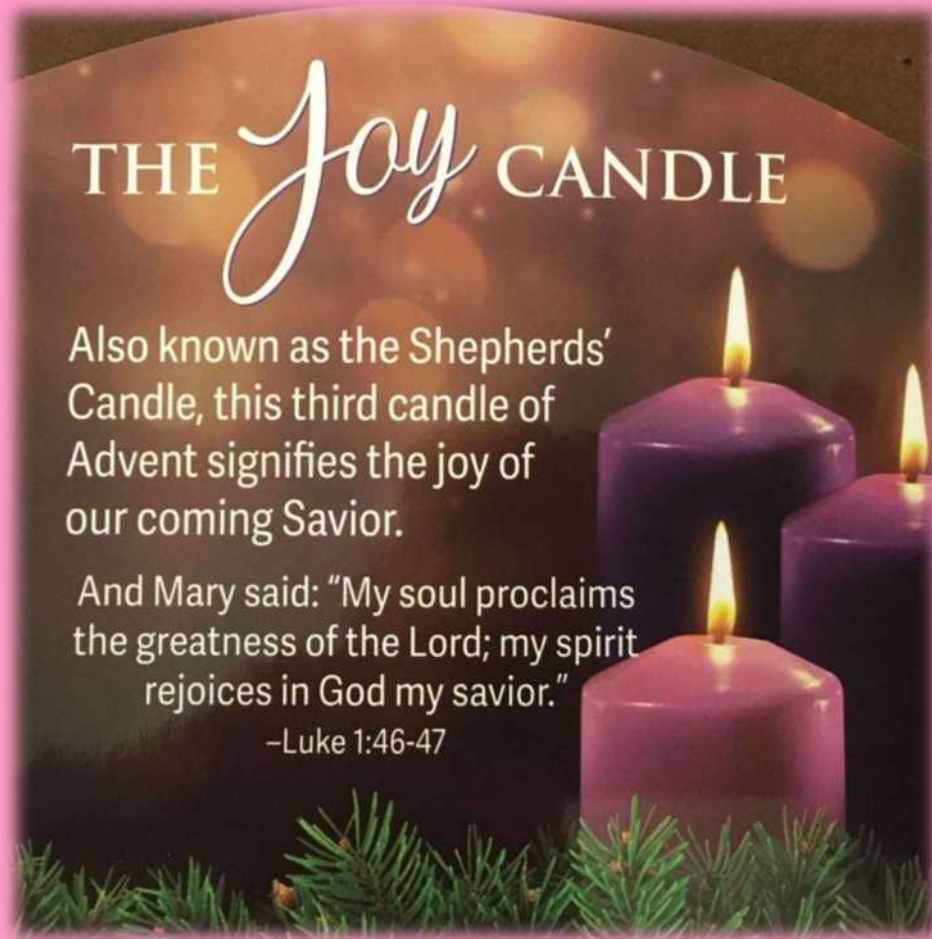


# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 14, 2025



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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

#### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S**

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

#### **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

### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)**

#### **Sunday, December 14th: Third Sunday of Advent**

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno by Christine Prez Farnum

#### **Monday, December 15th: Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) For the Souls in Purgatory by Bob and Stephanie Kosinskie

#### **Tuesday, December 16th: Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

#### **Wednesday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Susan Kingston by Laura Wagner

#### **Thursday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

#### **Friday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Ted Radomski by Kevin Helsley

#### **Saturday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday**

Private: Walter Hilinski, Anniversary by Scott and Paula Hilinski

#### **Sunday, December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Private: Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Henry and Elizabeth Hart by Kathy Mays

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

**December 14, 2025**

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

### **MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)**

Mon., Dec. 15th - Private Intention

Tues., Dec. 16th - Christine Sullivan (Richard Weed)

Wed., Dec. 17th - Joseph Dylewski (David Dylewski & Family)

Thur., Dec. 18th - Souls in Purgatory (Dr. Hal Angeloff)

Fri., Dec. 19th - Helen Dubowski (David & Susan Mikeska)

Sat., Dec. 20th, 4:00PM - Smith Family (Family)

Sun., Dec. 21st, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

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### **Readings for the week of December 14, 2025**

Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**SAINT STANISLAUS:** Special Intention

**HOLY FAMILY:** 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla; 2) Joseph Stahon by Parishioners

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

**ST. ANN'S:** 1) For all Living & Deceased Parishioners; 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estste

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Hilinski Family by Scott, Paula, & Dinica Hilinski

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### **December 24th: Christmas Eve**

3:30PM - Kolendy (St. Stanislaus)  
4:00PM - Christmas Eve Mass (St. Stanislaus)  
4:00PM - Christmas Eve Mass (St. Casimir's)\*

#### **December 25th: Christmas Day**

9:00AM - Christmas Day Mass (St. Stanislaus)  
11:00AM - Christmas Day Mass (St. Casimir's)\*

#### **January 1st: Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)**

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus  
10:00AM - St. Ann's\*

\* Please note these corrections from last week's bulletin.

10

days until  
Christmas

### 'TIS THE SEASON

St. Stanislaus intends to begin decorating our church for the Christmas season following the 9:00AM Mass on December 21st. Anyone interested in helping are warmly invited to join us.

### 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.

### FROZEN PIEROGI

St. Stanislaus has homemade frozen pierogi available for purchase. The cost is \$25 per dozen. If interested, call the Parish Office, or talk to John Villa or Fr. Jason.

### CHRISTMAS OPLATEK

Christmas Oplatek (wafers) will be available at St. Stanislaus during the Advent and Christmas seasons. A monetary donation to offset their cost would be appreciated. You can pick up your Oplatek in the vestibule of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office.

### JANUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

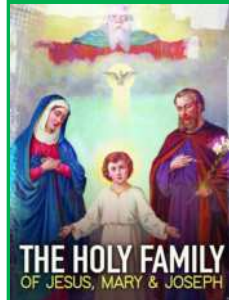
The St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society has lottery raffle tickets available. Only five dollars gives you 31 chances to win throughout the month of January, 2026. You win if your ticket number matches the PA Daily Lottery Drawing. Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church, from any member of the Holy Name Society, Fr. Jason, or by calling the parish office. Tickets make great stocking stuffers!

### THE HAGEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...proudly announces the opening of a landmark exhibit, "The Story of Us, Erie Polonia: Churches & Neighborhoods," curated by St. Stan's very own Bobby J. Sulecki. The exhibit runs through January 30, 2026, on the second floor of the Wood-Morrison House, 338 West 6th St., and is included with general admission. The exhibit explores the founding of St. Stanislaus, the Mother Church of Erie's Polonia, followed by Holy Trinity, St. Hedwig, and St. Casimir's, and others.

### PRAYER FOR ADVENT – NEW GROWTH

Dear God,  
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as "deserts" and your grace to the prayers I fear may be "deserted." You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart. Amen.



### FINAL MASS AT HOLY FAMILY

A special final Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family church on Sunday, December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Family, in order to properly recognize the spiritual significance it held for so many through the years. Priests, deacons, and sisters who have ministered at Holy Family will be invited to be a part of the celebration. All are invited and encouraged to attend. More details to follow...

### JESSE TREE, EXPLAINED!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Due to the Christmas decorating that will take place next weekend, December 21st, we thought it best to **postpone Eucharistic Adoration** for December out of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. We will resume our monthly adoration on the third Sunday of the month beginning January, 19th.



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