

# ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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## November 26, 2023

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

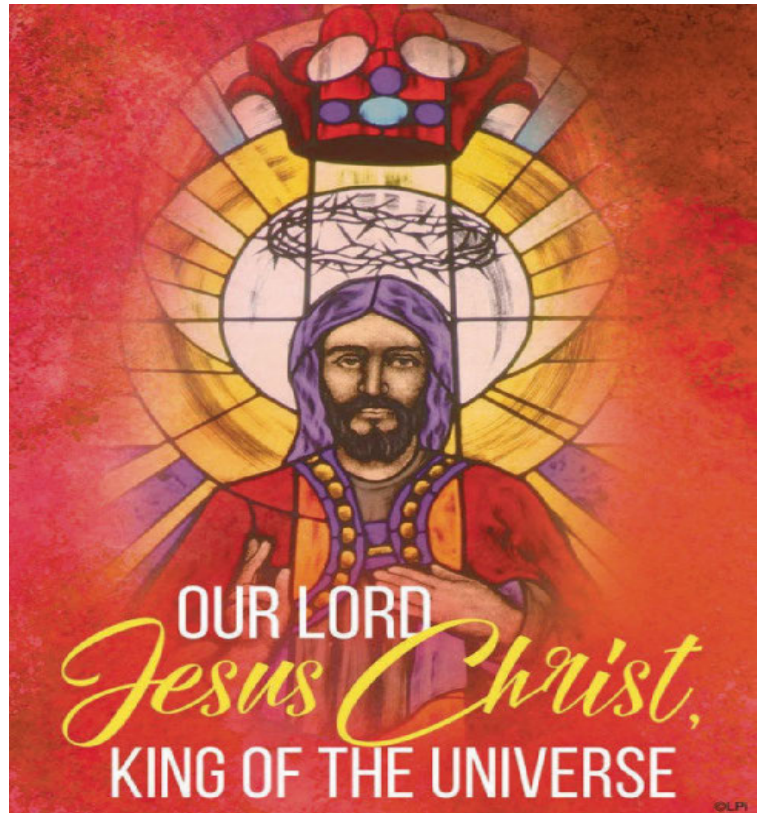
In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”

I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

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### NOTES FROM PAUL

#### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This weekend we celebrate The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This is the final week of our liturgical year, with Advent starting next weekend. This weekend the church gives us a Gospel (Mt 25:31-46) that is a great reflection for ushering in the New Year.

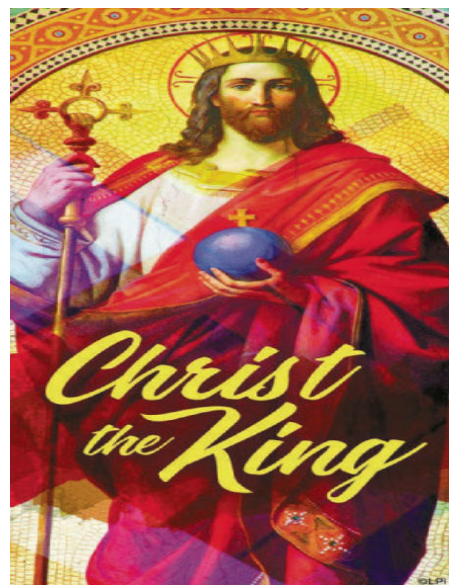
We hear Jesus say, “whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” What are the things that we have done in the last year? What are the things we hope to do better?

Jesus isn’t asking you to single handedly bring about world peace, he is asking you to help the people in front of you.

God bless,  
Paul Zbytowski,  
Pastoral Associate,  
Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Nov 27	12 Noon	For Liam Egan and Alana & Leland Jones Req. by Gnacke Family
Thurs.	Nov 30	9:00am	+Michael Watson Req. by Mother
Sat.	Dec. 02	5:30pm	+Don Niemiec Req. by Connie Cislo +James Sligay Req. by Maryann Sligay +Harvey & Theresa Cable Req. by Jan Lauster
Sun	Dec 03	9:00am	+Joseph & Clyde Lickman Jr. Req. by Theresa O'Bey +Patrick Fox Req. by Queen Family
		11:00am	For Fr. Shafique Req. by Friends



