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November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the pastor

New Parishioners

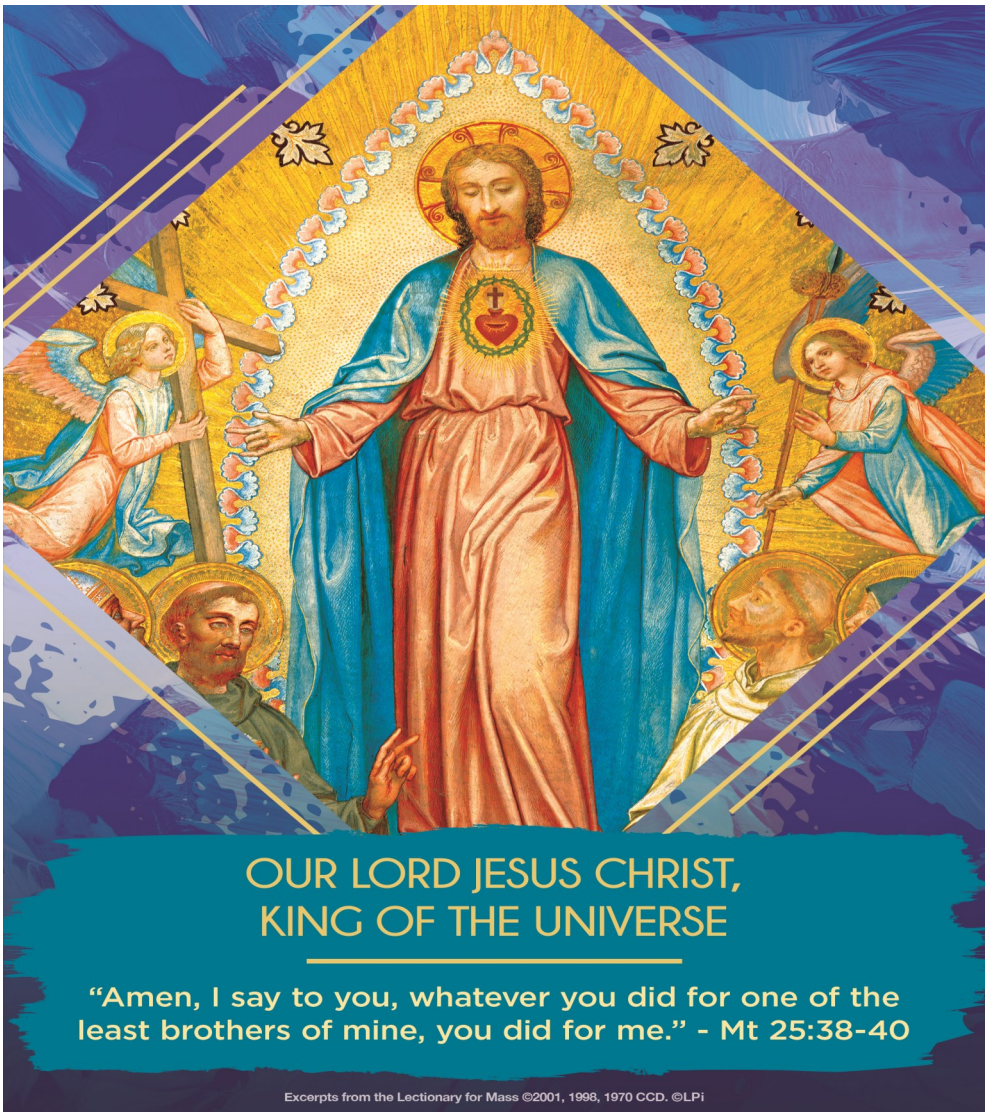
Please register. Forms in office.

Bulletin Announcements

sjsabulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



St. Anthony Gifts	11/15/26

St. John Gifts	11/15/26

Due to early bulletin deadlines collection total were not available at time of printing.

Online giving is now available.
https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds

The Bulletin is Online! Go to the parish website to find the weekly bulletin.

Parish & Finance Councils

St. John Council Members

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Edna Seiler
Elaine Stroder
Kim Vandeven
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Matt Brotherton
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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, 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!

Liturgical Roles

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, Nov. 26, 8:30 AM (SJ)
Servers: Thad & Nash Adams
Lector: Dennis James
Extraordinary Min.: *Mary Adams
Ushers: Roger Vandeven, Gary Vandeven
Offertory: none
Sacristan: Dennis James
Rosary: weekday volunteer

1st Sunday of Advent November 28-29, 2026

Saturday, Nov. 28, 5 PM (SA)
Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green
Lector: Andrea Bueter
Extraordinary Min. *Richard Eeftink
Ushers: Chad VanGennip, Michael VanGennip
Offertory: Richard & Fran Seabaugh
Sacristan: Pam Horrell
Rosary: Pam Horrell

