

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 9, 2018

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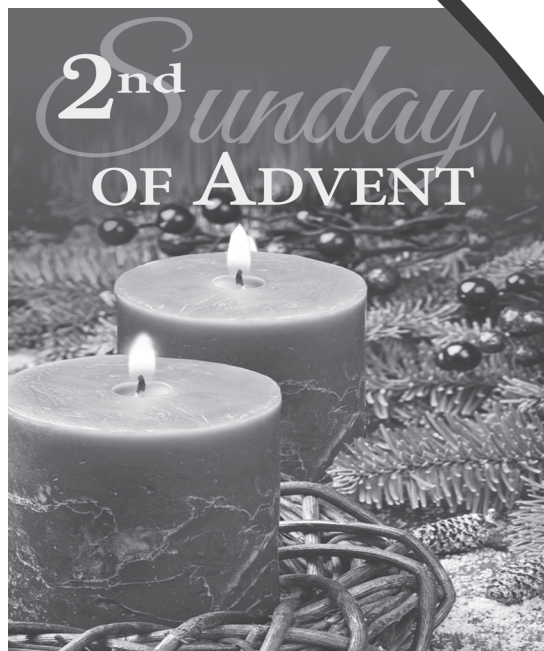
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday
9:00 AM–2:30 PM.
Evenings by appointment



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 5:00 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 8

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Henry Voellinger (Wife and Family)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. — Henryk and Helena Kwaczyński and Marta Grzegorek
(Lidia and Bronisław Grzegorek)

11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — Elżbieta Kajosz w 20 rocznicę śmierci
(Córka, Ewa Kajosz)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 10

8:00 a.m. — Nikodem Laskowski (Teresa Laskowski)

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 11

Saint Damascus I, Pope

5:30 p.m. — Josephine Simmons (Jim Mills)

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. — Iwona Frey— Happy Birthday

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. — Henryk Kiljan

5:30 p.m. — Barbara Smagin (Son, Andrew Smagin)

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 14

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

8:00 a.m. — Eugene Dzienkan (Jim and Sonja Stenclik)

5:30 p.m. — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Confession

6:00 p.m. — Franciszka and Stefan Urbaniuk (Córka, Irena Potocka)

6:30 p.m. — Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. — Emilia Halpa (Daughter Halina)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. — Anthony Leib Sr. (Leib family)

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. — Helena Węgrzyn (Ladies Society)

11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — Lucjan and Josephine Pułkońnik
(Henryka Wolpiuk and daughters)

Welcome!

*A very warm welcome
is extended to all who have come
to St. Stanislaus Church
to worship this Sunday.*

*We are grateful to our parishioners
and we welcome our guests
who visit us this weekend.*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 9

- ♦ Coffee Hour after the Masses

MONDAY – DECEMBER 10

- ♦ 6:15 p.m.— Religious Education classes (Religious Education Center)
- ♦ 6:30 p.m.— Holy Name of Jesus Society Christmas Dinner meeting (Parish Hall)
- ♦ 7:30 p. m. — North East Freedom AA Group meeting (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY— DECEMBER 15

- ♦ 8:45 a.m.—Preparation classes for the First Holy Communion (Religious Education Center)
- ♦ 10:00 a.m.—Polish School

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 16

- ♦ Coffee Hour after the Masses

St. John of the Cross

December 14th is the feast of mystic, poet, and reformer, St. John of the Cross. St. Teresa of Avila enlisted his assistance in reforming the Carmelite order. His time in prison resulted in some of the greatest mystical poetry the Church has seen. After his escape, his efforts were recognized and honored by the Carmelites. While he was appointed to the highest office in his order, dissension forced him into solitude again. Following Christ isn't always easy, nor will it always be received well by everyone around us. John of the Cross teaches us that these challenges can be opportunities to unite ourselves closer to Jesus.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am Your Mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for Him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Making straight the path of Christ is not only the vocation of John the Baptist but of every baptized believer. God desires to lead us with His Mercy and Justice. These are essentials in God's Kingdom and some of the gifts Christ's future coming will bring. But our world's systems do not place emphasis on these values. Wanting greater profits, downsizing companies in order to reduce expenses, using others for personal or corporate gain, and valuing institutions over people are just a few of the "values" we encounter every day. We are called to straighten the path to Christ. In a world that places value on things that are counter to our call, how do we respond? We need to learn to discern what is of real value and then take the risk of bringing it into the marketplace.

