

December 22, 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 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 23rd: Late Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez by Karen and Mark Momeyer

Tuesday, December 24th: Late Advent Weekday

12:05pm (SA) No Mass or Confessions Today

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00pm (SC) Charles Brower, Anniversary by Florence Brower

Wednesday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

11:00am (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak (Birthday) by Robert Demchak
Private (SA) Amelia & Peter Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Thursday, December 26th: Saint Stephen

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

Friday, December 27th: Saint John

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

Saturday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

Private: For Holy Souls

Sunday, December 29th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Private (SA): Jack Babcock by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Janet Turowski

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Dec. 23rd - Private Intention
Tues., Dec. 24th - Special Intention (Debbie)
Wed., Dec. 25th - For the People of St. Stanislaus
Thur., Dec. 26th - Anna Garbulinski (Dudkiewicz Family)
Fri., Dec. 27th - Special Intention
Sat., Dec. 28th, 4:00PM - Tom Konkol (Debbie Oldenski)
Sun., Dec. 29th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Wednesday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-8, 16b, 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-8/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Charlotte Cleaver by Diane & Rich
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) David K. Wienczkowski by loving mother Kay Wienczkowski; 2) For more vocations to religious life
ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) For all Sick and Shut-ins; 2) For All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**December 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent**

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that "there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— Father John Muir




CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH


*3:30PM - 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

*Please note the corrected time.

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Stan's on Sunday, January 19th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider taking time to spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

OUR PARISH OFFICES

WILL BE CLOSED FROM

DECEMBER 23RD—DECEMBER 27TH

SO THAT OUR STAFF CAN ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

As has become customary at Our Mother of Sorrows, next Sunday, December 29th, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church at 11:00AM (*not* at St. Casimir's). Brother John Paul Kuzma will celebrate Mass for the intentions of the Galla and Walach Families, as requested by Paul and Lisa Galla. All are invited and encouraged to attend Holy Family's namesake feast day!

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

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!

BABY JESUS' WISH LIST

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

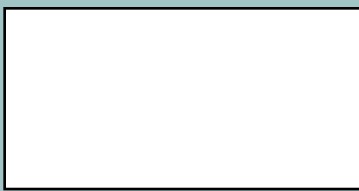
"Every knee shall bend..."



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