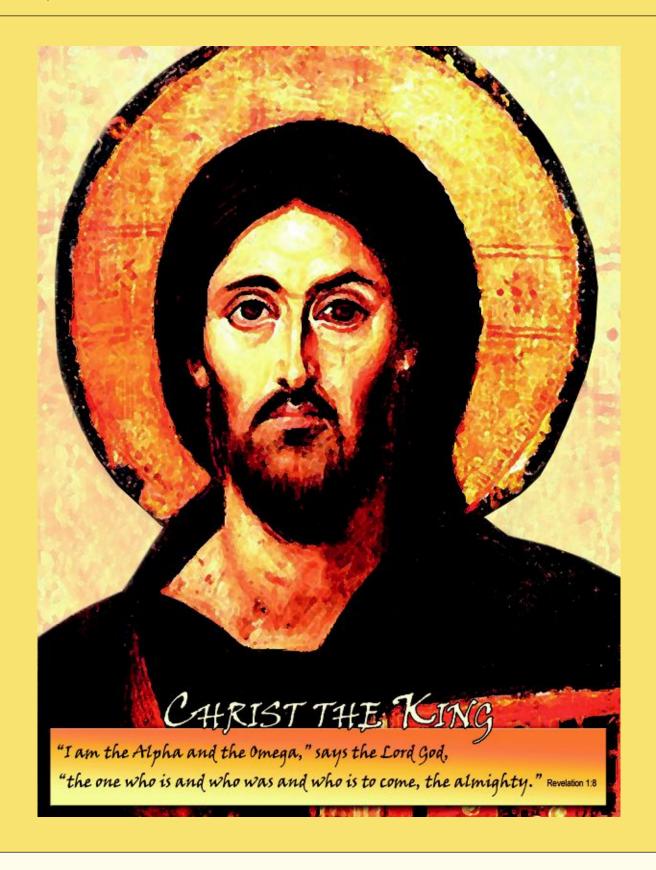


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14
Reading II: Revelation 1: 5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Both the first and second readings tell about the broad reaches of God's kingdom. How difficult it was for the people of Jesus' time to see and understand what Jesus was professing and inviting people to join. The idea of a ruler who serves was as foreign then as it is now. Jesus' kingdom still does not belong to this world. Instead we are called to move from worldly ways and values into God's way. Because we live in this world as much as Daniel or Pilate or John, we have a limited understanding of what exactly God's reign looks like. However, our entrance is through Jesus. Whoever is committed to knowing the truth hears Jesus and follows his ways of love and service to others.



Monday, November 26, 2012

7:00am Mike & Margaret Dentino/Rita Henneberry 8:00am William May 47th Anniv/Bernadean May

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

7:00am Jerry Wainman/Ron Emig

8:00am Tony Kuchan/Len & Maureen Kuchan 9:00am Paul Streitmatter/Dave & Lynn Wargo

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

7:00am Jo Ann Gross/Shirley Gauwitz 8:00am Janet Dotta/Ed & Family

Thursday, November 29, 2012

7:00am Eileen Coogan 8th Anniv/The Frampton Family
8:00am Dan Van Buskirk/Mary Ellen Van Buskirk
9:00am Anella Oldham/LeAnn Koppenhoeffer & Velma
& Joyce Schearer

Friday, November 30, 2012

7:00am Anna & Maria

8:00am Bernice Chance/The James Heatwole Family

Saturday December 1, 2012

8:00am Purgatorial Society

5:00pm Joanne Horan/Academy of our Lady "47" Club

Sunday, December 2, 2012

6:30am Sim Brereton/Steve & Edie Brereton
8:00am Bob Christian/Dan & Cindy McDonough
9:30am For the People

11:00am Thresia Varkey/The Joseph Family 5:00 pm Gladys Girton/The Spears Family



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP Monday, November 26 at 7:00 pm in the school chapel.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Tuesday, November 27 at 10:00 am in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, November 27 at 1:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

EDUCATION COMMISSION Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

BIBLE STUDY Wednesday, November 28 at 8:45 am in the parish office meeting room.

CCD Wednesday, November 28 at 6:15 pm in the school.

RCIA Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in the school library.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm.

GOOD SAMARITANS Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church.

QUILTING GROUP Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 pm in the old gym basement.

PARISH AUCTION *Winter Whimsy Anniversary Celebration* Saturday, December 1 at 6:00 pm at the Peoria Civic Center.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, FOOD PANTRY AND CHRIST CHILD COLLECTIONS will be taken at Masses next weekend.

