

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

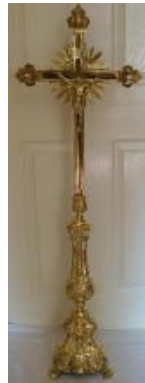
Dear Friends,

As we approach the great festival of Christmas, I come to you seeking your help. Like every year, I encourage you to give generously towards a gift which we can offer as an apostolate family to our Eucharistic King. In the past we have been able to adorn our altar with new reliquaries, purchase vestments, and last year a silver monstrance.

This year, with the impending move to the Salvatorian Shrine in Merrillville, we urgently need to enrich our sacristy with the necessary items, required by the rubrics, for the celebration of holy Mass. Most pressing, is the need for a set of high Mass candlesticks and a matching crucifix. I have been able to find a truly worthy set, forged in silver, dating from the early 19th century and coming from a closed Poor Clare monastery in the Netherlands. I have also found an altar cross in a similar style (see photos below).

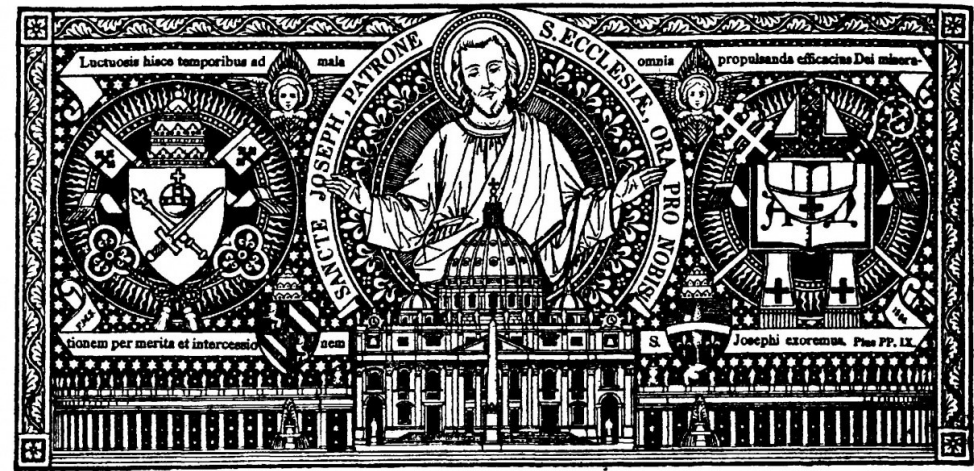
In these difficult times, let us not forget about our Divine Savior and all that He has given for us. Remember the words of the Infant Jesus: "The more you honor me, the more I will bless you." Please make your offering using the silver envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Thanking you for your generosity,  
Canon James T. Hoogerwerf



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas Mass Times:** 12:00 Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11:30pm. Christmas Day Mass at 11:00am.



## SAINT JOSEPH ORATORY

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**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Introit**

Let the Just One descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop Him down. Let the earth open and a Saviour bud forth. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Let the Just One descend . . .

**Collect**

Put forth Your power, O Lord, we beseech You, and delay not: and with Your great might come to our aid, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Your merciful goodness. Through our Lord . . .

**Epistle**

*Corinthians 4:1-5*

Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on

my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

### Gradual & Alleluia

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Lord, and delay not; forgive the sins of Your people Israel. Alleluia.

### Gospel

*Luke 3:1-6*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

### Offertory

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

### Secret

Look with favor, O Lord, we beseech You, upon the offerings here present, that they may be profitable for our devotion and for our salvation. Through our Lord . . .

### Communion

Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Emmanuel.

### Postcommunion

Having received Your gifts, we beseech You, O Lord, that each partaking of this sacrament may increase within us its saving effect. Through our Lord . . .

### BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4, 298.00

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: \$ 2, 515.00

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: \$ 5, 360.00

**Total for the Month : \$ 12, 173.00**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Hammond* on the memo line.** All checks made out to "St. Joseph's" are given to the parish. Per agreement with the pastor, \$800/week is given in rent to St. Joseph's Parish.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

Each pack of Institute Christmas Cards includes 10 full-color greeting cards featuring different renditions of the Adoration of the Magi. These are printed on high-quality card stock and come with 10 matching envelopes.

**Packs of 10 Christmas Cards are available for \$20.00**

**2022 Liturgical Calendars available for a free will donation**

**All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.**



### WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*"In this world there is no wealth without anxiety, no repose without labor, no consolation without affliction, no health without sickness."*

### WE'RE MOVING

Effective January 1st, 2023

Sunday Mass at 8:00am

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine

5755 Pennsylvania St

Merrillville, IN 46410

