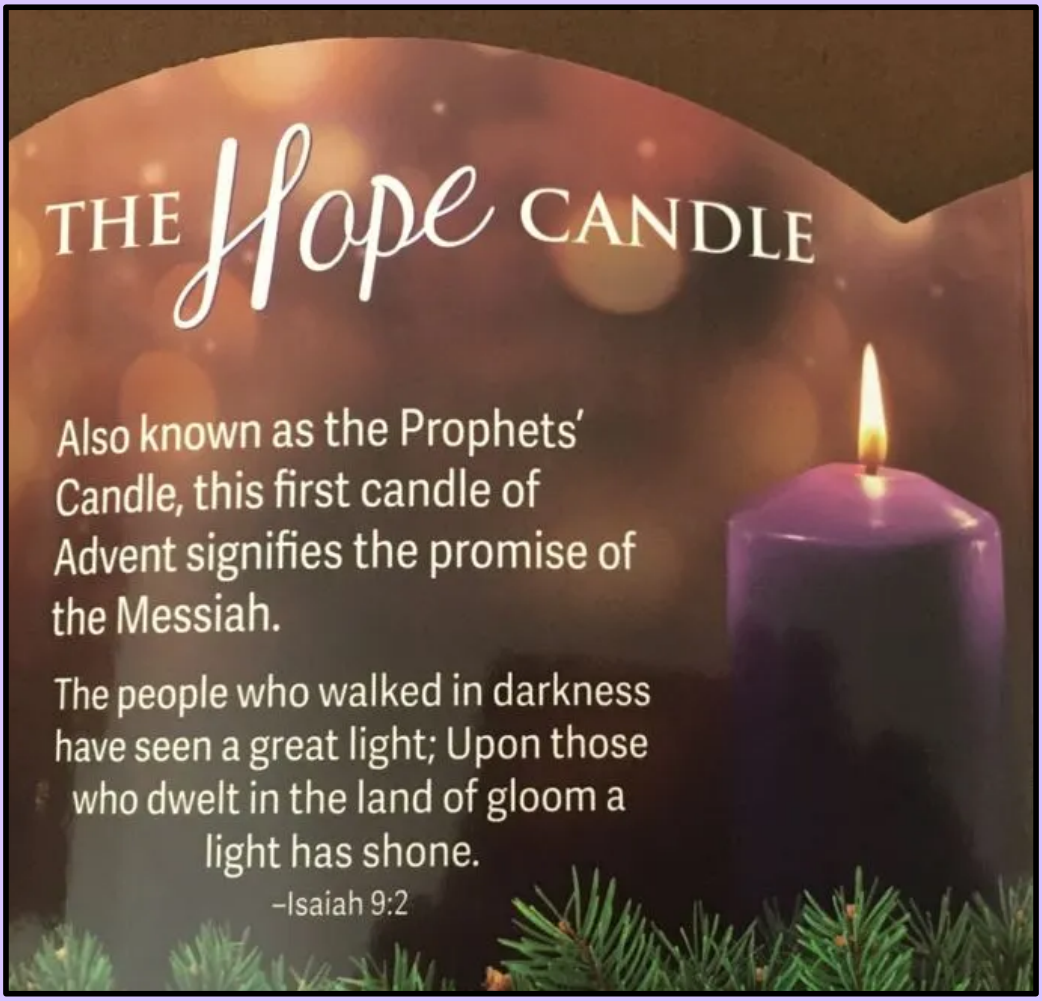
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2026



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MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus
Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus
Sunday 11:00AM: St. Ann's
Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's
First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's
Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office the Day Before

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, November 29th: First Sunday of Advent
Private: All souls in purgatory by The Hilinski Family
*11:00am (SA) John Prez, Birthday by Christine Prez Farnum

Monday, November 30th: Saint Andrew
12:05PM (SA) Richard Burke by Family

Tuesday, December 1st: Advent Weekday
12:05PM (SA) Christine Visosky by Frank & Nancy Hodas

Wednesday, December 2nd: Advent Weekday
12:05PM (SA) The Bubrzyk Family by Theresa Paluh

Thursday, December 3rd: Weekday: Saint Francis Xavier
*12:05PM (SA) Helena Wodecki (Anniversary) by Caroline Larson

Friday, December 4th: Advent Weekday
12:05PM (SA) Ropelewski Family (Estate)

Saturday, December 5th: Advent Weekday
8:30AM (SA) Confessions
9:00AM (SA) Felix Kwitowski by Marlene Figurski
Private (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family

