

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Nov. 15: \$1,035
Education of Seminarians \$25

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>		
Sat. Nov. 21	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Nov. 22	9:00 AM	Special Int. of Len & Sylvia Cooper
Mon Nov. 23		No Public Mass
Tue. Nov. 24	8:30 AM	For Pat Windholtz
Wed Nov. 25	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur Nov. 26	9:00 AM	Spec. Int. of Edward Windholtz
Fri Nov. 27		No Public Mass
<i>THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Nov. 28	5:00 PM	Rose Laughlin
Sun. Nov. 29	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, Tom Geiman, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays Nov.10-Dina Ryan, Nov.16-Jason Feinauer, Nov.17-JoAnn Schlachter, Nov.19-Frank Huffman, Nov. 20-Joe Schmiade, Nov. 23-Sr. Georgia Messingschlager
Anniversaries-Nov. 12-Chris & Linda Fryman, Nov. 27-Bill & Nancy Schneider.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572
Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377
Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE – Parents, Rosanne needs a copy of the Safety Form to keep on file at church. There is a Sunday School folder on the desk in the hallway at church. Please put the forms and one or two pages of the chapter work sheets in the folder so we can show attendance. You may also take a picture and email them to Rosanne at rrawe@nku.edu. Call her at 859-635-1572 with questions.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS – This collection to support our elderly religious brothers and sisters will be collected on the weekend of Dec. 12 & 13. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – We will have Mass on Nov. 26 at 9:00 AM.

GIVING TREE - The giving tree will be up the weekend after Thanksgiving.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DEC. 8 @ 6:30 PM

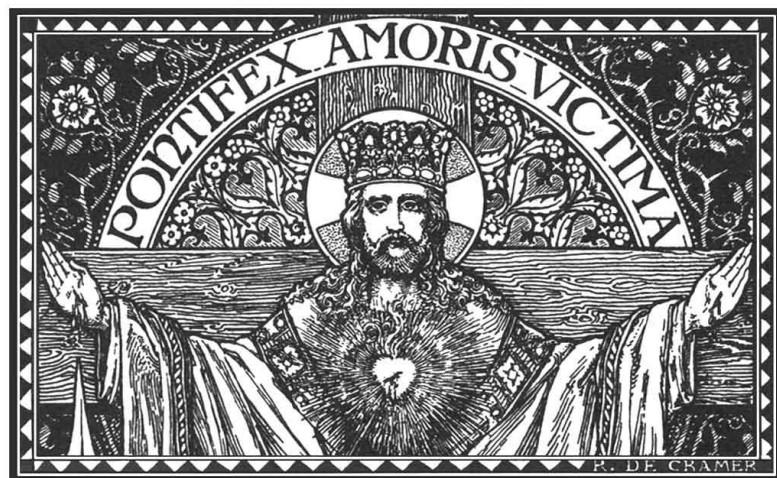
PENANCE SERVICE – TO BE ANNOUNCED

CHRISTMAS EVE – 6 PM & 10 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY – 9 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY – 9AM

Christ the King



FROM THE PASTOR – HEAVEN

I conclude this series on the Last Things with that which we all truly desire from God: eternal life in Heaven. We have seen the necessity of death, the judgment that awaits us from Christ the Just Judge, and the possibility of punishment in Hell. While the Catholic faith is concerned and works around or against all of these things, the primary goal of our faith is for us to obtain eternal life. But what is this eternal life? What is Heaven? The Catechism says this:

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.

Heaven is primarily the dwelling place of the Most Holy Trinity along with all the good angels who have remained loyal to God. This spiritual place is where the souls of the blessed are received until the Last Day when all shall rise from the dead and receive their appropriate reward or punishment. Heaven is the preview of the eternal life that fully awaits the faithful after the resurrection of the dead.

What is this eternal life? It is the life lived in complete unity and joy with the Trinity along with all the angels and saints. St. Anselm (11th century) describes it this way: “No one will have any other desire ... than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God.” The fullness of joy awaits those who find their true meaning and dignity in not only following Jesus and obeying His commands, but also in giving their lives in His service. Our Lord promises that “whoever loses his life will keep it for eternal life.” (John 12:25)

This eternal joy found only in Heaven and eternal life is truly ineffable: words are incapable of containing the full splendor of it. This is the joy that gives the martyrs hope in the midst of their persecutions, that aids confessors as they persevere in preaching and teaching the faith, that increases love in virgins who await the coming of the Bridegroom. There is no other joy that we can achieve that will last in any way as much as Heaven shall last. Our goal as Catholics is to persevere, to even suffer if we must, to obtain that which cannot be stolen or lost.

Let us rejoice in Christ our King who offers us this regal reward for our fidelity to Him in this life. Let us grow in our faith through prayer and perseverance against sin to obtain the eternal prize. Let us do as Jesus commands that we may share forever in His glory!

Fr. Jacob Straub