

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, January 11th: The Baptism of the Lord

Private: Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

Monday, January 12th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Herbert and Frances Elliott by Barbara Matson

Tuesday, January 13th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Richard Rogowski by Debbie Haibach

Wednesday, January 14th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Kathy Feidler by The Prez Family

Thursday, January 15th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Friends of the Kevin Helsley Family by Family

Friday, January 16th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Ronald Voelker by Pat Kosubecki

Saturday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Sunday, January 18th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
11:00am (SC) John Prez, Anniv. January 20th by Christine Prez Farnum

CONFessions: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Jan. 12th - Private Intention

Tues., Jan. 13th - Norbert Buziewicz (Christine Buziewicz)

Wed., Jan. 14th - Charles Mikielksi, Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kikielski & Family)

Thur., Jan. 15th - William Scott Edward (Lori Krasnesky)

Fri., Jan. 16th - Helen Pyrdek (Mary Rosiak)

Sat., Jan. 17th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Jan. 18th, 9:00AM - Vernon & Ellen Gambill (Paul & Ellen Gambill)

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Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Gerri & Chuck Irwin (The Krasinski Family)

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Increase in vocations; 2) All Parishioners, living and deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

CAUTIONARY NOTES

We find ourselves in the midst of a very active cold and flu season. Those who are ill or experiencing symptoms of sickness are kindly asked to refrain from attending Mass. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the Sunday obligation is excused for a serious reason such as illness (CCC §2181). Staying home when sick is actually considered an act of charity and responsibility toward the health of others (cf. CCC §1829). We encourage those who are ill to rest, pray from home, and return when they are well.

Moreover, out of care for the health of others, those who are ill or experiencing symptoms of sickness are asked to abstain from receiving from the Chalice (the Blood of Christ). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Christ is fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—under either species alone (CCC §1390). Those who receive only the Sacred Host receive the whole of Christ.

Finally, for the safety of our parishioners, please remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass when inclement or dangerous weather makes travel unsafe. Again, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the Sunday obligation is excused in circumstances that prevent safe travel and attendance (CCC §2181). Parishioners are encouraged to use prudent judgment, place safety first, and keep the Lord's Day holy through prayer at home when travel is unsafe.

*Save
the Date*

St. Stanislaus Pancake Breakfast
Superbowl Sunday
February 8th
10:00AM-1:00PM

DID YOU KNOW...

Retirees with IRAs are permitted by the IRS to make Qualified Charitable Distribution (known as QCD) as a direct donation from the IRA to our parish, thus reducing your taxes without impacting your Adjusted Gross Income. Usually, when a person has to take a Required Mandatory Distribution from an IRA, they have to pay taxes on the money withdrawn, and it has to be included in their Total Adjusted Income. With the QCD, the money is not transferred to the charity without increasing one's income tax on the amount, and it can also be taken as a tax deduction to reduce one's federal income tax.

TAX INFORMATION

If you are in need of documentation of your contributions to the church for tax purposes, please call your respective parish office and we will mail it out to you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Stanislaus is beginning its preparations for our Lenten Fish & Pierogi Dinners. We are interested in finding volunteers to make pierogi. No experience is necessary! We will be making pierogi on Tuesday, **January 20th**, and Wednesday, **January 21st**, in the Parish Hall from 9:00AM—? Lunch will be provided.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on January 18th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

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REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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