

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

By Fr. Pfeifer

Today, as we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. We hear in the Gospel about Jesus' Kingship and his death on the Cross. This isn't something that just happened in the past. It's the greatest act of love in history, and God makes it present for us every day at Mass on the altar. Every Mass makes present the death of Christ on the Cross, and His perfect sacrifice and offering to God the Father. So whenever we come to Mass, we are standing at Calvary with our Lord. At the altar of Calvary, all the power of Christ is present on the altar. All of his love and all of his suffering for our salvation are present to us, in real time at the altar.

At Mass, Christ remembers us, and we remember him.

When we come to Mass, the veil of time and history are lifted, and we are sacramentally, mysteriously, present at the crucifixion.

Through the Eucharist, Christ will offer his body and blood in reparation for our sins. And, He will then offer them to us as nourishment with His Body and Blood, to strengthen us so that we can follow him faithfully, carrying our own crosses and those of our neighbors.

Why? Why does Christ constantly, day after day, week after week, year after year, offer himself to us?

Because **he knows that we long for a peace that only he can give**, the peace that comes from being purified of sin and filled with grace, the

life of God poured into our soul.

But, he cannot give us this peace unless we agree to it. We must agree to live as his subjects, to believe what he teaches, to follow what he commands, to desire what he wills.

This is what he taught us when he instructed us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven."

The fullness of this Kingdom will be revealed only at the end of history.



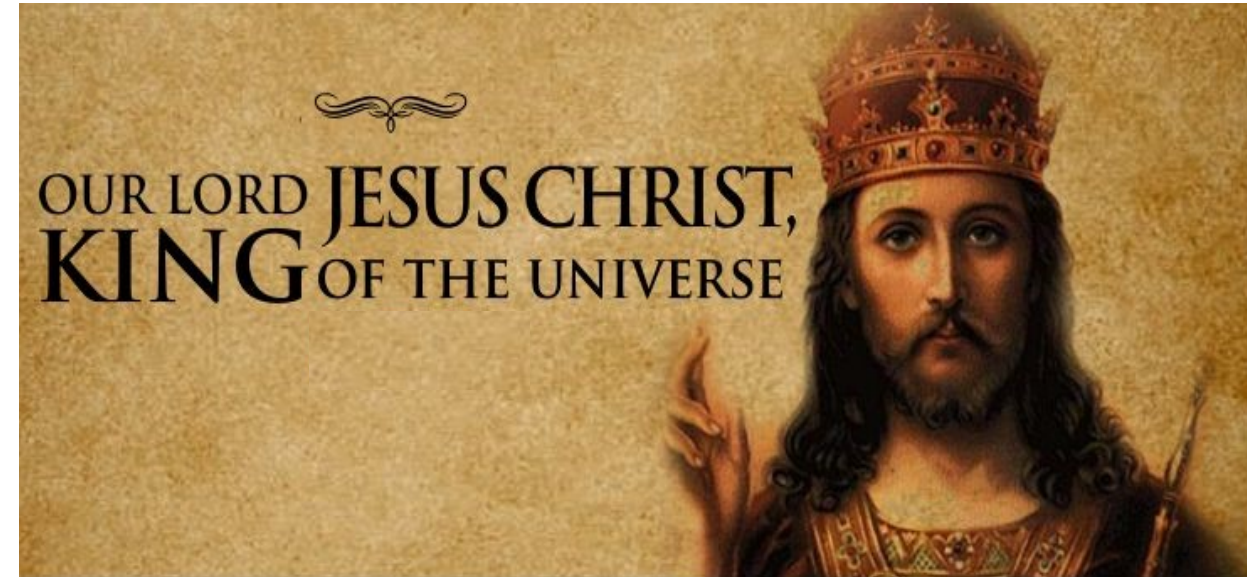
But the saints show us that even now, it is still possible to enjoy its power and blessings here on earth - if only we are willing to put our own comfort and satisfaction in second place, and seek first to love God and love our neighbors as Christ has loved us.

Jesus is hoping that today each one of us will renew our commitment to do just that. He is hoping we will live as royalty and honor our King. He is hoping we will recognize we are his prince or princess in his sight.

Today the eternal King is knocking once again on the door of our hearts - yet, something inside of us still has to be conquered.

Let's let him in, so that his victory, and his peace, can truly be ours.

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".... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." - COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our prob-

lems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

November 20, 2016
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Mon., Nov 21 7 PM <i>For the Health of Carol Baumgartner by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family</i>
Tue., Nov 227 PM <i>+Jane Silbernagel (Anniv 11/22) by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family</i>
Wed., Nov 238 AM <i>+Andy Schneider by Deacon Gary & Jeanne Schumacher</i>
Thurs., Nov 249:30 AM <i>+Marty Sperle by Francis Becker</i>
Fri., Nov 258 AM <i>+Sharon Engelhardt (Anni 11/27) By Brothers & Sister-in-laws</i>
Sat., Nov 265 PM <i>+Mike & +Mary Engelhardt (Anni 11/26) by The Family</i>
Sun., Nov 2710 AM <i>For Our Parishioners</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM <i>Helper: Phyllis Johnson</i>



Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

Stewardship of Treasure
 This Week: \$ 4,010.36

Parish Announcements

Healing Service on Sat., Nov. 19 after the 5 PM Mass.

