

# Parish News

Here is your weekly update.

Wishing all the Families a very Blessed Thanksgiving



### Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,900.00 Collection.  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 \$5,620.00

### Something new & Exciting

Announcing a brand new Conversation Series

We will be meeting once a month starting this coming Advent in December to focus on a variety of topics pertaining to our life as Catholic Christians and the world. (the Bible, the Catechism , Popular Culture, Art etc) Please stay tuned for more details

The Diocese of Syracuse Lights will participate in the Lights for You on December 16 from 4-7pm  
More information to come on place.



### Hope Appeal 2025

The Assessment for the Parish is \$32,143.00  
Currently received as of \$20,922.02

### Parish Giving-

The Parish is pleased to introduce "Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To access simply Log on the parish website [www.sacredheart-saintmary.org](http://www.sacredheart-saintmary.org) and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Mary, Mother of our Savior Parish invites all teens in the Greater Utica Area to join us for  
Youth Ministry Nights:

Who: Teens in grades 7 thru 12 from the Greater Utica Area

Where: Mary Mother Of Our Savior Parish, Seton Center, 2 Barton Ave, Utica (look for the  
welcome flag)

When: Monday evenings 6:30PM-8:00PM

(following the school calendar)

This Monday -Thanksgiving Feast

[www.motherofoursavior.org](http://www.motherofoursavior.org)

Our Youth Ministry Nights (YMN) consist of games and snacks, followed by a short faith message. Then the teens form small groups to talk about that topic in a safe, honest, authentic way with their peers. This is a highlight of the night, to hear from peers about the faith, to share doubts and questions and to be lifted up and encouraged in their faith in God, all guided by an adult core team member. Then we go to the chapel for a short prayer service and end with an awesome dinner! We also make sure to include social nights once a month. Social Nights may include: Movie Nights, Camp Fires, Holiday Parties, Trips/Teen Outings like GetAir, Retreats, Service Opportunities and more...

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Utica Newman Catholic

Christian Fellowship

For registered College Students/Utica Area

For questions Contact Campus Minister, Pat Gillick @

[Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org](mailto:Uticanewmandoutreach@syrdio.org)

Free Pizza and Wing Dinner after every 4pm Sunday Evening Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary Campus

## Food for thought

The Gospel for the hungry  
man is a meal,  
for the blind man sight,  
for the prisoner freedom.  
And for us all, eternal life in  
Jesus Christ.





There is class this Sunday but no class next Sunday December 1st

Mark your calendars



PCA Collaborate Event -December 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Pauls, Sacred Heart/St Mary's/ Holy Trinity & Mary Mother of Savior Parish

St Paul's Whitesboro  
From 2-4pm Activities  
Grades Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> and Parents

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @3:15PM prior to Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4PM  
Sunday: 8am and 11am

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.  
There will no Mass on Thursday

Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of

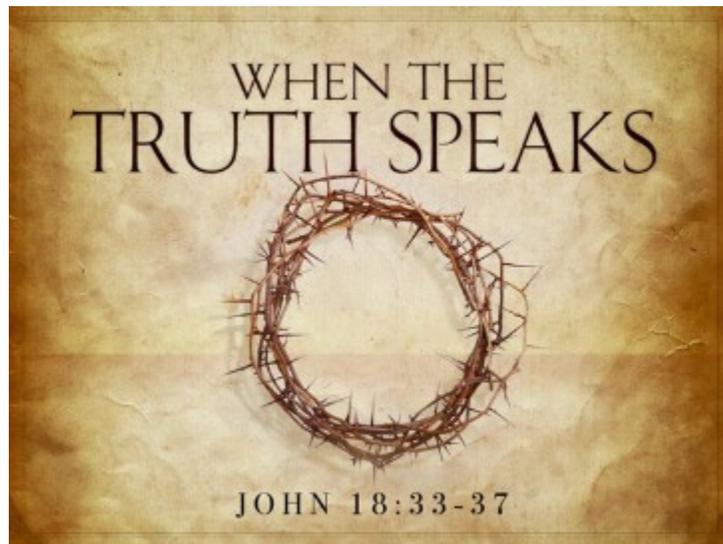
Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: DN 7:13-14  
Responsorial Psalms: 93: 1,1-2, 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rv: 1:5-8  
Gospel: Jn 18:33b-37

While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.

As always, I try to find wonderful reflections for this week's Gospel reading. I let the Holy Spirit guide me.



This weeks reflection is from U.S Catholic Grace-Ji-Sun Kim

**Reflection: How will we build God's kin-dom on Earth?**

I love to travel and when I do, I love to visit churches, castles, or palaces. I have visited many around the world. Most recently, I visited several of the royal palaces in Korea with my students. It was fascinating to see the grandeur of where the king, queen and servants slept and resided. Most recently, my daughter and I visited the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul, Turkey—a magnificent Ottoman palace that once served as the primary residence for sultans.

Hebrew scriptures are full of stories about kings, with King David being the most prominent. Kings played a crucial role in the life of the Israelites and today, in the gospels, we also see a reference to Jesus as king. Pilate asks Jesus: "Are you the King of the Jews?" And Jesus answers, with a question of his own: "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

The image of Jesus as king is not new. Even at his birth, we find a reference to Jesus as king. The three wise men who traveled to see baby Jesus believed him to be the new king and even told King Herod about him. This led the paranoid King Herod to order a genocide against all the young boys and babies under two, as he was afraid that one might turn out to be a king who would replace him. That is why we find Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt with baby Jesus: to avoid the genocide.

