



# Church of the Good Shepherd

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November 24, 2024—Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Schedule:

**Good Shepherd, Kent:**

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday

(unless otherwise noted)

**Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:**

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

### Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

### Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or Weddings, please contact the Parish Office.

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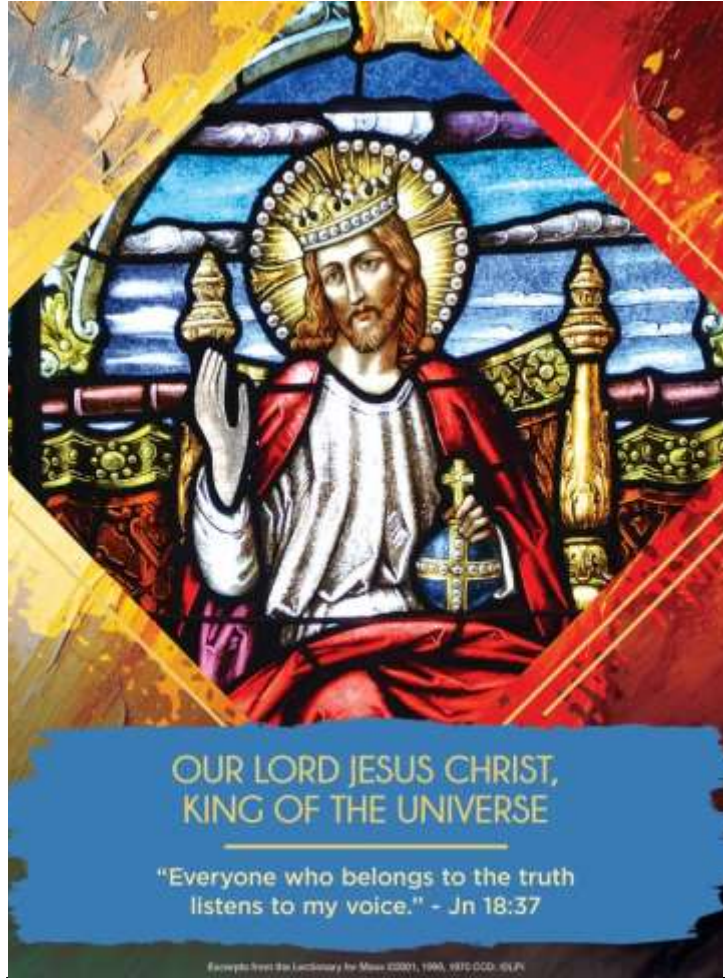
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## This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<b><u>This Weekend:</u></b>	2nd Collection-Diocesan Poverty Relief and Catholic Relief Services
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	NO Adult Bible Study!
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	Happy Thanksgiving! 2nd Collection-Love Basket 9:00 AM Mass Office Closed
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	Office Closed

**Masses and Candles — Week of 11/24/24**

**Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Dn 7:13-14; Ps 91; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37*

**Saturday, November 23**

6:00 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, November 24**

11:00 AM | James Pike Sr by Carol and Family

**Monday, November 25, Weekday**

*Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4*

5:00 PM | Holy Hour (Adoration), Reconciliation

6:00 PM | Garnet Citeroni by Barb Tollie

**Tuesday, November 26, Weekday**

*Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11*

8:30 AM | Richard Maus by Bonnie, Cristi & Tom McKrush

**Wednesday, November 27, Weekday**

*Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19*

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, November 28, Weekday**

*Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100; Lk 21:20-28*

9:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Friday, November 29, Weekday**

*Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84; Lk 21:29-33*

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, November 30, Saint Andrew, Apostle**

*Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22*

**First Sunday in Advent**

*Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

6:00 PM | Mary Ann Somonick by Brother John

**Sunday, December 1**

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish



**Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of Anna Batistig by Children and Grandchildren**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**From Fr. Dino's Desk**

**Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Reflection**

November 24. Text: Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm: 93:1, 1-2, 5, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33b-37.

**The Kingdom Within: Living the Truth of Christ the King**

Normally kingship is associated with power, prestige, and wealth. Surprisingly, the Gospel presents Christ the King on trial and about to suffer and die.

Christ's presence and kingship are not found in the "clouds" (cf. first and second readings) but in his suffering and death (cf. second reading and Gospel) for our sakes and in the tension within our own lives as we struggle to align ourselves with the truth of the kingdom of Christ our King.

Pilate's question, "I am not a Jew, am I?" only reveals a tension between earthly kingdoms: Rome vs. Israel. Jesus' response, however, unearths a broader tension: this world vs. Jesus' kingdom. The broader tension involves all peoples in the challenge to accept *Jesus' kingship not as power over but as power to*. Consequently, *the truth of Jesus' kingdom does not lie in anything of this world but in hearts turned to God, ears attuned to Jesus' voice, and actions conveying faithful following of Jesus*. We navigate the tension between the way of the world and the way of Jesus' kingdom by putting flesh on the truth: laying down one's life for others.



The Knights of Columbus Council 10960 will have fresh, blessed bread to distribute to all in attendance at our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM.

**Live Nativity Dec. 13-14 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent**

Drive thru or park and join us for the live nativity, bonfire, music by our parish choir, hot cocoa, and refreshments on Friday, Dec. 13, from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 14, from 7-9 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected for Catholic Charities' Children & Family Services Fund. Please contact our parish office at (724) 479-3881 for more information or to volunteer.



