

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE REIGNING CHRIST

This image of Christ, the King, and the symbolism are taken from St. John's Book of Revelation. He wears His emblems of Prophet, Priest and King. He holds seven stars in His hand and His feet rest on the Book of the Seven Seals. The Alpha and Omega flank his head. Seven burning candles appear before His throne with the palms of His victory at the sides. Below is the tomb of the holy martyrs, who are the first to be raised on the last Day.

*"Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth." Rev. 1:5*

*"The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks in the midst of the seven gold lampstands." Rev. 2:1*

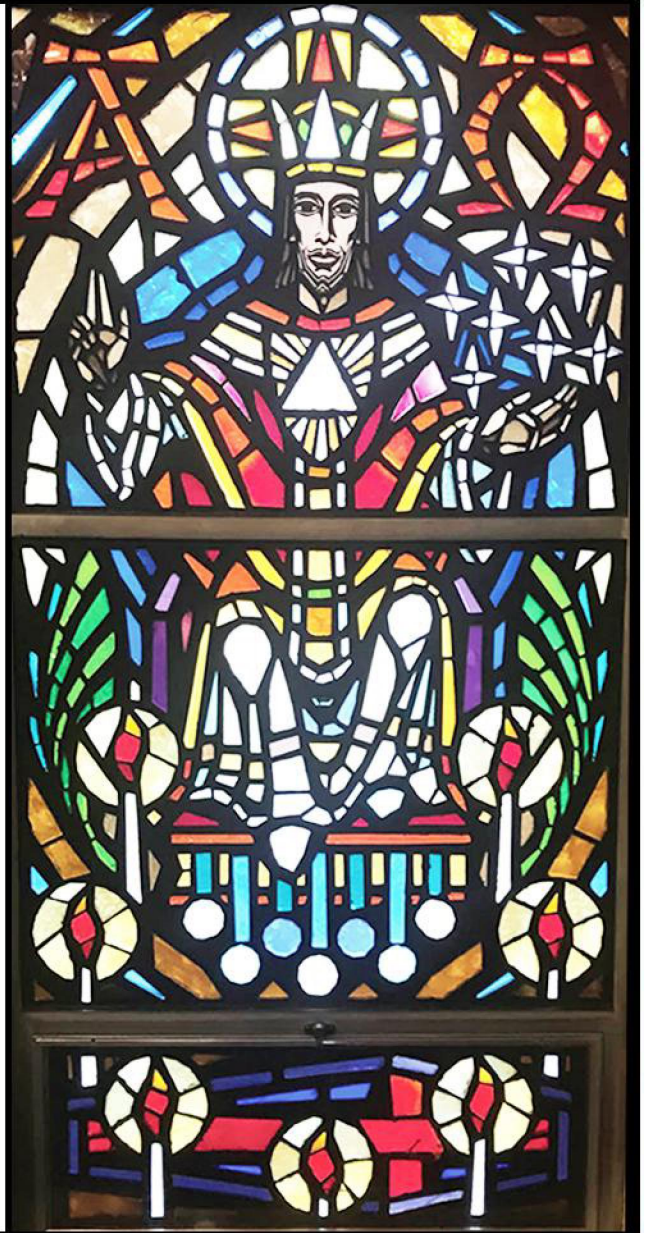
*"A throne was there in heaven, and on the throne sat one whose appearance sparkled like jasper and carnelian. Around the throne was a halo as brilliant as an emerald." Rev. 4:2-3*

*"I saw a book in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals." Rev. 5:1*

*"I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the witness they bore to the word of God." Rev. 6:9*

*"I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands." Rev. 7:9*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Rev. 22:13*



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**Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, November 22**

**-Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe-**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Dale & Evelyn  
Morrissey Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

12:10 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

**Monday, November 23**

No Morning Mass

**Tuesday, November 24**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Waller Booth +

8:30 a.m. Confession

**Wednesday, November 25**

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession

7:00 p.m. Donnanjeanne Wahman +

**Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests of the Fort  
Wayne-South Bend Diocese

**Friday, November 27**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell +

**Saturday, November 28**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +

**Sunday, November 29**

**- First Sunday of Advent -**

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

12:10 p.m. Rosary

12:30 p.m. Special Intention

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

*Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 9 AM. Come and begin your day with the Eucharist (Greek for Thanksgiving) as we give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow. This Mass will also be live-streamed for those unable to join us in person.*

Over the past week, we've received many questions regarding the new executive order from Governor Holcomb. After reviewing the order and speaking with our diocese, it is relieving to see that the order does not place limits on religious services. We will continue offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in-person here at St. Joseph's, keeping to the same diocesan safety precautions we have been implementing since May. We will also continue making the Mass available via live-stream for all those who are yet unable to join us in-person.