HEADING AVENUE FRANCISCANS will be selling Rolan Johnson Christmas Ornaments after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses next weekend.

St. Thomas Food Pantry

Following is the suggested list of food items:

Spaghetti Sauce Spaghetti Rice Canned Fruit Pancake Mix Jelly Pork & Beans Dry Beans Cereal Crackers Soup Syrup Beef Stew Canned Vegetables Noodles Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese Tuna Paper Towels Toilet Paper Toothpaste **Instant Potatoes**

Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Please keep the men and women in the military in your prayers:

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*Fred Wilson

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*Jordan Good

*Nathan M. Heiser

*Ricardo DeLaCruz *Dan Svymbersky *Jeff R. Dudley *Joe Espinosa *Jason Kedzior *Michael McKee Joe Kuchan *Tom Stimeling *Curtis Bohlman *Ryan Schatsiek *Joe Moran *JoanneMcGregor *William Kelley, III *Michael O'Brien *NaToane Russell

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Weekly Collection

*Lt. Col. James Godfrey

	11/11/12	Fiscal YTD
Collections needed	\$ 23,077	\$ 461,540
Sunday Collections Electronic Collections	\$ 24,321 \$ 1,565	\$ 448,279 \$ 31,308
Total Collected	\$ 25,886	\$ 479,587
Overage (Shortage)	\$ 2,809	\$ 18,047

We appreciate your generosity.

Sponsor of the Week

Second Chances

This past year, a new group called Second Chances was formed at St. Thomas. This group continues the work of Project Return, that is, working with women who have recently been released from prison. We are in partnership with Southside Mission as they often house ex-prisoners. Currently, we assist Shirley who is living at the mission and making great strides towards becoming a productive citizen. Shirley has found and retained a job for many months now. In addition, she has just completed culinary training and job skills training at Southside Mission. We are so proud of her efforts. So many challenges face those who have been incarcerated. Shirley is meeting those challenges. Our Second Chances group is seeking more parishioners to work with women like Shirley. Christ came and announced "glad tidings...release to prisoners." Would you consider being a part of Christ's call? Please contact Jack Kinney at 692-1447 if you have an interest in joining us or if you can help in any way.



As we begin Advent we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor and hungry families within walking distance of your home. St. Vincent de Paul supports the food pantry and this is a tough time for society as we help those in need with rent, utilities, and food. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Collection next Sunday will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas. Thank you so much for your generous giving.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Right now, many American families are struggling to make ends meet. As people are laid off, lose homes to foreclosure, the rising cost of health insurance, and watching retirement funds disappear; it may be difficult to think of others in need. However, financial struggles have become even harder for the 46.2 million Americans who have been living in poverty.

For over 40 years, the Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has come to the aid of organizations nationwide in an effort to eradicate poverty in America. Just as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "the Church's love for the poor…is a part of her constant tradition." (no. 2444), it is also the tradition of CCHD to love the poor by helping to end the cycle of poverty.

Through CCHD the Catholic Church is working to continue its tradition of love for the poor. Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Support CCHD in the upcoming Collection. 25% of the Collection's proceeds stay in our diocese.

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C.



Boy Scout Wreaths & Greenery Arrive Next Weekend!

Reminder: If you ordered wreaths or greenery from the Boy Scouts, please pick you items up at St. Thomas on Sunday, November 25 from 8:00 am—1:00 pm. We will have a few extras available if you missed out on ordering but would like to purchase this beautiful greenery.

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75 Anniversary Christmas Ornaments are available for purchase at the Open House. They resemble the medallion you received today.



The Women's Guild will have candies, cookies, etc. available for purchase during the Open House



VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR FOR FOOD PANTRY NEEDED.

Call Parish Office, 688-3446.



Santa Breakfast

Peoria Notre Dame High School For Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grades 1,2,3

Saturday, December 1 9:00—11:00 am



If you have registered <u>online</u> as a new member of the parish in the last few months, please call the Parish Office, 688-3446 to make sure we received it. We are experiencing some difficulties. Thanks.

Franciscan Sisters of John the Baptist will have a Craft and Bake Sale at their home at 1209 Lake Ave. from November 30 to December 2 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.



St. Thomas Parish Auction

Anniversary Celebration

December 1, 2012
Peoria Civic Center Grand Ballroom
6:00 p.m.

