

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors for the Clothing exchange. It was a great success this year again. So many families benefited from the donations.

Snow will be falling soon and help is needed:
We need someone to shovel the walkways whenever it snows. If you know someone on a regular basis, who can take care of this, please let the parish office know.



It's time to think about making our church beautiful for the holiday season. There will be envelopes in the back of church to place your donation. These envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. We'll be updating the memorial list with each holiday, so please include the names for memorial list with your donation. The Flower Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity.



Catholic Charities Giving Tree
Catholic Charities wishes to give families in need hats, gloves toys, games and gifts this year. This is only possible through the generosity of the faithful people in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria and our donors. This being said we hope our parishes will have a toy, game and gift drive before December of this year. We need to have all gift to the **Parish by November 24th** so that Catholic Charities will be getting gifts to families starting early December.



Financial Stewardship
If you attend Mass at another area church, you can drop your Sunday Collection envelope or check into their collection basket and it will be send to St Joseph/St. James Parish. You may also donate electronically using the QR code.

Nov 17th
St Joseph \$ 1,552.00
St James \$ 517.00
Mission of the Month ~ Haiti~



St. Joseph will be participating in the Christmas Walk again this year on Saturday December 7, from 4:30 – 7:00PM.
We are asking for cookie donations from our parish family to have at our table for distribution during the walk. Either homemade or store-bought goodies are appreciated.
Please deliver to the table (located next to the bank) on the afternoon of the walk, anytime after 4PM.
All children and parishioners are invited to help hand out cookies and ornaments to the community, during the walk.
Reach out to Amy Chastain (815) 441-0054 with any questions.



St James Christmas Brunch
Dec 8th after Mass
All are Welcome
Bring a dish to pass.

St James Altar & Rosary
Christmas Dinner
6:00pm on Dec 11th at the Watering Hole

Have you given to the ADA?
The goal for St. Joseph parish is \$25,391.08— Pledged \$9,111.00
The goal for St. James parish is \$9,383.33—Pledged \$2,150.00
There are envelopes in the vestibule / pews. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us.
St Joseph will use the funds to maintain/improve our parish



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Christ the King Nov 24th, 2024
“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

St. Joseph

Sat. Nov 23rd	3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
	5:00 pm Suzy Jacobs+
Sun. Nov 24th	10:30am Judy Maher+
Mon. Nov 25th	8:00 am Denny Porter+
Tues. Nov 26th	8:00 am John Moubough+
Wed. Nov 27th	8:00 am Richard & Florence Heinz+
	5:00—6:45pm Adoration /Confession
Thurs Nov 28th	8:00 am People of the Parish
Fri. Nov 29th	8:00 am Bill Keyt+
Sat. Nov 30th	3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions
	5:00 pm Bud Stobough+
Sun. Dec 1st	10:30am Celine Estes and Family

May you have a Happy Thanksgiving.
Prayers for all of you, your families and friends.
Parish office will be closed due to the Holiday



St. James
Sunday Confessions
8:00 — 8:25 am

Sun, Nov 24th 8:30am
People of St James

Sun, Dec 1st 8:30am
Kennedy & Asbury Families
Offered by Pat Asbury



St Joseph	Lector
Sat. Nov 23rd	Seaborn
Sun. Nov 24th	Kelch
Sat. Nov 30th	Kelch
Sun. Dec 1st	Shuster

Area Weekend Mass Times and Confessions Times

St. Mary of the Woods, Princeville
Mass: Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am
Confessions: Sat 3-3:45pm Sun 8-8:45am

St Dominic Wyoming
Mass: Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 8:00am
Confessions: 3:30pm

If you attend Mass at another area church, you

CCD and Confirmation Schedule

Nov 24th—Class
Dec 1st—NO Class—Thanksgiving
Dec 8th—Class

THANK YOU to everyone who helped or donated to the boxes of Joy.



We received 1065 boxes this year. We surpassed last years boxes of 842. Thank you! to all the hardworking volunteers to get these boxes sent.

