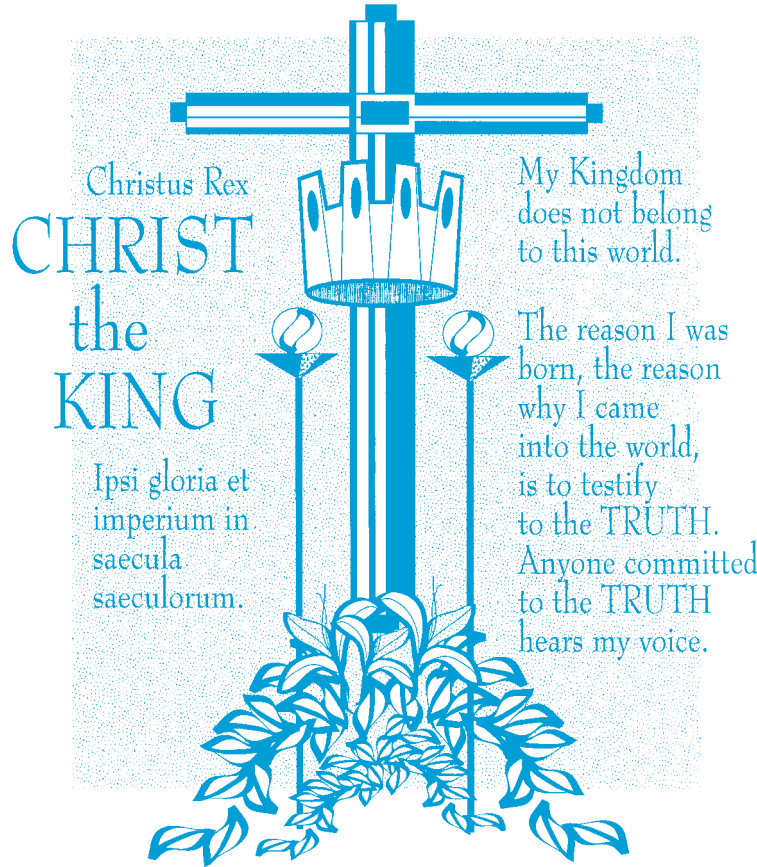




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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 22, 2009

The Lord will reign
over His people with peace!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
(The Parish Office is closed on Holy Days of Obligation)

PARISH STAFF

Located at Church 251-8115

Father Ronald Weyrens, Pastor (Ext. *812)
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Patrick Flynn, Youth Minister (293-7988)

Located at School 251-2854

Erin Hatlestad, School Principal
Julie Schmid, School Office
Jim Storms, Maintenance
David Walker, Custodian

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Mass interpreted for hearing impaired
Weekdays ----- Variable; see inside of bulletin for details
Holy Days ----- consult bulletin

BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism classes, 1st Thursday every other month at
7:00 p.m. in the church (pre-registration requested).

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in
advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to set up an appointment for registering.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:30 p.m. (other times by appointment)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, SAUK RAPIDS

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23, Weekday

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

**Tuesday, November 24, Andrew Dung-Lac,
priest & martyr, & companions**

6:00 pm -Sharon Brixius

Wednesday, November 25, Weekday

8:00 am †Agnes Lutgen

2:00 pm †Regine Becker (at Good Shepherd)

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am †Fr. Sylvester Gall, Joseph & Agnes
Gall

Friday, November 27, Weekday

8:00 am †Dianne Sauer

Sunday Eucharist, November 28-29, First

Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm †Esther Frampton

Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish

10:00 am †Helen Juetten

6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 24 so that all staff can attend Staff Day. The Parish Office will also be closed on November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Readings for the Week of November 22

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Advent Vespers



Sacred Heart Parish & St. Mary's Cathedral will be working together to provide for **Advent Vespers**. Vespers will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 pm on the Sundays of Advent. Sacred Heart will be providing ministers on December 6th and December 20th. If you would like to help please sign up in the sacristy.

St. Monica's Society

St. Monica's Society will be having their annual Bake & Craft Sale on December 5 and 6 in the Gathering Space. Any donation of baked goods or craft items will be appreciated. There will also be a quilt raffle associated with the bake sale.