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nancy Abramson	Alisa Gardner	Lillian & Sienna Lombardi	Annette Puczkowski
Helen Adams	Judy Gardner	Ken Macko	Wayne Pringle
Sean Armstrong	Julia Gardner	Barbara Martin	Kim Quinn
Pat Bader	Sonia Gee	Rob Martin	Shelly Rizzo
Kelly Beaudry	Emily Gnacke	Dennis & Kathy McCann	Debbie Robarge
Fr. Jerry Bechard	William Gnacke, Jr.	John Meconi	Bill Rodriguez
Joan Bischoff	Patricia Godvin	Joanne Meister	Ann Sanregret
Al Boglarsky	Ora Gomez	Irene Melady	Jean Schmuck
Jerry Borycz	Viola Janus	Ann Merchant	Tom Shafer
Don Brune	Jacqueline Hamrick	Andrew Merchant	Jack Shea
Angela Bunio	Susan Hancock	Tony Micallef	Kathy Sielaff
Dan Burke	Eileen Harris	Bob Militzer	John Socia
Hope Carew	Lauren Hahn	Selena Montez	Anthony T.
Ricky Canini	Becca Hoffman	Debbie Moore	Natalie Tanana
Jannisse Chesney	Tony Hollis	Ashley Murphy	Frank Tierney
Evan Costello	Christine Humphrey	Jim Murphy	George & Jackie Tindall
Christina Cowell	John Kaminsky	Liam Murphy	Lillian Theisen
Bodyn Crince	Chris Karpinski	Teresa M. Pardo	Donald Thurston
Barbara Deck	Rose Keena	Keith Pares	Roberta Troher
Ed & Catherine Duff	Susan Kelly	Eddie Brian Parker	Vasati Tupuani
Larry Edick	Gloria Keniz	Patrick Patton	Karen Welch
Faith Falzon	Marion Kiras	Geralyn Pawlaczyk	Bill Wendling
Ashley Aaron Farkas	Joan Klein	Luke Pawlaczyk	Cathy West
Janet & Al Fleis	Bob & Dolly Kluba	Jared Perez	Tamara Wright
Liam Francis	John Kolar	Faye Pierson	Walter Wrone
Nan Fry	John Krokosky	Damian Pietszak	Nicole Zapinski
Mike Fusco	Patricia Lickman	Deb Pietszak	Sandra Zannis
Betty Gable	Julianne Lister	Sandy Popek	

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

## OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Capt. Tim Duff, U.S. Army; CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines;  
Marine Sgt. Leven Smith; U.S. Marines; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army; William Albright, U. S. Air Force

### Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

## Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the last Sunday of the church year, it is the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus is not like a king who rules over a group or territory. Jesus is God, and therefore the ruler of all people and all lands. Jesus wants to rule our hearts and keep them good.

Why do you think Jesus is King of the Universe? What type of King is he? How does Christ the King want us to serve him?

What did Han Solo say to Luke Skywalker during their Thanksgiving meal?  
"May the forks be with you."

I do know this is a repeated joke...it's one of my favorites! Hee hee hee

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

Peace and Prayers,

Sabrina Queen

## Forever Young Seniors...

*They're coming!  
The reindeer are on their way!*

Our next meeting will be **Monday, December 4th at 10:00am** in the Small Hall. This meeting will be our always fun Reindeer Races starring all of Santa's reindeer. Save up your dollar bills to get ready for the festivities. Ann Findysz will be collecting the annual \$5 dues, these should be paid by December. Lunch will be provided by Chef Ann Pape.

### Bianco bus trips:

Thurs, Feb 8th, 2024 Firekeepers Casino \$48 due by Jan 18th

Wed, March 13th, 2024 Solanus Casey Pilgrimage \$79 due by Feb 21st

Sun, April 28, 2024 Meadowbrook Theatre "Route 66" \$127 due by March 25th

**Note:** the bus trips are open to everyone. See flyers in the Gathering Space for more info.

Maryann Sligay --  
734-525-3737

## Advent Day of Reflection

**Friday, December 8**

**9:30am-3:00pm**

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To register, visit our website at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) or contact Christine at (313) 286-2802.

## MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

This week we are giving thanks for the glorious gift of another beautiful year of community and music in the kingdom of God. On **November 30th at 7pm** the choir and worship band are excited to present a night we are calling - "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise."

This is a communal praise event, or a common creation, and don't worry, you are going to recognize everything we play as our repertoire is our best Catholic hymns. That's right, we will be playing through the most beloved hymns in our hymnal, all the way, with added arrangements that should draw us closer together.

We will have a selection of many different emotions, but it will sure to be an uplifting night of comfort and joy! We will sing some verses acapella with you and on other hymns you'll hear the electric guitar for the first time.

I am planning another session of music this advent, however I am thinking of doing a Noon time service of classical organ and piano selections in honor of our Mother Mary. I am thinking of Wednesday the 22nd at Noon. Let me know if this would be interesting to you, and I look forward to seeing you on the 30th. Thank you for your support!

Aidan Rickel  
Director of Music Ministries



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**Fr. Shafique**  
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## Will You Answer the Call?

The Wayne-Westland Schools are in need of food to send home with children over the Christmas break. Between **December 1—December 12** you can make a difference. Here's how:

- Step1:** Find a cardboard box and decorate it for the holidays.  
**Step 2:** Each day, place the item from the list below in the box.  
**Step 3:** The weekend of **December 16/17**, drop off your box at the social hall 30 minutes before or after mass. Volunteers will be standing by to collect your food donation.

