Solemnity of Christ the King
November 22, 2026



FROM THE GUSSET

The commemorative coin that my brother designed for our *Thanksgiving* at having met the Bishop's Capital Campaign are very beautiful with exquisite detail. Your generosity and love of your Parish are greatly appreciated by your Pastor, and future generations of Catholics will be in your debt at your keeping these three wondrously beautiful Churches open. Every time you look at the coin you will see new aspects of its beauty. The coin is a symbol of your soul. The Psalmist says, *"I will give thanks to You, O God, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made. Wonderful are all Your works, O God, and my soul knows this well."* Yet, for how beautiful each of us was created by God the Father (you were created in the image and the likeness of the Son) each one of us has the ability to grow in beauty every day! See, God the Father created us, but God the Son recreates us each and every time we receive a Sacrament of the Catholic Church!! Every time we go to Confession the Blood of Christ washes away our sins, and we grow in beauty. Every time we go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, Jesus is pouring out all of His love into us through the Holy Spirit and making us more beautiful. God the Father looks forward to looking at us every day, because God cannot wait to see how beautiful His Son made us today! God remembers how beautiful you were when He knit you together in your Mother's womb, and God marvels at how His Son could make you even more beautiful than that! Your parents thought you were the most beautiful baby they had ever seen – wait until they see you in Heaven! We will all finally come to understand why God gave up His Son for us – when we see how beautiful each of us is in Heaven. Yours on the Path Fr. Randy







THANKSGIVING MASS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

What a shame that the older son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son never asked his Father for the fattened calf – he did not even ask Dad for a young goat to feast on with his friends; and yet, everything the Father had was his! God is so generous with us, and He has so many more gifts that He wants to give us through His Son; not the least of which, is another Eucharist – another fattened calf for us to feast on with our Parish Community - when we next celebrate the Mass. We will gather at St. Patrick's Church in Maytown, the morning of Thanksgiving at 9:00am to celebrate the Eucharist, thank God for all the past gifts God has given us, and ask for even greater gifts to be given in the coming year.





"Keep Christ in Christmas"

As part of the Knights of Columbus *"Keep Christ in Christmas"* program – the Amboy Knights of Council #8277 and Mendota Knights of Council #6402 are sponsoring a "Christmas Poster Contest" for CCD-age students. The Knights aim to promote the "true spirit of Christmas" rooted in Christ's birth and counteracting the commercialization of Christmas by redirecting our attention to Faith, giving, and evangelization. See your CCD teacher for help in entering your artwork as part of the Christmas Poster Contest.

RCIA: The Strangest Way

One of the scariest things for a young man that joined St. Francis' band of shoeless beggars – was that he had to beg for his food. Francis called the young monk over and pointing to a small cottage that had the beginnings of a wisp of smoke coming from its chimney, il Poverello said, I have a friend in that house, go ask him for some food. When the new Franciscan knocked on the door and told the proprietor of the hunger in his belly – he was immediately whisked in and given a place with the family at the dinner table. Two hours later, the Franciscan came back to St. Francis and told him, "I mentioned your name to the man, but he said he had never heard of you – but that I was welcome to eat with his family." St. Francis responded, "that man simply recognized the hungry Christ inside of you – you were fed because you are a friend of God – not because you are friend of St. Francis of Assisi!" Bishop Barron tells us to have 'Jesus at the center' is the first Path that leads back into Paradise. If God is the center of your life – if nothing else is as important to you as your relationship with God – then you have found shelter from the storm – a sure place to stand even as the chaos of sin crashes around you. "When you are rooted in Christ, you will burst forth with life of a limitless variety!" Here is Bishop Barron again: Jesus has opened for His followers a new depth of existence, a new center, that cannot be touched even when the whole of what we call the 'self' has been destroyed. This living in Christ is both simultaneously alluring in its beauty and terrifying in its demands." Remember, the storm at Sea, when the Disciples feared for their lives? Bishop says our trouble is that we have allowed Jesus to fall asleep in our boat! The Lord is there – at the center of our hearts – in our souls – He has been there since our Baptisms, but we have allowed Jesus to fall asleep. "We must awaken the inner Christ and then surrender to Him doing everything the Christ asks of us." When the voice from Heaven thundered at Jesus' Transfiguration – we were told: "Listen to My Son!" At our judgement one of the questions we must answer is did you do what My Son told you to do? To have Christ at our center is an extraordinarily good gift (Baptism), but if we never open the gift – if we bury it in a hole in the ground - God is going to be awfully, awfully irate with us! "O' dear it's very difficult to be a Catholic."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21ST Presentation of Mary
(+) Susan Hayes/ Karen McInnis
4:00pm OLPH (+) Stacey Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman & (+) Donald Marschang/ Family
Sunday, November 22nd Solemnity of Christ the King
8:00am St. Patrick (+) Marty Quest/ Velma Quest &
(+) James & (+) Anita Hendron/ Mr. & Mrs. Marty Bickett
10:30am SMA Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy
Monday, November 23rd
(+) Howard McInnis & (+) Robert Bulfer/ Fr. Randy
Tuesday, November 24th
7:30am SMA (+) Julie Malach/ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Henkel
Wednesday, November 25th
8:00am OLPH (+) Anita Vaessen/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen
Thursday, November 26th Thanksgiving Day
9:00am St. Patrick (+) Edward McLaughlin/ Fr. Randy
Friday, November 27th
(+) Fr. Kramer/ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke
Saturday, November 28th
(+) Anita Vaessen & (+) Donna Vaessen/ Fr. Randy
4:00pm OLPH (+) Richard & (+) Stacey Wertz/ Shawn Leffelman &
Sunday, November 29th First Sunday of Advent
8:00am St. Patrick (+) Floyd Wilson/ Theresa Wilson &
(+) Larry Leffelman/ Mr. & Mrs. Edward Klein
10:30am SMA Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy



MASS TIMES FOR SUNDAY OBLIGATION

SATURDAY VIGIL, November 21st

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4:00pm Sublette

SUNDAY, November 22nd

St. Patrick Church 8:00am Maytown
St. Mary of the Assumption 10:30am West Brooklyn

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