

November 23, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

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Please register. Forms in office.

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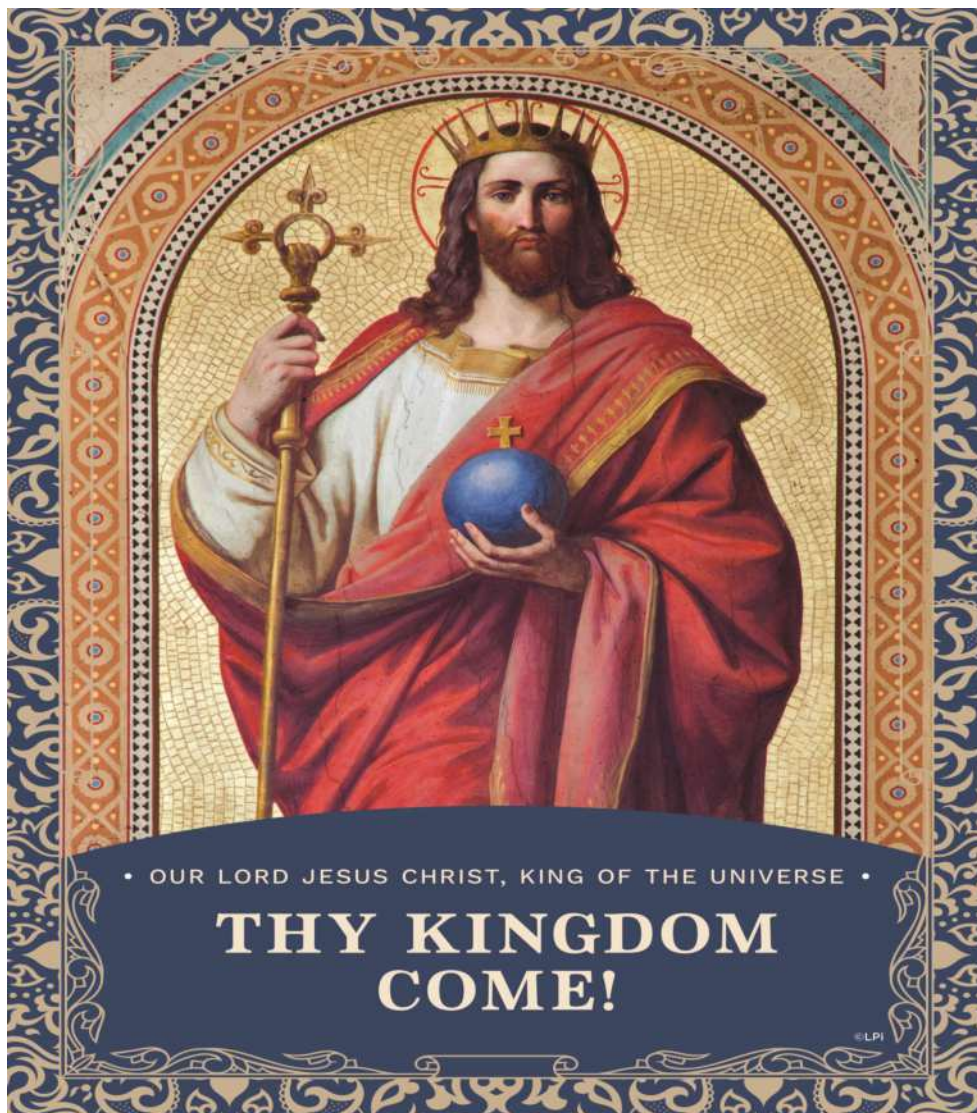
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please contact Fr. Vincent directly at
573-238-2450. You do not have to go through
the parish office since Father keeps his own
calendar and makes his own appointments.

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to
worship with us this weekend. If you are
not currently registered with either St.
John Church or St. Anthony Church and
would like to do so, registration forms in
the vestibule of either parish or on the
parish website. We would love to have
you as a part of our parish family!

