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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



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ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Two of my former parishes were dedicated to Christ the King so this feast day has a special resonance with me. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King or Christ the King Sunday, is a feast in the liturgical year which emphasizes the true kingship of Christ. The feast is a relatively recent addition to the liturgical calendar, instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. A few years prior the Holy See had lost most of their territory (“the papal states”) as Italy became a country and the Holy Father viewed the secular nation as being in danger of losing its soul. This feast was an effort to restore Christ to the center of life for believers. Churches were soon named in honor of Christ the King as patron. (The parishes I served at were founded in 1929 and 1931. Christ the King in Beverly was founded in 1936.) After the reform of the liturgical calendar at Vatican II the feast became situated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, a reminder that the reign of Christ is an eternal kingship, not limited to any nation or state.

According to Cyril of Alexandria, Christ "has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature. His kingship is founded upon the hypostatic union [that is, the humanity and divinity of Christ in one person]. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures." In addition, the Feast of Christ the King has an eschatological dimension, pointing to the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth. It leads into Advent, when the Church anticipates Christ's second coming.

Does anyone remember this song: “An army of youth flying the standards of truth, We’re fighting for Christ, the Lord. Heads lifted high, Catholic Action our cry, And the cross our only sword.... Comrades true, dare and do ’neath the Queen’s white and blue, For our flag, for our faith for Christ the King.” That song was written in 1932 and captures the militant face the Church was presenting to the world at that point in time. We live in a different age. The social action group at my former parish called themselves “Christ the Servant” as expressing better what they were about. While the idea of kingship is not part of the American experience, we can appreciate the significance of the feast. In a world where our attention is being pulled in so many directions, we can find a focus for our lives in the person of Christ. Pilate did not understand how a simple peasant from Galilee could be a king. We can because we find he rules our hearts with love.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 11/26	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Paul Casner by Yolanda Zarnowska</i>
Mon 11/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>James B. Kelly by Joe and Donna McMillan</i>
Tues 11/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Eaton and Santo Families by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ.</i>
Wed 11/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Daisy Ammons by Marilyn Ammons</i>
Thurs 11/30	7:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass(Chapel & On-line) † <i>Barbara Ricks by Philip Ricks</i>
Fri 12/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sister Barbara Rastatter by Bill Ryan</i>
Sat 12/02	9:30 a.m.	Advent Retreat (Church)
Sun 12/03	First Sunday Of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debray and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>

ST. JAMES ANNUAL TREE TRIMMING PARTY

DECEMBER 9

5:30 TO 9:30PM

ST. JAMES RECTORY
2942 S. WABASH

Deck the halls, sing a song of
Christmas, share in some
holiday cheer!

Gather with friends new and old
to share food, drink, Christmas
carols and trim the tree. Bring a
favorite dish or drink to share.



**BIBLE STUDY:
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE MASS?**



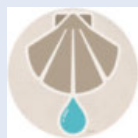
Mondays

Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, 2023

7:00-8:30PM

Zoom

A Family Mass featuring all of our Sunday School participants will be on December 10th at our 9:30 am Mass. If there is anyone whose child is not enrolled but would like their child to participate, please see Mary Ann for an assignment.



Father John is away, doing a retreat at the Sisters Motherhouse in Philadelphia. He returns on Saturday, December 2. Thanks to Fr. Dennis for celebrating Masses this week.

**Sunday collection report Year To Date, November 5
\$188,851 a \$10,169
(5.7%) increase over 2022.**



Join us for an Advent evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

Taize Prayer

**Wednesday, December 13
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to all**

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21 East 29th Street
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**Save the Date for our Advent Retreat!
in the meantime: some food for thought**

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus ~ Galatians 3:26

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty ~ 2 Corinthians 6:18

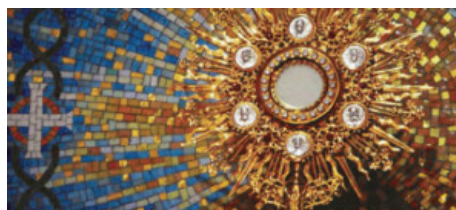
For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are Sons of God ~ Romans 8:14

But as many as received him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name ~ John 1:12

**Saturday December 2, 2023
St. James Wabash Church Hall
9:30 am - 3 pm**

**Our facilitator will be Cathy Walz
from the Archdiocese of Chicago**

A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Suggested donation \$20.00



Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday December 1st
8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)
Confessions available upon request**



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
 Margie Bass
 Paul Freeman
 Juanita James
 Barbara Southhall
 Dina Williams
Our Sick:
 Victoria Allen
 Yvonne Christmas
 Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
 Patsy Cunningham
 Marvelean Doss
 Claude Fisher
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