

Families and the Gospel *Christ the King Sunday* (John 18:33-37) When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parent believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s questions: “ARE YOU THE King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

Families and the Gospel – Thanksgiving – As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for “*the Lord is with you.*”

Basket of Cheer – Knights of Columbus tickets \$2/each or 3 for \$5. Drawing Date will be December 12, 2024.

Next week begins a new liturgical year. You will notice a different version of missalettes in the pews. These missalettes are for the entire liturgical year and will also replace the Glory and Praise Hymnals. The hymnals will be stored for usage when needed. Please be kind and do not dog-ear the pages.

FREE SALE – *Saturday, November 30th from 9 am to 4 pm at Our Lady of Victory Activities Center* (820 westerly Pkwy., State College, PA). What is a FREE SALE? - it is just like a yard sale except all items are FREE. Items to include many tables of tools, Christmas items, games, toys, videos, camping gear, garden equipment, odds-and-ends, shells and minerals and much more! Free-will donations are accepted and all will go to support St. Rita’s School in Cameroon, Africa, a school serving both handicapped and non-handicapped students. (We will also have a sales table.) For info: Dr. Andrew Sicree, 814-867-6263 or sicree@verizon.net

Thanksgiving Food Bank Collection: Consider donating nonperishable items to the Tyrone Food Bank during the Thanksgiving Mass or the weekend of *November 23rd*. The Food Bank has suggested that donating multiples of the same item helps more

families obtain the same food. Thank you for your generosity.

Kick off your Christmas shopping by stopping at the **Friar’s Nook Gift Shop!** Save 20% off the ENTIRE store Nov. 30th. The Normal business hours Monday-Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop is located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

Franciscan Living Nativity – Help the Franciscan Friars, TOR celebrate their 100th Year Jubilee by joining us on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery on **Saturday, Dec. 14th at 4 pm** to be part of our own children’s Living Nativity. There will be a nativity service followed by refreshments and a chance for a visit and photo with Santa! The Friar’s Nook Gift Hope will be open until 6 pm.

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HAIL, SERVANT LEADER



“Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ ” John 18: 33

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ ” John 18: 36

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God

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“serving our community since 1869”
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School web-site: www.stmatthew-school.org

We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.

If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.



November 24, 2024
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday at 7:30 am
Sunday at 10:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule: Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am
Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 12:30 pm
or anytime upon request.
Saint Joseph Church in Bellwood: Saturday at 4:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
November 23, 2024 – December 8, 2024
Sat. 5:30 pm **Randall Narehood** – Mike & Kathy Narehood
Sun. 7:30 am **Deceased Members of the Zakrzwski & Novotny Families** – Zakrzwski Family
Sun. 10:30 am **For the People - Pastor**
Mon. 8:00 am St. Joseph
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
Wed. 6:00 pm St. Joseph
Thurs. 9:00 am Thanksgiving for God’s Blessings
Fri. 8:00 am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory – Michael Burkholder
Fri. 8:30-9:30 am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction**
Sat. 5:30 pm **Francis Hagg** – wife, Martha and Daughter Ann
Sun. 7:30 am **Happy Birthday Blessings to Father Michael**
Sun 10:30 am **Adrian Eberhart** – Jeff Eberhart family



Sanctuary Candle for the week of November 24th is in memory of Michael Dionis requested by Rose and Bill Long.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Weekdays S. McNelis

Lectors – Dec. 7//8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm G Miller, T Jeffries, D Strayer
Sun. 7:30 am S Zakrzwski, D Zakrzwski
Sun. 10:30 am K Naylor, T Noylor, G Naylor

Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Dec. 7/8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm † C Golden, L Morrison, T Scordo
Sun. 7:30 am † M Rozick, B Rozick, K Hoyne
Sun. 10:30 am † S Thomas, L Wright, D Castagnola

Altar Servers: Dec. 7/8, 2024

Sat. 5:30 pm E Narehood, H Narehood
Sun. 10:30 am G Naylor, C Naylor

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND (June 1 to Dec. 1, 2024) Charlie and Anna Cannistraci, Bonnie Carper, Sue Chambers, Jack Futrick, Cindy Hampton, Rick Hampton, Rob Hampton, Vicky Hayes, Dieter Hartsock, Mary Ellen Jones, Tina Kilmartin, Lila Jo Laughlin, John Lewis, Rose Long, Ailani Myers, Shannon Riley, Diane Romano, Michael Sharer, Mike Ronan, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Lee Wertz, Jeff Wevodau, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Esther Zane

Stewardship Reflection

Today is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities. To see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives and to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, and the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy! After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home too. Christ is King!

