

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is a community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, Sacraments and Service while preserving and sharing the cultural roots of the Parish.

Parafia Świętego Stanisława Kostki jest wspólnotą, której celem jest głoszenie Ewangelii Jezusa Chrystusa według nauki Kościoła Rzymskokatolickiego. Misją parafii jest głoszenie Słowa Bożego, sprawowanie Sakramentów oraz służenie innym w zachowaniu tradycji kulturowych.

December 10, 2017

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

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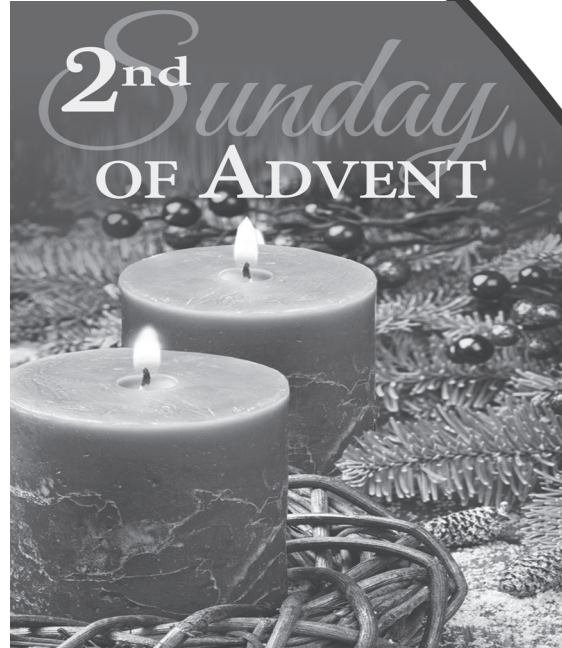
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PARISH COUNCIL:

MRS. DOROTHY STYK	Chairperson
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday
9:00 AM-2:30 PM.
Evenings by appointment

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (English) 11:00 a.m. (Polish)

Weekdays: Monday 8:00 a.m.,

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.,

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.,

Friday 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Confession at 5:00 p.m.

Holy Hour at 5:15 p.m.

and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00-3:40 p.m. or by appointment

Please remember the ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, NY (our legal title) considering bequests, endowments, memorials or other special contributions when making out your will. All donations are tax deductible.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays at 12:15 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the office at least six months before marriage is to take place.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please stop at the Rectory during business hours and introduce yourself. We would like to get to know you.

CARE OF THE SICK: Inform staff when relatives are confined to home so that we can arrange to have the Eucharist brought to them. Please notify us of family members living in nursing homes or institutions.



Worship SCHEDULE



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 9

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Rose Agresta (Figenschner family)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Knutowicz (Holy Name of Jesus Society)

11:00 a.m.—Polish Mass— Leon Koczot (Jan Styk)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 11

Saint Damascus I, Pope

8:00 a.m.— Stafania Knapik (Zofia Robaczńska)

6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.— Evening of Reflection and Prayer

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 p.m. — Franciszka Sidor, Stefan and Stanley Sidor
(Irena Potocki)

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. - Henryk Kiljan (Brother and family)

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.—Anthony Leib (Leib family)

5:30 p.m. — Nikodem Laskowski (Daughter Teresa)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. — St. Stanislaus parishioners

5:00 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Confession

6:00 p.m. — Helen Laskowski (Laskowski family)

6:30 p.m.—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. – Halina and John Pawłowski (Daughters with families)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Herman Gensler and Corinne Spaiches
(Gemma Petracca Spaiches)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. — Lurita and Ambrose Reeder (Family)

11:00 a.m.—Polish Mass— Leon Gan on his 5th birthday

(O zdrowie, opiekę i błogosławieństwo Boże dla Leona Gan z okazji 5 urodzin)



Second Sunday of Advent

*A very warm welcome
is extended to all who have come
to St. Stanislaus Church
to worship this weekend.
We are grateful to our parishioners
and we welcome our guests
who visit us this weekend.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 10

