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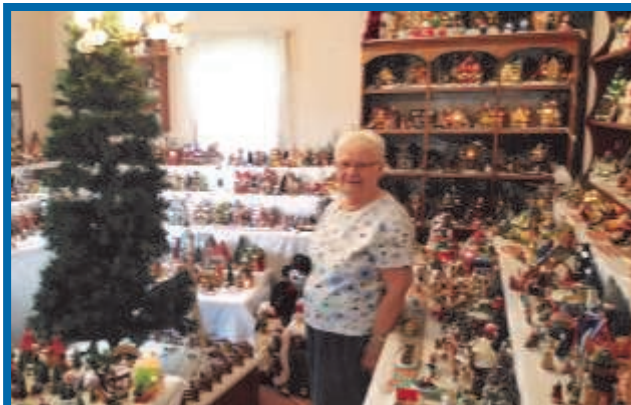


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 25, 2018
 "Is Jesus Christ your King?" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, who personally cares for His people. It is a day that we each acknowledge and testify that, "I do indeed have a caring King, Jesus, who is good to me. He has led me, rescued me, purified me, fed me, instructed me, and graced me; He died for me." Jesus came to deliver his people from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin. Christ the King came to conquer hearts and souls for an unshakeable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

On this feast John takes us into this civil trial, the final week of our Lord's life before His crucifixion. And in the 18th chapter of John there is a series of trials that our Lord was put through: three of them with the Jewish leaders and three of them with the Gentile leaders. Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, 'Are You the King of the Jews?' He thinks, even if He is king, there's nothing that rose to the level of any kind of problem for Rome. This is not a dangerous man. This is not some man who's starting a revolution against Rome. This is not somebody who's guilty of high treason. He's not perverting the nation; there's no evidence of that. He's not forbidding tribute or taxes to Caesar, He paid His taxes; He had the disciples pay their taxes. The only thing Pilate could ask Him was, "Are you a king? He probably remembered back to the original day when He came into the city with all the 'hail hosannas.' Pilate is telling Him, "I am not a Jew it's Your own nation and Your own chief priests who delivered You to me." He also knew that they wanted Jesus dead because of envy and jealousy, so he asks, "What have You done? There's no accusation at all." To proceed with this trial, Jesus answers regarding His being a king, verse 36: "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting

so that I would not be handed over to the Jews;" Jesus affirms, "My kingdom is not of this realm. Yes, I'm a king, but not in the sense that you know a king." He is not a king because subjects made Him a king; He is not a king because it ran in the family; He is a king by nature, and He is a king over a spiritual dominion. It's a spiritual kingdom. King Jesus is heavenly, eternal, and supernatural. There was nothing about Jesus that resembled an earthly king. In the garden when they arrested Jesus, Peter grabbed a sword and started after people and took the ear off the servant of the high priest like the soldier of an earthly king, and Jesus said, "Stop, put your sword away," and gave him back his ear.



Elizabeth Beuerle invited Fr. Bosco to view her extensive collection of Christmas houses that is displayed in her home.

He was not born like other kings, because He existed in heaven "Before Abraham was, I am," that is what He said; He came into the world. What we see is His humanity; He comes into the world in human form. He came to testify to the truth. What truth? The truth of His kingdom, the truth of His nature, the truth of God, the truth of man, the truth of sin, the truth of salvation, the truth of heaven and hell; about life, about death, about eternity, about forgiveness. Though He's a

lamb without spot, a lamb without blemishes, this King of Truth is accused, hated, mistreated, executed; and what you see in the whole thing is His glorious perfection. The Judge of all the earth was arraigned before a fallen son of Adam. The Lord of glory was treated like a criminal. The holy One was condemned as a blasphemer; Liars gave false witness against the living truth. Now the trial begins formally in verse 29. Here we have the first phase of the trial, the accusation. They can't have a trial until you have an accusation. Pilate went out, he wanted an accusation. He's the judge. "What accusation do you bring against this man? You brought Him here, He's bound. Who is He? What has He done?" Pilate finds out that Jesus has done absolutely nothing wrong, He is completely innocent, and that the charges of the Jews were nothing but lies. And Pilate is a