St. Anthony Gifts 11/16/25

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Liturgical Roles

November 27, 2025 THANKSGIVING

Thurs, November 27, 8:30 AM (SJ)

Servers: Thad & Nash Adams
Lector: Dennis James
Extraordinary Min.: *Mary Adams
Ushers: Roger Vandeven, Gary Vandeven
Sacristan: Dennis James
Rosary: weekday volunteer

November 29-30, 2025 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sat, November 29, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell, Lorna Brandel
Lector: Ernestine Bueter
Extraordinary Min. *Andrea Bueter
Ushers: Lonnie Nenninger, Norbert Nenninger
Offertory: Richard & Alicia Burns
Sacristan: volunteer
Rosary: Amy Jansen

KC 4th Degree

Sunday, November 30, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Camdyn Schreiner, Ashtyn Van de Ven
Lector: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen
Extraordinary Min.: *Ron Wesbecher, Bob Clubb, Jean Clubb
Choir Min.: Pam Wesbecher
Ushers: 4th Degree
Offertory: Family of Kenny Stause
Sacristan: Geri Geringer
Rosary: 4th Degree

Sunday, November 23, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Walter Smith, Sam Landewee, Autumn Landewee
Lector: Jill Wedemeier
Extraordinary Min.: *Dustin Hoesli, Eva Dunn, Kim Bunker
Choir Min.: Addison Engelen
Ushers: Scott & Drew Engelen
Offertory: Family of Leslie Meritt
Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink
Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for

November 30: Linda Stoverink

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, November 24

6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Joyce Landewee † (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)
5:30 PM - Church Staff Meeting (St. Anne's Room)

Tuesday, November 25

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Eleanor Macke † (SJ)
6:30 PM - 1st Reconciliation (SJ)

Wednesday, November 26

No School, No Rosary Club, Church office closed
5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - Tony Beussink † (SA)

Thursday, November 27 - THANKSGIVING

No School, Church office closed
8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Glen & Ethel Thiele † / Jerome Bucher † (SJ)

Friday, November 28

No School, Church office closed
6:55-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Kathy Nanney † (SJ)

Saturday, November 29

No Men's Group
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (Church Basement)
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)
6:00 PM - Leopold School Foundation Dinner Auction (KC Hall)

Sunday, November 30

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Kenny Stause † (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - Leslie Meritt † (SJ)
5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Robert & Jessica (Eftink) Reynolds' baby boy Christopher Steven Reynolds on his Baptism. Wishing your child a lifetime of faith, love, and joy as he begins his journey with Christ.

**Taking orders for Leopold K of C
whole hog sausage \$4 /lb.
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Contact Steve Seiler:
573-238-3314 (day) or 573-238-4409

It should be ready for pickup
around December 12.

In preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held on August 15, 2026, Bishop Rice launched a prayer campaign. He formed parish partners for this. Accordingly, St. John Parish, Leopold; St. Anthony Mission Parish, Glennon and St. Joseph Parish, Billings are parish partners. Bishop requests the communities in these parishes to support one another in prayer. Feel free to reach out to the parish office of St. Joseph, Billings and assure them of our prayers.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Polycarp, the fifth century bishop of Smyrna, was arrested and brought before the Roman authorities. He was told if he cursed Christ, he would be released. He replied, "Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my King Jesus Christ Who saved me?" The Roman officer replied, "Unless you change your mind, I will have you burnt." But Polycarp said, "You threaten a fire that burns for an hour, and after a while is quenched; for you are ignorant of the judgment to come and of everlasting punishment reserved for the ungodly. Do what you wish."

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, reminding us that Jesus' kingdom is not built on power or wealth, but on truth, love, and mercy. His throne is the Cross, and His crown is made of thorns—showing that true kingship is service and sacrifice. As followers of Christ the King, we are called to let His rule of peace and compassion reign in our hearts and in our world. May we proclaim Him as our Lord not just with our lips, but by the way we live each day. Do I genuinely live the values of Jesus? Is Jesus truly the center of my life?

Next Thursday is observed as Thanksgiving Day. On this day, we pause to recognize that everything we have—our life, our families, our faith—is a gift from God. Gratitude opens our hearts to see His presence in both blessings and challenges. Just as Jesus gave thanks before breaking the bread at the Last Supper, we too are called to give thanks in all circumstances. May the Eucharist, the greatest act of thanksgiving, remind us to live each day with grateful hearts and to share our blessings generously with others.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

Prayer: Christ our King, we thank You for the gift of life, family, and the blessings that fill our days. Teach us to see Your hand in all things and to live with grateful hearts. Amen.

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony,
pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Advent is approaching and we are being called again to reflect on our lives of prayer and self examination to prepare for Jesus's incarnation. Advent is a "little Lent". It's not as structured or as demanding as Lent in the Spring but still a time to offer some sort of penance, extra time for prayer, or "letting God" do some "life pruning" to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. He will help us grow stronger by making us better than we are. Here is an article from Blessed is She that gives us a spiritual view of a sort of pruning to adjust for a time to new growth in our hearts:

Reflect on the Word:

I stared at my indoor jade plants, gardening shears in hand, unsure where to begin. The plants looked healthy on the surface, thick with shiny leaves, but they had grown uneven and now appeared leggy and lopsided, stretching too far towards the light. I snipped away at healthy stems, apologizing under my breath. If the plants could scream, I think they would have. Still, I knew the truth: without pruning, they would not grow stronger. They would topple and needed this reshaping.