Dec. 1	Spaghettios		Dec. 7	Chicken Noodle Soup
Dec. 2	Applesauce cups		Dec. 8	Spaghetti 16oz
Dec. 3	Tomato Soup		Dec. 9	Spaghetti Sauce 24oz
Dec. 4	Capri Sun pouch 100% juice		Dec. 10	Oatmeal packets
Dec. 5	Macaroni & Cheese		Dec. 11	Raisins
Dec. 6	Corn 15oz		Dec. 12	Pork & Beans



Are you new to the parish? Do you ever feel like you are missing out on “up to the minute” news? Have you missed the news of a funeral that happened during the week but wished you had known sooner? Did you recently come for a weekday Mass and did not know it was cancelled due to a building problem? Save yourself a trip and sign up today.

We invite and encourage ALL parishioners to join Flocknote. You can sign up for specific news: Christian service, faith formation (for those with children in our religious formation program), funeral updates, Novena's, Lenten/Advent Reflections, Wednesday rosary group, young adult group (18-35), youth ministry (Jr. high and high school). More groups will be added! Get the scoop before everyone else!

**What is Flocknote?** It is a free email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information and you decide what information you would like to receive.

Are you confused or not sure how to sign up? We are here to help! Please call the office or see Paul in the Gathering Space after Mass.

You can sign up for **Flocknote** by going to:  
<https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy> or  
by text "COOJ" to 84576

**Eucharistic Exposition Mondays, 12:30 - 3:00pm**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, November 27

Mass 12 Noon  
Eucharistic Adoration 12:30-3pm  
Faith Formation 6pm  
High School Youth Group 7pm

### Tuesday, November 28

Forgotten Harvest 9-11am

### Wednesday, November 29

Rosary 7pm

### Thursday, November 30

Mass 9:00am  
Bible Study 6-7:30pm

### Saturday, December 02

Holy Land Carvers –after mass

### Sunday, December 03

Holy Land Carvers –after mass  
Coffee & Donuts  
8:30am-12:30pm

## Giving Tree Donations

### GIFT CARDS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

This year we will once again be collecting Gift Cards from now until December 11th to distribute to families in need during the Christmas holidays. Watch for the purple collection box in the Gathering Area.



The next Forgiven Harvest pantry is this **Tuesday, November 28 from 9-11am**. New volunteers are welcome to join us. If you know anyone who could benefit from this pantry, please let him or her know.

## COMMUNION

If you are unable to walk up for Communion and you are not sitting in the handicap section, please notify an usher when you enter Church. A minister will come to you.

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR NEW HVAC

**Grand Prize - \$5,000**

**2nd place - \$1,000**

**3rd place - Smart TV**

Ticket Donations \$10 each.

Drawing will take place on

**Sunday, December 24th at 12:30pm in social hall**

Need not be present to win

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy is in need of a new HVAC (heating and cooling system). We will have a Raffle drawing to help with the cost.

**Each family is asked to sell a minimum of 10 tickets.** Tickets will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend and next. Please look for your name in the boxes. If more tickets are needed please call the parish office. They would make great stocking stuffers!

## Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

The OCIA/RCIA is a program or education intended to instruct in the Catholic Faith to those who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion.

If you think you might be interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish office at 734.425.4421

## JOYFUL WOMEN *Advent Alleluia*

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023

1pm - 3pm | \$10 a person

All women are invited. 60 tickets will be sold. Sale of tickets will be held after all Masses the weekend of Nov. 18/19 and in the Parish Office. No tickets sold at the door.

Please join us for lunch & fun!  
Fr. Don Archambault will inspire us!

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MINISTRY

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry's mission is to spread the devotion to Mary and preserve Filipino religious traditions.

Join us for **FIRST SATURDAY** Rosary and prayers to the Immaculate Heart at 5pm and Mass at 5:30pm next **Saturday, December 2nd**. All Masses are in English.



## LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH SIGN UP

Individuals, Couples and Families are needed to light the Advent wreath this year. A sign up sheet is available in the back of church. Please see Paul to sign up. We need people for each mass for the four weeks of Advent.

## ROSARY

Please join us when we say the Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. We also say the rosary before Mass on Saturdays.

## ESTATE PLANNING

Thank you for your past and future support of our Parish Community. Please remember our parish in your Estate Planning.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy



### Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9am-4pm  
Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-2pm  
Friday: Closed

Please call the office  
to make other arrangements

### Mass Schedule

MON	12:00 pm
THURS	9:00am
SAT	5:30pm
SUN	9:00 am 11:00 am

### Confession

Saturdays: 6:30pm

### Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

### Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

### Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 4pm on Friday (9 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Sunday	8:30am (English), 11:30am (English) 2:00pm (Spanish)

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