December 6th
Sunday, ~~November 29th~~: First Sunday of Advent
Private: Dr. James M. Adovasio by the Vento Family
11:00AM (SA) Joe Stahon by Bob & Emily ~~Merskium~~

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

Remembrance Candle: All Deceased Loved Ones

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Nov. 30th - Zawistowski Family (Estate)
Tues., Dec. 1st - Stella Dombrowski (Len Kolakowski)
Wed., Dec. 2nd - Private Intention
Thur., Dec. 3rd - Joseph Lesniewski (Ray & Mary Lou Osiecki)
Fri., Dec. 4th - Leonard Popovich (Carla Barnes)
Sat., Dec. 5th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo)*
Sun., Dec. 6th, 9:00AM - Dina Jaskiewicz (Audrey & Pat Chamberlain)

November 29, 2026
Mark 13:33-37

A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most.

We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says, "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him.

How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of November 29, 2026

Sunday: Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Dina Jaskiewicz (Sophia Watral)
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr., and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family
ST. ANN'S: 1) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish; 2) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
ST. CASIMIR'S: 1); Souls in Purgatory by Hal Angeloff 2) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY

The Community Outreach Group will host its annual Clothing Distribution Party on Saturday, December 5th from 10AM-1PM at St. James Place (2622 Buffalo Road). They will be giving away free clothing for men, women, and children. Free snacks and refreshments will also be available. All are welcome; no questions asked. For more information, call or text 814-566-6435.

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FR. JASON'S SCHEDULE CHANGE

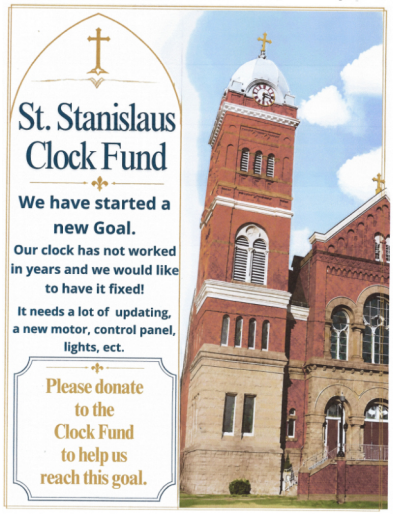
Traditionally, Fr. Jason has taken Mondays as his weekly day off. Beginning on the first week of Advent, November 29th, **Wednesdays will become his weekly**

ST. STANISLAUS SCRIP PROGRAM

In consultation with members of Parish Council and some of the volunteers involved, we have decided to phase out our Scrip program. Since Covid, the number of those participating in the program has plummeted; it is no longer the fundraiser it once was. Thanks to those who did participate in the program over the past several years! Our intention is to end the program by December 31st, allowing those who so desire to still purchase cards as Christmas gifts.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on December 20th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.





MANY, MANY THANKS!

On behalf of the parishioners of Our Mother of Sorrows and Fr. Jerry, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Fr. Leo Gallina who, for the past 8 years or so, has provided us with Mass coverage, especially on First Saturdays. As many know by now, Fr. Leo suffered a mild stroke that has impaired his vision. He is no longer able to celebrate Mass for us. Fr. Leo's pastoral presence to our community will be greatly missed! On behalf of all of us, I thank you, Leo!

- Fr. Jason

ST. STAN'S JANUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE

January lottery raffle tickets are available in the back of the church or from any Holy Name member for only $5 for 31 chances to win. Keep in mind, they make great stocking-stuffers for the holidays!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HEROS

For years, we have been trying to clear out our supply of St. Stan's Christmas cards, which are decades old. We still have cases of them left! To put them to good use, the idea surfaced that we put the cards in the back of our churches and encourage our parishioners of both churches to script a brief Christmas message to a wounded soldier; the envelope should be addressed to "A Recovering Soldier." Fr. Jason will collect the cards in mid-December and ship them to Walter Reed Medical Center, our local VA Hospital, and the Soldiers and Sailors Home. Please fill out as many Christmas cards as you would like!

ST. STAN'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Stan's Women's Society will host their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 6th at the Third Street Falcons Club from Noon until 3:00PM. The cost is $20 and includes an entree of either pork chop or stuffed chicken. Please make reservations by November 30th by calling Nancy or Don Grotkowski at 814-431-8704. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI & CARDS AVAILABLE

Christmas Oplatki is available in the back of our churches. There is no charge, but a donation to off-set expenses is much appreciated! Also, at St. Stan's, Christmas cards are still available in the back of the church. Again, a donation is appreciated.

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