# **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.

a Parafia Świętego Stanisława Kostki jest wspólnotą, the 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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#### **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 5:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** Saturday: 3:00–3:40 p.m. or by appointment

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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.







# Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week

Repent and believe in the Gospel! This is the message that is found on Jesus' lips after forty

days in the desert. As the forty days of Lent come before us, we are asked to create a desert experience in our lives so that we can learn anew the ways of God. Our daily cares and concerns can distract us from truth and cause us to become absorbed with the world and secular priorities. Lent is an opportunity to free ourselves from illusion and focus us on what really matters. In doing so, we open up new possibilities for our relationship with God, others, our world, and ourselves.

# **Chair of Saint Peter**

This week on February 22nd we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. The Latin word for "chair" is cathedra. From there we get the word "cathedral" to designate literally the "seat" of the bishop. Cathedrals - and the bishop's chairs inside - are symbols of the bishop's authority. So on this feast we don't celebrate where the Apostle Peter sat down, but we celebrate the Church and her apostolic origin. As Pope Benedict XVIII said, "it is a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity" (Angelus Message, February 19, 2012).

# **Stations of the Cross**



During Lent we will pray Stations of the Cross every Friday, immediately after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Stations of the Cross will be prayed in English language: March 2 and March 16 and in Polish language: February 23, March 9 and March 23.

## **Invitation for Holy Missions**

## My Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent during the time of Jubilee of 150 years of establishing the Diocese of Rochester and Year of the Eucharist. It is an occasion to warmly invite all to participate in Holy Missions by Father Adam Filas OMI, which will take place in our parish from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

## What are Holy Missions?

Missions are a special time to search and explore God's Will in our life. It is a time of reflection and contemplation when one can realize that he/she is loved by the Almighty. It is a time of conversion and renewal of our relations with God and people. It a distinctive moment, an opportunity for people to find their place in church, pray and receive holy sacraments. It is an exploration and realization that Jesus is our Lord and Savior Who gave us life, freedom and honor to be called His children. It is time to spread the word about God and share testimonies on how He works in our lives.

Holy Missions can be described as longer reflections (recollections) with a special meaning (theme) that occur every few years. The goal of parish missions is to strengthen the faith of the parishioners and participation in variety of services such adoration, devotions, sacraments as well as renewal of baptismal rites and marriage vows.

Missions provide a chance to renew your life! If you are looking for the meaning of your life, faith, love and direction for your life, God can show you the way! Check it out for yourself, God is closer than you think!!!

With prayers in intentions of successful a Parish mission, Your pastor,

Fr. Roman

# Why do Catholics Make Sacrifices During Lent



Catholics make sacrifices during Lent to imitate Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the dessert. This was His period of purification and enlightenment before beginning His public ministry. Our sacrifices help us to avoid distractions that take our attention away from

God. As we fast from our favorite foods, luxuries or activities, the simplicity left in their absence encourages us to focus on God more deeply and indentify how we have strayed from the path that will take us to Him.

# The Fridays of Lent

Each of the Fridays of Lent are days we abstain from meat together. This is intended to be a religious experience and so we need to explore it and prepare for it. Of course, many of us can't afford to eat meat every day, so avoiding meat is itself not a sacrifice. Some of us are vegetarians, and don't have meat in our diet at all. Others of us might really enjoy seafood or a fish fry on Fridays.

For all of us, not eating meat on Friday, for whatever reason, allows us to have some taste of a religious experience, that places us together with our sisters and brothers around the world. How meaningful and powerful the experience is, depends upon how reflective we are about it, and the kind of choices we make, to ensure that there is some sacrifice and some experience of solidarity in our Lenten Fridays.



## **First Sunday of Lent**

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same

place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert? Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" - the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten Season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose - writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others. The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness - these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

## **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, 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, Veronica and Florian Czerniak, Lee Daly-Homa, Hania Ferenc, Casimera Francione, Phyllis Gardiner, Eleanore Golomb, Madeline Gotham, Kathy Gustyn, Joanne Hawkes-Orman, Veronica Hajecki, Kim Harvey, Ruth Hoffman, Laura Ippoliti, Kathy Przyklek-Jedrzejek, Connie Kawka, Joan and Nick Legonelli, Norma Leblanc, Irene Lichwiarz, Marcin Lukowiak, 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 Pensek, Quinn Pomroy, Mary Ann Pembroke, Jan Quist, Genevieve Rodgers, Zofia Robaczyński, Fabian Rogalski, Joe Rogers, Shirley Rojek, Trudy Rosolowski, Paul Russello, Rick Rosser, Elaine Scalzo, Tom Schramil, Sharon Smith, Sonja Stenclik, 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).

# Pierwsza Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

Rozpoczęliśmy Święty Czterdziestodniowy Post. Liturgia jego pierwszej Niedzieli ukazuje nam Jezusa Chrystusa, który przez walkę z szatanem uświęcił okres pokuty. Święty Paweł poucza nas, że źródłem zbawienia i Bożego błogosławieństwa jest wiara przyjęta sercem i wyznana słowem. Przykładem prawdziwej wiary i całkowitego opowiedzenia się za Bogiem jest Jezus Chrystus. Poddany próbie potrójnego kuszenia, nie ulega pokusom szatana lecz odnosi nad nim zwycięstwo.

Panie Boże usłysz nasze modlitwy, naucz nas prawdziwej wiary i dopomóż nam dobrze przeżyć ten święty czas Wielkiego Postu.

