

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/24 (Solemnity—Christ the King) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 12/01 (I Sunday of Advent) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. with a blessing of the Advent Wreath and blessing of Advent Calendars for children. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!
- 12/03-05 (Tuesday-Thursday) Fr. Adam’s retreat (Madison, CT).
- 12/07 (Saturday) [Christmas Parish Dinner and BINGO](#) in the Church hall. This event is open to all: parishioners and friends of St. John’s. Join us in the Church Hall for a festive evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Dinner: Starts at 3:00 PM – Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet for just \$10 (children under 15 eat free!). Bingo: Begins at 5:00 PM – Bingo cards available for purchase separately, with great prizes to win!
- 12/08 (II Sunday of Advent) Holy Mass at 10am. [Catechism class](#) for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!
- 12/13 (Friday) [Christmas POLISH FOOD SALE](#) in the Church hall from 4pm to 6.30pm. Food raffle with great prizes!

- **FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.

CHURCH NEWS

- **Advent Community Project:** Church Hall Windows. Thank you for your support!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: WALTER MOTULSKI (11/26), JOANN MCBETH (11/26). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the newly elected U.S. President, for the country and peace on earth.

INTROIT

C: The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R: All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations will bow low before You. For kingship belongs to the Lord, the ruler over the nations.

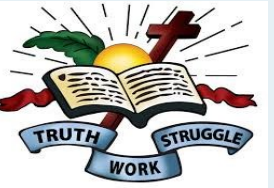
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



HOLY MASS

. 10 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

DN 7:13-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty."

PS 93

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

RV 1:5-8

All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 18:33B-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This celebration of Christ the King comes at the end of the liturgical year. It is the “crown” of the year in that it summarizes what has been celebrated all year and it looks forward to the Reign of Christ at the end of time. The First Reading describes the coming of the one Who is like the “Son of Man” who receives everlasting dominion over all. The psalm proclaims the LORD to be King surrounded by glory. The reading from the Book of Revelation describes Jesus as the Ruler of Kings and the One Who has made us into a Reign of priests (people who can help sanctify others by the way we serve and minister to them). In the Gospel today, as Jesus stands before the judgment seat of Pilate, He announces that He is King, but that His Kingdom is not of this world.

As we complete another liturgical year, we celebrate the Reign of the Lord Jesus which was begun through Jesus’ life, ministry, death, and resurrection, but will not reach its completion until Jesus returns at the end of time to take final control of all peoples, nations, and life. We are living in the “already, but not yet” time of the Reign of Jesus the King.

It is sometimes hard for us as Americans to full grasp the concept of kingship, since we live in a democratic society. We find it hard to comprehend the full authority and power of a royal ruler who has ultimate power and control, and demands total allegiance and unquestionable obedience, and in return, provides protection and livelihood for the members of the Realm. It is important for us to realize that Jesus is even more of sovereign leader Who expects complete compliance. Yet He is also compassionate and understanding, having walked among us, and was subjected to others’ authority. Jesus rules by serving others and taking care of their needs.