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Packs of 10 Christmas Cards are available for \$20.00

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Cards* written on the memo line.

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.

ATTENTION!

If you have recently changed your phone number, email, or home address, please be sure to contact the office of the Oratory to update your information.

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This will be especially important when the end-of-year tax statements are sent out. Thank you!

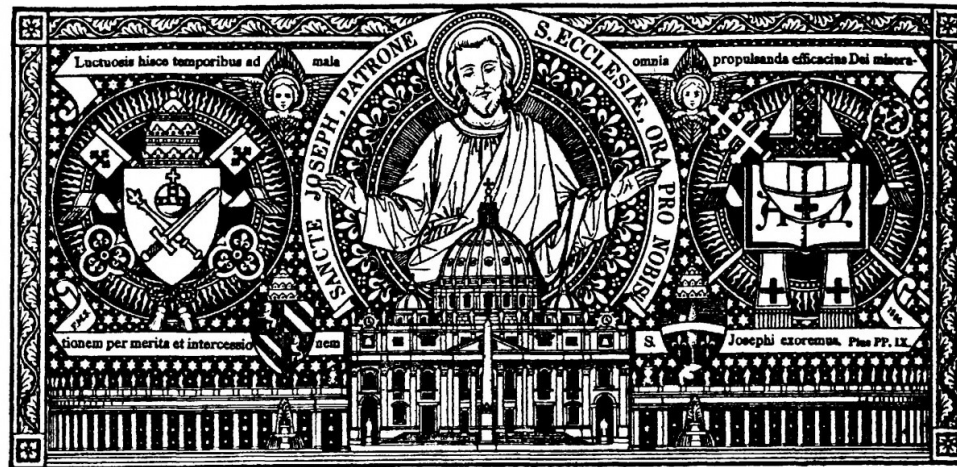
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Sunday, November 16th, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Introit

The Lord says: "I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction. You shall call upon Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places." You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father . . .

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Collect

Forgive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sins of Thy faithful people, so that by Thy goodness we may be released from the net of sin in which we have been caught by our weakness. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-21; 4:1-3

Brethren: Be imitators of me, and mark those who walk after the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the Cross of Christ. Their end is ruin, their god is the belly, their glory is in their shame, they mind the things of earth. But our citizenship is in heaven from which also we eagerly await a

Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will refashion the body of our lowliness, conforming it to the body of His glory by exerting the power by which He is able also to subject all things to Himself. So then, my brethren, beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown, stand fast thus in the Lord, beloved. I entreat Evodia and I exhort Syntyche to be of one mind in the Lord. And I beseech you also, my loyal comrade, help them, for they have toiled with me in the gospel, as have Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers whose names are in the book of life.

Gradual & Alleluia

Thou hast saved us, O Lord, from our foes, and those who hated us Thou put to shame. In God we gloried day by day; Thy name we praised always. Alleluia, alleluia. Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:18-26

At that time, as Jesus was speaking to the crowds, behold, a ruler came up and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, my daughter has just now died; but come and lay Your hand upon her, and she will return to life." And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. Now a woman who for twelve years had been suffering from hemorrhage, came up behind him and touched the tassel of His cloak saying to herself, "If I touch but His cloak I shall be saved." But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, "Take courage, daughter; your faith has saved you." And the woman was restored to health from that moment. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the crowd making a din, He said, "Begone, the girl is asleep, not dead." And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the crowd had been put out, He went in and took her by the hand; and the girl arose. And the report of this spread throughout all that district.

Offertory

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my prayer! Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord.

Secret

We offer Thee O Lord, the sacrifice of praise that we may serve Thee even better, so that Thou may graciously complete what Thou hast given us, Thou undeserving servants. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Amen I say to you, all things whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done to you.

Postcommunion

We beseech Thee, almighty God, let not human dangers overcome us to whom Thy grant joyful participation in things divine. Through our Lord . . .

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, November 9th: \$ 2, 716.00

Total for the Month of November: \$ 10, 017.00

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with Oratory on the memo line.

All checks made out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, **\$1200/ week** is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Seminary Collection: \$6, 785.00

Thank you to all who have donated to the special collection for the Institute of Christ the King Seminary for the formation of your future priests!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, December 5th**: First Friday of the Month. Confessions at 6:00 pm and Holy Mass at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville.
- **Monday, December 8th**: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 6:30pm, preceded by the Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions. Patroness of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.
- **Sunday, December 14th**: Second Sunday of the Month. "Blessing Sunday." Blessings of religious articles after Holy Mass.

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."