- ◆ 12:30 p.m.—Ladies' Society Christmas Party

MONDAY – DECEMBER 11

- ◆ 6:00—8:00 p.m.— Evening of Reflection and Prayer (Church)
- ◆ 6:15 p.m.—Religious Education Classes
- ◆ 7:30 p. m. - Northeast Freedom AA Group meeting (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 13

- ◆ 5:30 p.m.—Polish Choir practice
- ◆ 7:00 p.m.—Polyphonic Choir practice

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 15

- ◆ 10:00 a.m.— Prayer Shawl Ministry (Religious Education Center)

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 16

- ◆ 8:45—10:00 a.m.—Classes for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion (Religious Education Center)
- ◆ 10:00 a.m.— Polish School

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17

- ◆ Coffee Hour after the Masses

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

John the Baptist announced, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Does preparing a way for the Lord have priority in our lives? Often we spend more time preparing paths for ourselves rather than a path for God. Advent calls us to take the focus off ourselves and put it on God. We prepare a path for God by practicing and living the virtues, being holy and devoted, patient and repentant, and attentive and humble. We are asked to bring comfort and healing to people and to show others by the way we live our lives that we have a higher calling and purpose.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe calls us to see not only the abiding presence of the Virgin Mary with us throughout history but also as a powerful symbol of Mexican faith, identity, and mission. She stands before all of us as a symbol of motherhood, of fidelity, social justice, and peace and equality for women. She gives voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless. Through Her intercession, we are reminded that God is with us. She is a concrete image of what God can do and guides us in embracing our call and mission as disciples of Her Son.

Second Sunday of Advent

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to Him."

John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance--clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits--feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity--"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for Baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

**Everyday Stewardship
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

In 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign in the form of roses and an image on his cloak so that all would believe that what he claimed to have seen was true. Today, Christians revere Our Lady of Guadalupe all throughout the world.

Some will believe without seeing but many will need some evidence before they take a leap of faith. In stewardship, we are called to cultivate our gifts and grow them to an increase. Many people will claim that they are living a stewardship way of life, but it will be through the abundance of fruits in their lives that people will come to believe. Evidence of generosity, compassion, love, and gratitude will sway others. Some will seek to live their lives in a similar fashion.

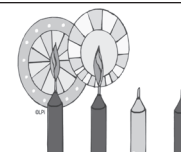
During this Advent season, we have the opportunity to provide evidence of our commitment to Christ by our actions. We must not let this season become about commercialism and material gifts. This season is about preparing our hearts to allow Jesus to touch us more profoundly in the experience of Christmas. Maybe our acts of kindness and generosity will help someone else's heart soften for Jesus. That is when real miracles can occur, just like roses growing in the winter. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Advent Challenge

Today, send a Christmas card, a personal note, or an e-mail to someone you haven't spoken to in a while and tell them you are praying for them during this season. Then, of course, begin praying for them.

Second Sunday of Advent

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this second week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Second Sunday in Advent:



God of new messengers, this Sunday You tell us in Your Gospel "I am sending My messenger ahead of You." Help us to be Your messengers of peace and reconciliation as we journey through this second week of Advent. When we light this second candle on our wreath, let us bring Your light to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the Light of the world. Amen.

Please Pray for . . .

Please pray for all those in hospitals, who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospice or in nursing homes.