KC 4th DEGREE
Sunday, Nov. 29, 8 AM (SJ)
Servers: Camdyn & Zach Schreiner, Layton Fluchel
Lector: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen
Extraordinary Min.: *Ron Wesbecher, Bob Clubb, Jean Clubb
Choir Min.: Pam Wesbecher
Ushers: Don Gowan, Joe Seiler
Offertory: 4th Degree
Sacristan: Pam and Ron Wesbecher
Rosary: 4th Degree

Sunday, Nov. 29, 10 AM (SJ)
Servers: Sam & Autumn Landewee
Lector: Jill Wedemeier
Extraordinary Min.: *Dustin Hoesli, Sheryl Eftink, Tannie Smith
Choir Min.: Addison Engelen
Ushers: Scott and Drew Engelen
Offertory: Family of Janet Beussink
Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink
Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for November 29: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, November 23, ***Church office closed***
6:45-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Barb Engelen ✝ (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, November 24
8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Eleanor Macke✝ (SJ)
6:30 PM - 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Graders (SJ)

Wednesday, November 25, *no school or rosary club*
5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - Alvin & Helen Vandeven ✝ (SA)

Thursday, November 26, ***Thanksgiving Day,*** *no school & church office closed*
8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Tony Beussink ✝ (SJ)

Friday, November 27, *no school*
6:45-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel ✝ (SJ)
9:00 AM - Rosary with Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Saturday, November 28
4:30-4:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John and St. Anthony Parishes (SA)
6:00 PM - Leopold School Foundation Dinner Auction (KC Hall)

Sunday, November 29
7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Kathy Nanney ✝ (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - Janet Beussink ✝ (SJ)

Please pray for the following youth who will be making their First Reconciliation on November 24th:

Palmer Beel Levi Casey Robert Deck Makenzie Eftink
Weston Engelen Leah Gibbs George Harris Hensley Kinder
Amelia Landewee Henry McClain Aurora Meador
Samuel Schaefer Hudson Seiler Allison VanGennip
Colton VanGennip Wyatt Yount

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Sunday, December 6 Bulletin Items due Monday, November 30 at noon.

Sunday, December 13 Bulletin Items due Sunday, December 6 at noon.

Sunday, December 20 Bulletin Items due Sunday, December 13 at noon.

Sunday, December 27 Bulletin Items due Thursday, December 17 at noon.

Sunday, January 3 Bulletin Items due Sunday, December 27 at noon.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"I myself will look after and tend my sheep" (Ezekiel 34/11)

When human leadership fails, God does not fold His arms and walk away. God himself will step in. That's what the first reading reminds us.

In Ezekiel 34, we hear God's fierce and tender response to a world where the shepherds—the kings, priests, and powerful leaders—were feeding themselves instead of the flock. They grew fat while the vulnerable sheep were scattered, injured, and neglected in the dark.

So, what does God say? **"I myself will look after and tend my sheep".** The little phrase "I myself" is repeated three time in the first reading. This means that God doesn't delegate this rescue to a proxy or leave it to broken systems. He steps into the mist and the darkness Himself. He searches for the lost, binds up the wounded, strengthens the weak, and brings the strays home." **"We have a Shepherd who so loves us, that He gave even His life for us."** (St. John Chrysostom)

As we look to Christ, the King of the Universe this Sunday—the fulfillment of this promise who calls Himself the Good Shepherd—we are comforted by His rescue, and challenged by His standard. May we let ourselves be found and healed by Him, and in turn, help create a pasture where no sheep is trampled down.

Earthly kings expect people to serve them; Jesus came to serve others. Earthly kings wear crowns of gold; Jesus wore a crown of thorns. Earthly kings sit on magnificent thrones; Jesus chose the Cross as His throne. Earthly kings exercise power over people; Jesus exercises His power through love, mercy, and forgiveness. "**His kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."**(Pope Francis, Homily, November 23, 2014).

On the Feast of Christ the King, let us remember that Jesus does not want to be merely the King of the universe; He wants to be the King of our hearts. The real question is not whether Christ is King of the universe, but whether He is truly the King of my heart, my family, my decisions, and my daily life

Prayer: Lord Jesus, our King and Shepherd, reign in our hearts, guide our lives with Your truth, strengthen us to serve others with humility and love, and lead us one day into the eternal Kingdom of Your glory. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Today we celebrate the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Jesus is the ultimate ruler of all creation He made, and everything must submit to Him even death. Nothing is greater or more powerful than God. Period! But….He Who is Lord of all, became the servant of all. Mark 9:35

Tho Jesus was King, His love was so strong for us, that He would never forsake us and would do anything to serve us to win our hearts. Anything…

Do you have a servant's heart like God? Do you delight in serving others? Do people know you as a giving, helpful, caring, loving person? Like Jesus? This kind of service is hard to copy. To give yourself generously to family, neighbors, your parish…but what if it costs too much? Or worse what if this kind of service is unnoticed, unappreciated? It's hard to keep this service up if you don't get anything out of it even if it's only a warm satisfaction of another person's gratitude. Do you give the Lord your thanks when things go well because of His grace for even in a moment? His service to you from His Kingly kind heart is so warranted of return for what He does for us when we don't deserve it.

