

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.

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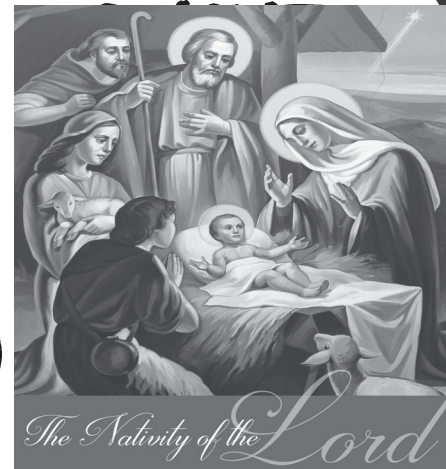
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REV. ROMAN CALY	Pastor
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MRS. SONJA STENCLIK	Pastoral Coordinator
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PARISH COUNCIL:

MRS. DOROTHY STYK	Chairperson
MR. JOHN KNICK	Vice-Chairperson
MS. KATHY GUSTYN	Secretary

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



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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.



Holiday Schedule

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 23

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Janina Kazmierczak (Maż 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

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.— Christmas Eve Family Mass (St. Stanislaus parishioners)

Midnight Mass— Tomasz Kaczówka — 5th Anniversary
(Rodzice i Bracia)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

9:00 a.m.— Jordan Copie (Father in-law Jan Tarwid
and Małgorzata Tarwid)

11:00 a.m.—Polish Mass—John Warzecha
(Anna and Stanisław Rykojc)

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 26

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

5:30 p.m. — Okolowicz family (Family)

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. - Jeanne Marie Bello (Alfred Joseph Bello)

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m.—Ryszard Urban (Mother)

5:30 p.m. — Carolyn R. Carafos (Pawłowski family)

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 29

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. — Living and deceased members of Pollock and Okoniewicz
families (Jim and Sonja Stenlik)

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

6:00 p.m. — Josephine Gustyn (Kathy Gustyn)

6:30 p.m.—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. – Ida Nowakowski (Kofsky family)

Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

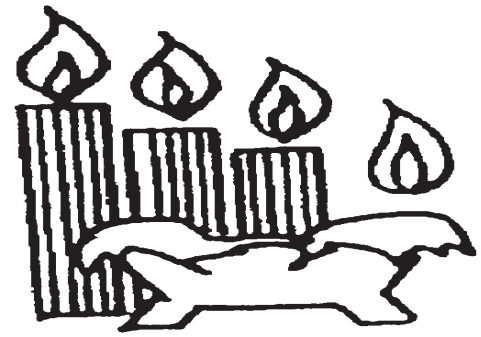
4:00 p.m. — Kathy [Mackowiak] Fite (St. Stanislaus Class of 1960)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. — Cecilia Jasen and Yolanda Pykosz (Paul Jasen)

11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — Stanisław Tryt (Festival Committee)



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 24

MONDAY – DECEMBER 25

◆ Freedom AA Group meeting (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 27

◆ No Polish Choir practice

◆ No Polyphonic Choir practice

FRIDAY—DECEMBER 29

◆ No activities

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 30

◆ No activities

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 31

◆ New Year's Eve Party (Auditorium)

**Then the Angel said to Her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for You have found favor with God.
Behold, You will conceive in your womb
and bear a Son, and You shall name Him Jesus.
He will be great
and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give Him the throne of
David his father." - Lk 1:30-32**

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Mary said: "Behold, I am the Handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word." A simple trust in God's word allowed the Mother of God to do incredible things. As a humble servant and listener, She embraced her mission and invested herself wholeheartedly in doing what God had asked. Do we know and trust that we are being led? Often, we can feel very much alone and without a source of inspiration, guidance, and love to enlighten our path. God is with us. This is the essential message of Advent and the truth revealed to us at Christmas. We are never alone. There is no need to fear. We too, with God's help, can do incredible things.

**And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among
us, and we saw His Glory, the Glory as of the Father's only
Son, full of grace and truth.**
- Jn 1:14

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Remember that God comes! Not yesterday,
not tomorrow, but today! Now!

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

*"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus."*

Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the Feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on His way! We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a Great Feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending Advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

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

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the Birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of His Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during January, and will resume on February 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Religious Education Center. New members are always most welcome. Please contact the rectory for more information.

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).

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 a 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.

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!!!!**



Każdego roku czekamy na cud Boiego Narodzenia w naszych sercach...



Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu

Ostatnia niedziela Adwentu „Naszej drogi do Boga” jest szczytem oczekiwania i powinna być także szczytem podjętych przez nas działań. Drogi, którymi podążamy w życiu, nie mogą być celem samym w sobie, muszą prowadzić do określonego miejsca i Osoby. Jeśli cały adwent był drogą i wędrówką – IV niedziela będzie kresem drogi, celem, który został przemyślany, wyznaczony i osiągnięty.

