

## 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 17, 2017

# *St. Stanislaus Kostka Church*

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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 16**

***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)

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 18**

8:00 a.m.— Bronisława Ferenc (Marguerite Zietkiewicz)

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 19**

5:30 p.m. — Agnieszka Suchodolski (George and Anna Homa)

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 20**

8:00 a.m. - Ann Reeder (Family)

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 21**

***Saint Peter Canisius , Priest and Doctor of the Church***

8:00 a.m.—Special blessings for John and Dorothy Hayes  
(Claire and Wesley Evans)

5:30 p.m. — Jan Terefenko (Dariusz Terefenko)

**FRIDAY - DECEMBER 22**

8:00 a.m. — John Okoniewicz (Mary Okoniewicz)  
5:00 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Confession  
6:00 p.m. — Magdalena and Leon Sielemowicz and Piotr Nowicki  
(Family, Daughter and Granddaughter)  
6:30 p.m.—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 23**

***Saint John of Kenty, Priest***

8:00 a.m. – Saint Stanislaus parishioners  
10:00 a.m.— Memorial Mass for Władysława Drączkowska  
(Leszek and Halina Janik)

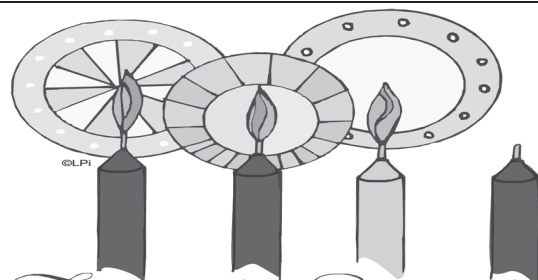
***Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent***

4:00 p.m. — Janina Kazmierczak (Mąż z Córka)

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

9:00 a.m. — Vorndran and Richardson families  
(Chuck and Jan Vorndran)  
11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — St. Stanislaus parishioners  
4:00 p.m.— Christmas Eve Family Mass (St. Stanislaus parishioners)  
Midnight Mass— Tomasz Kaczówka—5th Anniversary of death  
(Rodzice i Bracia)



## Third 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 17**

- ◆ Coffee Hour after the Masses
- ◆ 3:00 p.m.—Decorating Church for Christmas

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 18**

- ◆ 6:15 p.m.—Religious Education Classes (Religious Education Center)
- ◆ 6:30 p.m.—Polonia Civic Center meeting (Parish Hall)
- ◆ 7:30 p. m. - Northeast Freedom AA Group meeting (Auditorium)

**WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 20**

- ◆ 5:30 p.m.—Polish Choir practice
- ◆ 6:30 p.m.—Parish Council meeting (Religious Education Center)
- ◆ 7:00 p.m.—Polyphonic Choir practice

**FRIDAY—DECEMBER 22**

- ◆ No activities

**SATURDAY—DECEMBER 23**

- ◆ No parish activities

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 24**

- ◆ No parish activities—Christmas Eve

**Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week**

John the Baptist came to testify to the Light, who is Jesus Christ. Like John, we are called to testify to that same Light. We do so by living lives of faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We are people of joy who rejoice at His birth and eagerly await His coming again. We share that joy by tending to the needs of the poor, helping those who are broken, and witnessing to the freedom that a life in God brings. May we take our task of being joyful witnesses to the Good News seriously as the celebration of Christ's birth fast approaches.



**Advent Challenge**

Sometime today, find an extra 15 minutes of quiet time to just rest in God's presence. Don't speak. Just place yourself in God's care and let God touch your heart.

**Church Decorating**

Come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas by putting up and decorating the trees in the church this Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone willing to help is most welcome!



**Gospel Meditation**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**"There is One ... coming after me,**

**whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."**

Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "One Who is Coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ--the Anointed One, the Messiah --is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of Him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; He is God-made-man and in His presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get His sandals dirty. And still today He chooses to allow us to encounter Him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, He is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of Peace make you perfectly Holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent Season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming His Son.

**Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:** On many Sundays, especially during Advent and Lent, we hear a reading from one of the Prophets. What is significant about them for us? Didn't Jesus fulfill all their predictions?

**Answer:** Lent and Advent are the times of the Church Year when the prophetic word forms an important part of the Liturgical Season. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, and Zephaniah are just some of the prophets who offer powerful and essential lessons for Christians of any era. Prophets do not predict the future--they are very much concerned about the present, calling Israel to follow once again the Word of God.

The Prophets witness to a life of faith. In the midst of an intense relationship with God, the Prophets are very aware of their unworthiness to embrace this call from God, and struggle to accept the mission God entrusts to them.