Please let us know if you are moving or leaving the parish so that our records can be kept current.

"Stewardship as a way of life"



Be the "Heart"
of Sacred Heart!

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Talent, Time & Treasure

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests in the service of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to consider all the blessings we receive from God and how we in turn thank God for His blessings.

Income for the week ending November 15, 2009

Adult Collection.....	14,976.35
Children/Youth	48.51
Loose Collection.....	493.35
Improvements	415.00
Holy Days	35.00
Campaign for Human Development	10.00

Stewardship of Treasure Appeal: Thank you to all who returned their Treasure Response Card and Automatic Giving Form. Your financial commitment to our parish enables Sacred Heart to carry on its ministries. If you have not returned your response card or giving form, you may drop them off at the office or place in the collection basket.

We are asked to serve and glorify God with whatever gifts we have received. Reflect on "The Parable of the Talents"
(Matthew 25:14-30)

Turkey Cards



As we have done in the past, Sacred Heart is again collecting Coborn's turkey cards (both full and partially stamped) or Coborn's receipts to donate to Catholic Charities. Please drop in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office by November 30. Thank you!!!

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, December 3** at 7:00 pm at church. If you have not taken this class in the last three years, please plan on attending this 1 1/2 hour class prior to the birth of your child. Call the Parish Office at 251-8115 to register. Please plan accordingly. Please do not bring your children.

Please patronize those businesses which advertise on the back of our bulletin!!

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: This weekend is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD makes a difference in low-income communities in the United States by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. 25% of the CCHD Collection remains in the St. Cloud Diocese for local anti-poverty efforts and is currently providing financial support to two local initiatives. The first, a local job loss initiative, currently in Little Falls, Princeton and Elk River and open to any interested parish. And secondly, national funds are going to the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota, the only statewide mental health organization run by people with personal experience with mental health issues.

Recently there has been an effort to malign CCHD, stating that through this collection the bishops are funding programs that are openly in conflict with Catholic teaching. Bishop Roger Morin, Chairman of CCHD, stands firmly behind the work of CCHD and has responded to the concerns that have been raised. His response can be found at: www.usccb.org/cchd/. If you are not connected to the internet, contact the Parish Office and we can get you a copy.

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. While gratitude is hopefully part of your daily life, Thursday provides an opportunity for us, as a community of faith, to express our gratitude for blessings received. True gratitude to God is expressed when we share our gifts with others, especially those who are in need. Our expression of gratitude is rooted in the values that Christ our King has shared with us through his preaching and example.

In light of the current economic situation, knowing many in our area are in need of food, our collection on Thursday will be given to Catholic Charities Food Shelf. Cash donations go further in supplying food items, as Catholic Charities can purchase food at a lower cost through Great Plains Food Bank. However, Catholic Charities does encourage such donations as tooth paste, soap, hygiene products, since they are not available through Great Plains Food Bank.

Happy Thanksgiving and have a peace filled week!

Ron

RCIA

The next RCIA session is November 22 at 7pm at the Janson House (yellow brick house next to our parking lot). RCIA is for those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult. Contact Fr. Ron for more information.

Liturgy

Book of Remembrance: During the All Souls Mass candles were lit in memory of the parishioners who died during the past year. These candles are now located near the baptismal font and will be lit during weekend Masses throughout the month of November. Near the candles is the Book of Remembrance. You are welcome to add names of your deceased loved ones to the Book of Remembrance.

Liturgical Ministers please check your e-mail and/or the Gathering Space for your new schedules.

Liturgical ministers are needed for the **Thanksgiving Day** 9am Mass. Sign up on the web terminal or in the sacristy to help.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: During the 10:00 Mass beginning this Advent a special liturgy of the Word will be held for Children. Children grades 1-6 will be dismissed after the opening prayer and will return during the preparation of the gifts. The children will hear the same scripture readings as the main assembly, but their readings have been adapted so that children may more easily understand the Word of God. Teen and adult helpers are needed. Please call the office if you would like to help.

Lectors, please pick up your new Workbooks in the Gathering Space.