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities

SAT., NOV 24	ST. ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †William Boyd [The Boyd Family]
SUN., NOV 25	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 (161) Pss Prop	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: †Douglas Muldoon [John and Tina Doyle and Family] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People
MON., NOV 26	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II	12:10 pm Mass: †Herman Coval [Little Family in Arizona] 3:30 pm Religious Education—PC 7:15 pm Bible Study—FFH
TUES., NOV 27	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)	8:30 am Mass: INT: Deceased Members of the Strong and Ramde Families [Inge and Pete Roncoli]
WED., NOV 28	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)	8:30 am Mass: †Anita DuBois [Burnett Family]
THU., NOV 29	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506)	8:30 am Mass: †Elizabeth Dahl-MacGregor [Benjamin Dahl]
FRI., NOV 30	ST. ANDREW
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop	8:30 am Mass: †Noreen Burnett [Rita Hawley] 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Loft
SAT., DEC 1	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM/First Saturday
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)	8:30 am Mass: †Gerald Damian [Claudia Damian] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Bishop Joseph Albers, 1st Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing
SUN., DEC 2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3) Pss I	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: INT: Anna Muldoon, 90th Birthday [John and Tina Doyle and Family] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: For the People

judge, and he has a sense of justice, and Roman justice was clearly defined. And whatever kind of man he was, as a judge, he had the responsibility to uphold the Roman law, and he did not want to condemn Jesus to death, that was not just. But he did. He knew He was innocent, he repeatedly says He is innocent, and he has Him executed anyway. He tried several times to get out of it, his wife tried to get him out of it; he never could. Once again, Pilate was doing a masterful job of securing his own popularity. In chapter 19:12 we'll see a little later the Jews said to Pilate, "If you release this man you're no friend of Caesar. We're going to tell him again." Why does Pilate even release Jesus when he knows He's innocent? Blackmail, His previous mistakes and misjudgments made it impossible for him to defy the Jews and keep his job. He lost it anyway in 35 A.D., and historians tell us not long after that he killed himself. I guess he wanted to do the right thing as a judge in one sense, but he had no courage because he killed Jesus to keep his job. That was Pilate.

Dear brothers and sisters let this celebration help us in these ways: 1) We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's rule: Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to live in His Holy Presence and do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. Being aware of His presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments and in the worshipping community we need to listen and talk to Him. 2) We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a serving King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. 3) We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in public or private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him by the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living. 4) We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us His new commandment of love:

"Love one another as I have loved you," (Jn 13:34), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved; unconditionally, sacrificially and with agape love.

Please Pray for:
 Brian Ball
 Leon Ball
 Duane Beuerle
 Betsy Kripas
 Jim Maisano
 Tim McConnell
 Ron Panches
 Cody Simpson
 Trish Waldecker-Murray
 Eddie Walz
 Repose of the Soul:
 +Cecile Ouedraogo
 +Ramde Ram
 +Donald Scaglione
 +Angelo Tonde

For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

NEED HELP?

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION: Right-to-Life MI Hotline 1-800-57WOMAN or visit www.optionline.org

"AA" group meets Fridays & Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emanuel Church kitchen.

"PROJECT RACHEL" (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the

confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

"COURAGE" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.

"ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for the families and friends of "Courage" clients. Call 517-342-2596

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P A R I S H N E W S

Parish Family Birthdays

Nov 24 Edith Irene Dahl
 Nov 25..... Debra Line
 Nov 25..... John Ulicne
 Nov 25..... Karin Villarreal
 Nov 26 Dee Dee Sahakian
 Nov 26 Nancy Walkowe
 Nov 27..... Bob Laskowski
 Nov 28..... Richard Fahey
 Nov 28..... Rory McGoff

Altar Flowers

for the week of
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
 In Memory of
 William Boyd
 (The Boyd Family)

