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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 22, 2020

## THE BANE AND THE BLESSED

Some years ago I celebrated a marriage for Tim and Karen at a parish in suburban St. Paul, MN. I know the groom and his family from Wausau. I was pleased to preside at the wedding. However I recognized that the couple had not been regular in their celebration of Sunday Mass.

On Saturday the time of the wedding approached. The pastor was growing more and more nervous as the organist had not arrived. He telephoned her only to discover that she was stranded at a railroad crossing where a train had stopped, and was not moving. She wouldn't make it to the wedding. With trepidation the pastor and I approached the couple with the sad news. Their reaction surprised me. The bride and groom looked at one another and then told me they had the Lord and one another. Let's get on with the wedding, they said, even though there would be no music. No music at all. I felt sad for the couple but also had great admiration. I hear from them now and again, and they are happily married with two children.

Not long after that wedding I presided at the wedding of another couple. I remember them because they celebrated their wedding at the basilica in Minneapolis. A beautiful church, with wonderful music. What I remember well is that the bride was very upset because the wedding party could not coordinate their steps in the opening procession. And the basilica would allow only a certain amount of time for the photos. And the centerpieces for the reception dinner were not as ordered. And I remember that they had assured me that they were faithful in their celebration of Mass each week.

I was confounded. The two newlywed couples with such different reactions to the issues that confronted them on their wedding day. And the couple that had not celebrated Eucharist on a regular basis showed me the deeper faith in God and trust in his ways.

It seems to me that if we eat and drink at the Lord's table we should be changed along with the bread and wine. We should become what we receive. The Lord should become more and more the King of our hearts and minds. I know Tim and Karen must have been greatly disappointed on their wedding day when the musician did not appear. But they had the Lord and one another. And while they were not eating and drinking at the Lord's table frequently, still they provided a living reminder for those of us who do. Tim and Karen knew they had the Lord and one another. Those of us who approach the Lord's table should know at least that much.

The Lord be with you.

Father John Parr



## STEWARDSHIP

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable.

How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life. The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. Our judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, nor any “worldly” achievements, in fact. Rather, our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers and sisters. “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of mine, you did for me.” To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, caring for the ill and imprisoned.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His. This way of life prepares us well for our judgment day and helps us to live in imitation of our King right now.

## 5TH SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

SEAS is most grateful for the generosity of our parishioners in their gifts of their treasure during the second collection at Mass every month that there is a 5th Sunday. It is this revenue which permits us to assist those in need who come to us for assistance. The next collection will be **Nov. 28/29**. Due to the current safety precautions, we won't take up a collection but rather ask that you place those donations in a plain envelope marked 5th Sunday and place them in the basket in the gathering place. Thank you. God Bless!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Save the Date- November 28th after 5pm Mass:** Father Parr will be blessing the outdoor Church Nativity. Gift bags for children will be handed out. See you then!

If you are interested in joining our council we'd love to have you. To join our council, send us an email at: [KC9385@seasholmen.org](mailto:KC9385@seasholmen.org).

## FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



"Thanks" and "Giving" are both important aspects of marriage. In building your relationship, you should regularly give thanks to your spouse for all the good that your spouse does for you and your family. Along with thanks, give praise and recognition for things your spouse can do and for your spouse's accomplishments. Make it your "job" within your relationship to find things about your spouse to be thankful for and for which you can give praise and appreciation.

## ADVENT RESOURCE

A meaningful Christmas begins with a thoughtful Advent. Dynamic Catholic is once again offering a free daily email program featuring short and inspiring videos designed to help prepare you for Christmas 2020. Go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) to sign up.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Please celebrate the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during these days of Advent on Thursday evenings (**December 3, 10 and 17**) at 6:30pm, Saturday mornings at 10:00am (**December 5, 12 and 19**) along with the regular Saturday time of 3:45pm. Please feel free to contact Father Parr if you wish to schedule a time more convenient for you.



## PRAYER REQUESTS



Lorraine Atkinson  
Judy Bockenbauer  
Mike Bruha  
Rebecca Chatfield  
Paul Collins  
William Alan Davis  
Ethan William Doe  
The Donaldson Family  
Sherry Hanson  
June Kukovec  
Angela LaFleur

Bob Langer  
Deanna Mason  
Ken Proctor  
Cindy Rittman  
Bailey Rohrer  
Mary Roerkohl  
Barry Schaller  
Sascha Stephens  
Phyllis Thaldorf  
Colleen Tisil  
Addison Quinn Usitalo

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers. May they experience the healing power of God.

WHEN REQUESTING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST, YOU MUST HAVE THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THEIR FAMILY FOR THEIR NAME TO BE PUBLICIZED.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US WHEN SOMEONE SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST.

## FAITH FORMATION

### A Month for Giving Thanks

The month of November is usually filled with family gatherings and autumn activities. In the Church, this month is dedicated to the holy souls as we remember and give thanks for all believers who have gone before us. Thanksgiving is a special holiday for many families because it is centered on gratitude rather than gift giving. With the holiday rush just around the corner, why not spend the month of November giving thanks? We are quick to complain but we rarely thank the people who make our daily lives run smoothly. This month, go out of our way to thank waitresses, clerks, tellers, hairdressers, postal employees, etc., with a quick note.

Give thanks to God for some of life's frustrations. Challenges offer us the chance to grow and become more compassionate toward other people. Life isn't always easy, but God's promise is to be present with us along the way. Thank God for his presence in your life, whatever your struggles may be.