The Prophets speak on behalf of God. Each testifies that the word spoken is not from them, but from God. This lands them in trouble, at times, with their audience. Jeremiah, for example, felt betrayed by God as the prophetic message was delivered. People did not like the message because of their sin-filled lives and their displeasure was taken out on the Prophet. While tempted at times to throw in the towel, the Prophets remained true to the life of faith and persevered in the proclamation of God's Word. In modeling these virtues and calling us to greater fidelity, the Prophets offer an example and message that are still important to us today.

**Third Sunday of Advent**



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

God of Rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "Rejoice Always."

Help our family to be joyful in the midst of

whatever happens this week. When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring Your joy to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the Ultimate Joyful Gift to the world. Amen.

**Please Pray for . . .**

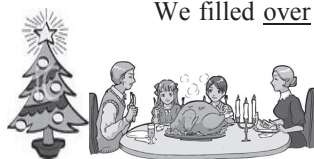
Please pray for all those in hospitals, who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospice or in nursing homes.

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.



### III Niedziela Adwentu

W tradycji kościoła trzecia niedziela Adwentu nosi nazwę “Gaudete” – radujcie się! Radość przenika także nas, którzy zgromadziliśmy się dzisiaj aby słuchać słowa Bożego i sprawować Eucharystię. Bóg przychodzi, aby nas zbawić, a Jego przyjście jest bliskie. Prorok Izajasz – ewangelista Starego Testamentu – z radością oznajmia, iż przejdą oczy niewidomych, uszy głuchych się otworzą, a język niemych wesolo krzyknie. Wypełnienie tych słów przynosi Jezus, który odpowiada uczniom Jana Chrzciciela, iż niewidomi wzrok odzyskają, chromi chodzą, trędowaci doznają oczyszczenia, i ubogim głosi się Ewangelię. Ta sama Ewangelia jest głoszona także nam. Obyśmy tylko nigdy nie słuchali jej na próżno. Módlmy się za nas samych, abyśmy przez godne przeżycie czasu Adwentu przygotowali się na radosne spotkanie z Panem.

### Dekoracja Kościoła w Przyszłą Niedzielę!

Kościół Świętego Stanisława, nie tylko zachwyca swoim pięknem, ale także piękną i bogatą tradycyjną dekoracją w czasie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Dekoracja naszego Kościoła na święta będzie w **tą Niedzielę 17 grudnia o godzinie 3:00 p.m.** Serdecznie prosimy i zapraszamy Parafian o pomoc przy ubieraniu Kościoła.

### 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. Przekąski o godzinie 6:30 a obiad o godzinie 7:30. Cena: \$70.00 od osoby. Zapraszamy!

### 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!

**”Oplatek” Obiad i Zabawa: 13-go Stycznia !**

### 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!!!!**

### 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.



### Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators—Altar Servers – Ushers Schedule for Saturday and Sunday: December 23-24,-25, 2017

Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday	Sonja Stenclik Gerry Wilson	Andrew Smagin	Andrew Smagin	Jenna Taha, Tiziana Sostre Chloe/Matthew Parsons	Gene Golomb, Bill Brand George Madden
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sister Barbara Al Bello	Kate Robson	Kate Robson	Lexi/Tory Hajec Amanda/Philip Procaccini	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn
Sunday Polish Mass 11:00 a.m.	Cecylia Warzecha Adela Piotrowska	Jola Mokrzan	Tomek Mokrzan	Lucja/Karina Rzepa Jan Wnuk, Jakób Wyrozebski Adriana Wojtowicz	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski
Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Sister Theresa George Hoffman			Chloe/Matthew Parsons Jessica Kowalski	<b>Ushers Needed !</b>
Midnight Mass	Sonja Stanclik Gerry Wilson	Sonja Stenclik	Charles Vorndran	Mark Koszela Katrina/Lucja Rzepa Jan Wnuk	<b>Ushers Needed !</b>
Christmas 9:00 a.m.	Lee Daly-Homa Bernadette Trox	Sharon Grant	Sharon Grant	Lexi/Tory Hajec Amanda/Philip Procaccini	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn
Christmas 11 a.m.	Halina Kiljan Walter Kiljan	Ania Jurkowski	Jurek Jurkowski	Maria/Małgorzata/Jan and Józef Makula <b>Altar Server Needed !</b>	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 9-10, 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!



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,839.00	100
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,305.00	137
	11:00 a.m.	\$ 1,018.00	154
Rectory		\$ 350.00	
Immaculate Conc.		\$ 657.00	
Christmas flowers		\$ 1,988.00	



**Christmas Flowers**

In the December envelope packet 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.

**As of Dec.10:**  
**\$127,765.00**

**Thank you for joining us**  
**and praying with us this weekend,**  
**and for your generous offering**  
**to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church!**

**Charitable Contributions for Financial Planning**



We are deeply thankful for every contribution to Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. 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 continuous generosity.



**A Christmas List**

**“Fear less, hope more; Eat less, chew more;**  
**Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say**  
**more; Hate less, love more; And all good**  
**things will be yours.”**

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