

THE PASTOR'S CORNER: CHRIST OUR KING

Today we celebrate the one who is called to be our leader and King--Jesus Christ. Oftentimes we are led by the values of societal norms, our peers, trends, family and friends, but that is perhaps being awfully trusting and overly optimistic that those groups are truly going to lead you where the Lord wants you to be.

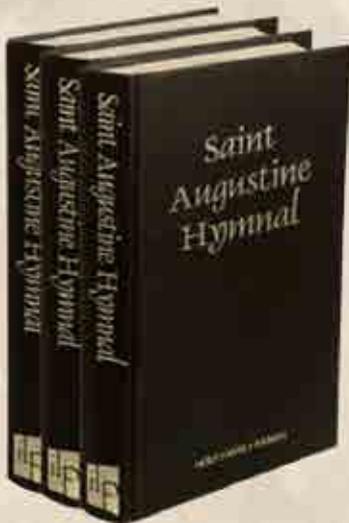
Ultimately, where the Lord wants you to be is united with him, both while you live and when you die. Today as Catholics, through this Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we establish for ourselves whom we are called to be led by. Also on this day, through Christ's Church, the whole world is reminded in whom they should put their hope and trust, as well as where truth is found.

Amen? Amen!

To: Jessie



KING OF KINGS
LORD OF LORDS



Our new parish hymnals will be here soon. These will surely be an excellent resource to assist us in worshipping God with beauty and joy! During this month of the Holy Souls and as we approach the celebration of Christmas, we want to offer the opportunity to all our parishioners and friends of the parish to dedicate a hymnal in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of someone living. Artistic plaques will be fixed inside of the hardbound books. When you come to Mass and open a hymnal, seeing the name will offer you the chance to pray for a person dear to one of your fellow parishioners. This is an excellent way to commend each other's intentions to God.

Donations are \$25 per memorial/honorarium. This will offset the cost of the hymnals, SABT choir hymnals, and accompaniment books. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

If you would like to make a donation for a memorial/honorarium, please fill out this form and return it with your donation to the parish office. Forms and donations can be submitted through the collection basket in an envelope marked "Hymnal Donation".

Name for plaque: _____ Living / Deceased (circle one)

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Total donation (\$25 each plaque): \$ _____

Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
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Our Parish Office is located at
4100 Watterson Street and is
open from 8:30am to 12:00pm
Monday through Friday.

Weekend Masses: Sat. 3PM; Sun. 9AM & 11AM
Daily Masses: Mon. - Fri. 11:45 AM
Rosary: Mon. - Fri. 11:15AM (except First Friday)
Confessions: Mon. - Fri. 12:15PM; Sat. 2-2:30PM;
Sun. 8-8:30AM and 10-10:30AM
Holy Hour: First Friday at 10:30AM (includes Rosary,
Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction)
St. Cecilia's Masses: Mon.-Sat. 9AM; Wed. 6:45AM;
Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8AM and 10AM
St. Anthony's Masses: Sun. 8:30AM and 11:30AM
Adoration: Wed. at St. Cecilia from 9:30AM - 8PM

+ THIS WEEK AT SMSJ +

**THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, November 27

11:45AM † Pat Fiora - Tankersley Family

Tuesday, November 28

11:45AM † Br. Tom Payne - Waltz & Cammeresi
family

Wednesday, November 29

11:45AM † For the deceased of our parish

Thursday, November 30 - St. Andrew

11:45AM † For our parishioners' intentions

Friday, December 1

11:45AM † Jim Bedinghaus - Anna Mae Keys

**FIRST SUNDAY
of ADVENT**

Saturday, December 2

3:00PM † Elizabeth (Kneipp) Cunningham -
SMC class of 1945

Sunday, December 3

9:00AM † James Rupp - Barb Rupp
11:00AM † Konnie Losh-Heitker - Joan Doggett



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- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** Matt Springer
- FINANCE COUNCIL** Jeff Schnirring
- LITURGICAL MINISTERS** Fr. Jason Williams
- NETWORK OF CARE** Rosemary Bagby & Elaine Best
- PARISH LIFE** Jenny Kaminer
- PASTORAL COUNCIL** Andrea Corvi
- SACRAMENT OF THE SICK** Fr. Jamie Weber
- SACRISTANS** Helen Davis & Tom Wood
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** John Sheehy
- USHERS** Michael Miller & Glenn Irwin
- WORSHIP COMMISSION** Mary Mathers
- YOUNG FAMILIES** Laura Young

The **MISSION** of **St. MARGARET - St. JOHN PARISH**
is to spread the good news & blessings
of **JESUS CHRIST** to our community.
We gather together **TO GROW** closer to Jesus Christ,
TO WORSHIP at the Eucharistic Table,
TO SERVE our children, the poor & the needy among us,
and **TO CELEBRATE** our diverse community.



Credo (I Believe)

What is purgatory?

