



St Sebastian Catholic Church



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801 Broad Avenue · Belle Vernon, PA 15012

November 26, 2023

Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Tuesday, 8:00 AM

Friday, 8:00 AM

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Baptism Preparation

Third Wednesday of every month. Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

Religious Education/Formation

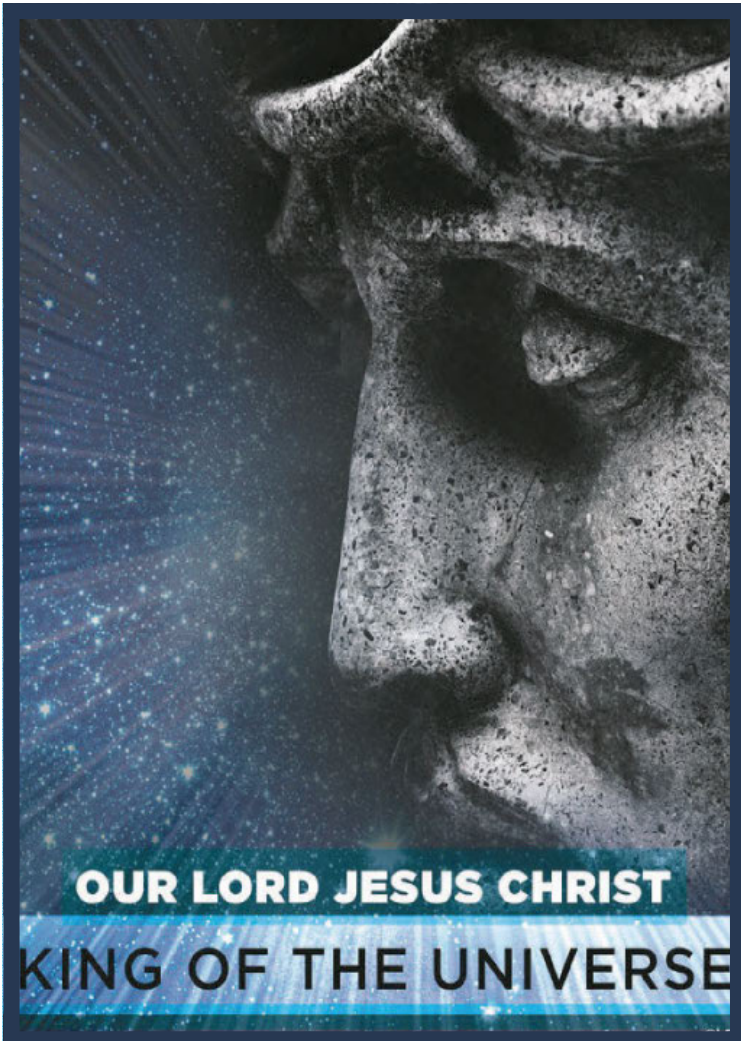
Please call the Faith Formation Office, 724-929-9300.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Reconciliation

Confessions are on Saturday: Epiphany—11:30 a.m. and St. Sebastian—3:30 p.m.. You may also call at any time for an appointment for confession



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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From the Pastor
“Whatever you do for the least...”



This is the final week of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Over the past few weeks our readings have been speaking to us about being organized, ready, and prepared for the last days. Whether we think of this in terms of the end of times or the end of our life, the result is the same: we need to live our lives in preparation for the gift of everlasting life.

Ezekiel in the first reading speaks to us of how the religious leaders of Israel were negligent in their role as shepherds and as a result the people suffered. There is much wisdom to be found in this reading and it pertains not only to people in a position of leadership, but to all of us. I shudder to think what God would say to the shepherds of our world today for their negligence. How often have we watched TV evangelists crying for forgiveness because of their failure to shepherd. Every now and then we read in the newspaper about how some administrator misappropriated funds of a church for no reason other than selfish gain. The Catholic Church has been devastated by some bishops who were involved in covering up crimes of pedophilia in their dioceses. They acted on the “good name” of the church rather than tending to those who had been molested by priests. We have all been affected from the fall out of many CEOs and presidents of corporations who recklessly mismanaged funds. For all of these acts of greed and recklessness there is a price to pay, and we are reminded by Ezekiel that God will gather us all together and restore the flock to wholeness and holiness. It is a strong message of hope during times of such turbulence.

As easy as it is at times to be able to point our finger and shake our heads, the gospel quickly brings us back to reality in reminding us that we are all leaders who share in a responsibility of tending to all of God’s sheep. Jesus in a simple way enlightens us to the fact that salvation is promised to all those who do the simple humanitarian acts like caring for the abandoned and forgotten people of the earth. Through simple human acts of everyday life we are promised everlasting peace with Christ our King. The impact of this gospel becomes our final proof of membership in the kingdom of God. We meet Christ in the needy and are judged by our own willingness or failure to respond.

The Kingship of Christ then becomes not something of honor and glory; rather it is one of love and service, not dominion and exploitation. Jesus reminds all of us that this level of love and service must go hand in hand. We cannot have one without the other. We are reminded by St. Paul that it is through our Baptism that we embrace this life of service. If we are true to the call that we took at Baptism, then we will be true to the call of service in the name of Christ our King. What is so absolutely amazing about this Gospel is that Jesus makes these simple human acts of kindness to the level of identifying himself in an absolute sense, with those to whom these acts of kindness and mercy are shown. “When you do this to them, you do it to me.” On this last Sunday of the year we are gently reminded that our salvation depends on how we respond to this command.

