

December 15, 2024



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-3:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

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 15th : Third Sunday of Advent

Private (SA): Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford
11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Audrey Draszkiwicz

Monday, December 16th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Tuesday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Wednesday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Dr. Niv Ad

Thursday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Theodore Pietrowicz by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Friday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Walter Hilinski (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Saturday, December 21st: Late Advent Weekday

Private: For Holy Souls

Sunday, December 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Private (SA): Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate
11:00am (SC) Dolores Mankosky by Barb Hilinski

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Dec. 16th - Private Intention
Tues., Dec. 17th - Alois Lubiejewski (R. Radomski)
Wed., Dec. 18th - Al Rogers (Ann Pelug)
Thur., Dec. 19th - Rose "Babe" Niedzwiecki (Gretchen & John Gorski)
Fri., Dec. 20th - Al Szkoda (Family)
Sat., Dec. 21st, 4:00PM - Robert Sulecki (Family)
Sun., Dec. 22nd, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

December 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Fr. Jason Glover, in thanksgiving

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) For all Sick and Shut-ins; 2) For more vocations to religious life

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bob Jurino by Wife and Son; 2) For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

3:00PM - Kolendy at St. Stanislaus

4:00PM - St. Stanislaus

4:00PM - Our Mother of Sorrows

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

11:00AM - Our Mother of Sorrows

GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

We will be decorating Saint Casimir's Church for Christmas after the 11:00 Mass today, Sunday, December 15th. All are welcome to stay and help!

We will be decorating St. Stan's Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22nd, following the 9:00AM Mass. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

OPLATKI AVAILABLE

Both St. Stanislaus and Our Mother of Sorrows has oplatki available for the Christmas season. Please stop by the Parish Offices during regular business hours to purchase your Christmas wafers!

TAX INFORMATION

It is that time of year when some are gathering information in preparation for submitting your taxes. If you need a record of your charitable giving to our parishes, please call the Parish Office during regular business hours and a record can be mailed to you. Thank you for your giving throughout the year!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Women's Society Christmas Party has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 12th, at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons club from noon until 3:00PM. Members, parishioners (from ALL of our parishes), and guests are most welcome to attend. The cost of the meal is \$15. Call Nancy or Don at 814.454.4046 for reservations. The deadline to register is January 6th. We hope you can join us for this afternoon of much fun, good food, and exceptional fellowship!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Stan's on Sunday, December 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider taking time to spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (January 1st)

Our Mother of Sorrows: December 31st at 5:15PM

St. Stanislaus: January 1st at 9:00AM

Dear Parishioners,

I am so happy to report that my three year struggle with my faulty hip has finally come to an end! I underwent an extremely successful full hip replacement on November 22nd at the University at Buffalo, and it was a mind-blowing experience.

I had to report to Buffalo General Hospital at 7:00AM for my scheduled surgery at 9:00AM. I was actually wheeled into the operating room just before 10:00AM. I "came to" in the recovery room around 11:30AM and was taken to my hospital room. The nurse had me walking the halls and doing steps before noon! I was discharged and back in Erie before dinner, around 4:30PM. I can't believe how quickly it all happened. Even more stunning was the fact that I have had absolutely no pain!

The only discomfort that I have experienced had been in my quadricep muscles. Apparently, sometime before my surgery, my femoral head totally collapsed (the "ball" part of my joint); that explains why, about three weeks before surgery, the intensity of my pain skyrocketed. As a result of this collapse, my right leg lost about 1 centimeter in length — my left leg was longer than my right! Consequently, the surgeon had to first stretch my leg back to its proper length before replacing my hip joint. That stretching caused some straining of my thigh muscles. Simply treating it with ice and Advil has been pretty effective.

I was dependent on a walker for about a week and a half before transitioning to a cane. I relied on the cane for about two days before I started forgetting to use it and leaving it behind, just as the doctor said would happen. As of the time of this writing, I really only use the cane when going up and down steps.

The whole experience is nothing like what I feared! Furthermore, my hip feels AMAZING! I still have some restrictions (e.g., it will be another 4 weeks before I can drive, I can't cross my leg, and I can't under any circumstances fall for at least 3 months), but those too will pass in time.

I want to publicly thank my health care team and would gladly recommend them. I also want to specifically thank John and Kay Villa who have been ever at my disposal to pick up groceries or run errands for me, and generally keeping tabs on me. I thank all of you, too, for your patience, concern and, most importantly, your prayers. I am convinced that your prayers are what made the whole process go so smoothly. I thank you, too, for the many expressions of care and kindness that were extended to me.

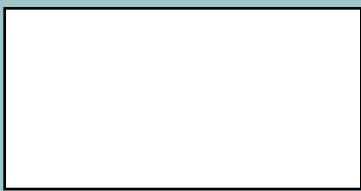
In my recovery, we are now full speed ahead! We have a lot to accomplish as parish communities and I look forward to being a more effective servant— leader in the spirit of the Good Shepherd.

I am eager to rejoining our communities at Mass, especially for the upcoming holidays, and our other gatherings! Please continue to pray for my ongoing recovery! Know of my deep gratitude and prayers for every one of you.

- Fr. Jason



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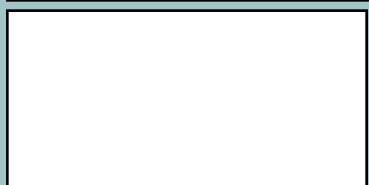
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