

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/26/2017

We will be oiling and cleaning the church on Saturday, December 2 from 10 AM until 12 PM noon.
Girl Scouts meet Friday, December 1 @ 6:30 PM. Call the parish office to join
PSR class meets on Saturday, December 2 @ 10 AM in the St. Francis room
Lee Brucato and Greg Folger will be wed on Saturday, December 2 @ 2 PM. Congratulations!
Save the Date! CANTUALIS will perform at St. Stephen's on Tuesday December 19 @ 7:30 pm

PRO-LIFE CORNER: THE KING OF LIFE

The liturgy for today's Feast of Christ the King tells us that his is "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Indeed, all these realities fit together perfectly. Truth and life go together, because when we know the truth about God's love and care for creation, we will respect all life. When we know the truth about ourselves, that we belong only to God, then we realize we cannot destroy any other person. A respect for life, personally as well as in our laws and policies as a nation, is the first requirement of justice and an absolute condition of peace. And the holier we are, the more we allow God's grace into our every thought and desire, the more we will adhere to truth, defend life, and promote justice and peace.

REFLECTION: In the Kingdom of God there is only one law, the law of love. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it; you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Matt 22:37-40). Whatever we do for the neighbor he takes as having been done to himself. Isn't it beautiful that Jesus is not asking us to do anything absolutely extraordinary? He is asking us to make simple acts of charity and deeds of mercy. To give clothes to someone who does not have any. To give a drink of water to someone who is thirsty. True love, Jesus tells us, feeds the poor and welcomes the immigrant and the homeless. Let us ask Our Blessed Mother Mary Our Lady of the Angels and the Queen of Heaven that through her intercession may we all gain the grace we need to allow Jesus Christ to rule in our hearts and souls as we serve others for the love of him and seek to build his Kingdom of Love. – Rev. Caroli Shao, AJ

THE SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S is hosting a "Church Cleaning" event on Saturday, December 2 From 10 am to 12 pm noon. Please bring rags, heavy duty cleaning gloves and a smile! We hope you will join us as we clean and oil all of this beautiful wood to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. We use a special oil so please do not bring any cleaning products. Thanks!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE GIVING TREE

Instead, remember to take your ornament as a commitment to purchase the gift described. Giftwrap your new purchase. Remember to attach the ornament to the outside. Please place it under the tree in church by December 17. That way you will help the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry remember at-risk mothers and infants at the holidays.

THE CLEVELAND PREGNANCY CENTER sends their "Thanks!" "Dear St. Stephen's Parishioners, from the bottom of our hearts we thank you! Your generosity is such a blessing to so many! May God bless your church and everyone in it!"

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The first choir practice will be after the 11 am Mass on December 3. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Nov. 26 & 27	Rev. Bede	Rev. Franz	Rev. C. Shao
Dec. 2 & 3	Rev. C. Shao	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Franz
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

November 18 & 19 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: 2,5024.12 Children: \$1.00 (2)
Issued: 220 Returned: 89
Food Pantry: \$543.00
CCHD: \$95.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Patricia Burfield Deacon Moises Cruz Burley Blankenship
Chris Rose Sidonia & Hans Speier Roger Gregory
Mike Schmidt Ann Miller Kufner Agnes Hogan
Sharon Sneed Victoria Bailey Judith Kenny
Michalyn Blasius Lawrence Blasius

The persons served by our Community Kindness Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		November 25 & 26	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Steve McElroy	Barb Rieth	Glenn Sneed
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES		December 2 & 3	
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russ Nieling	Barb Rieth	Robert Filippi & Dan Caboli
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Diane and Paul Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 11/26 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in
Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in America through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor. Simply write SVdP on the memo line of your check and it will stay here in our parish.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, November 25 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
† David E. Rollins

Sunday, November 26 Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 AM The Members of this Parish
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
24th Sunday after Pentecost
† Coletta Spuhler
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
†† Mary Louise and Michael Glavan

Monday, November 27 Chapel

6:30 PM †† John and Violet Todia

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 AM Latin (Church) (Feria)
† Deborah Mullin
6:30 PM (Chapel)
† Theresa Bewley Dailey

Wednesday, November 29 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)
† Rick Ivan
7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, November 30 Church

6:30 PM (St. Andrew, Apostle)
† Charles Frisk

Friday, December 1 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (Feria)
†† Madeline T. and Roland M. Sittley

Saturday, December 2 Church

9:30 AM Latin Mass (St. Vivian, Virgin & Martyr)
†† Herbert and Dorothy Ratner
4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM Vigil of First Sunday of Advent
† Helen Ujvari

Sunday, December 3 Church

First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM The Members of this Parish
9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass
† Kevin Broderick
11:00 AM Sunday Mass
† Aubrey Mielnik
† Linda Jane Marquard

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.