Purgatory, often imagined as a place, is actually a condition. Someone who dies in God's grace (and therefore is at peace with God and men) but who still needs purification before he can see God face to face is in purgatory.

The Church gives the name *purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on purgatory especially at the councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire. As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come (CCC 1031).



A Gospel Reflection

by Father Jason Williams

MATTHEW 25:31-46

“As often as you did it for one of these least brethren of mine, you did it for me.”

Christ is indeed King, and while to some degree we live in His Kingdom now, we know that it will not be fulfilled until we are united with Him in eternity. It is in our efforts each day to build this kingdom now that we move step by step towards the eternal goal of happiness with God.

In our Gospel today, Christ teaches us that we truly love Him by loving others. Each of our daily actions, no matter how small they may seem to be, has the potential to become a means for uniting us more closely to God now and of exciting our hearts to be with Him forever. What may seem like a simple act of kindness is in reality a powerful testimony to our willingness to serve God in each person we meet. May God grant us the grace of an ever-increasing faith so that we may serve Him with love in all we do, and may we recognize Jesus in all those he places in our paths.

PENSAMIENTOS EVANGÉLICOS

**EL SEÑOR ES REY DEL UNIVERSO: DE TODAS TUS ACCIONES,
TODOS TUS PENSAMIENTOS, TODAS TUS PALABRAS.
ES REY DE TODA TU VIDA.**

*(The Lord is King of the Universe: of all your actions,
all your thoughts, all your words.
He is King of your entire life.)*

RCIA THIS WEEK

Please pray for all of those journeying to full communion with the Catholic Church!



This week's (November 29) RCIA lesson is **The Four Last Things: What happens after we die?** At some point in our lives we all wonder what will happen after we die. Of course, none of us can know exactly what will occur — despite the numerous books written about near-death experiences — but as Christians we have one who has gone

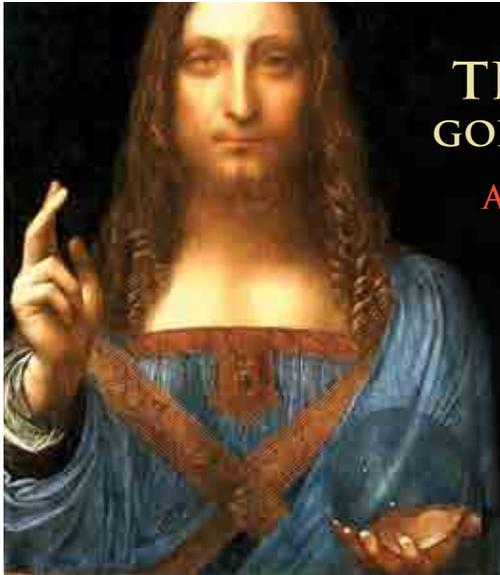
before us in the person of Jesus, whose Death and Resurrection shed light on what awaits us. He has given us some indication of what awaits, and the Church has continued to help us with her instruction.

The Church teaches that if we are to grow and mature as Christians, we need to take time to prayerfully consider the Four Last Things — death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Unless and until we take these things seriously, our life here on earth will lack meaning and focus. It's only when we consider the decisions we make in the light of eternity that our entire lives begin to make sense and our relationship with God can come to full maturity.

Questions for the week: We all have various images of Heaven. What do you picture Heaven being like? Similarly, what do you picture Hell being like? Why is it accurate to state, “God doesn't send people to Hell”? What is the true Catholic teaching on purgatory?

To study along with us, please log onto Formed.org (parish code YX2P22), program = *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith*, Session 10.

Becoming Catholic. Seeking faith? Curious about the Church? Want to learn more?
Call us today at 513-871-5757, ext. 215.



THE DESCENT OF THE DIVINE: GOD BECOMING MAN CHANGES EVERYTHING

AN ADVENT MISSION WITH FR. ETHAN MOORE

Sunday, Dec. 3, & Monday, Dec. 4
at St. Cecilia Church
7-8:30 PM each evening

EVENING 1: Love Longs to Look: God Makes the First Move
(Adoration at 8 PM)

EVENING 2: To Hold Hands with Holiness: The Capacity for Man
to Know God (Confessions at 8 PM)

Here's a great Christmas gift idea: A ticket to the Cincinnati Men's Conference on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Taft Theatre. A faith-filled day where men from all over the region can enjoy Catholic inspiration and spiritual growth. Featured speakers include Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN, Fr. Larry Richards, founder of the Reason For Hope Foundation, and Gerry Faust, former head football coach of Moeller High School and University of Notre Dame. The Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the main celebrant. Information and tickets available at www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.

**Why Would God Become Human?
An Advent Overnight Retreat
The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford
Sunday, Dec. 3 - Tuesday, Dec. 5**

The Incarnation of God in Mary's womb is the central event in the universe's history. From a Franciscan perspective, Fr. John Quigley, OFM will investigate the implications and ramifications of the question of "why would God want to be human?" during this overnight retreat. The fee is \$245 for the 2-night stay in a private room and meals. For information or to register, call 513-248-3500, ext. 10, or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.



