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

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH, STONINGTON



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary: Saturday 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity: Sunday 9:00 AM
St. Mary: Sunday 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 7:30 AM — St. Mary
Wednesday: 9:00 AM — Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9:00 AM — St. Mary
Friday: 7:30 AM - St. Mary

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - St. Mary
Sunday 8:15 - 8:40 AM - Holy Trinity

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Soul Food

Let Christ Reign in Every Area of Our Lives!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate Christ as the King of the Universe. But let me ask a personal question: **Is Jesus truly the King of your heart?** We call Him our King, display crosses in our homes, attend Mass, and profess our faith. But do we allow Him to rule our thoughts, decisions, relationships, priorities, and daily lives? Or have we reserved certain areas where we do not want Him to interfere?

Celebrating Christ the King is not simply proclaiming His sovereignty; it is surrendering our hearts to Him and saying, "Jesus, I want You to be the King of my life!"

1. A King Who Reigns Even in Our Private Lives

The world understands kingship through power and authority. But Jesus turns it upside down: His crown is thorns, His throne is the Cross, His power is love, and His greatness is humble service.

Is Jesus truly the King of our private lives—not just when people are watching, but when nobody sees us? What about our private conversations, internet browsing, personal choices, and honesty in business? We cannot hide anything from our King! True discipleship means remaining faithful even when nobody is watching. We cannot proclaim Jesus King on Sunday while allowing selfishness, dishonesty, pride, and unforgiveness to reign during the week.

2. The King Is Hidden Among the Least

Today's Gospel presents the final judgment. Jesus separates the sheep from the goats based on how they treated the hungry, thirsty, strangers, sick, and imprisoned. Then comes His powerful declaration: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

The King we worship at the altar is waiting for us in the lonely neighbor, the struggling family, and the forgotten elderly. We look for Jesus in the tabernacle but sometimes fail to recognize Him in the person beside us. We receive His Body and Blood but hesitate to reach out to someone in need. Our love for the King is measured by our love for those He calls His brothers and sisters. Every act of kindness, sacrifice, forgiveness, and compassion becomes part of our eternal story.

3. Let God Be All in All!

St. Paul gives us a magnificent vision in today's second reading: "God may be all in all." This is the ultimate purpose of Christ's kingship: to bring everything under God's loving authority, beginning with our hearts.

Advent begins next Sunday! As we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, let us ask: Are there locked rooms in our hearts—a resentment we refuse to release, a relationship we refuse to repair, a weakness we are concerned of, or a habit we refuse to change? This Advent, let us open every door and make room for our King!

Three Practical Commitments for This Week

1. Give Jesus the First Place Every Day. Before reaching for your phone in the morning, spend five minutes with Jesus. Offer Him your day, family, decisions, and struggles. Let Him guide your thoughts and actions. Make Him the first priority, not the leftover of your day.

2. Make Jesus the King of Your Conversations. This Advent, make a personal commitment that nobody should be wounded by your words. Stop gossiping, speaking negatively about others, spreading rumors, or unnecessarily criticizing people. Instead, deliberately encourage someone, appreciate someone, defend someone who is being unfairly criticized, and speak words that bring healing. Let Jesus reign even in your words!

3. Surrender One Locked Room of Your Heart to Jesus. Choose one area where Jesus is not yet reigning. Perhaps it is anger, unforgiveness, dishonesty, an unhealthy attachment, or neglect of Sunday Mass. Make a concrete decision to change during Advent. Go to Confession, reconcile with someone, or break a harmful habit. Do not enter Christmas with the same locked doors!

My dear brothers and sisters, every earthly kingdom will pass away, but Christ's Kingdom will remain forever. Let us not simply celebrate Christ as King. Let us surrender every area of our lives to Him.

Long live Christ the King in me!

Fr. Tomy Philip SAC
Your Pastor

Please Read the Bulletin insert- Advent Preparation

St. Mary's Prayer Chain:

To submit a prayer request to the prayer chain, please call, text, or email Brenan Dennison at (217)971-1047; bdennison1027@gmail.com: or contact the parish office at 624-8178.

Please pray for those in need of our prayers:

Marty Voss, Susie Hughes, Johnathan Reber, Linda Burke, Nancy Sims, Natalie Smith, Ashley Harrison, Jamie Mateer Capelle, Joseph Grundy, Jack Waddell, Bill & Lacey, Erin Bradley, Charlie McDonald, Dave Garner, Kristine Andruch, Cheryl Dagon, Michella Gibbons, Kristy Zimmer, Jimmy Stockdale, Julie Eson, Tom McKinney, Bill Bock, Barb McKinney, Frank Shepke, Joanne Conerty, Joe Corzine, Denny Schneider, Jessie Justice, Marie Lanett, Roger Boshell, Jim Polick, Rebecca Steiner, Rosemary Corso & Cheryl Croft, Special Intention for Joyce, Kiersten Rapplean & Charlie.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week!
Thanks to Masterson Funeral Home for supporting St. Mary & Holy Trinity Parishes!



