



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Nov 25- Nov 26, 2017

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## NOVEMBER 26, 2017, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under His feet." —1 Corinthians  
15:25

Kings traditionally are concerned about pomp and circumstance, military might, taxes, palaces, and monuments. King Jesus is altogether different. When King Jesus "comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, He will sit upon His royal throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him" (Mt 25:31-32). He will judge on behalf of refugees, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned (Mt 25:36). He has no Pentagon, no military budget, and no national debt. He commands: "Owe no debt to anyone except the debt that binds us to love one another" (Rm 13:8).

The poor are His priority. He commands us to serve the poor. Material poverty in the world indicates our spiritual poverty in the Church. If we bowed before Jesus as King, the poor would have the good news preached to them and be set free (Lk 4:18). If we had faith in King Jesus, we would "love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it" (1 Jn 3:18).

King Jesus not only helped the poor but became poor. "You are well acquainted with the favor shown you by our Lord Jesus Christ: how for your sake He made Himself poor though He was rich, so that you might become rich by His poverty" (2 Cor 8:9). He chose to be born in a stable at Bethlehem, live in Nazareth, work at manual labor, and even die like a slave on a cross. King Jesus is a different kind of king. He's the King of the poor, and the King of kings.

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
 COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

November Masses are for the Souls in Purgatory. The following prayer can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Stewardship Reports

### 11/12/17 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$1,810.00
Loose	\$ 413.00
Children	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,233.00</b>

### 11/12/17 Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Individual	\$315.00
Loose	\$207.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$522.00</b>

### 11/12/17 Building Fund

Individual	\$200.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Juanita Stacy

## Family Chalice Program

November 25/26 Nick Weinheimer Family  
 December 2/3 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer  
 December 9/10 Joanie Kling Family  
 December 16/17 Alice Kuehler  
 December 23/24 Krista Johnson Family  
 December 30/31 Krista Johnson Family  
 January 6/7 Mike and Rita Lister

## Birthdays

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Chris Ollinger  
 Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Treadwell  
 Nov 28<sup>th</sup> James Weinheimer  
 Nov 29<sup>th</sup> Ryan James Weimheimer and Jason Eugea

## Anniversaries

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Cliff and Susan Britten

## Church Cleaning for November

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, Nov 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Owen

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Sunday, Nov 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Madison and K'Leigh

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer,  
Marla Britten, Kathleen Barkley

### **Saturday, Dec 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

### **Sunday, Dec 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Grace

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,  
Barbara Homer, Melanie K. Britten

### **Saturday, Dec 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Gary Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

### **Sunday, Dec 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Lauren and Alex

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Sandie  
Hickey, Cari Weinjeimer

### **Saturday, Dec 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Sunday, Dec 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

## *Announcements:*

**Christian Mothers** will have their Christmas party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm in the home of Susan Britten with hostesses Rita Lister, Krista Johnson, Carolyn Brooks, Melanie Hinson and Tami Keesee.

**Christian Mothers** is organizing Snak-Pak 4 Kids here in Groom. There is a need to feed children during the weekend here in Groom. Snak-Pak 4 Kids will send home non-perishable food for the children. This program will cost \$3.75/week/child or \$150.00/year/child. 100% of proceeds earned go towards kids in need. Donations can be given to Pam Ashford or Debbie Ollinger or go to [www.SP4K.org](http://www.SP4K.org)

Mark your calendars for the holiday edition of the Parish Council Pot Luck December 9<sup>th</sup> immediately following mass. Thanksgiving and Christmas are a special time to spend with family. Please come celebrate this season with your church family.

**We need servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses.**

\*Immaculate Conception Feast Day Mass: Friday, December 8th at 7:30am and 6:30pm

\*Christmas Masses: Sunday, Dec 24th at 5:30pm and Monday, Dec 25th at 9am

\*New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

\*"What's the difference between a partial and a plenary indulgence?"

An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin" (Indulgentarium Doctrina 2, 3). Only God knows exactly how efficacious any particular partial indulgence is or whether a plenary indulgence was received at all.

"Don't indulgences duplicate or even negate the work of Christ?"

Despite the biblical underpinnings of indulgences, some are sharply critical of them and insist the doctrine supplants the work of Christ and turns us into our own saviors. This objection results from confusion about the nature of indulgences and about how Christ's work is applied to us.

Indulgences apply only to temporal penalties, not to eternal ones. The Bible indicates that these penalties may remain after a sin has been forgiven and that God lessens these penalties as rewards to those who have pleased him. Since the Bible indicates this, Christ's work cannot be said to have been supplanted by indulgences.

The merits of Christ, since they are infinite, comprise most of those in the treasury of merits. By applying these to believers, the Church acts as Christ's servant in the application of what he has done for us, and we know from Scripture that Christ's work is applied to us over time and not in one big lump (Phil. 2:12, 1 Pet. 1:9).

"Isn't it better to put all of the emphasis on Christ alone?"

If we ignore the fact of indulgences, we neglect what Christ does through us, and we fail to recognize the value of what he has done in us. Paul used this very sort of language: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church" (Col. 1:24).

Even though Christ's sufferings were superabundant (far more than needed to pay for anything), Paul spoke of completing what was "lacking" in Christ's sufferings. If this mode of speech was permissible for Paul, it is permissible for us, even though the Catholic language about indulgences is far less shocking than was Paul's language about his own role in salvation.

Catholics should not be defensive about indulgences. They are based on principles straight from the Bible, and we can be confident not only that indulgences exist, but that they are useful and worth obtaining. Pope Paul VI declared, "[T]he Church invites all its children to think over and weigh up in their minds as well as they can how the use of indulgences benefits their lives and all Christian society.... Supported by these truths, holy Mother Church again recommends the practice of indulgences to the faithful. It has been very dear to Christian people for many centuries as well as in our own day. Experience proves this" (Indulgentarium Doctrina, 9, 11).

issued a revision of the handbook (Enchiridion is the formal name) of indulgences. Today, numbers of days are not associated with indulgences. They are either plenary or partial.

