

December 8, 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 8th : Second Sunday of Advent (Second Collection)

Private (SA): For Holy Souls
11:00am (SC) Charles Brower, Birthday by Florence Brower

Monday, December 9th: The Immaculate Conception [Not Obligatory]

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

Tuesday, December 10th: Our Lady of Loreto

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez by The Sundry Family

Wednesday, December 11th: Saint Damasus I

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) David Blum by The Vento Family

Thursday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Caroline Larson, Birthday by Parishioners

Friday, December 13th: Saint Lucy

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Saturday, December 14th: Saint John of the Cross

Private: Anthony Lee Dow by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, December 15th : Third Sunday of Advent

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Dec. 9th - Private Intention
Tues., Dec. 10th - John Babcock (Family)
Wed., Dec. 11th - Anthony Erdley
Thur., Dec. 12th - Hedy Garr (Family)
Fri., Dec. 13th - Paul Pawlak, Sr. (Straker Family)
Sat., Dec. 14th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., Dec. 15th, 9:00AM - Stephanie Budny Konopka (Family)

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: In Honor of the Blessed Mother (Helen Zimmerman)

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

December 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir



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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th)

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus

5:15PM - Our Mother of Sorrows

*Although the Holy Day is transferred from Sunday to Monday, it remains a Holy Day of Obligation.

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!

GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

We will be decorating Saint Casimir's Church for Christmas after the 11:00 Mass next 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!

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

POSITIONS OPEN

There are two positions open on St. Stan's Pastoral Council. If you are interested in filling one of these leadership positions, please send Fr. Jason a letter of intent or speak to him after a weekend Mass.

OPERATION ASSISTING SANTA

St. Stanislaus is, once again, participating in Operation Assisting Santa. The Christmas Tree in the vestibule has "tickets" hanging from it. Those tickets have information about specific Christmas gifts that are needed. Please return your ticket and gift UNWRAPPED or in a gift bag so its contents can be seen. These gift will then be given to children of local veterans. Thank you for your participation!

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!

GOD'S PERSONAL ASSISTANTS

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

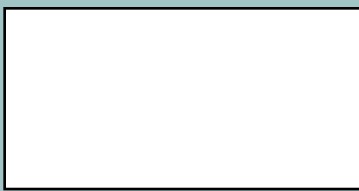
God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Women's Society Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 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 December 3rd. We hope you can join us for this afternoon of much fun, good food, and exceptional fellowship!

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