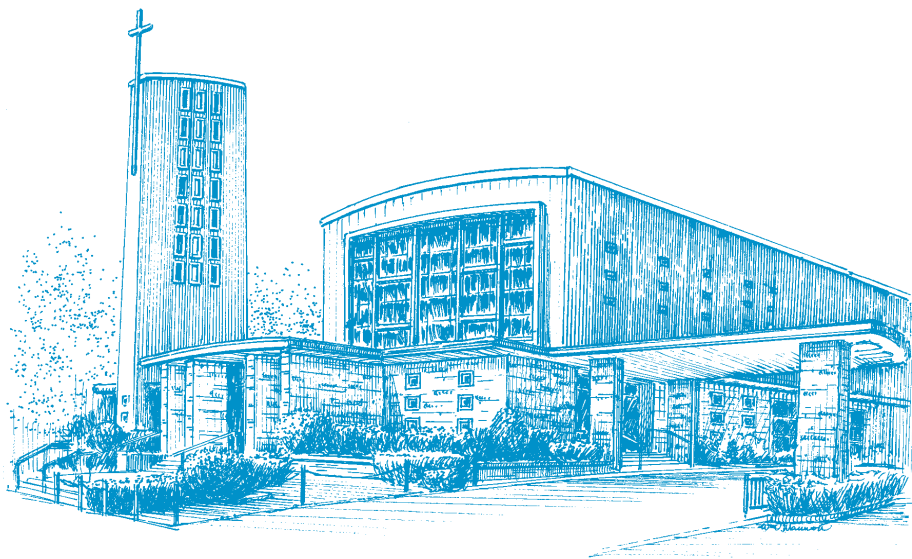


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(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession held at 7:00 to 7:15 AM.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 23, 2008

**“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”**
— Matthew 25:35

Spiritual Reflection

Most of us own religious articles, statues, rosaries and pictures. Many of us display them proudly. A few of us may keep them in closets and drawers. Some of us have consecrated our homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These images help us always remember that Christ is to be truly King of our home, the King of our lives.

Many people over the years have told me about family life as they grew up. The family would always eat together. They would pray meal prayers together too, and usually a family rosary each evening. They would look out for the needs of the priests and sisters, bringing food and wood. Many of our ancestors mortgaged their farms in order to build their parish Church. Even if they had little to spare, they looked out for the needs of the poor as well. We can look at those stories as being a bit eccentric. But perhaps we're the one's who have moved away from the center!

We need to build strong families. Families that pray together really do stay together. We need to look out for the needs of the Church and for those around us. When we don't weigh what we receive against what we've given, then we're on the right path. When we feel compassion for those in need and reach out to help, then we're living with Christ as our King.

Our Holy Father Pope John Paul II says, "Always keep your eyes on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, King and Center of all hearts. From Him ... you will draw down His blessing, if the image of His Heart, besides being impressed on your mind—is always exposed and honored on the wall of your home!" Other popes have agreed and even said that the way for Satan to take over the world is to weaken the family. The forces of evil cannot gain a foothold if Christ is the center and focus of our lives.

We end this Church year with the Feast of Christ the King. How wonderful it is to be able to reflect upon the kingship of Christ. I have spent much time preparing with families for the funeral of a loved one. The most touching moments have been stories of faith. "Father, my grandma prayed the rosary for me every day. She won't be able to do that any more." "My dad never missed Church and made sure we didn't either." "My mom attended Mass every morning for as long as she was able." "Grandma sent money to all the missionaries who sent letters to her."

We often spend time together considering how the support we've enjoyed from loved ones on earth doesn't end with their physical death. In the Communion of Saints they help us from their places in Heaven. We also talk about the power of their example of faith and consider how important it is for us to provide a similar faith example for our own children and grandchildren.

Things go better for us when we live with Christ as our King. May we end this old Church year by acknowledging that Christ is our King. If we have religious articles stored away in closets and drawers we can bring them out to help remind us of the importance of our faith. We can move forward with hope and joy into a brand new year with all the faith and strength we'll need to succeed. Have a good week!

Pastor's Notes



DROGA DO KRÓLESTWA

Spotykamy się dzisiaj przed Chrystusowym ołtarzem i wsłuchujemy się w ostatni akord roku kościelnego. Uroczystość dzisiejsza ma bowiem szczególny charakter, oddajemy cześć Chrystusowi Panu, Królowi Wszechświata. Pograżeni w refleksji zastanawiamy się, jak zakończyliśmy miniony okres i czy dobrze czulibyśmy się w Chrystusowym Królestwie?

Niech szczególnie dzisiaj towarzyszy nam myśl o bliskiej więzi z Chrystusem Królem i nami jako Jego ludem.

