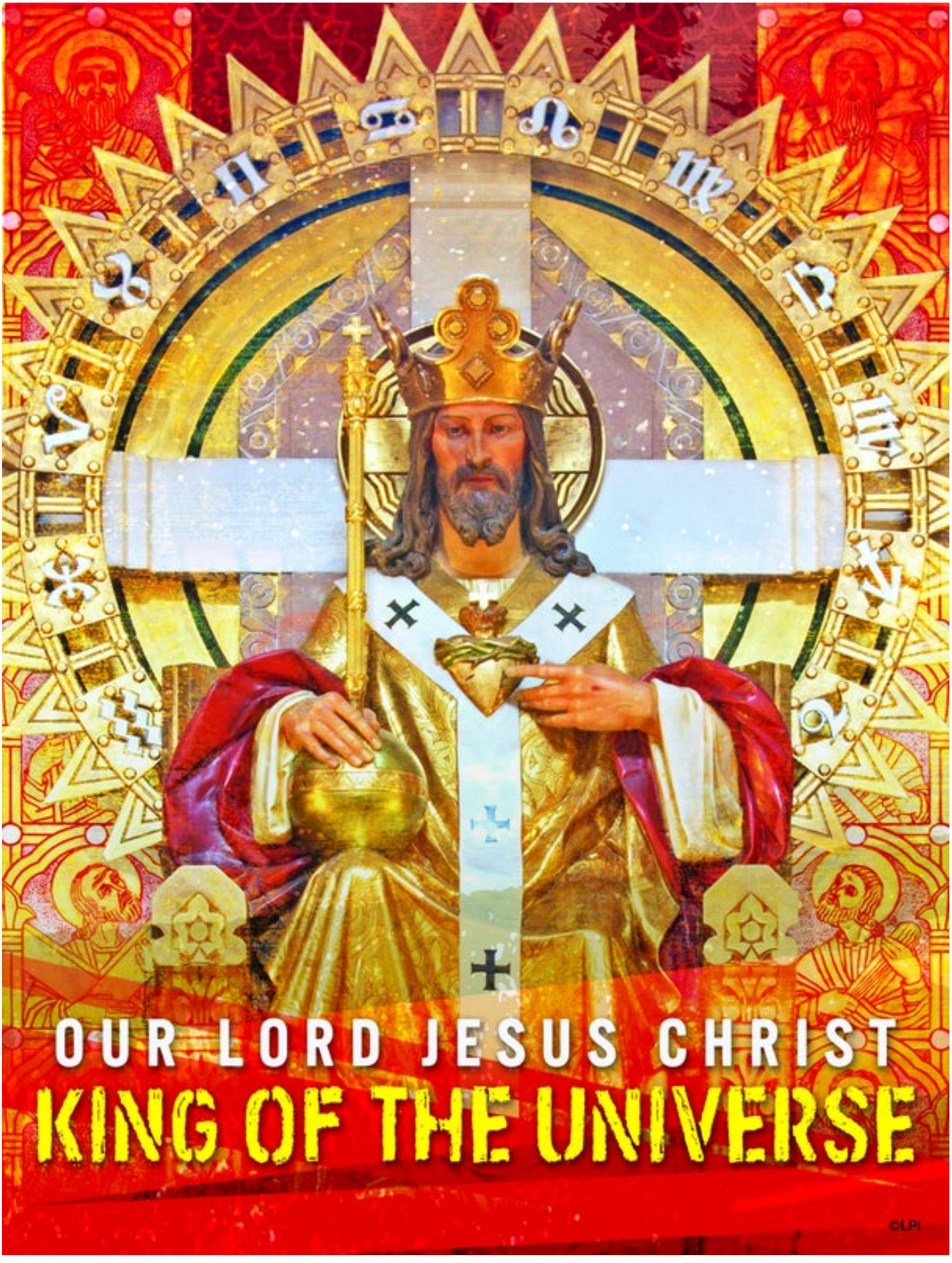

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Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	$3,425.00
Weekly collection 11/08/26	$2,959.00
Difference	$466.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	$30,986.00
Pledges to date	$27,145.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
For the Proper Use of Wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

November 24 6:30 pm St. Marys Church 814-781-1019

**this is the last class until 2027*

The Church office will be open on Monday, November 23rd and then closed for the rest of the week.
We will re-open on Monday, Novemer 30th.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction will be on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, and each Sunday evening, up to and including, Sunday, December 20th. All are welcome.

THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation to place at the altar after the homily. These donations will be given to the Christian Food Bank in St. Marys. Thank you for your generosity!

Book of the Beloved Dead A special **Book of Remembrance** is available in the back of the Church. *Throughout the month of November*, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The book will continue to be displayed in our Church so that all of the names you write in the book will be included in our prayers.

Parenting Pointer: Thanksgiving is a family holiday, but sometimes not everyone can make it home. If you have far flung relatives, consider mailing them a memory. Perhaps e-mail a photo of a past Thanksgiving or a favorite family recipe. Even if they don't make the dish, they can include the symbol on their table that day.

What is Eschatology? *The Last Things* (Part 1)

The word Eschatology is the study of *the last things* pertaining to our life here on earth, and our relationship with God. The *last things* are death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Further extension of these *last things* is the reality of Purgatory, the Second Coming of Christ, the Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting. Much has been written and said about these *last things* and the reality of them. In brief, let's look at each one.

Death, as we know, is a real experience that every human being will go through some day. It is the separation of our soul from the body. For us, as people of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we believe that our eternal soul will stand before our eternal God upon our death. We further believe that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, lived and died for us, to save us from our sins and from being eternally separated from God upon our human death. Our hope for eternal life rests in the fact that we have lived out our baptismal calling in loving God, neighbor, and self the best we can here on earth, and to know our Lord through prayer. Doing this now, prepares us for the next reality after we die--judgment.

Judgment There are two types of judgment: *a particular judgment* and *a general judgment* (last judgment). The particular judgment is when upon each person's death, they will immediately appear before God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven -- through a purification or immediately, -- or immediate and everlasting damnation." (CCC page 1022) St. John of the Cross offers us some loving words of advice in preparing for this judgment in his writing called *Dichos 64*. He says, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love." That's it. Living Jesus' Command of love will enable us to get to Heaven. All of us followers of Christ hope that Jesus' Words to us when we appear before Him would be the words He spoke to the people who multiplied the talents of their master in last Sunday's Gospel: "Well done, my good and faithful servant." (Mt 25: 23a)

Christ's Second Coming The last judgment of Christ when He returns in glory is described in this Sunday's Gospel, (Mt 25) on this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In short, if we strive to serve Christ, Who lives in the least of our brothers and sisters, we will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

God Bless,
Father Mark

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 22, 2026

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 23, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Gen Zambanini	Pooney & Family	Weekday *Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*	Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5 Lk 21: 1-4 (503)
Tuesday, November 24, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Eddie Levenduski 61st wedding anniversary	wife-Janice	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Rv 14: 14-19 Lk 21: 5-11 (504)
Wednesday,November 25, 2026 **7:00 p.m. Mass**	Mike Chiodo	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday *Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*	Rv 15: 1-4 Lk 21: 12-19 (505)
Thursday, November 26, 2026 **NO Mass** 			Weekday ***Thanksgiving Day***	Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23; 19: 1-3, 9a Lk 21: 20-28 (506)
Friday, November 27, 2026 **8:30 am Mass**	Richard Merat	John & Becky Bricen	Weekday	Rv 20: 1-4, 11 -- 21: 2 Lk 21: 29-33 (507)
Saturday, November 28, 2026 **No AM Mass**			Weekday *BVM*	Rv 22: 1-7 Lk 21: 34-36 (508) Here ends the Year of Grace 2026
Saturday, November 28, 2026 **5:30 p.m. Mass**	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		**Vigil of First Sunday of Advent**	(see below)
Sunday, November 29, 2026 **9:15 a.m. Mass**	Geraldine Fenice Williams	Rita Fenice & Carolyn Winkler	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Mt 25: 31-46 (160)

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Christmas is in the Air!

The Concert Choir of Elk County warmly invites you to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Christmas season with our annual holiday concert, "Christmas is in the Air!"
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Tuesday, December 1st at St. Leo's Church, Ridgway and Saturday, December 5th at St. Mary's Church, St. Marys. Both concerts begin at 7:00 pm. Following each performance, everyone is invited to stay for light refreshments and fellowship. *Come share in the music, friendship, and warmth of the Christmas season!*

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