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**ABOVE HIM THERE WAS
AN INSCRIPTION THAT READ,
"THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."**

LUKE 23:38

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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Parish Council Mission Statement ~ We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multicultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's people and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

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Mass Times**Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

Wednesday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)

12:10 PM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude

5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:30 AM.....Christ the King

10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude

Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King

(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class

Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.

All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Monday, 12:00 noon.**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISHES.****MATTERS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INFORMATION**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

St. Gertrude Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 21

8:30 AM Donald Ziegler

Wednesday, November 23

St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

8:30 AM Regis and Dorothy Keddie

Friday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:30 AM Poor Souls

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 26

4:00 PM Adam and Nellie Raczka

Sunday, November 27

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Sister Connie and Helen Sciberras



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of: Barbara Silvestri

by Patti and Lorraine

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased

Steven D. Poleski

May the consolation of the Lord be with his family.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

St Gertrude Church has an active conference of the St Vincent dePaul Society. SVDP assists approximately 15 families per month in Vandergrift and Allegheny Twp. The organization provides food, clothing, utility and rental assistance, to needy families. The organization's primary source of funding is a monthly stipend from the SVDP Thrift Store located in Apollo. With the stressors of the present economy, SVDP is experiencing a critical need for additional funding. IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, A DONATION CAN BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE, MARKED SVDP, AND DROPPED IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET, OR PLACED IN THE POOR BOXES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE vestibule and side entrances of St Gertrude Church. One hundred percent of the donations received will be used to aid needy children and adults in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this organization.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 26 & 27	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Nick Pityk	Gail Lightner	Gary Lightner
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Fran Milie	Anthony Guerrero
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom/Rachael

Weekly Collections

November 12 & November 13

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,251.00
Loose	\$ 319.00
Restoration	\$ 126.00
Fuel	\$ 117.00
All Saints	\$ 55.00
All Souls	\$ 40.00
Retired Religious	\$ 151.00
DPRF/CRS	\$20.00
Archdiocese of the Military	\$ 337.00
Votives	\$ 92.00

GIVING TREE

Tis' the season of giving! Please help to make someone's Christmas a little brighter by taking an angel tag from the giving trees in the vestibule of the church. You will be able to select a tag beginning the weekend of November 26th - 27th.

We ask that the wrapped gift with angel tag attached be returned no later than Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30 mass. After mass we will then begin immediately sorting and delivering the gifts to children at the Alle-Kiski Hope Center and the physically handicapped and mentally challenged adults residing in West-N-Arms and Kiski Valley opportunity Group Homes. May God bless you for helping with this worthwhile project.

CDA CANDY BARS

The CDA will be selling different varieties of Sarris candy bars until the end of December, take a break the month of January, and resume candy sales for Valentines Day in February.

Christ the King Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, November 22

St. Cecelia

8:30 AM Barbara Ziarnik
by Friends

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving

8:30 AM Dan Reinke
by Kurt Szymanski

FIRST SUNDY OF ADVENT

Saturday, November 26

8:30 AM For the Parish

5:30 PM John and Anna Zubay
by Troya Family

Sunday, November 27

9:30 AM Anna Marie Oberdorf
by Sister-in-Laws



"THE PAJAMA & BOOK PROJECT"

The Rotary Club of Leechburg and the Leechburg HS Interact Club is sponsoring "The Pajama & Book Drive" from thru December 14th in the Leechburg Area. We are asking for donations of New Pajamas and/or a New Child's Book. The Pajamas can be All Sizes-, Infants', Children's, Womens and Men's sleep pants. Donations may be places in collection boxes located in several Leechburg businesses and local churches. Monetary donations may be sent to "The Rotary Club of Leechburg", PO Box 163, Leechburg, PA 15656". Pajamas and books will be sent to HAVIN, CYFS of Armstrong County, Life Choices, and The Mechling/Shakely Veteran's Center in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE GIVING TREE

Christ the King Parish will again be sponsoring a Giving Tree for children this Christmas season. Keep an eye open for the tree in the gathering space. Please watch for details in upcoming bulletins. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 26 & 27	GREETERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pastiva	Linda Fedorchak	Chris Vigna
Sunday 9:30 AM	Tony Buyny	Sisters of Mary Immaculate	Margie Stull

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

The Hospitality Ministry offers a unique opportunity to serve God through participation in Holy Mass, as well as service to others. We welcome (men, women and mature youth) and encourage you to prayerfully consider serving. Call or email Sharon at the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is helping the St. Anne Personal Care Home again this year by selling lottery calendars for 2023. The cost is \$30 and you will have a chance to win every day in 2023. The number is taken from the Pa. Lottery Pick 3 evening drawing. Calendars will be sold after all weekend Masses.

Weekly Collections

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November 12 & November 13

Adult	\$ 2,895.00
Monthly	\$ 515.00
Loose	\$ 209.00
Votives	\$ 96.00
Cemetery	\$ 133.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 75.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00
Retired Religious	\$ 205.00
DPRF/CRS	\$ 10.00
Archdiocese for Military Service	\$ 192.00

Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.
✱ Please remember your parish in your will. ✱

Fall 2022 Calendar

Please note that this is an updated calendar

Session Dates

Faith Formation:

The Youth Ministry session for Sunday, November 27th has been cancelled.