This notion of kingship resurfaces before Jesus' crucifixion, too. The Jewish people were expecting a king like King David to come to save them from the Roman Empire. But what they expected and what they received were worlds apart—literally.

Jesus is King, but not a king of this world. While we often think of kings and queens living in grand castles and surrounded by luxury, Jesus' kin-dom is of God's world—a realm marked by love, acceptance, and liberation, unlike any kingdom on earth. God's world is upside down and far removed from our world, as God's world is a world of love, acceptance, and liberation.

We need to allow Jesus to be the king of God's world which we strive to build here on Earth. It is not easy, but we still try. We must do our best to build the kin-dom of God here on Earth. How do we do this?

During my Ph.D. program at the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, I took a world religion class with Dr. Ovey Muhammed. He was a Jesuit priest of Indian descent who was bright and very witty in class. One day he asked his class of about 15 students, "When we pray the Lord's Prayer, and we say, "Let thy kingdom come"—what does that really mean?" Many of the students offered answers, and he said "no" to them all.

I wasn't the brightest student in the class, but I was smart enough not to answer. I knew it had to be some sort of a trick question.

When no one in the class was able to answer it correctly, he said, "I will tell you what it means when we pray, 'Let thy kingdom come.'" What we really mean is, 'let my kingdom go.' Let my kingdom go."

We spend so much time building our own kin-doms, pursuing power and status without recognizing God's call in our lives. We need to surrender our self-made kin-doms to be part of God's kin-dom, one rooted in love, justice, and community.

Once we understand that Jesus is King, we learn to "let our kin-doms go." Let thy kin-dom come means we let our kin-doms go and begin to build and belong to the kin-dom that is of God.

On this day of Christ the King Feast, let us remember and emphasize the true kingship of Christ.

Let us strive to let our kingdoms go and build a world where Christ is truly king.

**This week's Saints of the week:**

The saints are models of human excellence, perfected by the life of Christ and the communication of his Spirit. They demonstrate in their lives how to really live and how to really die. They consistently point to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfillment of all human desire: eternal communion with the Holy Trinity.

Nov 30 Feast of St. Andrew -Apostle



The program has started. There are children who are too young to attend the program or have decided not to return this year. As always, I find material to you to share with your children so they may understand today's Gospel reading

**Theme**

Christ the King Sunday

**Object**

See below

**Scripture**

John 18:33-38

You'll need: color pictures of each of the following items to show as you talk about each one.  
I downloaded the pictures I needed from Google images.

a king's crown a king's robes a scepter treasure/jewel chests

a crown of thorns a shepherd's robe and sandals a cross a heart

(The following was a question and answer session and the kid's got ALL the answers right the first time, your kids probably will too.)

Today is Christ the King Sunday! It is a special day in the church year, so today let's talk about kings.

You kids all know about kings, even though America got rid of her king about 200 years ago!  
So tell me about kings, what do king's wear?

That's right, they wear a crown and they wear royal robes.

They also carry something that represents their power and authority -- do you know what that is called? It's called a scepter!

Kings also have LOTS of this stuff. Where do kings get all that treasure and jewels and gold?  
You're right again! From the people!

If all these pictures show what a king looks like, then we have a serious problem in church today, because this morning we are supposed remember Jesus as Christ the King, and He certainly didn't look or act like the kind of kings we're used to!

We know Jesus didn't wear a gold and jeweled crown, he wore a different kind of crown, what was it? A crown of thorns!

And Jesus didn't wear royal robes with white ermine down the front did He? He wore a simple robe and sandals.

And Jesus didn't carry a scepter to show His power, what did He carry? You're right again! He carried a Cross and he carried all our sins to that cross too.

And finally, does Jesus want boxes of jewels and diamonds and gold coins? No, what Jesus wants to gather to Himself is our hearts and our love.

Jesus is a king, but a different kind of king than we're used to. He isn't a king with a gold and jewel crown, who has riches and jewels and servants, and who orders people and armies around. Jesus is a king, but the best kind of king. He is the King of Heaven (where he promises to take us), the King of Love (which he offers to us freely), the King of Sacrifice, who talks all of our sins and the things we do wrong, and He wipes them away.

Jesus doesn't want to be king of countries and armies, He wants to be the King of our hearts and our lives. He is the most wonderful King, the best kind of King, a King who wants to give us forgiveness, love, heaven, and eternal life with Him!

Let's thank God for sending Christ the King to us!

Dear God, thank you for being the kind of King who doesn't want gold and power and treasure, but a King who wants our hearts and love. Thank you for being a King who wants to give everything that is good to his people, and to us, his little children. Thank you for having Christ the King go to the cross for each one of us, to wash away our sins. And thank you for the home preparing for us in heaven. Amen

Prayer is such an important part of our faith. As we enter November, here is a November Blessing prayer.





## Diocese of Syracuse

Office of Liturgy & the O.C.I.A.

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -- A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

In 2024, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. **Previously**, when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true.

«**FROM THE USCCB:** Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this new directive, **the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.**

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