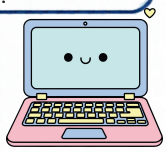
Our food pantry is in need of items! Donations can be put directly in to the pantry outside the gym or dropped of at the parish office!

Watch for more information about upcoming school events!
-Dress Down Days
-Christmas Program (K-6)
-Preschool Christmas Program

-Information coming next week !



Please help us keep our records up to date. Contact the parish office with any changes to your addresses, phone number or email.



Thanksgiving Break

Parish Office will be closed 11/25 & reopen 12/1!



COLLECTION

Bishop Paprocki is asking that we collected envelopes for the " 2026 Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope" next weekend during Mass.

Server Schedule

Nov. 21: 5:30pm- Julia & Gemma Corso

Nov. 22: 11:00am- Ila Assalley & Liam Bland

Nov. 24: 7:30am- Maddox Busboom & Charlie Dyer

Nov. 26: 9:00am- Joseph Goodman

Nov. 28: 5:30pm - Bentley Skinner & Renee Gunning

Nov. 29: 11:00am - Ava & Eliza Hempen

Lector Schedule

Nov. 21: 5:30pm -Joe Cervi

Nov. 22: 11:00am - Joseph Goodman

Nov. 28: 5:30pm - Nicholas Goodman

Nov. 29: 11:00am - Michelle Reiss

ExtraOrdinary Ministers

Nov. 21: 5:30pm - Norma Cervi, TJ Curtin & Gemma Burke

Nov. 22: 11:00am - Tessie Abaca, Gary Fry & Bob Curry

Nov. 28: 5:30pm - Steve Randall, Mike Brotherton & Chad Waterman

Nov. 29: 11:00am - Tessie Abaca, Gary Fry, Helen Summers & Bob Curry

Holy Trinity & St. Mary Parish Happenings:

11/25: Mass @ 6pm @ Holy Trinity
12/6: Parish Wide Penance Service @ St. Mary
12/10: School Christmas Program
12/12: Great Cookie Trail @ Holy Trinity
12/13: K of C Breafast with Santa @8-11AM

Stewardship Spotlight

Thank you to **Sandy Asmussen** for coordinating the White Ribbon Ceremony! We are so grateful for all that you do for the Parish and the Elizabeth Ministry!

PARISH TITHE AND OFFERINGS OCTOBER 2026			
	Monthly		YTD TOTAL
Goal	$53,725.66		$209,158.67
October Offerings	$47,011.86		$195,520.50
Over (Under)	**$6,713.80**		**$13,638.17**
CAMPAIGN - OCTOBER 2026			
			ITD TOTAL *
Monthly Goal	$7,314.82		$640,039.85
October 2026	$5,927.49		$633,838.71
Over (Under)	**-$1,387.33**		**-$6,201.14**
*Campaign inception to date			

Please remember St. Mary Parish in your will.

Elizabeth Ministry

We would like to thank all the participants and those who assisted on our White Ribbon Memorial Service last Saturday. We would like to especially thank Fr. Tomy Philip for his continued support of this ministry. Please remember the families who have lost children and are represented by the white ribbons hanging on a tree in front of our church.





Thank you to all who selected a star from the tree. Please return unwrapped item in a bag with the star on the outside of the bag by Wednesday, December 9th! More stars will be added each week!

Mass Intentions & Schedules

Saturday, November 21- 5:30 PM : The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Sunday, November 22 — 11:00 AM: Vernon Carr Jr. by Jane Carr & Bill Smith by Michelle Gillen

Weekday Masses

Monday, Nov. 23- No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 24 — 7:30 AM: Bill Rhymes by Judy Rhymes

Wednesday, Nov. 25 — No Mass

Thursday, Nov. 26 - 9:00 AM: Priests & Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary by The Appleton & Westrick Family

Friday, Nov. 27 — No Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 28 - 5:30 PM: Joseph Broux by The Broux & Clavin Families & Susie Anderson by Parish Family

Sunday, November 29 - 11:00 AM: The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary



Parish Giving App Now Available!
Giving to St. Mary's is now easier than ever!
Go to your App Store and download the "SPI Catholic" App
keyword: **stmrytaylorville**
to get started!

Religious Education Corner

Shoebox Packing Party was a Success! Watch next week for pictures of the fun event. Thank you to all who donated and or packed for Operation Christmas Child!



Advent begins next Sunday, are you ready?

Make sure to pick up your Little Blue Book and read the Parish's Family Advent Challenge!



Christmas Decorations for the Church:
St Mary School will be taking orders for Poinsettia's from Nov 9- Nov 20
1st delivery for those wanting them for home will be Dec 7th. You can also order a poinsettia or make a monetary donation in Honor of or in Memory of family or friends for Christmas. You can order from a school family or stop by the Parish or School Office. Forms can also be picked up in the church.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Mega Moolah Drawing: Congratulations to our winners so far Jessica Reber, ALex Ess, Jerry Moomey, Emilee Laface, Kendra Sedlock, Kathy Martin, Tyler Hunt & Mary Del Valle. Our final winners will be announced next week.



