

## December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent



### **ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, Pisek** **ST. JOSEPH, Lankin ~ STs. PETER & PAUL, Bechyne**

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**Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek**

#### THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

12/01-Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members  
12/02-Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Denise Kovarik – B. Salberg & H. Okonek  
12/03-Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † David Karas – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

#### MASS INTENTIONS (December 3 – December 9)

12/03 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
12/04 – Tuesday – **5:00 pm** – Special Intention  
12/05 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – (L) Byron & Pam Gabel Intentions  
12/06 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – † Lawrence J. Novak – JoAnn Ryba  
12/07 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – (L) Teresa Callea – Sr. Mary Therese  
12/07 – Friday – **HOLY DAY – Immaculate Conception – VIGIL MASS – 5:00pm** – (L) Eileen Gothman  
– Tim Zikmund Family  
12/08 – Saturday – **HOLY DAY – Immaculate Conception – MASS – 8:00 am** – † All Deceased Veterans  
– Pisek American Legion  
12/08 – Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members  
12/09 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Millie Jallo – Albin & Pam Jallo  
12/09 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Ludger & † Elaine Kadlec – Rodney & Audrey Kadlec

**Reconciliation** – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

**Adoration** – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday  
7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

**Morning Prayer** – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.  
**Evening Prayer** – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Baptism** – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

**Wedding** – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

**New to Parish** – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

#### **FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE**

##### *December 2018*

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

##### *January 2019*

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday  
Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

##### *February 2019*

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

#### **ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE** **LITURGY HELPERS**

December 2 – 10:30 am	
<b>Ushers</b>	Barbara Greicar & Louise Novak
<b>Read</b>	Louise Novak
<b>EMHC</b>	N/A
<b>Clean</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>

#### **ST. JOSEPH** **LITURGY HELPERS**

December 1 – 5:00 pm	
<b>Usher</b>	Francis & Marilyn Praska
<b>Read</b>	Kristi Brintnell
<b>Clean</b>	Don & Gayle Beneda

#### **S.S. PETER & PAUL** **LITURGY HELPERS**

December 2 – 8:30 am	
<b>Usher</b>	Pat Restad & James M Shirek
<b>Read</b>	Albin
<b>Serve</b>	Lily & Natalie
<b>EMHC</b>	N/A
<b>Clean</b>	Lois Kovarik & Patty Bina

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Fr. Lefor, Roger Kovarik, Linda Knudson,  
Dan Dub Sr., Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,  
Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.*

#### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

**Evangelization:** *In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*  
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

(See [www.plbtriparish.org](http://www.plbtriparish.org) for full schedule)

12/05/18 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
12/09/18 – Gr. K – 6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
12/12/18 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
12/16/18 – Gr. K – 6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
12/19/18 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
12/23/18 – Gr. K – 6 – 9:00 am – Pisek

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

## WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

11/25/18	11/26/18	11/27/18	11/28/18	11/29/18	11/30/18	12/01/18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Christ the King</i></p> <p><u>St. Catherine of Alexandria</u></p>	<p><u>St. Columban</u></p>	<p><u>St. Francesco Antonio Fasani</u></p> <p>*KC Mtg – Park River – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Eunice Pecka</p>	<p><u>St. James of the Marche</u></p> <p>*FAITH FORMATION Gr 7-9 – 4:30 pm Gr 10-12 – 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>St. Clement</u></p> <p>Michael Hodny Alexandra Shirek</p>	<p><u>St. Andrew</u></p>	<p><u>Bl. Charles de Foucauld</u></p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE ALTAR SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 27 ~ 6:00 pm

**Important** meeting so please plan to attend.

**NO POTLUCK AT ST. JOHN'S** on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the 10:30 am Mass. The potluck date has been changed to Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 am Mass.

### CENSUS

Thus far, the response has not been good; only 23 have responded from Pisek, 18 from Bechyne & 18 from Lankin. We need to have this census completed by December 1<sup>st</sup> which is only days away, so **Please, Please** take a few minutes and fill out the form. If you can't find your form, email or call, we can do it by email or phone, but please respond.

**STILL NEEDED AT ST. JOHN'S** – Person or persons to put together the reader & Usher list for 2019 and someone or more to implement a Music program for the Sunday Masses. Will train anyone interested in the running of the synthia. Contact Louise or email office, address on front of bulletin.

**PENNY BEAR** – Thank You, Thank You for all the coins, our Penny Bear is over half full – let's hope we can fill it by the end of the year.

### PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

O my Divine Savior,  
Transform me into Yourself.  
May my hands be the hands of Jesus.  
Grant that every faculty of my body  
May serve only to glorify You.  
Above all,  
Transform my soul and all its powers  
So that my memory, will and affection  
May be the memory, will and affections  
Of Jesus.  
I pray for You  
To destroy in me  
All that is not of You.  
Grant that I may live  
But in You, by You and for You,  
So that I may truly say,  
With St. Paul,  
"I live - now not I -  
but Christ lives in me".