

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generosity, a total of \$20,982.00 has been donated for this year's Christmas Gift to the Altar. The proceeds cover in their entirety the 6 silver candlesticks and altar cross which will grace the altar of our new home on feast days. With the excess donations a more simple set will also be obtained for penitential times.

God is not outdone in generosity and will reward each of you superabundantly.

Thank you for your generosity!

"The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 6th: Feast of the Epiphany. Devotions at 6.30pm, followed by Sung Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.



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Sunday, December 25th, 2022

Midnight Mass of Christmas

Introit

The Lord said to Me, You are My Son; this day I have begotten You. Why do the nations rage and the people utter folly?

Glory be to the Father . . .

The Lord said to Me . . .

Collect

O God, Who have brightened this most holy night with the splendor of the true light, grant, we beseech You, that we may know in heaven the joy of that light which we have known mystically on earth. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Titus 2:11-15

Beloved: The grace of God our Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us, in order that, rejecting ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live temperately and justly and piously in this world; looking for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and cleanse for Himself an acceptable people, pursuing good works. Thus speak, and exhort, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual & Alleluia

Yours is princely power in the day of Your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, I have begotten You. The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord said to Me, You are My Son; this day I have begotten You. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

At that time, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem - because he was of the house and family of David - to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will.

Offertory

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice before the Lord, for He comes.

Secret

May the offering of this day's festivity, we beseech You, O Lord, find acceptance with You; that, by the bounty of Your grace, we may, through these sacred dealings, be made like unto Him in Whom our nature is united with You. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

In holy splendor, before the daystar I have begotten You.

Postcommunion

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord our God, that we who joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacrament may gain His companionship by worthy living. Through our Lord . . .

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 4th: \$ 4, 298.00

Thursday, December 8th: \$ 2, 515.00

Sunday, December 11th: \$ 5, 360.00

Sunday, December 18th: \$ 5, 123.00

Total for the Month : \$ 17, 296.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Hammond* on the memo line. All checks made out to "St. Joseph's" are given to the parish. Per agreement with the pastor, \$800/week is given in rent to St. Joseph's Parish.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

Each pack of Institute Christmas Cards includes 10 full-color greeting cards featuring different renditions of the Adoration of the Magi. These are printed on high-quality card stock and come with 10 matching envelopes.

Packs of 10 Christmas Cards are available for \$20.00

2022 Liturgical Calendars available for a free will donation

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.



WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"We may weep a little over this world which is dying, yea, which is dead for us, and to which we mean forever to die."

WE'RE MOVING

Effective January 1st, 2023

Sunday Mass at 8:00am

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine

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