Thank you to all who donated to the Thanksgiving Basket project for the Food Pantry. We have a quick turn around for the Christmas Baskets. We have been asked to donate 65 jars of pasta sauce and 65 boxes of pasta. This project is structured a bit differently than Thanksgiving, so we have fewer items to give. Brimfield schools are helping along with the community churches. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, **checks go to Brimfield Area Food Pantry**. Food will be collected until *December 15th*. **Questions call or text Sheila Harmon 309-645-0081**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Diocese of Peoria, we are blessed with a healthy culture of vocations. This is evident as I travel throughout the diocese where I see pictures of young men and women who have embraced a sacred vocation proudly displayed on parish and school walls. I see posters of our seminarians and several religious communities conspicuously posted. I have also seen bulletins that celebrate newly married couples. In addition to all of that, I know many of our Catholic schools spiritually adopt seminarians and are teaching about sacred vocations. Many parishioners talk about their love of their pastors, and I am asked by many people about how our seminarians are doing. I have both seen and heard the desire of our diocese to generously support holy, healthy, and happy vocations; for that I am most grateful.



In a particularly vital way, this generous culture of vocations is evidenced by the continuous stream of young men entering seminary for our diocese, crediting the outpouring of formation and support they have received to our parishes, schools, and Newman Centers. This past May, we ordained four men to the priesthood, three to the transitional diaconate, and we accepted four new seminarians. Currently, we have eighteen seminarians and five more who are applying for next year. We have a good and growing need to support young men who are answering God's call to serve our parishes as priests. One seminarian's tuition, room and board, and formation costs during his philosophical and theological studies, will cost around \$350,000 over the course of his seven years of formation.

On Sunday December 1st, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, I invite you to give thanks to God for these men and continue your support by giving generously to aid in providing for their education and formation. There will be a second collection at each Mass that weekend. Please make checks payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Office of Priestly Vocations.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity, and please know of my prayers for you and your families.

Peace and Prayers, Most Reverend Louis Tylka Bishop of Peoria

Christ The King — Nov 24th Homily

My dear friends, allow me to congratulate you upon coming to the end of the liturgical year B. Just like all years, we have gone through a lot of ups and downs, blessings and challenges, but all in all God has blessed us with the gift of life. The liturgical year has 34 weeks with the 34th Sunday, Christ the King Feast, closing the year.

It was in 1925 that Pope Pius XI introduced this feast. It was a time when the catholic church was threatened by the rise of agnosticism, atheism, and secularism. He called on the believers to reassert the sovereignty of Christ over their lives, to show the fidelity and loyalty owed to Christ, whose humble birth and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God plus future citizens and heirs of the kingdom of God.

Christ's kingship has its roots both in the Old and New Testament of the Bible. For instance, in the Old Testament, the Messiah is portrayed as a king or a high priest traditionally anointed with the holy anointing oil. Prophets like Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah and Daniel had foretold everything about Jesus, including the fact that He would come as our king (2sam 22:51, Is 9:6-7, Jer 23:5, Zech 9:9, Dan 9:25-27). In the NT, Jesus' kingship is spoken of at the annunciation, Lk 1:29-33, by the Magi, Mt 2:2. He was given a royal welcome befitting the messianic king by waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path and singing "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord". At the Cross was put an inscription "**JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS**" and Himself promised that He, the Son of Man, will return as the King of heaven and earth, to judge the righteous and unrighteous (Mt 25:31-46).

However as we read in today's Gospel, Jesus' kingdom does not belong to this world. '...if my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here (Jn 18:36). Jesus' kingdom is not built on legalities like mundane empires, but upon beatitudes, such as humility, meekness, comfort, righteousness, mercy, purity, peace and sacrifice. His reign is not over land but over people's hearts; His kingship is grounded not on physical force but on love (Mt 5:1-12)

Today's feast therefore provides us an opportunity to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is, in fact, our king. To personally affirm the declarations of the prophets, the Church, that indeed Christ is the king of my heart, has no better day than today to do that. We should come before Jesus, bow in gratitude and acknowledge that He is our king, and has supreme power and authority over every part of our lives- our spirit, our body, our thoughts, our emotions, and our will.

In the Our Father, we pray for God's kingdom to come, we invite Jesus our Lord and king to reign over us; to deliver us from all sorts of hardships and misery, and fill our life with hope, love, joy and peace. However God gives two choices - to choose between Christ the King and Barabbas; that is, between light and darkness, between good and evil, between life and death. But too often, we choose Barabbas and as a result, we are unable to make the kingdom of God a reality in our life and in the people around us. On this great Feast day, may we rededicate ourselves to choosing Christ as the King of our lives.

I WISH YOU A HAPPY FEAST DAY AND BLESSED WEEK, FR DEO.