The VIGIL Project is a community of artists, musicians, and filmmakers that produce multimedia resources for authentic encounter with God and growth in prayer during the liturgical seasons of the Church.

Who: Anyone, age 20-35

When: Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Where: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center
5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood

Cost: Free (Suggested \$5 donation)

Contact: Luke Carey at lcarey@catholiccincinnati.org or 208-451-6915 (call or text) or Sarah Rose at ssperduto@stceciliacincinnati.org or 631-742-4567 (call or text).



Attention Ladies!

Registration is now open for the 4th annual Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference. There is a great speaker lineup—including Monsignor Frank Lane.

**March 3, 2018 at The
Manor House in Mason, Ohio**

Don't miss out. It's been a sellout every year.
For info and registration go to:

cincinnati.catholicwomensconference.org

"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." — Hebrews 9:27

SOLEMNITY of CHRIST the KING

+ LAY MINISTERS +

Saturday, December 2, 3:00 PM

Readers: ML Condit, T Wood
EMHC: C Sullivan, A O'Connor, E Best
Greeters: J Wood
Gifts: Heitker Family

Sunday, December 3, 9:00 AM

Readers: M Bates, J Mullan
EMHC: C Alfaro, R Collins, J Barber
Greeters: B Rupp, K Douthit
Servers: M Scharringhausen, A Sublett

Sunday, December 3, 11:00 AM

Readers: J Lindgren, B Losekamp
EMHC: N Losekamp, M Brusman, G Irwin,
H Davis, J Doggett
Server: S Kneple
Greeters: D Crabb, J Kaminer
Gifts: J Kaminer, S Stovall

Fr Jason will offer training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **after all Masses the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd**. This required training will only take about 20 minutes and is for those currently serving as an EMHC as well as anyone interested in becoming an EMHC. If you can't make it, please speak with Fr. Jason.

+ STEWARDSHIP +

Weekend of November 11 & 12, 2017

Offertory Total: \$5,069.00 Envelopes: 109

THANK YOU!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING APPEAL

The SMSJ Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is conducting its **annual Thanksgiving appeal this weekend**. Through the work of the SVdP Society our parishioners provide aid to residents in need of assistance in the 45227 zip code. Your contribution in a plain envelope marked SVdP (available in the back of church) may be placed in the regular collection basket or in the attended box also in the back of church. Thank you for continuing to serve those in need through your sacrificial generosity. God bless you!

Four Grand Club

Congratulations to our weekly \$40.00 winner:
Ellen Bates

Congratulations to 2017's four \$1000 winners:
Rick & Rita Becker Hailey Ann Davis
Robert G. Johnson Joan Doggett

Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser throughout the years!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Len Scharringhausen, Charlene Alfaro, Nikki Best, Tom Blankemeyer, John Heitker, Jean Hord, Don Cafferky, Lorraine Carney, Robert Davis, Tony Wittrock, Steve Hofmann, Tammy Davis, Matthew Dickason, Tammy Doss, Linda Johns, John Ewald, Kelly Flanigan, Emma Gough, Mary Greis, Jim Griffin, Alice Wood, Heather Griffin, Lucilia Hock, Marge House, Diane Hudson, Clare Jones, Larry Kahles, Betsey (Kerkhoff) Jacques, Jane Kaeser, Joe Kaeser, Dee Kaiser, Margie Lemkuhl, Steve Keeney, Marian Kleiman, Don Koehler, Bob Kohnen, William Mack, Bert Sullivan, Steve & Mary Kneple, Eddie Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Randy Mays, Mark Scheidhauer, Debbie Malicoat, Patrick Leo McKenrick, Sam Michael, Molly Montgomery, Martha Muchmore, Betty Nerl, Margaret Nerl, Steve O'Connor, Esther Quinn, Katie Rahn, Kate Roelker, Dee & Paul Rosing, Steve Ruwe, Ted Sentker, John Sheehy, Jacob Salamon, Susan True, Joyce Scharringhausen, Helen Steele, Mary Twigg, Mary Lou Sturgeon, Tom Suddendorf, Pamela White, Kenzie Suddendorf, Patti Weikert, Diana Wiley, Darryl White, Olivia Svetkovich, Teresa K Wilson, Bob Witherby, Annette Collins, Deb Wittrock, Jani Wood, Frances Yunker

+ HAPPENINGS +



Our Annual Turkey Dinner was a tremendous success! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team of volunteers, led by Mary and Dave Mathers, and to the generous support of this fundraiser through food and prize donations as well as countless hours of time invested, we were able to raise approximately \$6,000 in support of the mission of St. Margaret - St. John Parish. Thank you for coming out for a good meal and for spreading the word among your friends and family.