



SEASON OF

# Thanksgiving

God loves creation and daily recreates and restores it through the Christ and the Spirit. This awareness brings hope to Christians and leads them to a deepening of prayer and action on behalf of all God's beloved creatures.

*We pray...*

Rooted and grounded in the Creator's love, entwined in Christ's own life, we hear the song of the Spirit today in trees and grass, in forest and field, and in the tender stretching of our own heart.

– *Earth Gospel* by Sam Hamilton-Poore

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**Food Pantry/Utility Assistance:**

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul. | Serves residents of zip 63107, 63115 and 63147.  
 OPEN: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. 314.535.9794.

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# Most Holy Trinity Parish

[mhtstl.org](http://mhtstl.org) | FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING | NOVEMBER 21, 2021

*Jesus is the faithful witness.*

*Revelation 1:5*

When am I called to be a FAITHFUL WITNESS?



HOW do I think and act for others?

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*Reflection Regina Fox, SSND; Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND*

**MISSION:** We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday**

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On the last Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King: the anointed One of God who comes to reveal the truth of God's love for all. In Jesus we recognize the essential truth of life that we are loved by God who created us.

Jesus witnesses the truth that God's love for humankind is complete and unconditional; a love that frees and renews, gives and sustains life and hope, offers light and enables us to see our world in the fullness of Love.

The reign of God is visible in our midst when we love, forgive, live compassion, work to bring about justice and peace in our home, our neighborhood and our workplace.

We are blessed to have a mural of Christ the King in our church interior. The mural was painted by the Max Autenreib company. It is still in existence, family-owned and serves our church today.

We send thank you to the Autenreib family for the interior painting of our church.

– S. Janice



**THANKSGIVING MASS:** Thursday, November 26, 9:00 a.m. The Greek term, "eucharist" means thanksgiving. This American Thanksgiving holiday, proclaimed officially by President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War, reflects the importance of living a life of daily giving thanks.

Let us be thankful for the spiritual and material blessings we experience in our lives and as a nation. In thanking God for what we receive, we give with generosity our gifts and talent for the good of others.

**ADVENT PREPARATION, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10:00AM:** Putting up the Advent wreath, storing our beautiful autumn decorations and adorning the church takes many hands. Please come and join in the excitement of preparing for this Advent season.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28:** The liturgical environment reflects the quiet and the dark where we wait in ongoing vigil for the birth of Jesus celebrated at Christmas. Advent's purple is more at the blue end of the spectrum, reminiscent of the night sky just before dawn. Vatican II encouraged churches to use blue to celebrate Advent. The image of *light in the night* persists throughout the Liturgy of the Word, revealing Jesus, Light come into the world. The *wreath* suspended over the church center aisle and decorated with greens and lights, offers light in the winter darkness.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Amanda Suchara, John Towles, Mary Whitehead, and the Tracy and Usanga families.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 9:30 AM:**  
*Presider:* Father Aidan McDermott

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 9:30 AM:**  
*Presider:* Father Dan Kern  
*Lector:* Melita Long  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Donna Lindsay & Brenda Tillman

**STEWARDSHIP 11/14/2021:** \$1380.00

 **MASS INTENTION**

**Sunday, November 21, 9:30 am:**  
Rick Bialezak Family and Joanne George

## NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

**Father Augustus Tolton** (1854-1897) was the first black priest in the United States. People tutored him, but no seminary in the U.S. would accept him. He traveled to Rome to study for the priesthood and was ordained there in 1886. He returned to the U.S. to serve the black community in Quincy, Illinois where he celebrated his first mass. Father Tolton met with resistance from both white Catholics and Protestant blacks who did not want him to attract people to another denomination. After reassignment to Chicago, he established and administered the Negro "national parish" of St. Monica's Catholic Church.

Tolton's success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. "Good Father Gus," as called by many, was known for his eloquent sermons and beautiful singing voice. An article in the *Lewiston Daily Sun*

said, "Father Tolton...is a fluent and graceful talker and has a singing voice of exceptional sweetness."

The Irish Canadian commented, "Rev. Augustus Tolton has dispelled the idea that the negro was not wanted beyond the altar rail." Today, because of him, many more have entered seminaries in this country and Europe. Tolton celebrated Mass at Congress in Washington, DC.

Tolton was given prominence among the American Catholic hierarchy at the celebration of the first U.S. Catholic diocese in Baltimore. He sat in the sanctuary among the abbots and other dignitaries.



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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Following the homily, all are invited to be prayed for individually by prayer teams. The presider offers anointing. This sacrament provides spiritual, psychological and emotional healing and health of mind and body. Come and celebrate this sign of God's great merciful and healing love.

#### Comfort and Healing

In Mark 6:12-13, St. Mark tells the apostles, to "anoint with oil many sick people and heal them. In James 5:14-15, St. James asks, "Is any one among you sick? Then call in the priest and the faith community and have them pray over those who are sick and anoint them with oil in the name of Christ. And this prayer of faith will save the frail and raise them up."

**The Oil of the Sick** is blessed by the bishop at the cathedral on Holy Thursday morning. It is pure olive oil. The characteristic of olive oil is the healing and strengthening effect it possesses.

When we are apprehensive, God offers us this sacrament to quiet anxiety and dissipate fear. We are blessed with the peace of mind and confidence in God this sacrament bestows.



The essence of the sacrament is in the anointing of the person on the forehead and hands as the following prayer is prayed: "Through this holy anointing may our loving God, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." We respond, "Amen."