# ZAPROSZENIE na Misje Święte !!!

Kochani parafianie, Liturgią Środy Popielcowej, rozpoczęliśmy błogosławiony czas Wielkiego Postu w czasie Jubileuszu 150 lat naszej Diecezji Rochester oraz Roku Eucharystii we wszystkich parafiach diecezji. Z tej też okazji, zapraszam WAS i gorąco zachęcam do przeżywania i uczestnictwa w Misjach świętych, które odbędą się w naszej Parafii w dniach 17 - 21 Marca 2018 i poprowadzą je Misjonarze Oblaci.

## Co to są Misje święte.

To czas szukania i poznawania woli Boga w naszym życiu. To czas rozmyślania i refleksji. To czas uświadomienia sobie , że jesteśmy kochani przez Boga .To czas nawrócenia i odnowy relacji z Bogiem i bliźnimi. To czas dla Tych, którzy szukają swojego miejsca w kościele .To czas modlitwy i sakramentów świętych. To czas odkrywania, że Jezus jest naszym Panem i Zbawicielem i dał nam życie "wolność i godność dzieci Bożych. To czas mówienia o Bogu i dawania świadectwa o Jego działaniu w naszym życiu.

Misje święte możemy określić jako dłuższe rekolekcje o szczególnym znaczeniu, które odbywają się w parafii zazwyczaj co kilka lat. Celem misji jest umocnienie i odnowienie życia wiary w parafii. Jest to czas słuchania nauk misyjnych, codziennej eucharystii i nabożeństw (odnowienia przyrzeczeń chrzcielnych, odnowienia ślubów małżeńskich, adoracja Krzyża Misyjnego, przyjmowania sakramentów takich jak spowiedź św., Eucharystii, sakramentu chorych). Misje to szansa odnowy Twojego życia ! Jeśli szukasz sensu wiary, miłości i życia po Bożemu, Bóg ci go wskaże! Przyjdź Bóg jest bliżej ciebie niż

myślisz !!! Z modlitwą w intencjach Misji św. w naszej Parafii.

## Wasz proboszcz, Ks.Roman

# Jedzenie dla Potrzebujących

W tym roku mamy dość srogą zimę i dla tych którzy nie mają dość jedzenia jest ona jeszcze bardziej ciężka. Zwracamy się do wszystkich o pomoc dla tych którzy są w potrzebie. Przy wejściach do kościoła są pudła na ten cel abyśmy mogli podzielić się z potrzebującymi. Dziękujemy!

## From 'Giving up...' to "Giving to..."



Giving up sweets, coffee, soda, cigarettes etc for Lent? Consider using the money you spend weekly on these items and use it to purchase food for the Sr. Regis Food Cupboard! We

voluntarily fast during Lent. Hundreds of families in poverty 'fast' from meals daily. Help put meals on tables each week with your donations. All food donations are greatly needed, the most critical items needed are: Cereal (esp. OATMEAL), soups, canned collard greens, lima beans, tuna fish and rice.



The weather was nasty but many of our faithful friends came out to support the St Stanislaus Social Concerns annual Spaghetti Dinner. We made \$1,300 for

church expenses. Thank you to one and all. We are now looking forward to the Naleśniki and Soup Breakfast on Sunday 3/11/18 sponsored by the Polish Language School. Please join us then.

Jan Vorndran and Lee Daly Homa



In your Christian charity you are asked to remember in your prayers: **Wieslaw Sobolewski**, **Emilia Halpa and Joan Aldridge**, 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.

# Second Collection this Weekend

Second collection during this weekend Masses is the Diocesan collection for Black, Native American and Hispanic.

fasting + alms + prayer

Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators — Altar Servers – Ushers Schedule for Saturday and Sunday: February 24-25, 2018

Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Lynda Duncan Chris Button	Kathy Urbanic	Kathy Urbanic	Jenna Taha <u>Altar servers needed !</u>	Gene Golomb, Bill Brand George Madden Paul Jasen
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Schoenheit Sister Francella Mike/Mary Yackiw	Andrew Smagin	Andrew Smagin	Elena Anderson <u>Altar Servers needed!</u>	Don Williams, Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr., Ken Gustyn
Sunday Polish Mass	Cecylia Warzecha Adela Piotrowska	Ania Jurkowski	Jurek Jurkowski	Jan/Maria/Małgorzata Makula Jan Wnuk Jakub Wyrozebski	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski



As of Feb. 11 \$181,588

# Thank You !

# **Lenten Prayer**

God of Compassion, during Lent: May our prayers challenge us to love and embrace those who are poor and vulnerable; May our fasting challenge us to live simply and be better stewards of Your creation; May our almsgiving challenge us to give generously to those in need. Inspire us through Operation Rice Bowl, and grant us courage to be bearers of peace and justice in our world. We pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

# **Upcoming Events in Our Parish:**

- February 25: Ladies' Society meeting
- March 11: Polish School: Soup and Naleśniki
- March 11: Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 14: Day of Penance (Diocesan wide)
- March 17-21: Lenten Mission by the Oblates
- March 25: Palm Sunday
- March 29: Holy Thursday
- March 30: Good Friday
- March 31: Holy Saturday /Blessing of the Food
- April 1: Easter Sunday



Join our parish community — and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Operation Rice Bowl containers in church after all Masses this

weekend. We will collect them after the Easter. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor. Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

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