



Christ the King is pictured in today's Gospel as deciding the fate of all at the last judgment. "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father' " (Matthew 25:34). Under his title of Son of Man Jesus comes in glory for that final judgment. Jesus is also portrayed as a shepherd who "separates the sheep from the goats" (25:32). God had promised a Shepherd King through the prophet Ezekiel. "I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd" (Ezekiel 34:23).

"[A]ll the nations will be assembled before him" (Matthew 25:32). Some scholars identify "all the nations" with the Gentiles and the "least ones" of Jesus as Christians or Christian missionaries. However, it seems preferable to identify "all nations" with every person who has ever lived. Christ's commission to "make disciples of all nations" (28: 19) has been completed. This magnificent scene in Matthew pictures the final judgment for everyone as the Lord returns in his glory.

The criterion for judgment is the presence or absence of faith-based acts of mercy toward the poor and needy. Already in the Old Testament there is the constant insistence on concern for justice and charity. To the prophet Isaiah, for example, God says, "Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, / hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow" (Isaiah 1: 17). Christ associates himself with those in need. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Earlier in the Gospel of Matthew Jesus insisted on complete love of God as "the greatest and first commandment" (22:38). But he added immediately, "The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (22:39). The First Letter of John puts the two commandments in perspective. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). It is not surprising, therefore, that all will be judged by their response to the needy, an indication of their very faith in God!

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Readings for the Week of November 23, 2008

Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit www.povertyusa.org to learn more.

THE GIVING TREE is now up in the front of church on the Hooven Avenue side. This is a great way to help someone in need this Christmas. The red tags are for needy Harrison Elementary students, green tags for Jefferson Elementary, and white tags for St. Ann parishioners. Please wrap gifts or put them in a gift bag, cut off the gift description at the bottom and make sure the tag is taped firmly to the package. No bows, please. Please return all gifts to church by Sunday, December 14. Thank you!

ST. ANN GIFT CERTIFICATE FUND RAISER Please don't forget that St. Ann Church sells many different gift cards that make great gifts for the holidays! Speedway, JC Penney, Kohl's, Cracker Barrel, Applebee's, Bob Evans just to name a few. You can purchase your cards before and after masses, at school or the parish offices. They are also available at several home locations. We even deliver! *Your support of this fund raiser directly benefits St. Ann Church.*

ST. ANN SCHOOL NEWS The school children recently participated in a Benediction Service led by Father Mondiek. They learned about the Adoration of the Eucharist and recited the Divine Praises and sang several Benediction songs during the service. Last Friday, the All-School Mass had a Thanksgiving theme, and all students brought canned goods and other food items to be distributed to St. Vincent de Paul. All are continuing to recite a decade of the Rosary each morning at morning gathering, and they are learning about all the mysteries of the Rosary. As Advent begins, each class will have an Advent Wreath to help everyone remember that during this season, we are awaiting the birth of our Savior. The 7th and 8th grades will be learning about the Liturgical Year, how it is organized, and what makes each season so special.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO MADE THEIR FIRST
RECONCILIATION ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Blake Adelsperger	Stephanie Jackson
Alexandria Bigham	Amanda Maurits
Jack Biondo	Abigail Middendorf
Andrew Bushman	Eric Nascimento
Maria Carter	Hannah Nugent
Dionys Del Rosario	Elizabeth Reif
Andrew Enderle	Angela Richmond
Max Ficker	Colleen Schindler
Tyler Gambrell	Elizabeth Skillen
Emily Hare	Connor Slaven
Sydney Hauser	Charles Smith





This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 23rd
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
Wednesday, November 26th
 7:15 p.m. Choir
 7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
Saturday, November 29th
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass
Sunday, November 30th
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass



Saturday, November 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
 5:00 p.m. Allison Baker (Michael Strittholt Family)
Sunday, November 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
 8:00 a.m. John "Joe" Rumpler (Loretta Rumpler & Family)
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
Monday, November 24th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Lewis & Marie Trauthwein (Dick & Claire)
Tuesday, November 25th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Thomas J. Brady – 1st Anniversary (Rosalie Brady)
Wednesday, November 26th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Richard Rommel (Tom & Janet Grohal)
Thursday, November 27th Thanksgiving
 9:00 a.m. Elaine Eichhold (Family)
Friday, November 28th Weekday
 7:15 a.m. Tim Saurber (The Sullivan Family)
Saturday, November 29th First Sunday of Advent
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant
 5:00 p.m. Marge MacQuiston – Birthday Remembrance (Helen Keller)
Sunday, November 30th First Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People
 10:30 a.m. Antoinette Lauer (Beth Bollin)

100th Anniversary

Take a minute to look at the Centennial bulletin board in the vestibule of church. The pictures have been changed, and St. Ann Sacramental Celebrations is the theme. You may even find your picture in one of the photos.

We have ordered a total of 20 more Centennial blankets commemorating the St. Ann Centennial. If you would like to get one for yourself or as a gift, please order yours soon.

LANDSCAPE BRICKS

Forty-six new landscape bricks have recently been added to our existing bricks. They look great and will remind you of many present and former members. If you have purchased one, and find that there is a mistake, please contact Susan at the parish office.

ST. ANN P.A.C. NEWS The St. Ann P.A.C. New Year's Eve Dance will be Wednesday December 31st. The dance will be held in the school cafeteria from 7:00 pm to 1:00am. Happy hour will be from 7:00-8:00. Tickets will be \$40.00 a person which includes appetizers, beer, party favors, and champagne at midnight. For tickets and information call Jim Kreke at 910-0857 or Phil Kreke at 887-0146.

P.A.C. is selling 200 tickets for \$5.00 each toward a \$500 Kroger gift card. The drawing is when all 200 tickets are sold (usually monthly). We have tickets available in the school office. You can send in your money (checks make payable to St. Ann P.A.C.). We will send home the stub after filling out the ticket. Thank you in advance for your support! Congratulations to the winners of the P.A.C. drawing: 1st winner: Mary Lawson and 2nd winner: Betty Kunzler.

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/16/2008	\$ 7,444.30
Shortfall	\$ (4,627.70)
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 241,440.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 186,984.83
Shortfall	\$ (54,455.17)
ABITIBI	\$18.12
Landfill space saved in cubic yards:	11.29

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will take place at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 27, 2008. As always, canned food may be brought to the communion rail at the offertory or before or after mass. St. Raphael's needs our help! Please help those in our neighborhood who have fallen on hard times. They need canned food items (no vegetables for now), dry goods like pasta and cereals, and personal care items like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and lotion. We will be collecting not only on Thanksgiving, but through the weekend masses on November 29th and 30th. Thank you for your generosity and May God Bless You!

LECTORS – The new Lector workbook is available in the sacristy. Please pick yours up as the New Year B begins November 30, 2008. The cost of the book is \$11.00. Thank you!

Ring in the Holidays with Glenmary Home Missioners Christmas Concert featuring Cincinnati Brass Band & Michael Chertock on Sunday, December 7 at St. Monica-St. George Catholic Church in Clifton to benefit the home mission ministry of Glenmary Home Missioners. The 2 p.m. concert featuring holiday music is open to music lovers young and old! For more information contact Jennifer Snedigar at 513-881-7498 or email jsnedigar@glenmary.org.