


# JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: November 24, 2019

Walking out the door, I tell Father Ken that I am going to write my bulletin article. He said that it should be easy because it is almost Thanksgiving. I thought to myself, oh wow, it is almost Thanksgiving! I better figure out what I'm going to do! I know that it is a holiday when we think about the many blessings in our life. But when I'm sitting at my relatives for lunch on that day, I'm pretty sure Thanksgiving with my relatives is the last thing flowing through my mind. Maybe some can sympathize with this or you may even be scandalized by this. To give a little background, I come from a family that is very far from religion. When I show up, my cousins look at me with a ridiculous glare and some straight up avoid me. To complicate the scenario, I'm grandma's favorite (she's been vocal about this to say the least) even though many of my cousins were much closer to her growing up than I was. This awkward scenario is something I've experienced for the last 7 or 8 years. So why do I keep showing up to family gatherings? Because it makes my mom happy. This Thanksgiving, I'm counting my blessings that I get to engage in conversation with people who don't want to talk to me. Over the last two years, in a weird way, I've embraced the awkwardness and kind of look forward to it. Through the weird glares, forced conversations with no common interests, I enjoy because of one thing; it's my family. Enough said! The blessing of Thanksgiving is that it brings our families together for a short period of time. Enjoy that time!

Happy Thanks Giving! —Fr. Barry

## PARISH COLLECTION

	Envelopes:	\$11,302.75	(250 parishioners)
	ACH/WeShare:	\$ 7,302.00	(48 parishioners)
	Loose:	\$ 766.87	
	Children:	\$ <u>57.77</u>	
	Total Church Support:	\$19,429.39	Thank you!

Contact the Parish Office for automatic contribution withdrawals: We Share online, myParish app or ACH through your bank or credit card are great options to consider for your tithing.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM  
(CONFESSIONS 5:30 - 6:30 PM)

We are currently in need of scheduled adorers for the 9-10am hour. Contact the parish office to volunteer.

## Top 10 Reasons to join the Choir at Holy Family:

1. Fellowship - Choir parties--they're fun!
2. Intellectual stimulation- making music, you use both sides of your brain simultaneously.
3. Guaranteed seating when the church is crowded
4. Singing with the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy. And there are no monthly membership fees. Seriously though, for the most part, people who sing tend to live longer and enjoy more vital health.
5. Psalm 100 will come to life for you as you make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
6. Every once in a while, you might get a sense of heaven's choir singing along with you. (This is sometimes due to the extra oxygen intake :)
7. Excellent view of the Mass!
8. Serving the Lord and Serving His Church
9. He or she who sings, prays twice (St. Augustine)
10. God is the Audience of our worship; Sing his praise!

We get together in the music room on Monday nights from 7 until around 8 and/or 1/2 hour before Mass. The Adult Choir sings at 10:00 Mass while Children's Choir sings once or twice each month at the 8:30 Mass (watch the bulletin.) If you'd like to cantor or sing with a small group, cantors are needed for the Saturday 5:00 Mass and Sunday 11:30 Mass.

## Parish News

### PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ MASS WILL BE AT 8:00 AM ON THANKSGIVING DAY
- ◆ THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
- ◆ THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & 29.
- ◆ HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

### THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*This Thanksgiving let those of us who have much and those who have little, gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing. Amen.*



Beginning next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, we will return to using missals in the pews. We will no longer be printing worship aids.

In 2019, because December 8th is a Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9, 2019. Being on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass for that day is lifted in the United States.



**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!** Reserve your seat on the bus for this year's bus trip to **Christmas at the Cathedral** on Sunday, December 22, 2019. Leave from Mitchell at 12:15pm and return at 5:15pm. \$55 per person. This bus will sell out, call Nicole at 999-9127.



**Happy Birthday to ART POLLREISZ, who will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 25th. May God shower His blessings upon you on this very special occasion!**

## Faith Formation News



**Holy Family & Holy Spirit Catholic Churches**  
 K-6: Christine Lemmer – 996-3842 [familyformation@ffmitchell.com](mailto:familyformation@ffmitchell.com)  
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**Gr. 7-12:** No meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**RCIA News:** If you have an interest in being a sponsor for RCIA adults please contact Christine at 996-3842 to set up a time to meet regarding the role of the sponsor and requirements. No RCIA on November 28 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## John Paul II School News



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Happy Thanksgiving to all! We are thankful for so many blessings at John Paul II School including our students and their families, the staff, and our parish families. You are remembered in thought and prayer as we count our many blessings this year.

