

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. **We are one in him.** We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.— Father John Muir



**Join us for Mass with Bishop Ed Malesic on Sunday, December 10 at 10:30am.** A small reception will be held in the gallery following Mass and **we are in need of bakery.** If you can help please call Beth to let us know what you will be bringing!

### Readings for the week of Nov. 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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, 13-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

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

Next Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY ~November 27~ Weekday

8:30AM Charles Smith, *Audrey Smith*

### TUESDAY ~ November 28~ Weekday

8:30AM Betty & Joe Evancho, *Rossetti Family*

**7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook**

### WEDNESDAY~ November 29 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Sylvia Smiley, *Ron Smiley*

### THURSDAY ~ November 30 ~St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30AM Irene Skakandy, *Ralph & Roberta Smearman*

### FRIDAY ~ December 1 ~ Weekday

8:30AM Robert Kenneally, Jr., *Charlene Kenneally*

**7:30PM Livestream Rosary on Facebook**

### SATURDAY ~ December 2 ~ Vigil Mass

5:00PM Rob Gorgon, *Betty Houston*

**5:00PM Livestream Mass**

### SUNDAY ~ December 3 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00AM Mass for Parishioners

10:30AM Ross Armelli, *Blase Family*

**Baptism: Evelyn Nicole Severino**



**Masses for the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, will be Friday, December 8 at 10:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm.**

Please join us in honoring the Blessed Mother who was chosen to bear the Christ!



### Weekly Contributions November 19, 2023

**Not available at time of printing**

**Children's Good Deeds:** "Held the door open for somebody." "Helped clean." "Took out the trash."

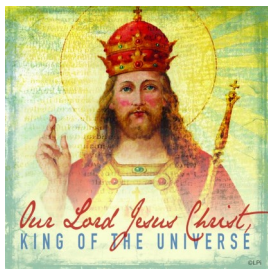
**Thank you for your generous support!**

### Mass Count

Date 2023	5:00p	8:00a	10:30a	Total
November 5	122	92	193	407
November 12	123	87	171	381
November 19	Not available at printing			

**From the Desk of Fr. Kevin,**  
Dear Parishioners,

The great King is the one in need. "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food...a stranger and you welcomed me. Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."



One of the wonderful gifts of church life is that we can reach out to others we might never meet in our ordinary lives. Our parish *Advent Tree of Sharing* program for Christmas is underway. This aids greatly the ongoing service of our Helping Hands to the poor among us.

As we serve the poor, we serve the Lord.

**On Sunday, December 10, we will welcome Bishop Malesic to celebrate the 10:30 Mass with us.**

When he came to the diocese Bishop Malesic wanted to get to know the diocese by visiting parishes for a regular Sunday Mass. He has busy schedule but this an opportunity he treasures. When I called the bishop's office last summer about another matter, I also asked if we could schedule a visit to St. Justin.

His secretary found an opening for December 10 and we set the date. I am so pleased that he is coming to meet us. We will pray the Mass together and then have some time to greet one another during a reception in the Gallery. Please plan to participate in this important day for our parish.

*We Follow Jesus in Faith, Prayer and Service* is our parish mission. Thanks to all who continue to generously offer their time, talent and treasure to show Christ's light to the world. You are truly good news for our time.

Peace, Fr Kevin



**We Follow  
Jesus  
in Faith, Prayer  
and Service**

Thank you to all who have responded to our "We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service" Program.

- The Men's Basketball Group collected non-perishable foods for our pantry.
- Another successful Red Cross Blood Drive was held.
- We celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass for our parish.
- The Funeral Ministry honored long time parishioner Nancy Vitovich through their ministry to family & friends at Mass.
- Our Just in Timers switched our missalettes for Advent this week! Thank you so much for your service!

There are great things going on here at our Parish! With your continued support we are able to make a difference in our community and the world.

Thank you for your generous support of our *We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service* program. Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of **YOU**, our faithful parish community. Soon we will be publishing a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to everyone who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be part of the ongoing mission of St. Justin Martyr Church.



**HEART OF A SHEPHERD**  
*Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.*

**Pledges: \$384,944 Paid: \$331,701  
Remaining: \$53,243**

of the Heart of a Shepherd campaign. We received our tenth distribution check of **\$16,442**, raising the parish total received to **\$198,053**.

\$198,053 total St. Justin has received.

\$147,982 paid the credit line for the church renovation; improved parish computers and church live-stream system; building repairs; new A/C unit for ATR; the new electronic information sign; repairs to the church organ.

\$50,071 balance and future donations are for repainting of the chapel, other capital improvements and adding to parish endowment funds.

The diocesan Heart of a Shepherd initiative received **\$133,648**. Funds supports the renovations at the seminary, the priest retirement fund and the education fund for seminarians.

Generous parishioners pledged a total of \$384,944, \$160,585 beyond the original goal of \$224,359. Now 80% of the funds will come to St. Justin and 20% to the diocesan component. Fulfilling all pledges will mean an additional \$42,594 for St. Justin and \$10,649 for the diocesan component.





