

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 1st: Holy Mass at 11am, preceded by the *Veni Creator* and followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to beseech God's blessings on the New Year. A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions.

Friday, January 7th: First Friday of the month. Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart and Benediction at 6.30pm, followed by Sung Mass at 7pm, St. Joseph's Church, Dyer.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR



Thanks to your generosity, a total of \$7,501.00 has been donated for the Christmas Gift for the Altar. In addition to the sterling silver monstrance, we were able to offer a set of Venetian velvet vestments, in the late renaissance style of St. Philip Neri as well. 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."

-The Infant Jesus of Prague to Ven Fr. Cyril

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children.

In the trouble and distress which afflict us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. May its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.



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Sunday, December 26th, 2021

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

Commemoration of St. Stephen, protomartyr

Introit

When a profound stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Thine all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

The Lord is King, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

Glory be to the Father . . .

When a profound stillness compassed everything . . .

Collect

O Almighty and eternal God, direct our actions in conformity with Thy Will, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may be worthy to do good works in abundance. Through our Lord . . .

Commemoration of St. Stephen

Gant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to imitate what we celebrate, so that we may learn to love even our enemies; because we keep the anniversary of the death of Him Who knew how to plead even for His persecutors with our-

Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who livest and reignest with God the Father . . .

Epistle

Galatians IV, 1-6

Brethren: As long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the master of all; but he is under guardians and stewards until the time set by his father. So we too, when we were children, were enslaved under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that He is no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

Gradual & Alleluia

Fairer in beauty art Thou than the sons of men; grace is poured out upon Thy lips. My heart overflows with a goodly theme; as I sing my ode to the King, my tongue is nimble as the pen of a skillful scribe.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is King, in splendor robed; robed is the Lord and girt about with strength. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke II, 33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus were marveling at the things spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And your own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fasting and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things as prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

Offertory

God has made the world firm, not to be moved. Thy throne, O God, stands firm from of old; from everlasting Thou art.

Secret

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the gift offered in the sight of Thy majesty may obtain for us the grace of reverent devotion and secure us

eternal happiness. Through our Lord . . .

Commemoration of St. Stephen

Receive our offerings, O Lord, in memory of Thy saints, that, as their passion has given them eternal glory, so may this sacrificial act free us from guilt. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead.

Postcommunion

By the working of this sacrament, O Lord, may our sins be erased and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord...

Commemoration of St. Stephen

May the sacrament we have received aid us, O Lord; and by the intercession of blessed Stephen, Thy Martyr, may it sustain us under Thine everlasting protection. Through our Lord . . .

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"We should really live in this world as though our spirit were already in heaven."

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 5th: \$3, 242.00

Wednesday, December 8th: \$808.00

Sunday, December 12th: \$2, 162.00

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Total for the Month: \$ 8, 843.00

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.