The Preschool II – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas concert will be performed at the Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

**We invite you to come and support John Paul II at McDonalds on Monday, Nov. 25 from 5 – 8:00. A great night for no cooking!**

Just a reminder to all who plan to purchase SCRIP for your holiday gift giving—**please plan early!** **Our last SCRIP order before Christmas will be placed by 3 PM on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** Call the office to pre-order the gift cards you would like so we are sure to have them on hand for you.

As 2019 comes to a close, all gifts donated to the John Paul II Adopt-A-Student fund are not only tax deductible, but also help many families attend our Catholic School who might otherwise not be able due to financial restraints. Call the school for more information.



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On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And, what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom. What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. How can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and who promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise. How blessed we are to live in this hope!

Our Foundation in partnership with the Diocesan office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life, have just published a new comprehensive resource for planning for the end of your life from a Catholic perspective. While this may sound scary - our ultimate goal is Heaven, and we live in that hope! Making a plan centered on prayerful reflection, gratitude and stewardship can take away the burden and fear; and bring peace and joy. As a free ministry, I am offering to take this journey with you. Our step-by-step workbook is best used in a personal, one-on-one setting. I would love to share it with YOU!

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon. Nov 25	8:00 am	✠ Jerry Mohr
Tue. Nov 26	8:00 am	✠ Lucille Hettinger
Wed. Nov 27	8:00 am	✠ Les & Irma Helgeland
Thur. Nov 28	8:00 am	Holy Family Parish
Fri. Nov. 29	NO MASS	
Sat. Nov. 30	5:00 pm	✠ Michael Skelly
Sun. Dec. 01	8:30 am	✠ Frank & Esther Bruna
	10:00 am	✠ Jeannie Loneman
	11:30 am	Holy Family Parish

## Ministry Schedules

### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

11/30	5:00pm	L-S Kirby; EM-Deacon Graves; EMHC-R Wuertzer, B Robinson, M Redder, T Kirby, M Bittner, <b>Volunteer</b>
12/01	8:30am	L-B McNeil; EMHC-J Schlimgen, F&M Bruna, A Deinert D&C Harrell, J Schroeder
	10:00am	L-J Shields; EMHC-J Schumacher, P Essig, C Symes, D Price, R Studelska, C&L Bannwarth
	11:30am	L-A Sankara; EMHC-T&M Day, J Hunt, P Paulson

### Mass Servers

11/30	5:00pm	E&J Delehant, <b>Volunteer</b>
12/01	8:30am	S Bultje, M Morrison, S Wiese
	10:00am	K&R Driedger, M Erwin
	11:30am	Q Gessner, F Sankara, J Wyatt

### Ministers of Hospitality

11/30	5:00pm	J&N Fradet, J&J Fritzeimer
12/01	8:30am	R&D Kelly, J Miller, T Zens
	10:00am	J&J Heemstra, T&D Zens
	11:30am	H&L Andersen, C Hohrman, Z Mohr

### Gift Bearers

11/30	5:00pm	S&C Groepper family
12/01	8:30am	N&E Schlimgen family
	10:00am	D&J Bannwarth family
	11:30am	C&A Weier family

## Calendar of Events

11/25	<b>JPII Restaurant Fundraiser Night</b> - 5 to 8PM - North McDonalds
11/26	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> - 8:30am to 8:00pm
	<b>Legion of Mary</b> - 4pm Tues. - Bishop Hoch Villa, (1416 W Cedar)
	<b>Confessions</b> - 5:30pm - Church
11/27	<b>JPII School Mass</b> - 9am - Holy Spirit Church
	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> - 10am - Nazareth Rm
11/28	<b>Happy Thanksgiving! - Mass 8AM</b>
11/29	<b>NO Mass</b>
11/30	<b>Confessions</b> - 3:30pm - Church

The **Mitchell Food Pantry** is in need of filled County Fair stamped cards to help provide 125 - 10 pound turkeys to the needy for Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate your County Fair stamps for this service project, please bring them directly to the Food Pantry as soon as possible and let them know you are from Holy Family. Thank you!

The **Family Holiday Christmas Dinner committee** is looking for 50 elderly couples or elderly widow/single persons to provide a Christmas meal to. They would receive a 5 lb. ham, 5 lb. potatoes, stuffing, gravy, beans, corn, buns and pies. If you or someone you know could benefit from this opportunity, please contact the parish office at 996-3639.