Please keep in your prayers: Linda Adams, Kathleen A. Adams, Phyllis Adamski, Marylu Balacki, Ruth Banaszak, Arlene Bialaszewski, Dolores Biddle, Tracy Britton, Leonard Brozak, Ian Joseph Bruckhaus, Eugene Cherkis, Joseph Camptone, Carol Capidone, Norma Coleman, Carl Conde, Marcia Cote, Linda Cranston, Nolan Cybulski, Irene Czerwiec, Veronica and Florian Czerniak, Lee Daly-Homa, Hania Ferenc, Casimera Francione, Phyllis Gardiner, Eleanore Golomb, Madeline Gotham, Joanne Hawkes-Orman, Veronica Hajecki, Kim Harvey, Ruth Hoffman, Laura Ippoliti, Kathy Przyklek-Jedrzejek, Connie Kawka, Hanna Knapik, Joan and Nick Legonelli, Norma Leblanc, Irene Lichwiarz, Theodore McCracken, Kathleen McHugh, Jim Mills, Vicki Mielcarek, Justina Montanez, Baby Michael Moretter, Iwona Muszak, Helena Nadworniak, Emily Nakas, Maria Nawrocki-Dzyban, Mary Nowak, Susan Oberle, Thomas I. Orczyk, Brenda and David Ortiz, Cristine Paradowski, Vincent Parks Jr., Walter Pawlak, Gloria and Bernie Penssek, Quinn Pomroy, Mary Ann Pembroke, Jan Quist, Genevieve Rodgers, Zofia Robaczynski, Fabian Rogalski, Joe Rogers, Shirley Rojek, Trudy Rosolowski, Paul Russello, Rick Rosser, Elaine Scalzo, Tom Schramil, Sharon Smith, Emily and Joe Straszyński, George Swartz, Bernard and Trina Weeg, Irena Wiśniewski, David Wojdag, Janet Zienkiewicz, Ann Zukosky and Józef Zawitkowski.

To add a loved one's name to this prayer list or to take someone off the prayer list, please call the parish office at 467-3068. If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital and would like Fr. Roman to visit and/or administer the Sacrament of Healing, please call the rectory (467-3068).

Help the Sr. Regis Food Cupboard

FILL a Christmas Table

We filled over 50 Thanksgiving tables for those in need thanks to your VERY generous donations. Now the Christmas tables need to be filled. Can you help put 1 or 2 items on a table?

At this time there is a great need for: **saltine crackers, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, cans of spinach/collard greens, oatmeal, applesauce and ketchup.**

Cereal is a year round need. Just one food item helps to feed the hunger pains of the poor.



II Niedziela Adwentu

Zbliża się Boże Narodzenie. Jeśli nie przygotowujemy drogi dla Pana, nie będzie radości spotkania ze Zbawicielem. Jak to zrobić? Wystarczy wziąć przykład z proroka Jana, który nie tylko wzywa do przygotowania dróg dla Pana, ale sam je prostuje i wyczekuje na spotkanie z Synem Bożym.

Kto się nawraca i przyjmuje postawę Jana, jest przygotowany na spotkanie Pana przychodzącego na ziemię. Tak było w przypadku pewnego biznesmena, który pracował po kilkanaście godzin dziennie, zabiegając o rozwój swojej firmy. Nagle zaczął pytać się, jaki to ma sens i po co tyle wysiłku. Pojawiło się zmęczenie ciągłą gonitwą za tym, by pomnażać kapitał i pracownikom zapewnić godziwe wynagrodzenie. Przedsiębiorca doszedł do wniosku, że sam odpoczynek nie wystarczy i że musi coś zmienić. Najpierw więc przygląda się sobie, aby zobaczyć, co jest dla niego ważne i czym się kieruje. Wtedy odkrywa, że w głębi duszy pragnie innego życia. Wśród jego znajomych są ludzie, którzy imponują mu i dobrocią. Idzie za ich radą. Przerywa tę swoją nieustanną bieganię, zostawia wszystko i udaje się na rekolekcje. Odtąd zaczyna regularnie modlić się, uczestniczyć w Eucharystii, adorować Najświętszy Sakrament i czytać Pismo Święte. Nareszcie czuje się szczęśliwy. A dlaczego? Bo spotkał Boga i stale przebywa w Jego obecności.

Kwiaty na Boże Narodzenie

Koperty na kwiaty do dekorowania naszej świątyni na Boże Narodzenie były wysłane do wszystkich z niedzielными kopertkami. Prosimy zwrócić je w niedzielnej tacy lub do biura parafialnego. Dziękujemy bardzo!

Oplatki i Kartki Świąteczne

Oplatki i Kartki Świąteczne są do nabycia w biurze parafialnym w godzinach urzędowych a także po Mszach św. w kościele.

