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November 24, 2013

*Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — Lk 23:42-43



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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



Viva Cristo Rey

"This is the way the world ends, this is the way the world ends, this is the way the world ends... not with a bang, but with a whimper." T.S. Eliot

This is the quote from the forward of the first novel I ever read, *On the Beach* by Nevil Shute. It was written in 1957 at the height of the cold war when we kids learned to hide under our desks to "duck and cover" from the fallout of a nuclear bomb. It is the story of a group of people in Melbourne, Australia who are waiting for the radiation of a nuclear holocaust that took place the year before to reach them and then they would all die. For a young boy growing up in the security of the suburbs during the 50's when God was in His heaven and all was right with the world, it was quite a jolt. Shortly after I read the novel there was a T.V. movie called "The Morning After" which kept me awake many a night. It was a story of the fallout from a nuclear bomb not in Australia but here in the United States. It scared the bejeezes out of me.

Today is the feast of Christ the King when we are called to contemplate the end of the world. Our readings today are filled with apocalyptic literature. We associate the word apocalypse with the end times and end of the world. But it literally means to un-veil. To show what is really going on. Well, what the H-E-Double-Hockey-Stick is going on? From the biblical description of wars and rumors of wars and famine and earthquakes and plagues it sure looks like the end of the world to me. But then again, it looked just like that in 1957 and I imagine in 1579 and around the year 87 when Luke's Gospel was written. It always seems to be the end times. And it is.

All of our lives are filled with loose ends, unfinished business. All of us long for the time when there will be peace and tranquility not only in our own families but in our country and the world in which we live. Deeply planted within the human heart is an utopian vision of how things ought to be. In the human heart of Jesus this same vision beat on and by His divine nature, He introduced it to us. It is called "The Kingdom of God." And if there is a kingdom, there has to be a king. He is the King. The King of hearts. And He told us after His

resurrection that he would come back for a second time and when He came, all would be all in Him. There would be no more crying out, no more pain, and death would be at His feet. Who wouldn't want or long for this Kingdom?

The desire for the fulfillment of the Kingdom with Christ the King returning soon was so strong in the early Church and they were utterly convinced that it would be any day now. At every vigil Mass as the sun rose, the entire congregation would go and look to the east in expectation of His coming. But He never came. For 2,000 years we have been waiting for His coming. We proclaim at Mass, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!" But when? And in the meantime, where are we? Still with wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famines, peoples at each other's throats. So today is the Feast of Christ the King, so what?

So everything! The early Church believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. Apocalyptic literature was written always in a time of crises. Today we seem to be living in perpetual crises. I am sure it was always so, but with today's modern media we are constantly aware of it. It is the nightly news. So what is our response? To live as if it is the end of the world.

It is the end of the world, at least of our world. We are given, as the Scripture says, 70 years or 80 if we are strong, and most of it is dust on the scale. Blink your eyes and you're here and in a nano second you are gone. And that's the end. It's the end of our world. So how does one live in a world that is passing away so quickly? As if the King were already here and His kingdom had already come. Why? Because He is and it has.

In a few short months I will be turning 70. In a best case scenario I can figure on 15 or 20 more years (if someone runs into me texting while driving, maybe a whole lot less). It is the blink of an eye. The end of my world is coming. So what do I do? Well, what is Christ bringing? He's bringing forgiveness, reconciliation, love, care for the other. So? So that's how I am to live. Right now. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Christ has already come and lives in His Mystical Body that continues the process of dying and rising to new life. I am part of that process. My holy work is not only to

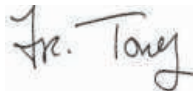
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keep my eye on the prize of some future that may be far off but to realize that it is already here. And to make it happen in my life and in the life of those around me.

So, before we know it, we are all coming to the end of our world. How will it end? With the whimper of fear and holding on, or plunging into the proclamation of the Kingdom? Give me the Kingdom. Give me the King. Long live Christ the King! Viva Cristo Rey!!!!

In Jesus, the Christ, the King of the Universe,



Parish News



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Eucharist, Jesus repeats this affectionate summon to us, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will refresh you." (Mathew 21:28)

Come and be refreshed on our next day of Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are invited to spend time in adoration and prayer, as well as to join us for Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up in the back of church if you would like to sign up for a particular time. For questions, or to adopt an hour please call Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.

CHRIST THE KING



Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 1

Sunday, November 24, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 13
 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in School Room 3
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, November 25, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass
 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

No RE Classes

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 29, 2013

Day After Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Bulletin Deadline December 8, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Saturday, November 30, 2013

Christmas Giving Tree Starts

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children Christmas Mass Practice
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:30 p.m. MQH Mass

Sunday, December 1, 2013

Christmas Giving Tree Starts

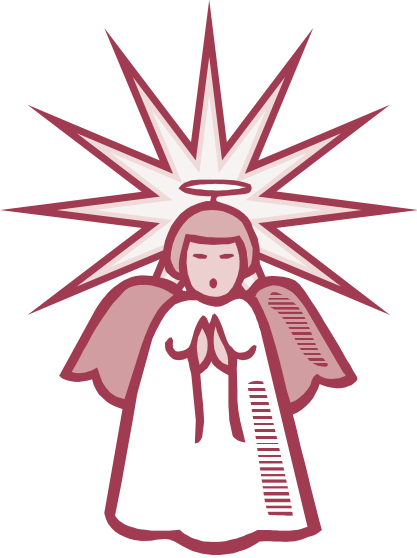
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 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 9:00 AM

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AND
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Parish News



Christmas Eve is Fast Approaching....

and it's time again to ask all you angels and shepherds, students, young adults, moms and dads, to bring this year's Christmas Eve Children's mass to life again this year!