## Pints with a Priest

For many years the ladies of St. Justin Martyr Parish have enjoyed the Advent Tea. It is a wonderful way to begin the advent season by coming together and sharing a reflection on our faith in preparation for the coming of Christ. As my wife, Sandi, was planning and

inviting her guests for the Advent Tea, she lamented how sad it was that there was not a similar event for the men.

While many men of the parish participate in the tea by serving, we really needed our own event. A tea for men did not seem quite right, so then I began to think. The diocese has gathers of young adults called, Theology on Tap. There is even one for the older crowd called, Theology on the Rocks. But I thought it would be great if we could just invite a priest over and have a beer with him, and so was born, *Pints with a Priest*.

I took the idea to the Holy Name Society and they graciously offered to sponsor the program. **All men of the parish are welcome to meet on Monday, December 4 at 7:30**



**Holy Name Society**

**PM.** Please bring a guest as well. This is a great opportunity to invite someone (friend, relative, co-worker, guy you met at a Lowes) that may not be ready to come back to church, but would appreciate some fellowship time with other men.



**Fr. Chris Cox will join us for a brew and to discuss "Anchored in Christ: Eucharist and Catholic Masculinity."** The event is free, but please RSVP to make sure we have enough for everyone! I look forward to seeing you there! For questions or to RSVP, call or text Deacon Tim at 440-364-8088 or email at [tim@stjustin.net](mailto:tim@stjustin.net).

**Peace and Blessings, Deacon Tim**



St. Justin Martyr Holy Name Society presents:

## Pints with a Priest

Monday, December 4 at 7:30pm in the ATR

**Speaker: Fr. Chris Cox**

**"Anchored to Christ: Eucharist & Catholic Masculinity"**

RSVP to [tim@stjustin.net](mailto:tim@stjustin.net)

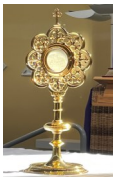
All Men of the Parish are welcome



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Please pray for all of our parishioners who are sick or hospitalized:** Margaret Abel, Susan Adler, Sandy Almasy, Patricia Bacon, June Barr, Jeff & Sue Beam, Frank Brown, John Brown, Brian Bruening, Joan Bruening, Frank Cardoni, Marc Christovich, Sam Cilaberto, Kelly Cipiti, Carolyn & John Cutler, Paul Dendinger, William Downie, Dan & Frances Eppich, Pauline Feterman, Frank Germano, Marge Gorenc, Fran Gracco, Dave Granchi, Joanne Grisanti, Ruth Gryzmala, Julia Hill, Ann Hobart, Ed Hurayt, Melanie Hurayt, Daniel Jastredowski, Jela Katavic, Alexis Kramer, John Kelly, Katherine Kirsch, Jeri Kuzmak, Sherise Landrey, Brian Lloyd, Bob Marshall, Diane Marshall, Bud Martello, Ed Mayersky, Gary Meinke, Ann Miller, Bill Monreal, Jenny Panella, Kellie Pastor, Kevin Perkins, Cindy Pike, Joe Ritzu, Joshua Rosian, Tim Rosian, Joan Rozak, Joyce Russo, Jackie Scheid, Hannah Shell, Audrey Smith, Ed Snyder, Chris Stano, Dorothy & Joe Strand, James Urbanek, Gregory Usko, Eva Variano, Phil Wolfson, Michael Wrayno, Ken Zalar, the shut-ins, those in nursing homes, needing prayers, and all of the intentions written in our Book of Prayers located in the gallery. **Please call the office if you would like someone added or removed, or email [sjmoffice@stjustin.net](mailto:sjmoffice@stjustin.net).**

## Eucharistic Adoration: Daily in the Chapel 9am-4:30pm



"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful." -St. Peter Chrysologus

**Come spend time with Jesus.**

## St. Justin Martyr Prayer Chain



Contact Mary Jane, 440-953-9729 or email [mbuehner@ameritech.net](mailto:mbuehner@ameritech.net).

Leave a message and we will add your intention to the prayer chain. If you would like to join us in prayer for our intentions, sign up to be a prayer warrior. Intentions will be emailed directly and confidentially to you at home for prayer support! **We are always looking for new prayer warriors!** If you are interested call Mary Jane and she will get you started!

**Charles Hunt, MA**  
**Director of Religious Education**  
[Charles@stjustin.net](mailto:Charles@stjustin.net) 440-946-3287

**Catholic Humor:** Three boys were bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad is a poet. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, and they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad is in advertising. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, and they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I've got you both beat. My dad is a deacon. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a homily, and it takes eight ushers to collect all the money!"