That image stayed with me as I recently walked through my own season of heavy pruning. This pruning was not of sin or obvious disorder, but of very good things. Beautiful, holy things I thought would last. Dreams that had God's fingerprints on them. Plans made in prayer. Friendships rooted in faith. But even these were trimmed back. The cuts felt painful, even confusing. Why would the Lord take what was already bearing fruit?

Then I read His words again: "Every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it bears more fruit" (John 15:2). So that. That small phrase holds such promise. The Lord does not prune to harm. He prunes for more. More fruit. Deeper roots. Truer trust.

The Lord is not reckless with His pruning shears. He sees the whole structure of our lives and shapes it with eternity in mind. He never cuts without purpose. He never leaves us alone. "Remain in me, as I remain in you" (John 15:4).

That word "remain" has become a lifeline. Stay with Him. Even when the pruning stings. Even when we cannot see the fruit yet. Let His grace continue to flow. Receive this grace, especially whenever fruitful things are taken, we feel emptied, confused, or fragile. But pruning is not the end. It is the beginning of something deeper, something even more fruitful. The Lord is making space for abundance.

So let us remain and be strong like those who do not fear the Gardener's shears, because we trust His hands and wait in hope for the fruit He has promised.

How can you practically "remain" today and throughout the Season of Advent? Will you sacrifice for the joy to come? ...even if it hurts so to bear greater fruit?

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

The Council's Coats for Kids program is ongoing working with the county schools - Leopold, Meadow Heights, Woodland and Zalma. Over the years of this program, the KC Order has given more than 1.6 million winter jackets to children in need.

Did you know - 100 years ago this year, the Knights of Columbus provided the funding for the Supreme Court case that struck down state laws that would have banned Catholic schools.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 21:19) On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for November: Cody & Emily Harris** *For those discerning their vocation, that they may experience the joy of serving Christ in their lives and in the lives of others. Let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Thanks to PCCW members who helped with the Deanery 6 Dinner Meeting this past Tuesday evening.

Last weekend for Amen Gallon Food Drive. Will deliver on Tuesday. Thank you.

Three weeks from today is Our Country Christmas Home Tour. Lots of work goes into this event. Groups 6-7 will be called to make soups and cookies. Thanks to the homeowners for decorating and welcoming us into their homes. Please consider buying your ticket in advance.

Start watching back of church for Woodland Hills Christmas wish tree. Thanks Polly Mungle for coordinating this project. Happy Thanksgiving from St. John's PCCW. We are so blessed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

SJSA_YOUTH are collecting gift bags of ALL sizes and unused tissue paper for Birthright. Drop off in SJ or SA vestibules by Nov 29.

Ministry Notes & Updates

GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY: Thanks to Karen & Bradley Broshuis, Janet & Anthony Jansen, Lisa & Tharon Crowell for the food donations. Contact Kyla if you're interested in providing a meal for the girls while they discover God's purpose for their lives through charisms, individuality, friendship, challenges, and more. Thanks to Heather Elfrink and Katie Michaelree for helping lead. Thanks to the diocese for the financial support through the youth endowment grant in covering the cost of supplies.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

During Christmas there is a special spirit of giving. It is our hope that families with personal needs will give us the opportunity to share joy with them. St. John and St. Anthony will be doing a giving tree again this year. Could your family benefit from gifts for your children? If so, please contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 by November 24th with the information. If you know a family in need, please have them contact Amanda also.

Diocese & Area Events

Cursillo News: Cursillo means "A Short Course in Christianity" God calls us to grow in our relationship with Him. The Cursillo Movement is a wonderful way to rediscover our faith, to grow in our community with other fellow Cursillistas and to help us discover and fulfill life's purpose. The Cursillo is an opportunity for an encounter with oneself, with Christ and with others. We invite all to attend a Cursillo weekend. Upcoming weekends include: **Women's Weekends:** November 20-23, 2025 and February 26-March 1, 2026 and **Men's Weekends:** December 4-7, 2025 and February 19-22, 2026. All the above weekends are at Pinecrest near Fredericktown. We will get you there and get you home. Questions? Call Dale Gerecke (573) 450-3335 or email him at dale@gereckelaw.com.

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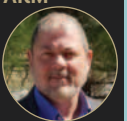
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