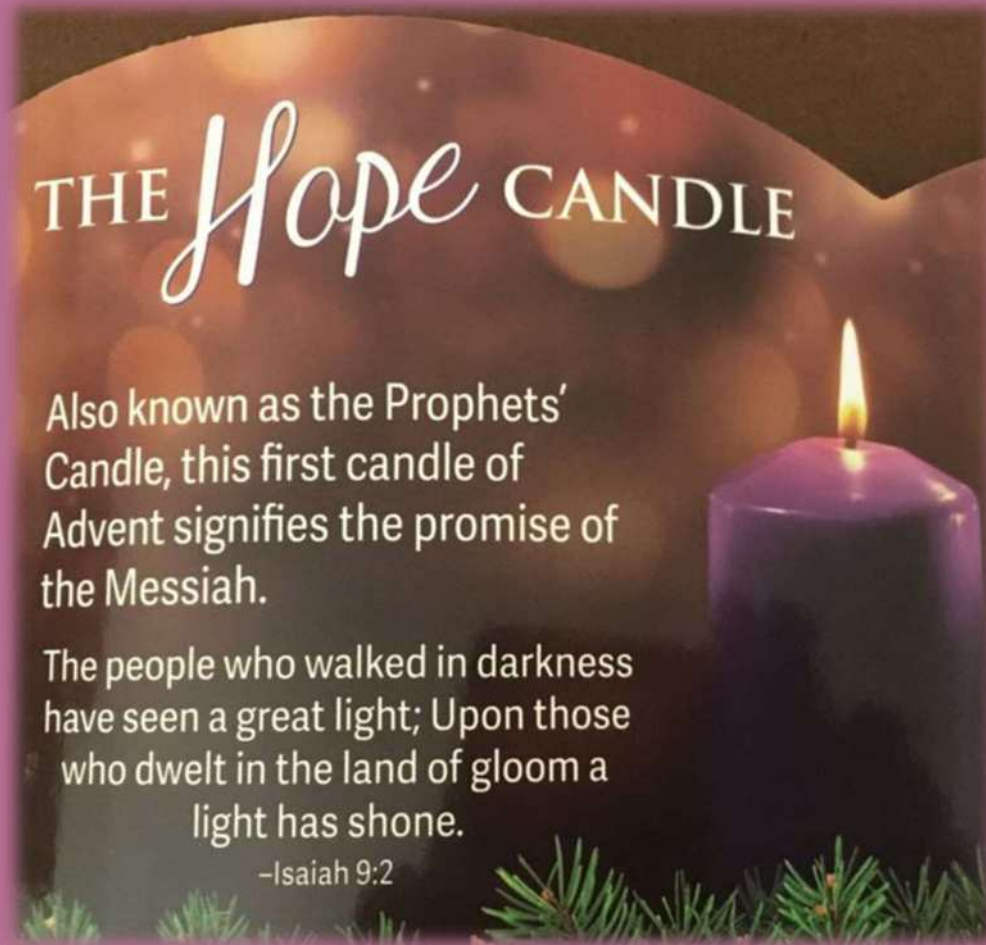


# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## November 30, 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, November 30th: First Sunday of Advent**

Private: Raymond Draszkiewicz by Audrey Draszkiewicz and Family  
11:00am (SC) John Prez, Birthday by Christine Prez Farnum

#### **Monday, December 1st: Advent Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Maria Shin by Lucia Lee

#### **Tuesday, December 2nd: Advent Weekday**

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

#### **Wednesday, December 3rd: Saint Francis Xavier**

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Julia LaPrad by Lucia Lee

#### **Thursday, December 4th: Saint John Damascene**

12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

#### **First Friday, December 5th: Advent Weekday**

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

#### **First Saturday, December 6th: Saint Nicholas**

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Ken Shanta by Beverly Vento

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

#### **Sunday, December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent**

Private: Special Intentions of Sister M. Pia by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

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

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

Mon., Dec. 1st - Private Intention

Tues., Dec. 2nd - Josephine Przybyszewski (Michael, Karen, Jack, Scott)

Wed., Dec. 3rd - Stella Lewandowski (Chylinski Family)

Thur., Dec. 4th - Martha Malanowski (Agostini Family)

Fri., Dec. 5th - Casey Mikielski (Kevin Mikielski & Family)

Sat., Dec. 6th, 4:00PM - Robert Sulecki (Sulecki Family)

Sun., Dec. 7th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

### **Readings for the week of November 30, 2025**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11

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, 5-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

**November 30, 2025**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir

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**ST. ANN'S:** 1) Richard Burke by Family; 2) For all Living & Deceased Parishioners

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Joseph Stahon by Parishioners

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH**

3:00PM - Kolendy at St. Stanislaus

4:00PM - St. Stanislaus

4:00PM - St. Casimir's

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

11:00AM - St. Casimir's

### **DECEMBER 8TH: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Stanislaus: 9:00AM

St. Ann's: 12:05PM

### **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**

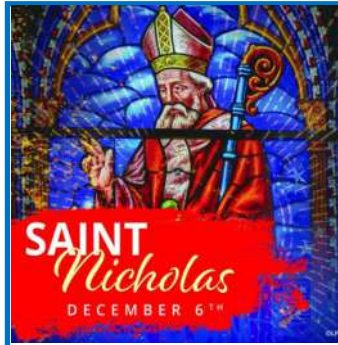
The St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society has lottery raffle tickets available. Only five dollars gives you 31 chances to win throughout the month of January, 2026. You win if your ticket number matches the PA Daily Lottery Drawing. Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church, from any member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

### **THE HAGAN 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.

### **CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY**

The Community Outreach Group is hosting a Clothing Distribution Party on Saturday, December 6th, from 10AM-2PM at the Saint Paul Center (453 West 16th Street). Free clothing will be available to men, women, and children. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome; no questions asked. For more information, call 814.566.6435.



### **ST. NICHOLAS**

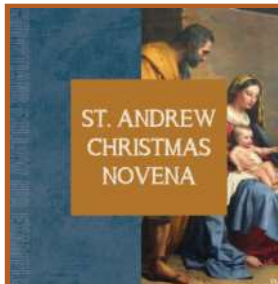
#### **FEAST DAY DECEMBER 6**

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas

once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.



### **ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus

"the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."



### **ST. STAN'S FAITH FORMATION**

St. Stan's will resume our viewing of the fourth season of *The Chosen*. Our viewing dates will be on the following Wednesdays: December 3, December 10, December 17th [if needed].

The evening will begin at 5:30PM with a "pot luck" supper at the Parish Hall and a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen*. Our intention is to conclude by 7:00PM. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and to casually enjoy this edifying and inspiring series.



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