

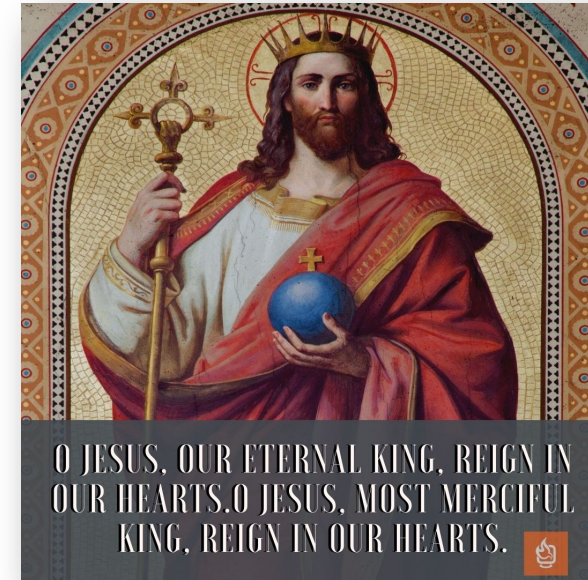
Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
 Dylan Anderson
 Robert Berry
 Patricia Bonnewitz
 Sandra Burke
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 Toni Capute
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 Justin Curtis
 Tony Donehoo
 Carol Donato
 Islea Duncan
 Alan Ekberg
 John Evans
 Kathy Evans
 Earl Fishback
 Linda Gardner
 Elizabeth Gillam
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam
 Lynn Goss

Kathleen Hamilton
 Jeanne Harper
 Jeannine Iannaco
 Pablo Ignacio
 Patrick Ignacio
 Meja Irvin
 Margaret MacDiarmid
 Carolyn Martin
 Jamie Martin
 Greg Moore
 Kathleen Moore
 Beverly Moyer
 Chris Moyer
 Ray Moyer
 Don Notestein
 Patsy Notestein
 Angel Ortiz
 George Perry
 Wendy Pessaro
 Gary Peters

Laurie Peters
 Frank Powell
 Nelson Sanchez
 Princess Sanchez
 John Seaquist
 Ray Servis
 Jane Sliwinski
 Margaret Smith
 Chere Tew
 Fred Toth
 Amy Tracy
 Charles Watson
 Danielle Weedon
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 Michael Williams
 Travis Williams
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



November 26, 2023

Feast of Christ the King

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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December Birthdays

1 Mackenzie Lecco
 2 Kathleen Hamilton
 5 Mia Garcia
 5 Carolyn Conner
 8 Will McCabe
 14 Glen Moore
 15 Bety Joe Wolfrum
 16 Christine Hamilton
 16 Chere Tew
 17 Dory Garcia
 22 Don Smith
 29 Mary Metzinger
 31 Jackie Johnson

December Anniversaries

29 Tom & Mary Metzinger

A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

The Corporal Works Begin - WITHIN

In Matthew 25:31-36 we hear about the challenge to spread the corporal works of mercy. But as Richard Rohr, the Franciscan, advises, they begin within. Each of us has a “child of the light” inside us. We are proud of this person who lives in our consciousness. He/she has done some wonderful things. But, this would not be the way to start. To assist those in need, it is helpful to be in solidarity. We need to come from a place of brokenness so that we do not walk above the one in need or ahead of the one in need; but each of us walks beside the one in need. There is mutuality.

*“I am not okay. You are not okay. But, that is okay.
None of us has it all together. But together we have it all!”*

We each have in us a “dark night of the soul” person. This is the person in the dungeon who has done some shameful things. There are toxic secrets in which each one of us knows. Can I imagine that person? Mine is wearing tattered clothes. Mine is unbathed and has an odor. Mine is chained up. It is good that he is there. I can consult him, he is “street smart.” So, before I do to another who is hungry, I go to him within who is hungry. Each day he is “hungry.” Is he addicted to something? Is he hungry for attention? Does he have a wanderlust? (Bruce Springsteen’s “Hungry Heart”). I go within to he who is naked, before I provide clothing. Nakedness denotes shame. How has my person within lost his dignity? Did someone take his dignity or did he lose it through some destructive act? Before I bring Gatorade to one who is physically thirsty, I must remember that thirst is a metaphor about loneliness and isolation. Where do I feel abandoned in life? Did I do something to chase people away? Why am I all alone?

“No more hunger or thirst.” But, first be a person who needs people.”

How am I ill? Where are my wounds? Are my wounds sacred wounds that I use to forgive others? Or, are my wounds embittered wounds where I wish to lash out, judge and blame? Can I be a “wounded-healer” to someone who is ill? Why is it hard for athletes to minister to an amputee? How am I in prison? There were days when I had prison ministry when I said to myself the only difference between the inmate and me was that the inmate got caught. I have bad habits and toxic thinking that imprisons me. Perhaps with this deep soul searching I can embrace (with my “child of the light”) my “dark night of the soul person” and I may reach out to another in solidarity/

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 8 at 6:30 PM.



Grand Illumination: Friday, December 8.

We will gather at 5:45 PM for cookies, hot chocolate and coffee before mass. Following mass, we will proceed outside for the blessing of the lights and caroling and perhaps some more hot chocolate and coffee.

Pregnancy Support Center Angel Tree: *“Thank You”* to all who adopted an angel this year. The tree is bare, but that’s great! We were blessed this year with three monetary donations totaling \$160. With that money, we adopted the remaining angels to assure that every child will receive gifts. The balance will help with items needed for the party next Sunday when the gifts will be distributed at a special party for the clients of our local Pregnancy Support Center.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: If you can serve for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning, please sign up on the schedule on the table in the old commons (or see Bob Burke). Reminder: Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Thank you for your continued dedication to these ministries!

Scam Alert!!!

One of our parishioners received this text message from “Fr. Jim” but his instincts told him to check with Fr. Jim before proceeding. It was definitely **NOT** from Fr. Jim. How the sender connected him to Fr. Jim remains a mystery, but scammers are very, very clever. Be aware. Please don’t be a victim!