All rehearsals will be held in church :

November 30 , December 7, December 14
from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The last dress rehearsal is:

December 21 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All rehearsals must be attended. The major parts will be given out first come first serve....if you have any questions feel free to call Norma Williamson at:
(630)215-8611

Parish News



BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Dec. 15	Friday, Dec. 6
Sunday, Dec. 22	Wednesday, Dec. 11
Sunday, Dec. 29	Wednesday, Dec. 18
Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014	Monday, Dec. 23

Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of December 7 & 8. Please start cleaning those closets now. We are in need of clothing, shoes, linens, books, bedding, small house wares such as toasters, blenders, mixers etc. The SVDP is now also accepting small electronic items and computers working or not for their recycling center.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the Thrift Shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. Proceeds from the Thrift Shops go into a general assistance fund where SVDP Conferences at the churches help folks with rent, mortgage, utilities, doctor bills and prescriptions.

For the pick-up of furniture and heavy items, please call (630) 231-4658 and SVDP will send a truck to your home. Tax receipts are given. For questions or information, please call Sheila at (630) 833-6657. Thank you for your generosity and for your concern for the needy!



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Christmas Food Drive will take place the weekend of December 14 & 15. Items needed to help the 25 families we have adopted are canned fruit, vegetables, soup, prepared foods, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, potatoes, baking items, paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dish soap, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc. We are also in need of gift cards for Jewel, Dominick's, Mariano's, or Pete's Market.

The food will be sorted on Monday evening, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you can help, please give Sheila a call at (630) 833-6657.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be up the weekend of Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. Please note: all gifts for the Giving Tree must be returned the weekend of December 14 & 15 as the families will be picking them up along with the Food Baskets on December 20.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH TESTIMONIAL

"I filled out the paper work three separate times debating on going or not. But I'm glad I finally made up my mind to go. This spiritual renewal weekend was more than I expected. And I've been on a lot of retreat weekends before. It has brought the meaning of community back to church. It has strengthened my relationship with God by the great support system it provides. It helps us all join and work together as a parish, the way a parish should be." Sarah Johnson

Is that small still voice calling you to say "yes"?
Weekends

Women's is February 8-9, 2014 and
Men's is February 22-23, 2014.



SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013
IN
BARRETT HALL
Immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass

Seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas party in their honor. A buffet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by our youth group. Mark your calendar now and plan on having an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

So that we can prepare food for everyone, if you are planning to attend please complete the form below and return it before Monday, December 2. You can return your form in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of the church or return it to the Rectory. If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Dayna Pierzchala at (630) 834-3233 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.**



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder to all RE families:

There will be no class on Wednesday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please mark your calendars.

Advent Service Projects:

This year we will again be collecting **new unwrapped** toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side... not so very far from Elmhurst. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on Wednesday, **December 4 and 11** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome... no violent toys please. Please be generous.

Our children will once again have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They will go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Our "polls" will be open on the first 3 Wednesdays of December. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.


Please continue to be very cautious in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. The change in time has made this even more important. Please use your headlights in the afternoon and be sure to drive in and out of the lot in the proper direction.

Attention RE Families: Please inform the REO if your address has changed.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email us at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

	Thanksgiving Nov. 28 9:00 AM	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Nosek	A. Novar D. Novar	K. Passarelli	P. Reynertson
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Altar Servers	TBA	M. Kerley C. Letourneau K. Lewand	J. Mirretti T. Procajlo J. Reginelli	E. Frank J. Frank A. Frank



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 17, 2013	
Adults	\$7,281.00
Parish Pay	\$4,211.71
Children	\$44.67
Collection Total	\$11,537.38
Collection for Philippines	\$5,640.93

190 parishioner envelopes were used.
141 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Thank you for your
continued kindness and generosity.**



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, November 24, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Mary and John Taychman
 10:30 a.m. † Johnny Kenny

Monday, November 25, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Steve Preattle

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Ralph St. Pierre

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Noeleen Loesch

Thursday, November 28, 2013

9:00 a.m. † Albert Fuchsen

Friday, November 29, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, November 30, 2013

4:30 p.m. † Sharon Felau

Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Rita Simpson
 10:30 a.m. † Robert Bradley

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of November 24, 2013

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
 Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett
Susana Cortes de Caicedo
 Irene Kmiecik
Joan Skimina



*Please call the Rectory to add a name
to our Parish Prayer List.*



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