

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Christ the King**

**Sunday, November 22, 2009  
11:00 am**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Daniel 7: 13-14

**A reading from the book of Daniel**

His sovereignty is eternal.

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven;

When he reached the Ancient one and was presented before him, he received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away; his kingship shall not be destroyed.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 93: 1, 1-2, 5

R: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**The Lord is king, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.**

R: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O Lord.**

R: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for length of days.**

R: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

## **Reading II**

Revelations

1: 5-8

### **A reading from the letter of Revelations**

The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead and ruler of the kings of earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

See, he comes amid the clouds! Every eye shall see him, even of those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth shall lament him bitterly. So it is to be! Amen!

The Lord God says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the One who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!"

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## **Gospel**

John 18: 33-37

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to St. John**

You say that I am king.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "*Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?*" "I am no Jew!" Pilate retorted. "It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered: "*My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my subjects would be fighting to save me from being handed over to the Jews. As it is, my kingdom is not here.*"

At this Pilate said to him, "So, then, you are a king?" Jesus replied, "*It is you who say I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.*"

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit**

[John 18: 33-37]

### **Christ the King**

On the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the Word of God points out the end of the world, the judgment, and Jesus Christ coming in power and glory. Rightly, the last Sunday of the liturgical year is named the Sunday of Christ the King!

King – of all the titles we could bestow on Jesus, that of 'king' would seem to be one of the most inappropriate. Jesus rejected everything what this worldly title entails. But Jesus had answered to Pilate: 'Yes, I am a king.'

When we think of a king we think of a throne, a crown, a palace, great wealth, power, prestige, a retinue of servants, and of course an army. But when we look at Jesus what do we see? There is no throne, no crown, no palace, no army. We see Him walking the dusty roads, surrounded by the poor, the sick, the sinners, the rejects and the outcasts. In short, by the kind

of people who in worldly kingdoms are looking in through the gates to the royal palace, if they get even that close.

And yet the title "King" is appropriate and stands for Jesus Christ! It stands for His Eternal Dignity. God is the Lord of all, the King of the universe, the One to whom all owe allegiance, the Ruler and Judge of all. God entered into Human History in Jesus Christ with His Eternal Kingship! We are so dignified through the fact that This King (!) called each one of us by name and chose us to be His own! To be in His kingdom that will have no end! The Kingdom of Glory! Respect! Dignity! Love! Unending Joy! And Everlasting Goodness!

Now in this passing time, we are awaiting in hope for His Kingdom, not passively but actively! There is a battle being waged between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light, the kingdom of lies and the kingdom of truth, the kingdom of evil and the kingdom of good.

On which side you are?

On the last day of the world's history Christ the King will come as a powerful judge! He will overthrow every evil empire, be it in us, in our family, in our community, in our nations' governments. He will do "an apocalyptic clean up", like throwing out "the rotten potatoes" from the healthy basket, and He will establish His Kingdom of Peace and Justice.

As for me, what a joy it is to belong to Christ and His Kingdom! To let my life be ruled by His Spirit, and in my own small humble way to work for the spread of His Kingdom – a kingdom of truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace! Praise the Lord and King!

Amen!

## **The Communion**

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

## ***Announcements for November 22, 2009***

Please join us today after Holy Mass for our annual Soup and Dessert Sunday. A variety of delicious soups have been prepared. Don't miss this opportunity to share an afternoon of food and fellowship. Thank

We thank our guest flutist, Julie Stutzle, for joining David in a beautiful communion piece.

The next pickup date for pierogi/kielbasa orders will be Sunday, December 13. Please get your orders to Pat or Carol by December 6. Thank you.

Christmas wafers are available every Sunday beginning December 6 on the table at the back of the parish hall. Please place \$2.00 per pack in the basket on the table.

If you have names of individuals in need of our prayers and support as they heal, please let Pat know by Thursday of each calendar week. Thank you.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Tuesday, November 24	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, November 26	THANKSGIVING DAY	
Sunday, November 29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [First Sunday of the New Christian Year]	
Intention: +		
10:30 am	Bible Study for Children	
11:00 am	Holy Mass	
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour	

***Have a wonderful week in the Lord.***

***Enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and friends!***

***See you next Sunday!***

### **Monthly Financial Summary**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
November 1	\$502	\$642	-\$140
November 8	\$ 577	\$642	-\$65
November 15	\$459	\$642	-\$183
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1538</b>	<b>\$1926</b>	<b>-\$388</b>