Zakończenie roku kościelnego jest dla nas wspaniałą okazją do refleksji dotyczącej tej prawdy, iż znajdujemy się w Królestwie Bożym już tu na ziemi, ale równocześnie do niego podążamy, aby tam pozostać na wieczność. Dziwne jest jednak to Królestwo. Królem bowiem jest sam Chrystus, lecz nie z berłem, ale z krzyżem. Widziałem kiedyś święty obrazek, na którym Chrystus idzie po kuli ziemskiej dźwigając na sobie ciężki krzyż. Kula ziemská jest szklana, przezroczysta, a w niej widać ogromną liczbę ludzi dźwigających swoje życiowe krzyże. Królestwo Chrystusa ma inny wymiar niż każde inne królestwo ziemskie, jest ono bowiem nie tylko wieczne, ale jawi się nam w obrazie królestwa wewnętrznego. Każdy z nas ma prawo i obowiązek budowania w sobie wewnętrznego kościoła. Jeśli królestwo czy państwo nie spełnia swoich podstawowych zadań i funkcji, to ludzie z niego emigrują. Istnieje jednak i emigracja z Królestwa Bożego, z królestwa wewnętrznego. Król Dawid—przez niewierność i pychę, Maria Magdalena—przez zapomnienie, św. Piotr—przez chwiejność i porywczność, Judasz—przez fałsz i zdradę.

Jesteśmy wszyscy obywatelami tego Królestwa Chrystusowego. Staliśmy się nimi z chwilą, gdy na nasze głowy spłynęła woda chrzcielna a na dusze nasze zstąpił Duch Święty.

Chrystus zwraca się także dzisiaj do każdego z nas: "Każdy, kto jest z prawdy słucha głosu mego" (J. 18, 37). Jezus założył Królestwo Prawdy. Trwają w nim tylko ci, którzy są przyjaciółmi Prawdy. Przez chrzest człowiek staje się obywatelem Chrystusowego Królestwa. Ale, jak to dobrze wiemy nie łatwo być przyjacielem Prawdy, szczególnie wtedy, gdy prawda domaga się ofiary. Nawet wielu bohaterów wówczas tchórzy!

Królestwo Chrystusa nie ma granic, do niego można w każdej chwili powrócić, nie potrzeba tu wiz, paszportów i celników, nie trzeba prosić o azyl, o schronienie. Istnieje tylko prosta droga pojednania z Bogiem, Chrystusem i Królem.

Dzisiejsza Uroczystość zobowiązuje nas do opowiedzenia się, za jakim królestwem opowiadamy się—komu chcemy służyć, z kim żyć i z kim zwycięzać. Chryste—Twoje Słowo jest PRAWDĄ. Prosimy Cię więc: Uświęć nas w Prawdzie!

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

OUR LORD, CHRIST THE KING (23)

- 7:30 — +Chuck Wachs & Marge Boonstra (Cromley Family)
+Socorro DeLeon 2nd Death Anniversary (Family)
- 9:00 — +Salvatore DeSimone (Family)
+For the Soul of Helen Jean Labus and blessings for
her family for their generosity (Ela)
+James Sloan Birthday Remembrance
(Emily & Family)
+Bob Suwalski (Anna Adamowski & Family)
+Charlies Hum (DuPlantis Family)
- 10:00 — Wypominki
- 10:30 — +O radość w wieczności dla Jana i Wojciecha Cieśla
(Zofia)
O zdrowie i bł. Boże dla Kazimiery Karbarz
O powrót do zdrowia dla Andrzeja i potrzebne łaski
dla rodziny
+O spokój duszy dla Czesława Kitę w II-gą rocz. śm.
+O wieczne szczęście dla Victora Burzyńskiego
(Rodzice)
- 12:15 — +Edmund & Zofia Koziara
+Emilia Nowak
+Franciszek Bochenek
- 6:00 — +Helena Olszewska

MONDAY (24) Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr and companions

- 6:30 — All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 — +Myles Druffel (Hermina Schaefer)

TUESDAY (25) Weekday / Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

- 6:30 — All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 — Mr. & Mrs. Gruendel (Son & Daughter)

WEDNESDAY (26) Weekday

- 6:30 — All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 — +Krystine L. Cabalfin

THURSDAY (27) Weekday / THANKSGIVING DAY

- 6:30 — +Casimiro M. Lorenzana, Jr.
8:00 — +Vincent R. Lucania (Daughter Virginia)
9:00 — Thanksgiving Day Mass in English
St. Priscilla Parishioners

FRIDAY (28) Weekday

- 6:30 — All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 — +Fe. L. Molatalab

SATURDAY (29) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Władysław Burzyński Birthday Remembrance
(Daughter & Family)
- 4:00 — 50th Wedding Anniv. — James & Gwen Moncada
50th Wedding Anniv. — Katharina & Anton Voelker
+Steve & Delphine Martarano (Sal & Sophie)
+James Haughey Birthday Remembrance (Family)
+Rose Nardi (Husband John)
+Mitchell & Louise Holdingner (John Nardi)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (30)