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, November 11, 2018

Sunday Envelopes.....\$4,564.00
 Loose Cash & Checks..... \$348.69
 Welcome Envelopes..... \$20.00
 All Souls' \$80.00
 All Saint's \$25.00
 eGiving.....\$133.48
 Weekly toward budget.....\$5,171.17
 Weekly goal.....\$5,300.00
 Amt. **BELOW** goal..... \$128.83

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
 Building and Maintenance \$150.00
 Campaign Human Dev. \$50.00
 Poor Box \$7.11
 Votive Candles \$24.00

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Looking Ahead

Advent is just around the corner. It is the season of preparation of our hearts and homes for the Birth of the Savior. Magnificat Advent Companions will be available after all Masses this weekend to help us to prepare spiritually for the journey.

Calendar Sales Benefit Parish

Once again Bill Shurtliff has generously donated a stack of his beautiful 2019 U of M/Ann Arbor calendars, featuring his original watercolor drawings, to our parish. The suggested donation is \$5.00 with 100% of the money going to our parish! This is the perfect gift for the U of M fan on your Christmas list or for your home or office.

These calendars will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning **November 25th**. Please put your donations in a plain envelope marked "Calendar Fundraiser" and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

SLC Aktion Club to Sell Cards

The residents of the St. Louis Center Aktion Club design and sell a Christmas Card each year to raise funds to support children in third world countries that are dying because

they lack access to tetanus shots. Since so many people have helped SLC residents over the years they take great pride in being able to help others. They will be present following Masses the weekend of **December 1st-2nd**.

Christmas Decorating

Christmas Holiday Decorating planning is underway. Poinsettias are available to purchase to honor our loved ones during the Christmas Masses. Each poinsettia will be labeled with the name(s) of your loved one(s). Poinsettias can be taken home after New Years' Day Masses. The cost is \$16.00 each, order forms will be in the vestibule. Orders must be placed by **December 10th**. Please make checks payable to "The Flower Garden." Contact Sue Fielder at sfielder@umich.edu or 734-428-8816.

Altar Flower Sponsorships

To sponsor Altar Flowers for the 2019 calendar year you will find a sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church. You may fill in any dates you would like to reserve for the coming year. Please remit a stipend of at least \$40/week by placing an envelope in the collection basket.

Don't Forget!

The Christmas Bake Sale at Manchester United Methodist Church during Christmas in the Village is on **December 1st**. The Altar Society needs volunteers to help with set-up on **Friday, November 30th** 10am-7:30pm and starting at 7am on Saturday. This is also the time that you can bring your GOODIES. Doors open for business at 9am on Saturday. If you would like to help, please call Marja Warner at 428-9506. Your help and support is very important.

AREA NEWS

St. John Vendor/Craft Show is Saturday, December 1st from 10am-4pm at St. John School, corner of Cooper and North Streets. If you would like to be a craft show vendor, please email StJohnCraftShow@yahoo.com for information regarding the show. We had an amazing turnout last year and we are hoping for an even better event this year! The Christmas Bazaar St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society is hosting this annual event on Saturday, December 1st from 10am-4pm at St. Mary Church, 10601 Dexter

Pinckney Road, Pinckney MI FREE ADMISSION, BAKE SALE, RAFFLE, 50/50, LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS available. Reflections on Advent at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI Friday, November 30th, 8:00 pm. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. The Michigan Philharmonic teams up with Madonna University Wednesday, December 5th. The Chorale, Counsellors Chorale, and Main Street Opera Theatre Chorus to perform Libby Larsen's *In a Winter Garden*. This beautiful piece is a musical reflection on

FREE Advent and all its various moods and themes. Tickets are available on-line at <http://www.michiganphil.org> or by calling (734) 451-2112. Holiday Lunch Riverside Intermediate School, 710 E. Main St. is inviting all Manchester Area Seniors to have lunch 30th, 8:00 pm. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. The Michigan Philharmonic teams up with Madonna University Wednesday, December 5th. The program begins at 10:45am with a building tour followed by a holiday music program. A delicious turkey dinner will be served at 11:45am. No RSVP is needed.