Faith Talk for Families —
Soleminity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, this liturgy celebrates Jesus as Lord of love, revealing God's love for all people and calling his followers to live in that love. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes this a step further. He tells his followers to see HIM in the poor and the outcast. He wants us to love and care for the poor the way we would love and care for him. If we are to follow him, Jesus expects us to follow his ways of compassion. Each of us has a part that is essential, and all our efforts are directed to the poorest and most vulnerable- those forgotten by the very ones who are supposed to care for them. Jesus himself will judge each of us on how we respond to their needs!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 24
No Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 25
No School

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving
No School

Friday, November 27
No School

Monday, November 29
School Resumes after Thanksgiving Break

Toy collection begins for Santa's Workshop

Tuesday, December 1
Hickory Estates Mass 9:30 Gr. 3
Singing Saints Choir Practice
1st Reconciliation for 2nd grade
6:30 pm

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Mass Schedule
Sunday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance
30 minutes prior to Sunday Mass
or by Appointment

Communion Service
Friday — 9:00 a.m.
Followed by Adoration 9-5 p.m.

Coffee & Donuts
1st Sun, Oct- Dec, Feb-June
2nd Sunday in Jan & Sept
Not in July or August

Altar & Rosary Society Meetings
1st Wed. of the month, Sept-June
No meetings in July or August

Parish Council Meetings
Dec. 9, 2026
5:30 p.m. in Hall

Rosary
8:30 a.m. 1st Sun. of the month
Every Sunday May & October

Office Hours
Office hours: 8:30-12:00 noon
Mondays and Thursdays

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November ARS Committee: Chairman: Abby Bertelsen, Carolou Morman, Sue Walsh, Samantha Walton, and Ginny Shapiro. The committee is responsible for Coffee & Donuts, funeral dinners & cleaning the church during November. Thanks for all you do!



Capital Campaign contributions online at:
https://pushpay.com/g/g/holytrinitystonington
use 'Capital Campaign' as the Fund

Blessed Fulton Sheen Sunday
December 13, 2026

Recipes needed:



Cookie Walk Recipes
Breakfast Casserole Recipes
Salad Supper Recipes



Save the Date
December 6th
Christmas Brunch & Program

Thanksgiving Eve Mass @ 5:30 pm
Feast of Immaculate Conception...
Dec 8, Tues eve Mass @ 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass @ 6:00 p.m.
New Years Day Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Please read "Soul Food" as it applies to both parishes.



Save the Date
Great Cookie Trail
December 12, 2026

Order **Poinsettias** in memory of a loved for $13 each on back table.





Interchurch Council Food Pantry
Suggested donation items:
Cereal or cereal bars, canned vegetables, soup, canned pasta, mac& cheese, shampoo, and antiperspirants
Cash donations needed for Wee Care for Christmas gifts for patrons children.
Food distribution: 8- 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.
Thank you for your generosity
305 N. Boles, Blue Mound, Il

Week of November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, Nov 22nd, - 9:00 a.m.
L - Steve Curtin
S - Josie B & Ava H
EM - Phil R, Beth V, Ryan A
For - George Long
By - Eric & Loretta Kahle

Wed, Thanksgiving Eve:
Nov 25th, - 5:30 p.m.
For - Jamie Mateer Capelle - healing
By - Anonymous

Friday, Nov 27th,
Nothing at Holy Trinity

Sunday Nov 29th, 9:00 a.m.
L - Janet DeClerck
S - Gwynn S & Logan A
EM - Linda C, Janet D, Sam F
For - Bud & Marilyn Walsh
By - Sue & David Walsh

Wed, Dec 2nd, 9:00 a.m.
For -George Long
By - Eric & Loretta Kahle

First Friday, Dec 4th, 8:00 a.m.
@ St. Mary's

Nov. Sacristan: Pam Hartwig

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass!

Fiscal Yr	2026-2027	YTD
Children	$5	$61
Adults	$1525	$32,098
Goal	$1680	$33,600
Diffenence	($150)	($1,441)
Cent Camp	$0	$51,390
Mntc Online	$0	$2,250
Poinsettias	$80	$80



Vocation Corner

Loving God, we ask for a special blessing & outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jacob Esker, whom you have called to be yours. Let this vocation grow & develop through a deep spirit of prayer & by following the path of Jesus Christ your Son. May Mary protect him from all harm and through her powerful intercession, obtain for him all the graces he needs to grow into the image of Jesus, the high priest. Give him the grace to embrace the cross through all difficulties, knowing the faith is made strong through trials. Make the yolk easy and the buren light by keeping him ever close to the loving Heart of your Son. AMEN

