

STEWARDSHIP

November 18th.....\$1,845 St. Vincent De Paul.....\$821

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CHRIST THE KING

No sooner than we have celebrated the last Sunday of the Year, the feast of Christ the King, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, and begin the time of preparation for the great Nativity of Our Savior. Our Catholic Christian faith and its Liturgical practices proclaim to a world hungry for meaning that Jesus Christ is the "Alpha", and the "Omega", the beginning and the end. In Him the whole world is being made new. Our Liturgical seasons offer us a way to receive time as a gift. Their celebration can help us to grow in the life of grace. They help us mark time with those deeper truths that matter most. The real question is not whether we will mark time, but how we will do so. What events and what messages are we proclaiming in our calendaring? For the Christian, time is not meant to be a tyrant, somehow ruling over us. Rather, it is to be a

teacher, instructing us, a series of invitations to allow the Lord to be our King, to reign in our real, daily lives. Rather than an enemy, time is to be a companion, a friend. It is a path along which the redemptive loving plan of a timeless God is revealed and received. In Christ, time is now given back to us as a gift, a field of choice and a path to holiness and human flourishing. Through viewing time with this lens of faith, we come to discover life is a pilgrimage. The Lord invites us to participate in His plan through His Son Jesus to recreate the entire cosmos. Time becomes the road along which this loving plan of redemption proceeds. We who have been baptized into Christ cooperate in this Divine Plan. The Christian view of time as having a redemptive purpose is why Catholic Christians mark time by the great events of the faith in our Liturgical calendar.

Like so much else that is contained within the treasury of Catholic faith and life, the Church, who is an "expert in humanity" invites us to live the rhythm of the liturgical year in order to walk into the deeper encounter that is Catholic Christian faith. As we learn to "live liturgically", moving through life in the flow of the liturgical calendar we can find the deeper mystery and meaning of life.

On the great Feast of Christ the King we celebrate the full and final triumph and return of the One through whom the entire universe was created; in whom it is being "recreated" and by whom it will be completely reconstituted and handed back to the Father at the "end" of all time.

Deacon Keith Fournier

SECOND COLLECTION
11/25 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS



We have moved to a new "snack" model providing donuts and cookies only. Coffee and paper products are still provided by OLW. Women Of Wisdom members will split up assigned Sundays and ask other parishioners to help. Parishioners may choose to donate monetarily instead of prepping snacks. Please speak with a WOW member today and choose a date that is convenient for you to help with this important ministry. Refreshments are now provided after each Sunday Mass.

GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Stefanick
St. Anthony's in Kyle
Wed., Dec. 5th at 7pm
Chris is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker who has devoted his life to in inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. He is host of Real Life Catholic on EWTN.

Tickets can be purchased at reallifecatholic.events.formstack.com

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Advent begins Dec. 3rd
Penance Service at

Our Lady of Wisdom
Mon., Dec. 3rd

ALL services begin at 7pm

Buda, Wed., Dec. 5th
(Santa Cruz)

Johnson City, Thu., Dec. 6th
(Good Shepherd)

Blanco, Tue., Dec. 11th
(St. Ferdinand)

Dripping Springs, Thu., Dec. 20th
(St. Martin De Porres)

ATTENTION
DECEMBER GRADUATES

Sunday, December 9th we would like to recognize all of our December graduates at our 5pm Mass

Reception to follow

WOW: WOMEN OF WISDOM

Meets next Sun., Dec. 2nd at 11:30am in the Library.
All women are welcome!

Stewardship Update

There is a lot of good news in our fall newsletter (find one in your mailbox)

Matching Gift Week
Dec. 2nd- 9th
GOAL \$25,000

If you have any questions about how to maximize your year end giving, or how to make matching gift week an even bigger, contact Tom Deming tdeming@txstatecatholic.org or 512-738-5920.

FORMED

Online platform providing access to Catholic resources from providers including Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, etc. To login. txstatecatholic.formed.org mobile app access code: PFNKTF

Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@txstatecatholic.org

Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.
Deadline: Wednesdays 5pm

WE PRAY

Please join us in prayer for the members of our parish in need of healing and spiritual support.

"Pray for one another...effective prayer can accomplish much." James 5:16