Homebound Eucharistic Minister meeting: Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at the church. This meeting is for those who bring communion to homes, apartments, Good Shepherd or Ridgeview Place. We will be taking some time to get to know the new ministers, review procedures, complete misconduct training (if not already done for 2010), and you will receive your 2010 schedules. Please call Sarah if you have any questions.

Art & Environment committee will meet on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 am to prepare the church for Advent and to finalize Christmas plans.

The Advent Wreath will be blessed before the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, November 28th.

School News



The school office will be closed November 26th and 27th. Happy Thanksgiving!

Looking for an easy way to do your holiday shopping? Avoid multiple stops at stores and restaurants.

Order SCRIP! SCRIP certificates are available at the school. Order on Monday and receive your order by Thursday. Call the school office with questions.

Cards



Let's play cards! Join us for 500 on Tuesday, November 24 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

Faith Formation



ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK, November 29th. This is the beginning of the new liturgical year. The November Journey In Faith Gatherings explored ways to prepare to celebrate Advent this year as we anticipate the coming of the Messiah. **It is time to dig out the take home materials and review how your household will celebrate Advent this year.** Additional materials can be found on the table in the Gathering Space. All parishioners are invited to take items that might be helpful for use during Advent.

PARENTS OF 2ND AND 3RD GRADE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, who did not attend one of the parent meetings last week, need to contact Joan in the Parish Office. If you attended the Sunday meeting, the student books can be picked up in the Gathering Space.

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



6th, 7th, and 8th graders!! LOCK-OUT! You have perhaps heard of a lock-in, well this is a Lock-out. You're invited to join us for over 5 hours of fun on Friday, December 5th from 6:30-midnight at St. Cloud State. Bowling, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, billiards, rock-climbing (I'm tired already!), and pizza are all on the menu. The cost is \$15 for everything. Grab a friend (not literally) and sign up soon! There are a limited number of spots.

Youth Group: Just stop by and hang out with us. No sign-up or joining is necessary. The next Youth Group gathering will be December 2nd from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Church. Hope to see you there!

Concert! Ya, that's right. We're going to a concert on Saturday, December 5th in St. Paul. Steve Angrisano is the artist and he is excellent. Cost is \$8. We only have a few tickets, so let me know if you want more information.

If you would like to keep updated about youth ministry stuff via email, send an email to me (Patrick Flynn) at pflynn@csbsju.edu or give me a call at 293-7988.

Catholic Aid Association

The Sacred Heart Catholic Aid Association will hold its annual Holiday Dinner on November 24 in the Gathering Space. Social will start at 6:00pm with dinner at 6:30pm. The meeting including election of officers will follow. All members are welcome and may bring a guest.



Music Notes

The Parish Children's Choir will join the Sacred Heart School Children's Choir to sing at the 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, December 2 at 4:30pm in the Church. All 2nd-6th graders are invited to participate. Please contact Beth at the Parish Office if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions.



The **Festival Choir** will be singing at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass as well as the 9:30am Christmas Day Mass. If you are interested in participating in either of these Masses, we will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7:00-8:00pm. Please contact Beth with your interest or if you have any questions.

Notes of Interest

St. Michael's Church, St. Cloud, is sponsoring a Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 21st at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. \$3.00 per card for 18 games, plus a few cash games & door prizes. Fun for the whole family.

Christmas: A Time for Hopeful Waiting. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is hosting an Advent Prayer Service and social on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. Please join them for an Advent Journey Reflection presented by Kathy Langer, Director of Social Concerns, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

Help is available for couples in troubled marriages. If you, or someone you know, needs help for a marriage in trouble, please check the Retrouvaille website www.savingmarriages.org or call 320-255-5314 for more information. The next program starts in January. Advance registration is required.

Turkey Bingo at St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Duelm on November 22 from 1-4pm. Ham and quilt raffle to follow.

There are a number of empty containers in the kitchen (from hospitality or Journey in Faith goodies) that have not yet been picked up. Please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



Prayer Corner

Please call your Prayer Chain Requests (calling tree) to 251-8961 or 252-3401



If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 251-8115

Katie Blenkush, Sharon Brixius, John Gebhardt, Norbert Notch, John Schad, Janet Skillingstad and for those who have received prayer blankets.