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the financial report for November 19, 2023, will be in next Sunday’s bulletin.

Stewardship of Treasure—November 12, 2023

Regular Offertory:	\$	8,221.11
Utilities & Maintenance:	\$	130.00
Votives:	\$	414.00
All Saints:	\$	373.00
All Souls:	\$	98.00
Catholic Accent:	\$	100.00
Poverty Relief:	\$	65.00
Retired Priests/Religious:	\$	273.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	75.00
Cap. Project/Roof Fund:	\$	332.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$	50.00
Sanctuary Flowers:	\$	40.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	20.00
Christmas:	\$	35.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	20.00
Total Nov. 11/12		\$ 10,246.11



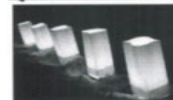
Lessons and Carols

This ecumenical event features the voices of the Belle Vernon Area Churches sponsored by the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium and presented at Saint Sebastian Church on Sunday, **December 10**, at 6:30 pm. The Service is composed of nine Lessons (readings) from Scripture, followed by the singing of Advent Hymns or Christmas Carols after each Lesson. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this festive service. A free will offering will be taken at the close of the program to benefit the local food banks. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS ON BROAD



Luminaria Order Form



Let's light up our Country Christmas On Broad with luminaria! They can be purchased in honor/ memory of a loved one or to spread a message of cheer and joy. Each luminaria can be purchased for \$5.00. They will be lit and displayed during the Country Christmas on Broad.

Please complete this form and return, along with payment, to the basket in the church entrance. Forms can also be mailed to the parish office:

St. Sebastian Church
 Luminaria Order
 801 Broad Ave.
 Belle Vernon, Pa 15012

Name: _____

In Memory of	In Honor of	Name or message on luminaria

Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe! It is the last Sunday of the Church year, and it commemorates the supremacy of Christ as King of the Universe. This year the Church has focused on the importance of the Eucharist and it's centrality in all of our lives. In commemoration of this great day, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration today after the 11:00 Mass until 3:30** at which time we will have Benediction and the Closing. I do hope that you will be able to stop in Church during this adoration and spend a few minutes in prayer.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents and children of the 2024 Confirmation class will have a meeting on **December 10** in the Church following the 11 a.m. Mass. Confirmation is scheduled for April 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Country Christmas on Broad...

We are only a few weeks away from our Country Christmas on **December 17**. There are many ways that you can help make this a successful event. I am very grateful to all of the people who came to the planning meeting, but we will need all the help we can get to make it happen. First of all, there are some things that you can donate if you feel so moved:



- Ingredients to make SMORES:**
(Chocolate Bars, Marshmallows & Graham Crackers)
 - Assorted candies for treat bags; -Hot Chocolate Mix; -Packages of Hand Wipes;-Bales of Hay**
- As we get closer to the event, I will let you know if we are in need of anything else. Please know that anything you are able to do to help will be greatly appreciated!

Sympathy and Prayers—Please remember in your prayers those who have died: **GLENDA SUE BREWER** and **DONNA BITONTI**. We extend our sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by **Saturday, December 2**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The sausage will be sold at \$5.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. **All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for more info, contact **Kenny at 724-929-3464**. Please make checks out to **Knights of Columbus**.

Liturgies of the Week

November 25—Vigil

4:30 pm (Date of Birth) Bill Wilson—Michael & MaryMartha Becher & Children

November 26—Solemnity of Christ the King

9:00 am (Death Anniv) Sam Suppa, Jr.—Wife, Annette & Children, & Grandchildren
 11:00 am Felix & Juanita Lisovich—Daughter, Lynette Carpenter

Monday, November 27

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am Paul Joseph Grata—James & Sally Coda

Wednesday, November 29

No Mass Today

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am Mass at Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, December 1

8:00 am Myrle & Ruth Keller—Son, Lou & Family

Saturday, December 2—Vigil

3:30 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 4:30 pm Jacob & Merry Hewitt—Daughters, Dayna & Sissy

December 3—First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For All the People of Saint Sebastian Parish
 11:00 am (Date of Birth) John Imbrogno—James & Theresa Novotny

THE ROSARY IS PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM, PRIOR TO THE 9:00 AM MASS. PLEASE JOIN US!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—December 2/3

	Lectors	Lit. Coord/EM	Servers
4:30 pm	J. Wasicek	K. Molesky	M. Wasicek
9:00 am	E. Bagay	B. Mallonee	A. Frank
11:00 am	C. Rhodes	S. Kroskie	Volunteer Needed

Consider online giving, click the "my Offering" button on our parish website.

Christmas Fruit Baskets

The cost is \$25 per box. The **deadline** to order is **December 10**. **Pick up dates are Friday, December 22, 3—5 pm or Saturday, December 23, Noon—2 pm in the Parish Hall**. Please complete the order form and drop in the collection or return to the Parish Office with your payment.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKET ORDER

NAME _____

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PICK-UP: DEC. 22—3:00-5:00 PM or DEC. 23—NOON-2:00 PM



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