**Throughout the Diocese**

**Save the date: Kerygma Discipleship Retreat May 16-18, 2025**

Mark your calendar for the next Kerygma Discipleship Retreat, set for the weekend of May 16-18, 2025, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The retreat is an opportunity to hear God’s call and experience a way to live our faith in the modern world through prayer and the Church community. It is open to all adults who desire to know Jesus in a deeper way. For information, visit [www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat/](http://www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/kerygma-discipleship-retreat/).

**St. James Parish, New Alexandria, to host all-day Eucharistic Adoration Dec. 9**

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host all-day Eucharistic adoration Monday, Dec. 9 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation), with adoration at 8:30 a.m., Benediction at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6 p.m.

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



Black Friday Sale -- all adult clothing (excluding jeans and white tag items) is BOGO on Monday and Tuesday at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store!

Happy Thanksgiving from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store! The store will only be open Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 2pm this week so our volunteers can celebrate.

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).

To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210

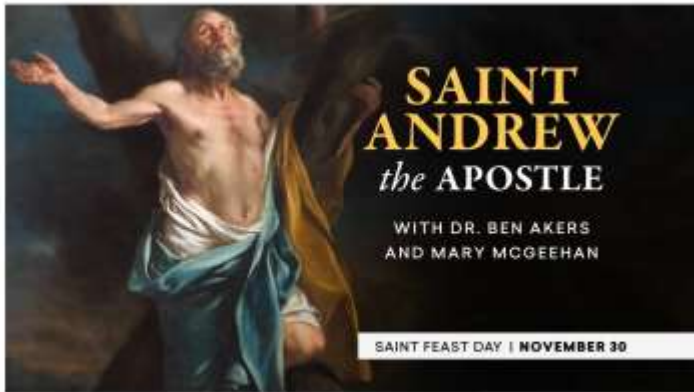
**Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 11/17/24**

**\*\*\*FINANCIAL REPORT\*\*\***  
This report will be in a future bulletin.

On the next edition of the Catholic Accent TV Show, “Pilgrimage to Christ,” watch as Bishop Larry J. Kullick invites you to plan a spiritual pilgrimage in honor of the Holy Family. Join us as we take you to five different pilgrimage sites around the world and explain the significance of each for our faith. Learn about the cultures and see the various St. Nicholases through the eyes of world-renowned artist Pipka Ulvilden through her drawings, paintings and inspired sculptures. And Father Daniel E. Carr, Pastor of St. Regis Parish, Trafford, is in the kitchen with his mom, Linda, making cannoli for Christmas. Watch The Catholic Accent TV show on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 and 15, and a half-dozen more times on MeTV. The Catholic Accent is always on at [theaccentonline.org](http://theaccentonline.org).



**St. Anne Home, Greensburg, selling lottery calendars**  
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**St. Andrew the Apostle | Catholic Saints**

All of the saints had a story before they met Christ. For St. Andrew, he was a fisherman. Hearing the call of Christ, Andrew and his brother Peter left everything behind to follow Jesus. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss St. Andrew, his life, and the example he provides to all Christians.

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***“The Hands That Give and the Heart That Forgets: A Test of Trust.”***

One day, a very wealthy man was walking on the road. Along the way, he saw a beggar on the sidewalk. The rich man looks kindly on the beggar and asked, “How did you become a beggar?”

The beggar said, “Sir, I’ve been applying for a job for a year now but haven’t found any. You look like a rich man. Sir, if you’ll give me a job, I’ll stop begging.”

The rich man smiled and said, “I want to help you. But I won’t give you a job. I’ll do something better. I want you to be my business partner. Let’s start a business together.”

The beggar blinked hard. He didn’t understand what the older man was saying. “What do you mean, Sir?”

“I own a rice plantation. You could sell my rice in the market. I’ll provide you the sacks of rice. I’ll pay the rent for the market stall. I’ll even give you food allowance every day for the next 30 days. All you’ll have to do is sell my rice. And at the end of the month, as Business Partners, we’ll share in the profits.”

Tears of joy rolled down his cheeks. “Oh Sir,” he said, “you’re a gift from Heaven. You’re the answer to my prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!” He then paused and said, “Sir, how will we divide the profits? Do I keep 10% and you get the 90%? Do I keep 5% and you get the 95%? I’ll be happy with any arrangement.”

The rich man shook his head and chuckled. “No, I want you to give me the 10%. And you keep the 90%.”

For a moment, the beggar couldn’t speak. When he tried to speak, it was gibberish. “Uh, gee, uh, wow, I mean, huh?” He couldn’t believe his ears. The deal was too preposterous.

The rich man laughed more loudly. He explained, “I don’t need the money, my friend. I’m already wealthy beyond what you can ever imagine. I want you to give me 10% of your profits so you grow in faithfulness and gratitude.”

The beggar knelt down before his benefactor and said, “Yes Sir, I will do as you say. Even now, I’m so grateful for what you’ve done for me!”

And so that was what happened...

He forgets where the blessings came from.

Each day, the beggar - now dressed a little bit better - operated a store selling rice in the market. He worked very hard. He woke up early in the morning and slept late at night. And sales were brisk, also because the rice was of good quality. And after 30 days, the profits were astounding.

At the end of the month, as the ex-beggar was counting the money, and liking very much the feeling of money in his hands, an idea grew in his mind. He told himself, “Gee, why should I give 10% to my Business Partner? I didn’t see him the whole month! I was the one who was working day and night for this business. I did all this work! I deserve 100% of the profits!”

A few minutes later, the rich man was knocking on the door to collect his 10% of the profits. The ex-beggar opened the door and said, “You don’t deserve the 10%. I worked hard for this. I deserve all of it!” And he slammed the door.

If you were his Business Partner, how would you feel?

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