



Sundays 11:00 AM
Tuesdays 5:00 PM
Wednesdays 8:00 AM

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

- DECEMBER 8, TUESDAY AT 5:00PM
- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (SUSPENDED)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, AT 7:00 PM
- EXTRA CHAIRS SET UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH LIVE STREAMING
- PLEASE COME EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT IN THE CHURCH.
- WE WILL NOT HAVE A MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

2021

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS

- FRIDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY AT 6:00 PM
- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (SUSPENDED)

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro has just revised its sexual abuse policy, and it is available at this parish (in the parish office & on the bulletin board) and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

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November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33-37

“What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

“Watch out! Don’t cry or pout. He’s making a list and checking it twice. He’s gonna find out who’s naughty or nice. He sees you sleeping and knows when you’re awake. He knows who is bad or good, so be good for goodness sake.” Have you figured out who HE is? There is going to be celebration of His birth, including singing and eating and drinking. People will visit family and friends and exchange expensive gifts, some of dubious value and usefulness. Do you know who HE is? It is Jesus, of course! This First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of a brief time for us to reflect on the incredible miracle and mystery of God Incarnate, God become man. It is a time for us to contemplate why the God who created us become one of us? His unconditional, unlimited love for us is certainly one reason. The celebrations, the food, the gifts, are nice. But spending time to comprehend the magnitude of God’s love for us is the real purpose of Advent. That is a gift we can give to the God who created us and became one of us. Bulletin Bites

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue Dec 01 5:00pm Evening Mass
Wed Dec 02 8:00am Morning Mass
Tue Dec 08 5:00pm Immaculate Conception

July 2020- June 2021	Received Last Week	Total Amount Received To 11/22/20	Total Amount Budgeted To 11/22/20
Diocesan Coll.	70.00	512.00	1,183.33
Regular Collection (including on-line)	490.00	23,871.29	22,551.13
Donations/Gifts	49.00	559.00	1,577.80
Building Fund III (including on-line)	730.00	7,555.00	5,916.67
Miscellaneous	0.00	4,136.09	2,267.95
Total Income	1,339.00	36,633.38	33,496.88

It's been a long and stressful year for most of us. Which means this Advent could be an especially powerful one as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. *Dadvent* is a virtual gathering of husbands and fathers from across the Diocese who will gather online through Zoom video conferencing each Sunday night of Advent to reflect on the Sunday readings and share in a time of fellowship together. We will pull themes from each of the Sunday readings, but the overall goal is to strengthen our homes, families, and marriages by focusing on St. Joseph. *Dadvent* will begin promptly at 8pm with a welcome and opening prayer, followed by a short reflection by a priest from the Diocese of Owensboro. We will then break into small discussion "rooms" and gather back as a large group for a guided, silent prayer before ending with a call to action for the next week. Our goal is to be finished within an hour. We want as many men to be involved as possible, so we're calling on parish men's groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, and invited all men in all parishes to join us for #Dadvent2020. There is no cost, but we are asking men to register for #Dadvent2020 at <https://bit.ly/3kTFfED> so we can email the access link to you for security reasons. For questions, contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage & Family Life, 270-683-1545.



<https://ctkscottsville.weshareonline.org>

Guidelines for Gatherings on Parish Property Outside the Liturgy

***Religious Education and Youth Ministry:** There will be no in-person religious education or youth ministry gatherings in parishes during the time that schools are not in session. They will follow the school schedule for their individual county. If schools are not holding in-person instruction, then religious education and youth ministry will not meet.

***Therefore, CCD Classes are temporarily suspended until further notice by the Diocese**

ANGEL TREE

The Angel tree tags are on the round table in the Narthex. Please take a tag or two and brighten a child's Christmas. Please return the gifts, with the top tag attached, to the church or office before December 13. This is so we can distribute them to the families before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Because of COVID-19, we realize that many people are not coming to church these days. Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

Discover the books in our library located in the fellowship hall. We will soon have a checkout sheet available. In the meantime please contact Pauline Anderson for more information.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

This week I am going to continue with a discussion of some of Pope Francis' recent statements that were considered by some to be controversial. I want to pick up with some discussion of *Frateli Tutti*, the Pope's recent encyclical, but before I can do that I must briefly discuss what an encyclical is.

There are many different types of Papal pronouncements and all of them carry with them different degrees of authority. Any time a pope speaks his words carry some weight, because he is the Pope. However, not everything a pope says carries equal weight. For example what I wrote about last week, the Pope giving an interview for a documentary, carries very little theological weight. He is expressing his opinion, and while the Pope's opinion carries weight with us as Catholics, it does not establish any dogma or doctrine. More or less if a pope is speaking in such an informal manner we are free to take his words with a slightly heavy grain of salt. When a pope speaks more formally, such as in his weekly general audiences or in his Urbi et Orbi address, his words carry more weight but are still low on the scale of authority. It is when he writes that his words begin to truly take on authority, but even among papal documents there is a hierarchy; some carry more authority than others. There are papal bulls, post-synodal exhortations, amendments to the Code of Canon Law, Apostolic exhortations and many others, but I am going to focus on encyclicals.

An encyclical is technically a letter written to someone for the purpose of resolving a question. They are generally addressed to a specific group, traditionally either bishops or clergy. They are called encyclicals because in their original form they would be passed around from one bishop to another in a cycle. In the modern church an encyclical is considered to have the second highest degree of papal authority. When a pope issues an encyclical it immediately establishes doctrine. Doctrine is an official teaching of the Church that we are all called on to believe and put into practice. However, an encyclical does not establish dogma. Dogma is something that we must believe in order to be considered Catholics in good standing in the Church. Doctrines are generally stable and authoritative but can change and evolve over time. They are not considered to be infallible. Dogmas on the other hand are set in stone, they cannot be changed under any circumstances, and are believed to be infallible and revealed by God. An example to show the difference: The Church's position on the death penalty, that it is not morally acceptable in the modern world, is a doctrine; the Church's belief that God is three persons in one God, the Trinity, is a dogma.

So when a pope issues an encyclical he is declaring something that is to be understood as an official teaching of the Church, but it does not rise to the level of something that we must believe in order to be faithful Catholics. If we struggle with and question the doctrines of the Church we are in error, but it does not mean that we are banished from the Church. Next week I will pick up with the encyclical itself and some reflections on what it means for our faith, and why some view it as controversial. Yours, in Christ, *Fr. Daniel Dillard*

Holiday Mass schedule is on the back of this bulletin.