We don't need the pat on the back, for all we do should be done in love. No reward is needed except the gift of grace we receive from giving of ourselves to others and doing the work that God has entrusted to us. He, the King of the Universe, whom we are called to serve with our lives, lowers Himself to our very feet and begs us to let Him serve us. "Let Me wash your feet!" When you ask others to let you serve (help) them you are washing their feet (as Jesus did). The King on His knees serves His people. When we are faithful to the service God asks of us, we receive something far more precious than recognition or praise. We receive His loving service for ourselves, and we experience the joy of joining Him in His saving grace.

So Who is your Lord? Whom do you serve? Who rules your world? your time? your heart? Jesus is Lord and King. There is no other! His servant heart is undeniable, unfathomable and unconditional in wavering love for us. His Glory is forever! At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth. He deserves all praise in all things in all ways for all of what He has done for us!

Next week we begin Advent. There are so many options to choose from to make your Advent time one of JOY, anticipation, and holiness in waiting for Jesus's arrival in your hearts again this Christmas. FORMED has a program "How to Advent" Hallow app has Advent Pray25: It's a Wonderful Life". Ascension app also has an offering from Fr. Mike Schmitz: Joy to the World to help you. I am offering "Rejoice!" An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture by Fr. Mark Toups on Sunday evenings. If you cannot make that you can sign up for the weekly videos by email at rejoiceprogram.com. The journal will be organized around the four Sunday readings for Advent, Year A. I have 12 books ordered. Let me know if you want one. If these are not possible for you then meditate on the Gospel of Luke and Matthew that tell of the Nativity. Happy Advent!

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Recent Knights of the Month: Tharon Cowell and Robbie Arnzen. Recent Families of the Month: Anthony Jansen and John Bohnsack.

The Council is selling chances - limited to 56 tickets - on a Henry Golden Boy 100th anniversary border patrol gun - at $20 per ticket. Contact Arnold Jansen for a ticket while they last.

A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy the School Foundation dinner and auction this coming Saturday.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) Christ, the King of kings, calls us to serve Him through our care for others. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, is an opportunity to answer His call by loving and serving those in need. How is God inviting you to live out this service in your life, bringing Christ's mercy and compassion to the world? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2.
Vocation Crucifix for November: Francis & Peggy Nenninger *For our parish, that we may foster vocations and work to advance Christ's kingdom through prayer and example, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Thank you to all who donated to our Amen Gallon Food Drive. Today is the last day of collecting and delivery will be made tomorrow. They are so appreciative of our donation. May your Thanksgiving be brighter for helping our less fortunate brothers.

StoneBridge Christmas tags are in back of church. Help clear the board so every resident gets a gift. Return your gifts by December 6th. Bless you for caring and sharing.

Happy Thanksgiving from The PCCW.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Nov. 16: iGiveCatholic fundraiser has begun. Donate to SJSA_MS_YOUTH.
Dec. 2: Advance Youth Group. Carpool from St. John's at 5:30.
Dec. 12: Children's Christmas Store fundraiser at KC Hall. *(collecting new and gently used items for this, collection boxes in both vestibules.)*
More December dates to come!!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Giving Tree:** 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 giving trees again this year. Could your family benefit from gifts for your children? If so, please contact Amanda McDonough at 573-238-5199 by November 22 with the information. If you know a family in need, please have them contact Amanda.
- We are looking for more volunteers! We need help setting up for the monthly mass at StoneBridge Nursing Home in Marble Hill. Perhaps you are already attending that mass. We are also looking for drivers to bring boarding home residents in the Scopus area to mass once a month. Perhaps you are coming from that area. Training will be available. If interested in helping out, please contact the church office. Pray about it!

Taking orders for Leopold K of C whole hog sausage $4 /lb. (bulk or link)

Contact Steve Seiler: 573-238-3314 (day) or 573-238-4409

It should be ready for pickup around December 12.

Diocese & Area Events

"Introduction to Theology of the Body" at Sacred Heart Parish in Dexter on Sunday December 13 from 6:30-8:45pm for an talk from Nicholas Koeppel, a TOB Educator from Missouri who leads an international ministry promoting the writings of St. John Paul II around the world. The talk will focus on themes of the meaning of the human body, made male and female in the image of God, God's plan for human love and marriage, and the meaning of our sexuality. We would appreciate it if you can RSVP to tobeducators@gmail.com by Friday, December 11. Thanks and God bless!

Grief Support Group Starting Soon. St. Vincent Parish, Cape. Faith-based, peer support, confidential and comfortable environment. For more info call the parish office at 573-335-7667 or Sue at 573-579-7683.

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