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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—10pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 12 noon—6pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Here are seven ways to help souls in Purgatory: (1) Attend Holy Mass and have Masses said for our departed loved ones, especially on the death anniversary. This is an act of love and remembrance. (2) Pray the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. (3) Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great: tradition holds that St. Gertrude was told that piously reciting this prayer releases a thousand souls from purgatory, “Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.” (4) Give alms: the giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. (5) When passing by a cemetery, pray the short Eternal Rest prayer. This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls. (6) Visit a cemetery: pray over the graves of our departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. (7) Offer our forgiveness to those who have died who may have offended us during their lifetime – even if it was insignificant or long forgotten. Re-establish peace in this way. We can also ask forgiveness of those who have died whom we may have offended. This is not only for the good of our own soul, but also to complete and perfect the purification and enlightenment of our loved ones.

Matthew 25 Collection

Help us make a difference. This week we take up the Matthew 25 collection, which supports parish and diocesan ministries focused on providing food, clothing, and shelter to those in need within the Diocese. Our parish retains 25% of what is donated by our parishioners to help our local efforts.

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 11/17/2024 \$ 12,295
 Focused Giving Enhancements \$ 120



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Use your credit card or checking account to make your Sunday donations. Visit HolySpiritPalmyra.com and click on [Online Giving](#).

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Frank Macus (From Fran & Maria)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Marvin & Laretta Fisher (From Jeff & Mary Williams)

The **Altar Flowers** are offered in loving memory of Marvin & Laretta Fisher (From Jeff & Mary Williams)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Rv 14:1-3, 4-5; Lk 21:1-4
 9:00am Mass

† Richard Dobson, Sr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 3:15pm Cenacle
 7:00pm Folk Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Office closes at 4pm
 4:30pm Legion of Mary
 5:30pm Rosary
 6:00pm Mass
 6:40pm Confessions
 7:00pm RCIA

† Marvin & Laretta Fisher

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 Thanksgiving Day

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

Office closed

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

† Rita Mundok

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 7:00am Mass

† All the Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 4:00pm Mass
 5:00pm Confessions

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 8:30am Mass (Rite of Acceptance RCIA)
 9:30am NO PREP (Thanksgiving Break)
 11:00am Mass

† Alex Hourii

† Mary Bentz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO PREP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 (THANKSGIVING BREAK)

Ladies Candlelight Service and Social

Ladies of the parish are invited to an evening of prayer, songs, and fellowship on Monday, December 2, at 6pm, followed by a covered dish dinner. This event is sponsored by the Folk Group. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex. For more information, contact Carol Forsyth at 717-756-3480.

Disciple Maker Survey

Final chance to participate in our parish survey! This is the final weekend to participate in the *Disciple Maker Index* survey. Complete the survey online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b7xk9b>, or on paper. Paper surveys are located on the narthex table. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Thanks for your help in making this effort a success!

2025 Calendar Collection

This weekend is the last weekend to collect and donate your 2025 Calendars (no cards please). The Calendar Collection box will be in the narthex by the VA Holiday Collection bins. The calendars will go to local charities/organizations: including the Caring Cupboard, Lebanon County Christian Ministries, VA Hospital, Cedar Haven, and Toys for Tots!

VA Holiday Collection

The Knights of Columbus will again sponsor a collection of personal care items for our Veterans. Please drop your items in the bins in the narthex sometime between now—December 1. A flyer of acceptable items will be near the bins (no new or used books, blankets, shawls, or clothing). Items will be delivered to the VA Hospital sometime during the week of December 8. Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans.

2025 Catholic Calendar

The Catholic calendars have arrived and are available in the narthex.

Weather Policy

Our winter weather policy is located on our parish website. Please make sure to take a look at our procedures for Masses, church events, and ministry events.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

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Advent Reflections

All adult members of the parish are invited to join the Women at the Well prayer ministry for a time of reflection and prayer during Advent. Meetings will take place on December 4, 11, & 18 in the Multipurpose room after the 6pm evening Mass. We will meditate on the Gospels, share reflections, and spend time in discussion and prayer. You can attend any or all sessions. For more information, contact us at womenatthewell@hspalmyra.com. We hope you'll join us!

Giving Tree

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the Giving Tree Holiday collection. The tree will be on display from now—December 1. Please continue your generous work to benefit Palmyra nursing homes by taking a ticket and returning the unwrapped gift item with the tag attached by Sunday, December 1.

Holiday Rolls

The Knights of Columbus are selling Holiday Rolls from now—December 8. Order forms are available in the narthex, or order online at www.hskofc10502.org. Pick-up dates are December 21/22 in the social hall after Masses.

Carols and Cocoa

The Children's Choir is hosting their 3rd annual "Carols and Cocoa!" event on Tuesday, December 17, at 6pm. This family-friendly evening includes Christmas carol singing and a reception with cookies and hot cocoa. Bring your comfiest blankets, wear your favorite PJs, and bring some cookies to share if you'd like. No RSVP needed.

Mass Intention Policy Changes

The Mass Intention policy will change starting the year of 2025. Please visit the parish website or click on this link: <https://holyspiritpalmyra.com/wp-content/uploads/Mass-Intention-Policy-Holy-Spirit-2025.pdf> to read the new policy. Thank you!



“Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of

Jesus Christ, who came ‘to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind’ (Lk 4: 18-19), and who identified himself with ‘the least of these,’ the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the eucharist.” <https://www.usccb.org/resources/sharing-catholic-social-teaching-challenges-and-directions>.

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