Zabawa Sylwestrowa

PNA Grupa 512 organizuje Zabawę Sylwestrową, 31 Grudnia, 2017 w Auditorium św. Stanisława. Do tańca przygrywać będzie: Melody Lane. Przykaski o godzinie 6:30 a obiad o godzinie 7:30. Cena: \$70.00 od osoby. Zapraszamy!

"Oplatek" Obiad i Zabawa: 13-go Stycznia !

Have You Sent Your CMA Pledge Yet ?



Be a CMAngel!

The annual CMA Campaign has begun. The theme is 'Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives'. Our parish's assessed goal is \$44,536. Your generous donation helps the Diocese to spread the Gospel, educate our children and seminarians, and provide services to those in need and support the work of many other ministries. Each Angel Aviator will be a reminder of your support for doing God's work and living a life that is glorifying the Lord here, in the diocese and throughout the world! **REMEMBER you can...PLEDGE TODAY & PAY BY MAY!!!!**

**The Annual Jesse Tree Project:
November 19 thru December 10**



Please help to brighten the Christmas for the children. **To allow time for us to check that all the children have gifts and all are wrapped ALL GIFTS MUST be under the Jesse Tree by Sunday, Dec. 10th. Catholic Charities will be picking them up on Tuesday, Dec, 12th.**

Additional Votive Candle for December

Votive Candle on the Blessed Mother altar is burning during the month of December in loving memory of Doris Barge offered by Kathy and Marion Warchol.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Oplatki/Christmas Wafers and Christmas Cards

Oplatki and Christmas cards can be purchased in the rectory during business hours (9-2), also after the Masses in the church.

Behold, I am sending My messenger ahead of you; He will prepare Your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Mk 1:2b-3

**Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators—Altar Servers – Ushers
Schedule for Saturday and Sunday: December 16-17, 2017**

Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Chris Button Mary Ann Pembroke	Kathy Urbanic	Kathy Urbanic	Jenna Taha Tiziana Sostre Chloe/Matthew Parsons	Gene Golomb, Bill Brand George Madden Paul Jasen
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Andria Mikiciuk Lee Daly-Homa Mike/Mary Yackiw	Sister Karlien	Kristina Batt	Lexi/Tory Hajec Amanda/Philip Procaccini	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn
Sunday Polish Mass 11:00 a.m.	Cecylia Tryt Krystyna Lizak	Sławka Wojdak	Waldemar Wojdak	Lucja Rzepa Maria/Małgorzata/Jan and Józef Makula	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski

Yearly Budget
7/1/17-6/30/18:
\$315,400.00

Our Gifts to God
For the Work of Our Church
For the weekend of December 2-3, 2017
Offering: Attendance:



“Oplatek” Dinner-Dance—January 13
“Oplatek” Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday, January 13th** in the Parish Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and plan on spending the evening with the parish family and supporting your parish!



Christmas Flowers

In the December envelope pocket a Christmas Flower offering was included. The Christmas Flower Collection helps us to purchase flowers to decorate our Church for Christmas Liturgies. Please return the envelopes with your Sunday collection or to the parish office.

Charitable Contributions for Financial Planning



We are deeply thankful for every contribution to Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. The year 2017 is coming to an end and soon we will have to file our taxes. Many people choose to make a year end gift and donation. If you do, in addition to a contribution to your Church consider a contribution to Catholic Ministries Appeal, if you have not yet made your pledge. Please consider charitable contribution to St. Stanislaus Church or CMA as part of your financial planning. To take the advantage of the tax write off, the contributions have to be made by December 31, 2017 per IRS regulations. Thank you for your consideration and generosity always.



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,284.00	110
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,483.00	151
	11:00 a.m.	\$ 1,543.00	201
Rectory		\$ 1,345.00	
Vigil lights		\$ 303.75	
Online Giving Nov.		\$ 1,925.00	
Utilities		\$ 697.00	

Thank you for joining us
and praying with us this weekend,
and for your generous offering!

As of Dec. 3:
\$123,253.00

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This week we thank: Andy’s Candies