- 7:30 — +Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mroz (Son Eugene)
+In loving memory of Aleksander Chwal (Family)
Good Health & God's Blessings for
Felix DeLeon, Sr. (Family)
- 9:00 — +Salvatore J. Serio, 10th Death Anniversary
(Wife Connie & Family)
+Salvatore DeSimone (Family)
+Rev. Paul McArdle (Janet Kaplan)
+George F. Kaplan (Janet Kaplan)
+Marlene Tucker (Anne Wolf)
+Bob Suwalski (Hennelly Family)
+Charlie Hum (Kathy & Anton Voelker)
+Robert May (James Smith & Family)
- 10:00 — Wypominki
- 10:30 — +O wieczne szczęście dla Jana i Wojciecha (Zofia)
O zdrowie i bł. Boże dla Kazimiery Karbarz
O opiekę Matki Najśw. dla Andrzeja i rodziny
+O radość wieczną dla Victora Burzyńskiego
(Rodzice)
+O wieczną światłość dla Benedykta Ostrowskiego
zmarłego w Polsce (Brat Andrzej z rodziną)
- 12:15 — +Danny Lynch 3rd Death Anniversary (Mom & Dad)
+Jan Grudzień Birthday Remembrance
(Daughter and family)
- 6:00 — Za dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące

ATTENTION

All Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a **mandatory** meeting
for all of our St. Priscilla Lectors
and Eucharistic Ministers.
This meeting will be held on
Saturday, November 29, 2008
immediately after the 4:00 PM Mass.

Rest in Peace 

Frances DiPrima

Save the Dates!

St. Priscilla Core Team will be hosting an afternoon of Theatre at St. Priscilla.

Come and spend an enjoyable afternoon with Sister's Christmas Catechism...

The Mystery of the Magi's Gold.

Flyers are available around the church, giving information about the performance and the cost of tickets.

The tickets may be purchased through the mail or at the school or the rectory during regular business hours.

For further information, please call the school at 773-685-3581.



A word of appreciation to all of the school and parish families who supported the 2008 Holiday Care Package Drive for the troops. Together, we collected more than 550 pounds of food,

snacks, and personal items for our service men and women.

Operation Support Our Troops Illinois is committed to sending out more than 2,000 care packages this holiday season, and our donations will help them reach their goal. Your generosity is a gift that our troops will remember forever.

“What we have done for ourselves dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

-Albert Pike-

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, December 6th — 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Sunday, December 7th — 8:30AM - 1:00PM

ALL items can be brought to McGowan Hall on Thursday, December 4th, and Friday, December 5th, between the hours of 10:00AM and 4:00PM.

Please make sure the items are clean and in good condition. Remember, your junk may be someone else's treasure!

Thank YOU!

Pray for ...

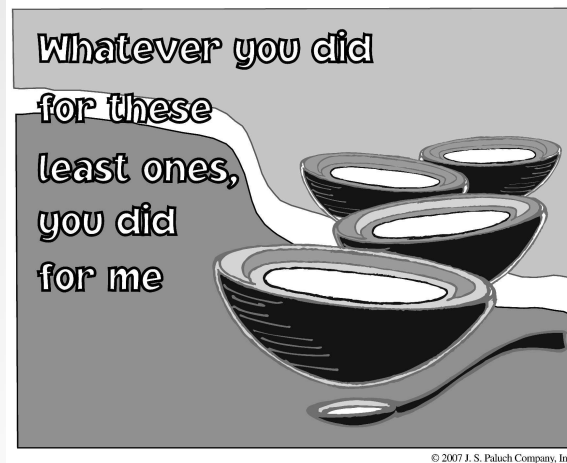
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If you know of any parish member, family member or friends who are homebound and in need of our prayer, we would like to add their names to our *Pray for...* list.

If you would like to be taken off of our *Pray for...* list because you are no longer sick, please contact the rectory at **773 545-8840**.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

*Today's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6; 1
Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46*



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WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THESE LEAST ONES, YOU DID FOR ME

Our Gospel for this Sunday is Matthew's account of the Last Judgment, when Jesus says that the Son of Man will be present at the end of time to separate the sheep from the goats, those who cared for "the least ones" from those who did not. In this Gospel Jesus seems to identify himself with the king and judge as well as with the least ones who were in need.

In contrast, the first reading and the psalm depict God in the role of shepherd. Here it is God who is tending the injured, the strayed, the sick, and the lost. This is what Jesus did throughout his life and by his death. He cared for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the stranger. He bought freedom for all. Jesus is asking no more and no less from us. The nations will be judged on one criterion only: whether we imitated the compassion of God that was revealed to us in Jesus, whether we recognized the suffering face of Jesus in the least ones and responded with love.

"THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL"

The reading from First Corinthians tells us the ultimate goal of all Christ's saving work—"that God may be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28). In other words, Christ does not wish to divide us, but to gather all people into the one flock and one kingdom of God. We are called to participate in that process of uniting all things in Christ. When we care for the least ones we are gathering them into God's loving embrace and showing others the way to eternal life. When we neglect those in need we dishonor and scatter those who might otherwise have found rest, food, and healing in Christ's flock. What will it be? Will we follow the lead of our shepherd king?