The Logan County Ministerial Association will host the annual ecumenical **Thanksgiving Service** at **7:00 PM, Sunday, November 20**. This year's evening of prayer, scripture, reflection, and music will take place at **St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**. A free will donation will be taken up for emergency assistance provided by the Ministerial Association for residents and transients. Non-perishable food items for the Logan County Food Pantry will also be accepted. The Christian Mothers will provide bars and coffee after the service.

The **KC Memorial Mass** for deceased members will be on **Mon., Nov. 28th at 7 PM**. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray for our deceased members. **The KC meeting will follow the Mass at 8 PM**. If any men who are 18 or older would like to join the Knights of Columbus, please contact one of the members.

3rd Grade Parents - The 2nd meeting for confirmation parents is **Nov. 30 from 6 - 7:30 PM** beginning with supper in the rectory. **2nd and 3rd Grade Parents - Reconciliation Retreat** is Sun., Jan. 22 from 1-4 pm in the Holy Family Hall. **First Eucharist Retreat** is Sun., March 12 from 1-4 pm in the Holy Family Hall. **Confirmation Retreat** is Sun., May 7 from 1-4 pm in the Holy Family Hall. **Confirmation/First Eucharist Mass** is Friday, May 12 at 7:00pm. If you have questions, call Carol at 321-2145, 754-2874, or email allebek@bektel.com.

No CCD Wed., Nov. 23 and Sun., Nov. 27. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Thank you for supporting the faith formation of your families.

New Adorers - On behalf of Fr. Pfeifer and the St. Philip Neri adoration committee, we would like to thank our 18 new adorers and 7 new subs who stepped up to the challenge of spending at least one hour a week with our Lord in adoration. Also, thank you to all those who are already spending time with our Lord. We are still looking for an **adorer at 4 pm on Fridays**. If you missed the signup weekend blitz please contact Maria Regner at 754-2474 to sign up.

Adoration will be postponed until **9 PM on Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 24th. Those that have adoration at 9pm on Thursdays will be the first adorers of the day. It will continue as normal through Friday.

Next weekend, we begin a new church year with the 1st Sunday of Advent. With the new church year, comes new things. Here, at St. Philip Neri we will be getting new hymnals for the pews that have all of our readings, Psalm responses, and daily responses all in one book. The finance council has decided to go with this book to help us enhance our Masses with a wider range of hymns, and to focus on our readings as we worship our God.

Announcements, Cont.

St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40. All are welcome!
November 21st - The Holy Spirit and Grace (Sanctifying & Actual Grace, Theological & Moral Virtues, Gifts & Fruits of the Spirit, Justification and Merit)
November 28th - The Tour of the Church (Sacred Vessels and Vestments and everything used in the liturgy and why it is used)
December 5th - Mary and the Saints (Mary in God's Plan, Immaculate Conception, Assumption, the communion of the saints)

Join Us For
Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:30 AM in the church

This weekend Nov. 19-20, our parish will take up the **131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities. Schools, parish religious ed programs, and the diocesan ministries depend on your generosity!

Fr. Pfeifer's Holy Land Pilgrimage - Fr. Pfeifer will be doing a presentation about his trip on Wed., Dec. 14 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the church. All are invited to come hear about the trip and see a slide presentation of pictures.

Best Advent Ever - Want to have your best Christmas ever? We go to great lengths to prepare food and gifts, but have you prepared your heart spiritually? Sign up for a daily email at: dynamiccatholic.com

Poinsettia orders as memorials for loved ones will be placed on our altar at Christmas. To order, call the Trophy Haus by Dec. 12.

Musicians meeting on Tues., November 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the social hall.

The next Faithful Ladies Night Out in Linton is November 30th at the KC Hall in Linton. Social at 6:30 pm and speaker at 7:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Speaker is Mickey Hoeven, wife of Senator John Hoeven, with her talk titled "You are Never Alone."

Parish Council meeting after 7 PM Mass on Tuesday night.

During November you are invited to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones, family and friends, in the **Book of Life** near the baptismal font beside the banner of the deceased. Throughout the month, we pray for those who have gone before us in faith.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Confessions: 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.

Weddings: Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 8 months prior.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, Nov 26
<u>Sacristan</u>	Deacon Gary
<u>Lectors</u>	Charlotte Brendel, Lorraine Reis
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	B. Silbernagel, W. Gross, L. Schloss, V. Becker
<u>Servers</u>	McKenzie Haas, Tucker Schneider, Alexis Schneider,
<u>EMHC</u>	Jenny Weigel, Charlottee Young, Jim Fettig

	Sunday, Nov 27
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Janae Weigel, Taylor Grunfelder
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Jerome & Christine Schwartzberger, P. Bitz Family
<u>Servers</u>	William Kleppe, Blaise Bitz, Carly Bitz, Yikealo Breidenbach, Isabella Bitz
<u>EMHC</u>	Sue Wald, Bridget Piatz, Tom Gross