**"Straight No Chaser" Sleighin' It Tour | Thursday, December 14 | Akron Civic Theatre LAST CALL**

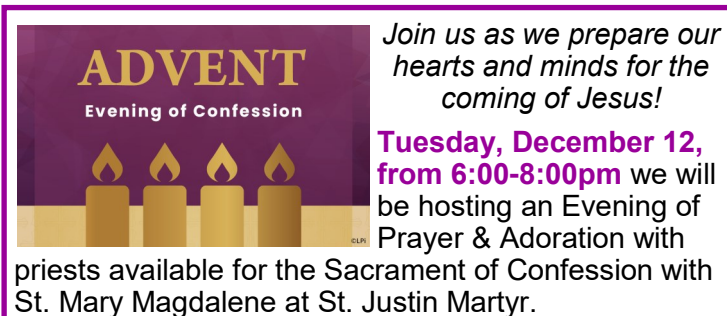
Just In Fun's Christmas Trip will be an evening you won't forget! Dinner at Papa Joe's Restaurant followed by a concert at Akron Civic Theatre featuring "Straight No Chaser." Leave SJM at 3:30pm and arrive back at 10:45pm. \$130 per person, due **by November 27th.**



**BAPTISM CLASS**

THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 7,  
7:00PM ATR  
ROOM

SIGN UP IN PARISH OFFICE



**ADVENT**  
Evening of Confession

Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus!

**Tuesday, December 12, from 6:00-8:00pm** we will be hosting an Evening of Prayer & Adoration with priests available for the Sacrament of Confession with St. Mary Magdalene at St. Justin Martyr.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Let us pray...

God our Father, Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Associate**  
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**Confirmation 2024** Candidates from our 2024 Confirmation Class are still looking for Prayer Partners this weekend. Please take a picture/name from the Bulletin Board read the simple instructions on the prayer partner slip and become a prayer partner. Will you please pray for the young future of our church?



**Coffee and Conversation**

See you Thursday at 11:00am in the ATR. A simple lunch will be served. Come hungry and maybe bring a friend.



We had a great time! Watch the TV for pictures next weekend and look for pictures in the bulletin the week of Dec. 3. Thanks for all the prayers!



You're invited to our Christmas card writing campaign on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:00am in the gym lunch will be

**included.** We will be writing cards for those in nursing homes and shut ins. Our card box is out for donations of new cards and for completed cards. If you would like to write cards at home, please contact Beth. We do have some extra cards that I can give you. I can drop cards off to our shut ins and pick them up. Cards need to be completed by December 14. RSVP to Beth at [beth@stjustin.net](mailto:beth@stjustin.net) or leave a message at ext. 105.



**December 10**

**10:30am Mass BAKERS NEEDED**

For Bishop Malesic's visit to St. Justin Martyr

RSVP to Beth



**Warm a heart this  
Christmas with our  
Tree of Sharing!**

# Christmas *Giving Tree*

**Feel the Joy of Giving and  
make a child happy this  
Christmas!**

- Take a gift tag from the table
- Purchase the gift
- **Return gifts by Dec. 8th**
- Each gift should be returned in a gift bag



Sponsored by St. Justin Martyr  
Helping Hands 440-946-1177



**With Christmas right  
around the corner,  
Birthright, Lake Inc.  
would like to share their  
Christmas Wish List!**

- Diapers sized newborn to size 6
- Clean, Crib Sheets-new or gently used, bassinette sheets
- Newborn outfits, onesies and sleepers
- Girls and Boys Winter shirts and pants sizes 3T, 4T & 5T
- Onesies, undershirts and sleepers sized 12 months
- Baby Wash, Baby Wipes, Baby Diaper Cream
- Also, trial size items from hotels, or giveaways for new moms to get in a care package

Thank you so much for your continued support of Birthright all year long! You can place items in the bin in the gallery. Also, remember we accept any clean, used items including maternity clothes! If you know someone in need, share our number 440.975.9055!

**#weGIVE  
CATHOLIC**  
on #GIVINGTUESDAY

Northeast Ohio's Online  
Day of Catholic Giving

**Support your  
favorite Catholic  
programs &  
nonprofits online  
through this day of  
giving on Tuesday,  
November 28 at  
wegivecatholic.org**

**#givingtuesday November 28, 2023**



**Join the Avilas  
in prayer for  
vocations**

**Thursday,  
December 7 |  
9:00am | Chapel**

The Avilas,  
named after St.  
Theresa of Avila,

offer prayers for vocations to the  
priesthood, diaconate and religious life  
from our parish. This special group  
prays together monthly. All are  
welcome. Just bring your rosary!  
Questions? Call Barb at 440-946-7875



The faithful  
are being  
invited to  
participate in  
nine  
opportunities  
to pray the  
night prayer  
of the  
Church at  
different

parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland.

**"Nine Nights of Night Prayer" will  
take place on nine consecutive  
evenings from Nov. 30 until Dec. 8.**

The churches will be open for night  
prayer 8:15pm-9 pm each night.  
Parishes taking part in this opportunity  
for prayer close by are:

Immaculate Conception, 2846 Hubbard  
Road, Madison

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 29850  
Euclid Ave., Wickliffe**

Church of the Resurrection, 32001  
Cannon Road, Solon

St. Ladislav, 2345 Bassett Road,  
Westlake

St. Rocco, 3205 Fulton Road,  
Cleveland

**Join us for prayer any or all nights!**