Czas Adwentu, który nieuchronnie zbliża się ku końcowi jest jednym głośnym wołaniem: przygotujcie drogę dla Pana, otwórzcie swoje serca przed przychodzącym Bogiem, pozwólcie żeby Słowo stało się Ciałem i rozbiło namiot wśród nas i zamieszkało między nami.

Wieczór wigilijny przed nami, a potem świąteczne dni. Dobrze, że pomyśleliśmy o tym, jak naszym bliskim sprawić radość. Dobrze, że zależy nam, by naszym świątecznym spotkaniem przy stole towarzyszyła wzajemna życzliwość i radość. Nie zapomnijmy jednak o tym, co najważniejsze – Syn Boży przychodzi na świat, aby wywyższyć człowieka. Gdy zapuka do naszych serc, otwórzmy je z wiarą, jak uczyniła to Maryja na głos anioła. Niech przez działanie Ducha Świętego Jezus znajdzie w nich miejsce i zawsze żyje w nas!

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!

Flowers by Saint Florian Stained Glass Window for Christmas Season



Floral centerpiece by the Saint Florian Stained Glass Window in the back of the church is offered in loving memory of Tomasz Kaczówka on the fifth anniversary of his death, by his loving parents, brothers and family.



Parafialny „Oplątek”

Tradycyjny Parafialny „Oplątek” odbędzie się w **Sobotę 13 Stycznia**. Bilety w cenie: \$25 – dorośli, studenci - \$15—dzieci poniżej 7 lat bez opłaty. Bilety można kupić w biurze parafialnym w godzinach urzędowych i po Mszach św. Obiad i muzyka do tańca przez Dariusza. Dzieci z Polskiej Szkoły wykonają „Jasełka”. Zapraszamy Parafian wraz z Rodzinami i Gości na nasz Tradycyjny Parafialny Oplątek w gronie parafialnej rodziny.

Offering



Due to an early submission of this bulletin to the printers, the offering for last weekend will be printed in next week’s bulletin.

Parish Office Closed!

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.



Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators—Altar Servers – Ushers Schedule for Saturday and Sunday: December 30-31, 2017 and January 1, 2018



Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Sonja Stenclik Lynda Duncan	Maria Kowalski	Maria Kowalski	Jenna Taha, Jessica Kowalski Tiziana Sostre Chloe/Matthew Parsons	Gene Golomb, Bill Brand George Madden Paul Jasen
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Lee Daly Homa Sister Barbara Mike/Mary Yackiw	Charles Vorndran	Charles Vorndran	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
New Year's Day 9:00 a.m.	Sister Theresa Andria Mikiciuk	Sonja Stenclik	Sonja Stenclik	Amanda/Philip Procaccini Altar Servers Needed!	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn
New Year's Day 11:00 a.m.	Cecylia Warzecha Adela Piotrowska	Maryla Szymański	Jacek Szymański	Karina/Lucja Rzepa Maria/Małgorzata/Jan and Józef Makula	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week



Merry Christmas! A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! As the image of the invisible God, He is the Light that illumines the paths of our lives.

He alone shows us how to be truly human and teaches us that humanity is blessed with the very presence of God. Fully human and fully divine, Jesus shows us how to order our relationships--our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and the world in which we live.

Today He calls us to peace once again and to live with justice, mercy, and compassion on our lips and in our actions. The Word, Jesus Christ, was with God from the beginning and brought life to the world. What an awesome thought! Jesus being born in time reminds all of us that our birth is not an accident. God uniquely created each one of us and gave us life out of love. He designed us with purpose and blessed each one of us with gifts and talents. Jesus, Emmanuel and Son of God, shows us who we are and who we are meant to become!



In your Christian charity you are asked to remember in your prayers **Krystyna Kiljan, Maria Juśkiewicz and Władysława Drączkowska**, whom God has called to eternal rest. May they rest in peace, and may the risen Lord strengthen their families at their time of loss.

Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world. Let us pray...

God, You became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith.

May we be faithful to Your Word as Mary was.

Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to You.

We ask this through the Incarnate God,

Who comes to us again during this

Christmas season. Amen.



“Oplatek” Dinner-Dance—January 13

“Oplatek” Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday, January 13th** in the Parish Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory during business hours or after the Masses in the Church. The music will be performed by Dariusz and the children from the Polish School will perform “Jasełka” for us at 6:30 pm. Tickets are only \$25 per adult, \$15 per student and children under 7 free! Please plan to join us for a wonderful evening.