Make your reservations today! It's not too late!

Reservations can be made by contacting the Parish office or Megan Ferlmann at <u>ferlmann6@hotmail.com</u>. Payments are being accepted at the parish office or can be mailed to: Megan Ferlmann 11036 N. Hunters Trail Ct., Dunlap, IL 61525

Don't miss this exciting evening!

For those special people on your Christmas shopping list or treat yourself to something extra fun. Need some ideas? Here are just a few up for bid

Get Fit at the YMCA....

Use this three month membership to get fit by using their state of the art exercise equipment, jog on their indoor track or enjoy some of their group exercise classes.

Donated by: Greater Peoria Family YMCA

Sounds Of The Peoria Area Civic Chorale

Enjoy seven CD's of beautiful music from past performances by PACC. Also, receive two tickets to your choice of "An American Family Christmas 2012" on Saturday evening, December 15 or the Sunday matinee on December 16 by PACC.

Donated By: Peoria Area Civic Chorale

Truckload Of Mulch Or Topsoil

If you are doing some landscaping, this may be just what you need as it includes a truckload of material (either top soil or mulch) with seven cubic yards of material, plus free delivery.

Donated by: Krumholz Brothers Landscaping

Mani/Pedi Fund

This gift certificate from Senara includes manicure/pedicure. Also included, is an adorable Vera Bradley cosmetic bag and hand painted mani/pedi fund jar to help save up for the next time. You deserve to be pampered!

Donated by: Sentimental Journey

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50

1st Prize: \$5,000 Jones Bros. Jewelers gift certificate.

2nd Prize \$1,000 cash.

3rd Prize \$500 tuition youcher.

Questions:

Carolyn Kinskey at 966-3252 or Diana Holzgrafe at 693-1093



Parish Christmas Open House

Thank you for your generous support all year long.

Saturday, Sunday December 8/9

After all Masses

Join us in the lower level of the church



Preparing for Advent

The season of **ADVENT** has traditionally been a wonderful time for family activities in the home. In these days when being at home as a family is a precious and sometimes rare experience, we encourage you to make the most of the season of **ADVENT**. There are suggested opportunities to bring joy as well as teach children the importance of waiting for Jesus to arrive in your family again this Christmas by learning about our common stories of faith as well as experiencing the symbolism of this season.

ADVENT IN THE HOME

Perhaps the most popular tradition in the home during Advent is the **Advent Wreath**. The Advent wreath reflects the spirit of expectation. The four candles, one more lit each week, helps us in our anticipation of the great event of Christmas, Christ's coming. This custom originated in ancient times with the festival of lighting of fire as the days shortened. It was "christianized" in Europe and has taken on religious significance.



The Advent Wreath, which can be of any size, is circular and made of evergreens, and is placed on a table in the home. There are four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, one is pink, the traditional color of the Third Sunday of Advent. A prayer is prayed by the family members and a candle is lit each day—one the first week, etc. Light increases, pushing out darkness. The basic symbolism of the Advent Wreath represents the tension between light and darkness. It represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the light of the world. Each year in Advent we wait in darkness for the coming of the Lord, the anniversary of Christ's birth and His coming into our hearts again

PRAYER: Bless this Advent Wreath and our family as we prepare during this beautiful season for Christ's coming into our lives more deeply. Amen.



ADVENT ANGELS

A great family favorite is the Advent Angel tradition. Put the names of each member of the family in a container and have each person draw a name. Don't tell anyone whose name you have. During Advent do something special for that person periodically (like make their bed or put candy on their pillow). Remember the person is not to find out who you are until Christmas when you have a special gift for him/her. It is fun to make a gift.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Children love this tradition. Put your shoe outside the bedroom door the night <u>before (December 5)</u> the feast of St. Nicholas which is DECEMBER 6. Tradition has it that if you have been good throughout the year, your shoe will be filled with goodies. On the other hand, if you have not been good, you might find coal or sticks in your shoe. We hope St. Nicholas visits you!!



STRAW IN THE CRIB



This is a good activity for children. Place your empty crib somewhere for the children to see. Each day place a piece of straw or yarn in the crib for a good deed done that day. On Christmas Day, add the figure of Jesus to the filled crib.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism class is held for all parents before the baptism of their child. Please contact Sr. Rachel to schedule the class. Next Baptisms: December 30 at 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm or by appointment with a priest Confessions are held in the confessionals in the daily Mass Chapel

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