Christmas Altar Flower order form deadline is Sunday, December 9th. Flowers and wreaths are supplied and delivered by Rozick's Greenhouse. If you prefer to donate towards Christmas flowers and wreaths, you may use the Christmas Flower envelope in the monthly giving packet. Extra forms are available in the gathering space.

2025 Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has welcomed the Universal Church in 2025 to set their eyes and hearts on the Hope Jesus Christ offers us as we journey together as pilgrims of faith in a very diverse world.

All the faithful of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown are invited to share an expression of hope in the form of art, photography, or poetry in this upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year.

Deadline of submissions for entry in the Proclaim Magazine or **December 8th** for entries on display at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona, PA and other Diocesan gathering during the year. Application forms are in the Gathering Space or contact the parish office.

Saint Matthew's annual Angel Tree is ready with over 200 Christmas gift requests for area families. Just select as many gifts as you would like from the tree, wrap the gift and tape the angel to the top, and then place the gift back under the tree. All gifts are due by **Sunday, December 8th**. Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas through your generosity.

Pro-Life Christmas Cards Available! Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL), Blair County Chapter, has Christmas cards for sale. Several designs are offered this year. Packages of 11 cards are available for \$9. Your purchase helps support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. To order, please call Chris Stoner at 814-931-8088.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas to commemorate St. Nicholas Day is collecting "SOCKS" (which were used as stockings in which St. Nicholas would leave gifts) as well as scarves, hat, gloves, and mittens for the winter season to help those in need. Please join us in the season of giving to help those (adults and children) who need it the most. Please place your donation by the **St. Nicholas Christmas Tree** in the gathering space or in the box provided. Deadline is **Sunday, December 8, 2024**. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities.

Good Shepherd Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Join us for a retreat presented by Brian Pusateri, founder of Broken Door Ministries. Brian is no ordinary speaker. His life story weaves through faith, resilience, and a profound message of God's Mercy. This is a message that resonates deeply with broken hearts seeking healing. Think of the care you put into choosing the right gift for your loved ones. How does that compare to the gift of God gave us in Jesus? Because of our brokenness we are often scared to open His gift. Take time out to discover how God's mercy can heal our brokenness and lead us to become a gift to others. Register at <https://www.goodshepherd-sc.org>

I Give Catholic – The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is participating in "Giving Tuesday" this year and our parish is participating to raise fund for the Spiritual Life Committee to assist families during the upcoming Christmas Season. Beginning **Monday, November 18th** until **December 2nd** you can support this effort at www.igivecatholic.org To access the Parish link input in the **sponsoring organization: Diocese of Altoona Johnstown** and also **input the zip code in the city and state field:** 16686. Click on the "SEARCH" button to find St. Matthew. All transactions are secure and tax-deductible. Please consider joining in this giving campaign. If you would prefer to contribute via envelope/weekly collection there are envelopes in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

All ages are invited to an **Interactive Nativity-Christmas Carol Sing-Along after the 11 am Mass at Holy Rosary Church on Sunday, December 1, 2024**, the First Sunday of Advent. We will have snacks, activities, and Christmas Cards to sign for the shut-ins and the veterans. We will also have a free raffle of a Thomas Kinkade Lionel Train Set for those who are present. Please call Holy Rosary Rectory 814-944-6676 to register before Thanksgiving.

<u>Financial Report – November 17, 2024</u>	
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection \$5,102 \$16(children)	
<u>Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025</u>	
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$ 108,018
2024 Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$ 33,446
Second Collection	\$ 0
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$ 85
Religious Education Envelopes	\$ 50
Good Samaritan	\$ 0
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive TARGET	\$ 29,219
CMD Donations for 2024	\$ 82,947
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY! Please remember that one can have a lot of money but still live a really poor life and one can have no money at all and live a really rich life, that's because <u>what makes a person truly rich</u> is not how much they have but how much they give.	

Available in the Gathering Space

- Lector workbooks for 2025.
- Advent candles \$7.00 per box.
- Advent pamphlets **"God With Us"** advent reflections by Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton and St. Mother Teresa