December—1st (Advent Walk Practice at 6:00 PM), 4th (Advent Walk at 5:30 PM), 18th

****Parents are expected to work with their child(ren) on assigned homework during the Parent-led week.**

Reminder: Saturday, December 10th, 2022 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM is our First Reconciliation Parent meeting/workshop at Christ Prince of Peace/Divine Redeemer School. Please meet at the Divine Redeemer School (726 4th Ave. Ford City, 16226) at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

First Reconciliation—at Penance Service on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry:

Every week until December 18th

***We are looking for volunteers for our annual Advent Walk; an intergenerational Advent meditative prayer service which will be held on Sunday, December 4th at Christ the King at 5:30 PM. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register to help. The practice is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at Christ the King at 6:00 PM.

Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

Got life questions? Looking for peace?

Needing hope? If you (or someone you know) would like to hear more about Jesus, we invite you to contact Katie Tyliniski for information regarding inquiry process of the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). During the inquiry process you do not assume a commitment.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning December 1, 2022 Mass intentions may be scheduled **ONE MONTH PRIOR** to the month in which you would like a Mass said. For example: if you would like a Mass scheduled for any day in January 2023, the earliest you may do so is December 1 (one month prior to January).

Additionally, due to the limited number of weekend Masses, only **ONE weekend Mass a YEAR** for a deceased family member or special intention may be scheduled.

CD of A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

CDA will be having their Christmas celebration (a brunch) at The Twisted Thistle now known as The National Public House in Leechburg on Sunday, December 4th at 12:30 PM.

Cost of brunch is \$25 which includes a gratuity. The menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, mini pancakes, a variety of pastries, baked chicken, green beans, tossed salad, soft drinks, coffee and tea.

If interested please call Arlene Colecchi at 724-567-5748 to make a reservation. Once you reserve a spot you are responsible for your payment and there are no refunds. Please come and enjoy yourself with your CDA sisters.



TICKETS ON SALE AT WWW.CASINOTHEATRE.ORG OR POMFRETS PAINTS ON FARRAGUT AVENUE IN VANDERGRIFT, PA - ALL SEATS \$15.00
SHOW TIMES FOR NOVEMBER 25TH AND 26TH ARE 7:30 PM - NOVEMBER 27TH IS 2:00 PM
DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE SHOW - SEATING WILL BE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOW

SVC BENEDICTINE SCHOLARSHIP

(ST. GERTRUDE AND CHRIST THE KING PARISHES)

Saint Vincent College is again offering a Benedictine Scholarship of \$2,000 per year for four years to students from our parishes. This award will be in addition to other scholarship/grant aid from the College. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2023 with a letter of recommendation for the pastor. www.st.vincent.edu/apply



ADVENT WALK

12/04/2022

Christ the King Parish

125 Park Road, Leechburg, 15656

The Advent walk is a youth-led meditative and interactive evening that helps us to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord. The youth are members at Christ the King, Christ Prince of Peace, St. Gertrude and St. Lawrence Parishes. The walk will be indoors except for a few minutes where we will be standing underneath a portico. There will be minimal walking involved. This counts as our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry session. The practice is 12/1 at 6:00 PM.

5:30 UNTIL ABOUT 7:00 PM

WITH A SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

Questions? Want to volunteer?

Contact Katie Tylinski

724-212-6740
(mobile)

ktylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE
WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

THE THRONE OF THE CROSS

We conclude the liturgical year today with the Solemnity of Christ the King. On the surface, we might wonder what this has to do with our lives. Why does it matter that Christ is King? Do we need a king? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we do need someone to follow, a king who will rule our hearts, minds, and lives with goodness. Left to our own devices, following our own tendencies, we are bound to fall short of God's great call to grow and live in holiness. Christ will shepherd us, not from a position of power or authority, although both are his as well, but rather from the throne of the cross, the throne of humility, compassion, and peace.

JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

Part of the challenge of living as a child of God is not being able to see God, to know what God is like. Believing in God requires faith, the willingness to enter into a mystery that is timeless and yet timely—as true today as it has been throughout the ages. Placing our faith in Jesus does not require us to put rational thought behind. Rather, in Jesus, we see God, the creator of all that is, including our intellect, the ability to understand our experience, and more. Jesus makes God visible, he is the image of the invisible God, the sign of God's determination that we not be separated from God, the one who shows us creation's ultimate purpose. When we wonder what God is like, what God desires, or how God acts, we need only look to Christ, who pours out his life in God's compassionate love.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

The repentant thief in today's Gospel gives us a lasting image of Christ's undying love and forgiveness. As Jesus is dying on the cross, the thief declares his belief in Jesus, the King. Jesus recognizes his faith and makes his own declaration: "today you will be with me in Paradise." As we come to the end of the liturgical year and prepare to enter into Advent, it is good for us to ask ourselves if we, too, are ready to declare our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the image of the unseen God, the one who was and is and is to come. As we reaffirm our faith, let us place our hearts, minds, and lives in the hands of the King who reigns now and will reign into eternity.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1–3
Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5
Colossians 1:12–20
Luke 23:35–43

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