



# CHRIST THE KING

BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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*A Thanksgiving Prayer*

May our home be full of joy,  
May our hearts be knit with love,  
As we give our grateful thanks  
For Thy blessings from above.

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Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
whose mercy endures forever.

Ps 106:1



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This means that Catholics must go to two distinct Masses on the weekend: one Mass for the 4th Sunday in Advent, and one Mass for Christmas.

At Christ the King, we want to ensure that your pastoral needs are met with the Mass schedule. We will happily provide as many Masses as needed, but in a manner that does not unnecessarily fragment our community during this celebration (especially with smaller attendance due to many traveling for the holidays).

To determine the best way we could serve you all during the Christmas celebration, we conducted a pew survey this weekend. Here are the results.

We had 46 surveys completed (18 completed at the Saturday Vigil, 28 completed Sunday morning).

For the 4th Sunday of Advent:

- **28** said they are going to the Saturday 4pm Mass on December 23rd
- **18** said they are going to the Sunday 9am Mass on December 24th

For Christmas

- **43** said they are going to the Sunday 4pm Mass on December 24th for Christmas Eve
- **3** said that they would like a Mass on Christmas morning at Christ the King

Based on these results, we will have the following Mass schedule:

### **For the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday December 23rd at 4pm

Sunday December 24th at 9am

### **For the Solemnity of the Nativity (Christmas)**

Sunday December 24th at 4pm

A reminder that 9am Mass on Sunday December 24th *does not count for the Christmas obligation*. It counts for the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. *This means that you have to go to an additional Mass* (at Christ the King Sunday evening, at St. Columba during one of their Mass times, or elsewhere).

We will also share St. Columba's Mass schedule with you (as St. Columba Parish will be sharing our Mass schedule).

Thank you for your cooperation!

Fr. Andrew

**STEWARDSHIP  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

Offering	\$1362.00
All Saint	\$20.00
St. Nick	\$70.00
Votives	\$77.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1529.00</b>



**JESSE TREE**



We will be doing the Jesse Tree again this year. The stars will be available the first weekend of Advent - December 2nd & 3rd. We will be buying gifts for the Benton Head start and the Veterans that live at the Orangeville Manor.

Gifts are due back the weekend of December 16th & 17th. Please record your name and star number when you take a star. Thank you!

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Effective Monday, November 6th, the Parish Office Hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday**

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN  
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2023**

Parish Goal for 2023:	\$8,509.74
Total Paid:	\$12,070.00
Outstanding Pledges:	\$150.00
Total Committed:	\$12,220.00
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$3,560.26
Average per donor:	\$402.33
Number of Donors:	30
Registered Households:	121
Percentage of Participation:	24.79%

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, November 18**

Katherine Theresa Sullivan by Steve & Sue Root

**Sunday, November 19**

Tommy Tishler by Sharon Tishler

**Monday, November 20**

Mary Everett (Birthday Blessings) by Lee Ann Boiwka

**Saturday, November 25**

Marilyn LaBonte by Joe LaBonte

**Sunday, November 26**

People of the Parish

**Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Lector**

Nov 19 - Barb Treier  
Nov 26 - Stephen Root

**Extraordinary Minister**

Nov 19 - Lee Ann Boiwka  
Nov 26 - Meg Geffken

**Collection Stewards**

Nov 19 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella  
Nov 26 - Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**WE ARE GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.**

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

## MONASTERY PANTRY ORDERS

Order forms are on the back counter  
Forms are due by November 26th  
Delivery at CTK December 16th

Contact Meg Geffken with Questions  
570-441-6935

## SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, December 9th** - workshop with  
Deacon Strohm, 9-3 (Sign up sheet on back counter)

**Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.** - Decorating  
the Church for Christmas

**Sunday, Decembr 17th** - CYE Children's  
Christmas Program  
and  
Parish Covered Dish Brunch  
(Sign up sheet on back counter)

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. We are here for you.

## ARE YOU ABLE TO SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK WITH JESUS?

The Adoration Chapel at the Basilica of St. Cyril and Methodius in Danville IS NOW OPEN with adoration hours from Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. through Thursdays at 8:00 p.m

We urgently need one Adoration person for 3-4 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel! Perhaps four friends could share an hour per month!

Contact Judy Dobson for more information at 570-594-7175 or go to our website, <https://adoration24hours.wordpress.com/>

## UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,  
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or  
\$10.00/ month  
Month of November - Judy & Sonny Wormelsdorf

## BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of November we will be collecting Chicken & Turkey Stuffing due to the Food Bank by November 19th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

## WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING

**Aluminum tabs** - supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Danville

**Fronts of recycled cards** - Supporting St. Jude's Ranch for children and young adults - providing them with life and work skills

**Used postage stamps** - Program called Stamps for the Wounded (they do not accept the flag stamps)

You can put these items in containers on the table at the entrance of the church. Thank you!

## CYE NEWS

November 19 - CYE Snacks - TJ Hnylanski

Blessed Reconciliation lessons 1, 2, and 3 are due today for children receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year.

There are no CYE classes on Sunday November 26. Masses will be as scheduled Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am

I pray each of you have a Blessed Thanksgiving. Many blessings to you and your family.

## MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH

Together we can make a difference in our families and communities. Please donate prayerfully and generously!