seeks to bring peace into the midst of conflict. His wisdom, mercy and justice are a pattern for our own deliberations and actions. He is willing to offer us life by laying down his life for us on the cross.

As the best of Kings, Jesus teaches us by his example that true kingship is not about glamour, power or wealth. It is about service. As our King, and as the example and model for our daily living, Jesus shows us by his life that we are called to humble, loving service. Our King shows us that we are to be merciful, just and truthful, willing to bring God's peace to challenging situations. Like Christ, our King, we are called to lay down our lives so that others may live.

This is the kind of kingship into which each of us has been baptized. This sort of kingship offers a vision of a new heaven and new earth. It also demonstrates that we, like Jesus, must be willing to stand in tatters before the powers of the world, ready to offer our lives in pursuit of the kingdom of God.

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Changes coming to St. Boniface Sanctuary:

In 1988, Fr. Larry Bowens acquired the high altar from St. John's Church, Spring Green, after fire destroyed that church.

At that time the tabernacle, altar, lectern or ambo, the niche cabinet which now holds the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary, and baptismal font were restored and have been in use since that time.

Plans are now going forward to finish what Fr. Bowens started. Fr. Sanctus will be having the rest of the rescued items stripped and refinished. There will then be matching cabinets and bases for Blessed Mary and St. Joseph so that those status can be put up in the sanctuary next to the high altar which Fr. Scott Emerson brought to St. Boniface.

The remaining parts will be built into stands for the St. Boniface and St. John Vianney statues which will be placed in the front of the church where Mary and Joseph are now displayed. These new additions will make our sanctuary more beautiful.

If you would like to donate to the St. Boniface wood-work project for the stands for our statues of Mary and Joseph; St. Boniface and St. John Vianney the estimated cost is at \$6500.00 for stripping, finishing, and painting, we would appreciate your donations. Please make your checks out to: Holy Angels Parish and in the memo space write St. Boniface Wood work project.

In an address on prayer, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI gave this insight into the essence of prayerful thanksgiving.

Our prayers are very often requests for help in a time of need. Moreover, this is normal for men and women because we need help, we need others, we need God.... There is also cause for thanksgiving and if we pay a little attention we see that we receive very many good things from God. He is so good to us that it is right and necessary to say "thank you." And our prayer should also be a prayer of praise: if our hearts are open in spite of all the problems we also see the beauty of his creation, the goodness that is revealed in his creation. Therefore we must not only ask but also praise and give thanks, only in this way is our prayer complete.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
General Audience
(June 20, 2012)



Hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

**Holy Angels Parish
This Week**

Confessions are a half hour before every Mass

- Mon 11/26 **Holy Family** 7:00 pm Recovery Meeting
- Tue 11/27 **St. Boniface** 9:00 am Mass-Esther Kaul with Adoration following
- Wed 11/28 **Holy Family** 6:15 pm Family Meal
Holy Family & St. Patrick 6:45 pm Religious Education
St. Patrick 7:45 pm Mass-Fr. Lorin Bowens
- Thur 11/29 **St. Patrick** 9:00 am Mass-Clarence & Agnes McCluskey
Sauk County Health Care Center 10:15 am Mass-Kathryn Lund
- Fri 11/30 **Holy Family** 9:00 am Mass-Daniel Horkan
- Sat 12/1 **Holy Family** 4:00 pm Mass-William Kane
St. Boniface 7:30 pm Mass-Gary Bodendein
- Sun 12/2 **St. Patrick** 8:00 am Mass-Damian Kraemer
Holy Family 10:15 am Mass-For the Members of Holy Angels Parish Family



**Holy Family and St. Boniface Mitten Tree
Reedsburg Area Helping Hands**

There are still Mitten tags on our trees at Holy Family and St. Boniface. Please help a child who is in need. Take a mitten and return it by **next Saturday, December 1st**. Please do **not** gift-wrap the item-simply attach the mitten tag and return it to our mitten tree. If you have any questions you can call office at 985-7558.

Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our National Patronal Feast Day, and a Day of Prayer for our Country: Friday, December 7th 6:30 pm at Holy Family.

Daily Inspiration:
"By treating people with virtue we remind them of what too many of them have never discovered: we are children of God and along with that comes a birthright to be treated with love, kindness, and dignity."
~ **Dynamic Catholic**

Our diocese will be participating in a Giving Tuesday campaign taking place on November 27th. This will be a one day campaign to raise funds for Catholic Education, which will be available to parishes in the form of grants. If you wish to write a check, please make checks payable to Diocese of Madison and mail to:
Diocese of Madison - Giving Tuesday
702 S. High Point Rd.
Madison, WI 53719
Or call Kristen Beckett at 608-821-4577 to make a donation over the phone.

Parish Support

Holy Angels 11/17 & 18	
Envelopes	1667.00
Offertory	261.37
Youth	4.00
Building Maint.	90.00
Respect Life	10.00
Memorial Garden	3.00
Cemetery Fund	10.00
Harvest Supper	840.00
Quilt Raffle	
Total	<u>\$2885.37</u>

Thank you!

Please make checks payable to Holy Angels Parish.

A Prayer to Christ the King:

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the Universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Exercise upon me all Your rights. I renew my baptismal promises renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps. I promise to lead a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred royalty and that thus the reign of Your peace may be established throughout the universe. Amen.

Holy Family Religious Education News:

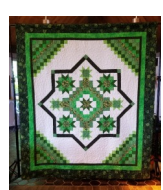
This Wednesday, November 28th, Holy Angels CCW will provide dinner for Religious Education at Holy Family Church for students and their families at 6:15 pm. Class will follow until 8:15 pm.

Sacred Heart Mobile Food Pantry

VFW Hall, 200 Veterans Drive- Reedsburg
Thursday, November 29th
Pickup Time: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Please arrive after 3:00 pm so that you will not have to wait as long in line. All persons in need are welcome. We encourage you to bring bags. Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Madison.

Mass will be celebrated Ad Orientem for the four weeks of Advent and the six weeks of Lent at all weekday and weekend Masses.

Harvest Fest Winners:



1st Prize winner –
Quilt
Dale
Suemnicht

2nd Prize winner - \$250
Elizabeth Stingley
Congratulations !
Thanks to Rosie Bodendein for her labors on the beautiful quilt that was donated.

St. Patrick Fellowship would like to thank everyone who helped out in anyway with the Harvest Supper. Thanks to all who came to join us at our meal.