This raises a great question that speaks to the very heart of our Catholic worship: *Why do we go to such great lengths with safety precautions to ensure our in-person worship can continue?* Following these precautions as best as we can, we witness to that which must be **most essential** to us in this life: **Jesus Christ present to us in the Most Holy Eucharist**. This is why we joyously await the day for when we, as a parish family, can **all** gather together again in-person at the altar of the Lord to worship our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist. In the words of St. Thérèse of Lisieux: *"In the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament we ought to be like the Blessed in heaven before the Divine Essence."*

### Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe & Advent

This weekend brings a close to our liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our front cover of this bulletin is a biblical explanation of our stained glass window in the Church that represents this liturgical celebration. Bringing an end to our liturgical year, this yearly feast offers a joyous reminder to all Christians: Jesus Christ is King.

In the words of Pope Pius XI when promulgating this feast day: *"Once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony."* May we strive each and everyday to allow Jesus to be the King of our Heart and, in doing so, to reflect His Kingship in everything that we think, say, and do. If we strive to do this, we will begin to change the world one person at a time, starting with us.

Ending the liturgical year means that, next weekend, we will begin a new year of God's grace as we enter into **Advent**. The season of **Advent** serves as a wonderful time to re-evaluate our relationship with God and to re-focus our lives upon Him. The next four weekends are meant to prepare us to welcome the Incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Throughout **Advent**, we will have a variety of opportunities to grow in the Lord. Available this weekend, our **Little Blue Books** are in the narthex (in both English and Spanish), as well as a number of **Advent Calendars**. Our **Parish Mission** will be offered from **Monday, Dec. 7th, through Wednesday, Dec. 9th, at 7 PM each evening in the church**, led by Fr. Stephen Felicichia. *(The Mission will also be live-streamed.)* Let us make this an **Advent** that will change our hearts and our lives.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Nov. 23 - St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pio, Priest and Martyr** - Rv 14:1-3,4b-5/ Lk 21:1-4

**Tues., Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs** - Rv 14:14-19/ Lk 21:5-11

**Wed., Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr** - Rv 15:1-4/ Lk 21:12-19

**Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day** - Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a/ Lk 21:20-28

**Fri., Nov. 27** - Rv 20:1-4,11—21:2/ Lk 21:29-33

**Sat., Nov. 28** - Rv 22:1-7/ Lk 21:34-36

**Sun., Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent** - Is 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mt 13:33-37



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Jimmy Robbins, Jean Steele, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, and Jen Coyne.

### OPEN HOUSE!

Good Shepherd Books & Gifts will be having a Holiday Open House! Wednesday, November 25 10am-6pm  
Saturday, November 28 10am-3pm  
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### PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

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### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 21 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 21 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 22 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 22 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- Friday., Nov. 27 - Office Closed.
- Sat., Nov. 28 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 28 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 29 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 29 - No Religious Education Classes - Thanksgiving Break.
- Sun., Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent - Advent Food Drive to support the Wells County Food Bank - details in the narthex.
- Tues., Dec. 1 - Knights of Columbus - 6:40 p.m. recitation of the Holy Rosary in Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Please bring a mask to wear.
- Fri., Dec. 4 - First Friday - Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass 8:30 a.m. / Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Low Mass at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.
- Sat., Dec. 5 - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 5 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 6 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 12:30 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 6 - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Tues., & Wed., Dec. 7, 8, 9 - Advent Parish Mission - 7-8:00 p.m. More information to come!!



### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report

November 14/15

Adult Envelopes- \$3,595.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$66.50

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$270.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$137.00

Religious Ed. Fees- \$80.00

Advent Wreaths- \$100.00

Votive Candles- \$179.75

Total- \$4,428.25

### Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$688.15 behind our weekly budget for November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$686.00

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*

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**Thanksgiving Prayer**



**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
**November 26**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Heavenly Father,

In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want. Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost. Keep their faith strong as they await relief. Let Your goodness flow throughout our hearts and hands as we reach out to one another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ. Amen.

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald 'Ronnie' Burns, husband of Bonnie Burns who passed away Friday, November 13, 2020



May God welcome Ronnie home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Evonne 'Bonnie' Captain, sister of Shar Mechling who passed away Monday, November 16, 2020



May God welcome Bonnie home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

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n - is it necessary?  
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