

## Spiritual Revolutions

In the western world there was once a king named Arthur. He was the one who invented the famous Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.

Long before Arthur became a king—in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle—a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and quick as a wink Merlin the magician appeared.

Then disappeared and took the little boy with him.

This was not really a kidnapping, because Merlin was a kindly old magician. Alright it was a kidnapping, but it was for a fond purpose. This magician did not want this boy to grow up in a sumptuous court, spoiled, pampered and “royal.” Rulers can be miles above the tiny precious specks of beauty in life.

So Merlin whisked young Arthur to a bedraggled castle of a third-rate Lord, Sir Ector. Ector’s castle was coarse and dirty but the people were ordinary and nice, and the nooks and crannies were perfect for a little boy to run around in and to hide in. All the servants and lords and ladies were his friends. Naturally.

There was no jealousy about Arthur’s being heir to the throne because, thanks to Merlin, no one knew that he was. Even the boy did not know! He was now the foster-son of Sir Ector, and he was given the unpresumptuous name Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which is short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in an odd, special way. Merlin’s idea was to transform him into various and sundry animals so that the Wart would find out first-hand the wonders packed into, say, the life of a hawk. Or of a fish. In fact, especially of a fish, because fishes go around in schools, and Wart the fish could go to class!

Now, Jesus was not called Christ during his whole lifetime any more than Wart was called King. He was called “Jesus,” a name that in Hebrew was Joshua, which probably meant “God is salvation.” He was a normal Jewish boy, playing with toys, helping his dad, getting his hands dirty and watching birds fly.

Like the Wart, Jesus identified with the lowliest, most ordinary people in the world.

Granted, there was no Merlin to turn Jesus into a fish or a hawk, but there was someone better, the Holy Spirit.

At the last, Pilate asked Jesus if he were a king. Jesus was a King, but not in any way a Pilate could understand.

Smallness was his power.

Christ the King.

I almost forgot to tell you: I typed a wrong key when I began writing this reflection and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind”!

Why should Christ the Kind, one of the people, have to suffer? Because he was one of us.

Why do we have to suffer? Because that is the way of the world.

And why didn’t Christ the King change the world and make things perfect? He did, but not in the way we had expected.

He did it as Christ the Kind.

John Foley, SJ

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 2022

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#### St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am;  
Anointing of the sick for anyone wishing to be anointed

#### St. Josephs, Ethete

**Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM**

Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

#### Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM**

Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 AM Communion Service @ Morning Star

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house  
of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our  
faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you  
Welcome!  
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*The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of  
the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone  
and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong  
community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy  
Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are  
committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

**Readings November 21st through November 27th:**

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thur: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5  
 Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
 Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7b; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens**

**11/20/22**

**9am Mass**

Lector: Linda Bebout

**5pm Mass**

Volunteer Needed

**11/27/22**

**9am Mass**

Lector: Tom Kasper

**5pm Mass**

Volunteer Needed

**Parish Collection**

11/13

\$1299.47

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

**Happenings:**

11/27: Rosary before 9am Mass  
 11/27: First Sunday of Advent

**St. Stephens Religious Ed/Baptism**

December Baptism class will be on December 5th at 5:30pm in the Religious Ed. Office.

Having Mass offered for an anniversary, marriage, special occasion, or in memory of someone is a special gift. Cards are available at the office. Diocesan guideline is \$10.00 for Mass.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Praise Him now and always.



Congratulations to our newly elected tribal leaders. Please keep them, and all leaders, in your prayers. Hohou!

**Mass Intentions/Schedule this week**

11/19:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+Zoe Friday
11/20:	9am St. Stephens 11am St. Josephs 5pm St. Stephens	Luke Brown for his birthday +Thomas Matthew Denego For the people
11/22:	7:15am St. Stephens	William Spoonhunter, Sr.
11/23:	5:00pm St. Stephens	Cecelia Kasper
11/24:	9:00am St. Stephens	Karen Brown
11/25:	5:00pm St. Stephens	Doug Brown
11/26:	4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	For the people
11/27:	9am St. Stephens 11am St. Josephs 5pm St. Stephens	Steve Gresback +Tony Harris Special Intention

During November, we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. There will be a book at the entrance of the church for parishioners to write the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer throughout the month.

Scholarship applications for new students are due on November 30th!! If you or your family member would like an application please have them call the office at 856-7806 or email Melissa: [melissa.brown@saintstephensmission.com](mailto:melissa.brown@saintstephensmission.com)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Like Zacchaeus, do you ever find yourself out on a limb in your marriage? Do you have to climb a tree to be seen/heard. It happens to all of us at one time or another. Learn a communication technique on the Marriage Encounter Experience that will even the playing field in your communication. Learn to communicate without being defensive and reap the benefits of being listened to.

Upcoming Experience dates: Billings, Montana, February 3-5, 2023. Application fee is \$100. For more information or to apply, call Dan and Clare 406-697-3275, or visit our website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

**Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs**

**Baptism Classes**

Please call Sister Teresa at 332-9090.

**Religious Education**

First Communion and Confirmation classes are full. First Communion and Confirmation classes are after the 11am Mass.