*"A Month for Giving Thanks" TakeOut Nov.2020.print pgs 4,5*

### Important Faith Formation Dates

Wednesday, November 2-No Faith Formation-Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 2-Grade 2 students and parents meet in church for Penance retreat at 6:30pm

## ADVENT VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION



Our parish will be participating in an Advent Virtual Mission on **Tues., Dec. 1, Mon., Dec. 7, Tues., Dec. 15 and Tues., Dec. 22**. The focus will be "Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph." There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes with time for discussion to follow. The purpose of this mission is to bring people together to prepare for Christmas and strengthen our community. The Advent Mission will be offered on three different formats.

- You may participate by gathering at the parish in person. Small group facilitator will be Mr. Brueggen. Masks will be required.
- You may join in a zoom meeting on line. Small group facilitators will be Brian and Sara Clements.
- You can watch the video series at home with your own family members and the parents will lead the small group discussion.

Each presentation will be available at <https://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/>

The Presenters and Titles of the Presentations for each of the Four Weeks of Advent

Week 1) St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus. –Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

Week 2) Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story –Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Week 3) That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes–Father Woodrow Pace

Week 4) "Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus" –Bishop William Patrick Callahan

**\*\*\*Contact Pat Brueggen at the parish office to register 526-4424 or email [youth@seasholmen.org](mailto:youth@seasholmen.org)\*\*\***

## AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### We are gearing up for the 2021-22 school year!

At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. To learn more or to start your enrollment process visit us at [www.aquinascatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org) or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

Did you know we offer morning surround care and aftercare for all of our elementary grades? For more information on these programs please visit: [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/perspective-3p-4-5k-parents](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/perspective-3p-4-5k-parents).

## BULLETIN EARLY TO PRESS— NO FINANCIALS AVAILABLE

## PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING

Lord God almighty,  
 you have anointed Jesus as the Christ  
 not to rule a kingdom won by violence  
 but to bear witness to the truth,  
 not to reign in arrogance  
 but to serve in humility and love,  
 not to mirror this world's powers  
 but to inherit a dominion that will not pass away.  
 Freed from our sins by the blood of this faithful witness,  
 shape our service of others after the pattern  
 of Christ's self-sacrificing love.  
 This we ask of you.  
 Amen.  
 Benedictine Daily Prayer

## WEEKEND MASSES

Thank you to all who continue to call in reservations for Sunday Mass...and thanks to those with permanent reservations who let us know when they will not be attending. We are doing our best to accommodate all who wish to come join us and we have not yet had to turn anyone away.  
 Please note, however, that if you or a family member become ill or have been called to quarantine, you should NOT attend Mass...and we do not mind if you are a No-show or if you call and cancel at the last minute. We are very flexible at this time, and we know that the health and safety of everyone is our #1 priority. We must keep each other, and Fr. Parr, safe and healthy. Thank you and God bless.

## APPEAL UPDATE



**Parish Target : \$86,710**  
**Total pledged/received: \$33,920 as of**  
**11/13/2020**

Visit [www.dioc.org/appeal](http://www.dioc.org/appeal) to see how your donation helps the greater Church.

## PARISH MAILING

Please watch your mail for the winter SEAS newsletter which will be going out in the mail on Mon., Nov. 23rd. Inserted inside you will find an important Advent letter from Father Parr regarding Masses and Penance times. If you don't receive this in the mail, please contact the parish office to verify that we have you as a registered member and we have your correct mailing info. Blessings for a wonderful Advent season!



## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH RECTORY & OFFICE

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am  
**Weekday:** 8:30am  
 Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am - noon  
**Gluten Free Hosts:** St. Elizabeth's has gluten free hosts available. Please contact Fr. Parr, and he will make the necessary arrangements.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.  
**Baptism:** Baptism involves membership in the church. Parents are to attend a session early in the pregnancy.  
**Marriage:** Our church is trying to create successful marriages. This takes some time. Arrangements for a wedding date are to be made at least six months before the anticipated date.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Individual celebrations upon request. Please call the office when family members are hospitalized.  
**Confirmation:** Two year preparation program in grades 9 and 10.

### PASTORAL VISITATION

Anyone who desires a personal home visit is invited to call the parish office.

### CATECHUMENATE

Anyone wishing to become a full member of the Church is invited to visit the parish office.

### Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen	Mary Lenz
Jennifer Fisk	Kathy Nicklaus
Brian Clements	Bill Heinz
Christine Olson	Patty Heiderscheit

### Finance Council Members

Larry Warzynski	Shawn Handland
Janice Dvoracek	Barry Ploessl
Pat Stephens	

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, November 22</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
8:00 am Mass †	Rod Clark
10:15 am Mass	People of SEAS
<b>Monday, November 23</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass †	Anthony Karwoski
<b>Tuesday, November 24</b>	<b>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</b>
8:30 am Mass †	Sara Balaker
<b>Wednesday, November 25</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:30 am Mass †	Sara Balaker
<b>Thursday, November 26</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day– Parish Office Closed</b>	
9:00 am Mass	Special Intention for Caeli McMahon
<b>Friday, November 27</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	
8:30 am Mass †	Angeline Haug
<b>Saturday, November 28</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance
	<b>Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent</b>
5:00 PM Mass	People of SEAS
<b>Sunday, November 29</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am Mass †	Ralph Fisk
10:15 am Mass †	Jack Strathmann

Thanks to all who have taken Christmas Food Boxes to fill up for our guests. **They are due on Mon., Nov. 23.** Thanks also to the many who have donated items to be shared as Christmas gifts for our families. At this time, we remain in need of blankets and towels (bath and kitchen). Finally, our gratitude goes out to those of you who have signed up to work the week before (Nov. 29 – Dec. 3) and the day of Caring and Sharing (Dec. 4). If you'd like to sign up as one of our Christmas elves, contact Carol at 526-4424 or carol@seasholmen.org.

## BLESSED THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am  
All are welcome.

Reservations are NOT needed for this Mass  
Parish office closed  
Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!

- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17)
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)
- "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)

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