

CHRIST THE KING





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.

Manhattan, Illinois 60442

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 23, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Nov. 22	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Poor Souls req. By Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick
Nov. 27	9:00am	THANKSGIVING DAY - For all Our Blessings +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Brad Reign and +Talon Turner req. by Roxana & Mark May
Nov. 29	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Deceased Members of The Stromski Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Nov. 22	Sue Nugent	C. Smith
Nov. 27	Mark May	L. Cakora
Nov. 29	Amy Pfeifer	P. Engler

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are
attending

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 11/16/2025

Sunday

NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of November 23, 2025**

**Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-
Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



Please Remember our sick;

especially: Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson



**JUST A FEW REMINDERS
CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCES NEED
TO BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 20 TO BE
PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN**

ALSO

**MINISTRY SIGN UP FOR DECEMBER
IS IN THE VESTIBULE
PLEASE HELP WHERE YOU CAN
THANK YOU**



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH HOLIDAY

POT LUCK

Saturday, Dec. 6

After 4:00PM Mass

Sign up sheet available

In vestibule

To bring either a

Salad, vegetable,

Potatoes, or dessert



**During the Month of
November
Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
THE POOR
SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Thanksgiving

“Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.” His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.



Sacred Silence

Have you ever been falsely accused and felt you did nothing to deserve the blame? In today's Gospel, one criminal rebuked another, saying, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly...but this man has done nothing criminal." What reaction do you have when faced with false accusations? Anger? Denial? Frustration? Hopelessness? Acceptance? In this Gospel, Jesus and the redeemed criminal provide a great example of how to handle adversity when a situation hits you hard.

Jesus was nearing the end of His time here on earth, yet He focused on saving one more soul before reuniting with the Father. This selfless act shows us that regardless of life's circumstances, there will always be someone there to help us through. That Someone is Jesus Christ. The redeemed criminal knew he would be together with Jesus in heaven because of His words. Then he spent time in sacred silence, letting the love and mercy of God wash over him.

When do we experience sacred silence? We see several examples within the Mass. During the Penitential Act, we silently acknowledge our sins. Immediately after that, the Priest says, "Let us pray," and the momentary silence serves as a doorway for us to speak to the Lord and for Him to fill us with His love and mercy. After the homily, we also take a moment of silence. I always ask the Lord to fill my heart and soul with the wisdom from the Gospel and the priest's words.

Do you experience sacred silence in your daily life? How does it feel within you, and how do you accept it? Another example that comes to mind is sitting with Jesus in Adoration. When I spend an hour in silence it fills me with love, understanding, and a genuine connection with Him. I realize, though, that many times I miss the opportunity for silence and quickly move on to the next action I need to take.

Sacred silence is there when I realize that Jesus is always present, no matter what. He wants to tell me it will be alright, and to rely on Him and His will. It is when our hearts are united with His in a moment of pure love and there's a peace that fills us. We cannot go wrong when we choose to spend time in sacred silence.

By Marti Garcia



HOLIDAY GIFT TAGS

WE WILL BE HELPING THE CHRISTIAN HELP ASSOCIATION OF WILMINGTON COLLECTING GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS SEASON.

GIFTS TAGS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE. PLEASE RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE VESTIBULE BY DECEMBER 6. THANK YOU



Candlelight CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**catholic
charities**
Diocese of Joliet

Join Catholic Charities for a beautiful evening of music surrounded by thousands of candles. Holiday favorites will be performed by a live classical string quartet. Proceeds support Catholic Charities' programs and services.

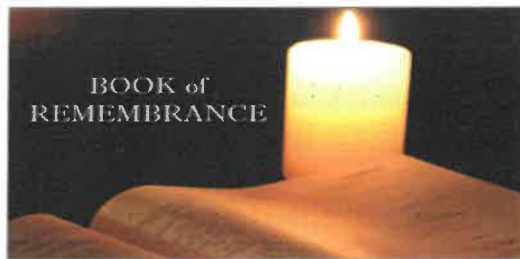
Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:30PM

Hollywood Casino, Joliet

Tickets: \$50

**To learn more or purchase tickets, scan
the QR code or call 815-724-1140.**





BILL GAST
 FLOYD & LILL GAST
 LUCILLE GAST
 MARGE GAST
 DAN GAST
 JIM & RITA PHELAN
 JERRY & VICKY PHELAN
 JOSEPH & MARGRET
 PHELAN
 THERESA OSBURN
 RUTH POWERS
 MARY GAST
 ALICE GALVEZ
 RAYMOND GALVEZ
 KATHLEEN KINSELLA
 GERALD KINSELLA
 MARK GALVEZ

JOHN KINSELLA
 MAURICE KINSELLA
 MARILYN KINSELLA
 MAE RUSH
 JERRY, STELLA, GARY
 ULMAN
 KATHERINE STROMSKI
 STROMSKI FAMILY
 LILLIAN & FRED CAKORA
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 FAMILY & FRIENDS OF
 THE SMITH FAMILY
 GIL & MARGE
 DuVERNAY
 CHUCK & CHARLENE
 DARLING
 CHUCK DuVERNAY

JONATHAN DARLING
 DENNIS & JASON
 BENNETT
 CYNDY BAIRD
 IDONNA & LEONARD
 RIETSCHLEIN
 BERNADINE PAPERD
 GRACE NIEMIEC
 GARY LOVE
 DAN KNECHT
 JOHN RUE
 LIDA TAYLOR
 CALVIN, JAKE & TONI
 YOUNKER

Thankful



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Jesus, Remember Me

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus’ kingdom meant?

The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. While the latter terms refer to types of angels, we can stretch our imagination even further. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: “all things.” So do we really believe that Jesus is King of all things?

Some astronomers say that the universe is infinite. At first I thought, “That couldn’t be right; only God is infinite.” But it occurred to me that an infinite God would want the universe to be a sign of divine glory, so why couldn’t God make an infinite universe? So Jesus is King of that universe. While that sounds impressive, it might tempt us to forget about things closer to home.

If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read – all are under Jesus’ kingship. Our own bodies belong not just to us, but also to Christ. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God’s will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

Tom Schmidt