

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of earth.

November 22, 2015
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

~Revelation 1:5

ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT: We are the church, the vital catholic family of St. Bridget's, loving, faith-filled members, striving to radiate the goodness, wholeness, and attractiveness of Christian life. We are united to serve one God, one another, and the world.

REV. John Kakkuzhiyil, PASTOR
OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
PH. 762-2009 (OFFICE) 762-1418 (RECTORY)
MASS Times
SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.

PH. 487-3617 (HEMINGFORD RECTORY)

Monthly Mass at Hemingford Care Center
2nd Friday at 11:00 A.M.

GIFTS TO THE LORD
Nov. 7, 2015

Envelopes	437.00
Plate	39.00
Youth	11.00
All Saints	791.28
Building Fund	25.00
Parish Hall Rent	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,403.28
Amount needed per week	\$ 2,300.00
Amount received YTD	\$ 25,938.82
Amount needed year to day	\$ 41,400.00

Morning Prayer Service with Communion
Services on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 A.M.

Nov. 23	Sharol Moeller
Nov. 25	Jeannine Gasselung
Nov. 30	Kathy Andersen
Dec. 2	Jeannine Gasselung
Dec. 7, 9	Kathy Andersen
Dec. 14, 16	Christy Ningen
Dec. 21, 23	Sharol Moeller
Dec. 28	Celena Fester
Dec. 30	Jeannine Gasselung

GREETERS/GIFTS

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

Dec. 5	Bruce Winten Family	Amber Ningen Carol Timmens	Natalie Gasselung Lauren Gasselung	B – Ryan Gasselung C – Jennifer Gasselung C – Ellen Fester C – Pam Klaes C – Sharol Moeller O – Christy Ningen
Dec. 12	Jim Yardley Family	Taylor Keegan Tom Cullan	Kelsey Klaes Emma Gomez	B – Vicky Elder C – Jim Elder C – Dale and Marilyn Wood C – Tom Gasselung O – Carol Timmens
Dec. 19	Julie Kresl	Celena Fester Pat Moser	Taylor Keegan Carlye Kresl	B – Kathy Gettert C – Dave and Carol Timmens C – Ellen Fester C – Pam Klaes O – Jeannine Gasselung

IF YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE

Thank You

Thanks very much to everyone that helped make our Annual Fall Bazaar a success. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Please watch the bulletin to see if you are scheduled in the coming weeks, as the mass times have changed. A new schedule is being put together and will be out soon.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

TRUE GRATITUDE

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

~Theodore Roosevelt

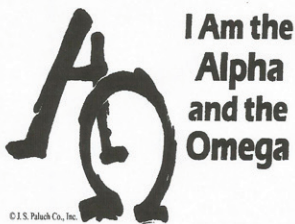


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For good reason, Americans have been ambivalent about "kings" for many years, even long before George III's troops were sent packing in 1776. To say Christ is our King is to make a statement not about our politics, but about the dignity of our own identity. At our baptism, the crown of our head was once slathered (or at last dabbed) with oil while the Church prayed "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as his body." To celebrate Christ's kingship, then, is to claim our own identity.

Your head was anointed just as Samuel poured oil over David's head. David had his gifts, but he was no prize, and perhaps that might comfort you as you think about your call, out of the messiness of your own life, to stretch into a lifestyle that is marked by worship, by prophetic speech and deeds, and the kingly ability to fashion a world (or at least a patch of it) where relationships are marked by justice, mercy, and cultivation of the good. It is precisely because of this kingly role that our faith community has something to say about the environment, about the dignity of human life, just wages, access to health care and education, the building of peace, and avoidance of war. In a few weeks' time we will hymn the coming of the "newborn king," but today we sketch out the meaning of his reign, and our own incorporation into his work for the life of the world.

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TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

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