2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist received quite a prelude in this Sunday's Gospel, as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life 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. At times, this lands them in trouble 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.

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 during business hours.

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, Mary Ann Ballou, Arlene Bialaszewski, Dolores Biddle, Leonard Brozak, Ian Joseph Bruckhaus, Teodozja Brychey, Eugene Cherkis, Joseph Camptone, Carol Capidone, Krystyna Ciejek, Edward Ciejek, Baby Maxwell Ciotoli, Norma Coleman, Carl Conde, Marcia Cote, Linda Cranston, Nolan Cybulski, Veronica Czerniak, Melanie Etter, Lee Daly-Homa, Casimera Francione, Phyllis Gardiner, Eleanore Golomb, Madeline Gotham, Kathy Gustyn, Joan and Mary Kay Hausladen, Joanne Hawkes-Orman, Veronica Hajecki, Kim Harvey, Ruth Hoffman, Jan Hoholuk, Richard Hurysz, Kathy Przyklek-Jedrzejek, Helena Jurczuk, Wieslawa & Henryk Juśkiewicz, Connie Kawka, Dave Kolupski, Nick Legonelli, Tony Leib, Christopher Lennox, Irene Lichwiarz, Marcin Lukowiak, Beth Lynch, Mark Mahany, Theodore McCracken, Kathleen McHugh, Jim Mills, Deacon Ray Mielcarek, Vicki Mielcarek, Justina Montanez, Baby Michael Moretter, Iwona Muszak, Emily Nakas, Steve Nowak, Susan Oberle, Thomas I. Orczyk, Brenda and David Ortiz, Cristine Paradowski, Gloria and Bernie Penssek, Quinn Pomroy, Colleen Parsons, Mary Ann Pembroke, Jan Quist, Genevieve Rodgers, Zofia Robaczyński, Fabian Rogalski, Joe Rogers, Shirley Rojek, Trudy Rosolowski, Rick Rosser, Tom Schramil, Sharon Smith, Marian and Irene Sobolewski, Emily and Joe Straszyński, Gary and Michele Stenclik, George Swartz, Bernard and Trina Weeg, Irena Wiśniewski, Stefania Wnuk, Paul Wojciechowski, Janet Zienkiewicz and Ann Zukosky. 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 would like Fr. Roman to visit or anoint a loved one who is in the hospital, nursing home etc. you should call or preferably text him at 585-705-7142. Leave the name of the person, name of hospital, nursing home, room number and if it is an emergency/impending death. You may still call the rectory 467-3068 with this information.

Additional Votive Candles for December

- ♦ **Votive Candle on the Blessed Mother altar** is burning in loving memory of Josephine Marszałek, offered by Patricia Parks and children.
- ♦ **Votive Candle in Our Lady of Częstochowa and Saint John Paul II Shrine** is burning in loving memory of Babcia and Dziadzia, offered by daughters Dorothy and Patricia with grandchildren.
- ♦ **Votive Candle by the statue of Saint Theresa** is burning in loving memory of Vincent Parks Jr. offered by Patricia, children and grandchildren.



Have You Mailed your CMA Pledge Yet?

II Niedziela Adwentu

**"Przygotujcie drogę Panu,
Prostujcie ścieżki dla Niego!**

**Każda dolina niech będzie wypełniona, każda góra i pagórek
zrównane, drogi kręte niech się staną prostymi,
a wyboiste drogami gładkimi".**

Słowa św. Jana są wprost idealne. Skoro Bóg przychodzi, to dobrze jest się na Jego spotkanie przygotować. Dobrze jest wyprostować swoje życie, by mógł przyjść czym prędzej. Powyjaśniać, to co w relacjach z najbliższymi powinno być powyjaśniane. Rozwiązać wszystko to, co w sumieniu jest pogmatwane. Pozałatwiać niezałatwione sprawy w swoim sercu, by było ono czyste na Boże Narodzenie.

Wydaje się trudne? Może i jest. No ale cóż... po prostej drodze szybciej dojedzie się do celu.

Jezus przychodzi, jest to nieodwołalne. Jest już blisko. Jeśli wierzy się posłannictwu Jana, to trzeba coś zrobić ze swoim życiem. A jeśli się nie chce nic z nim robić, to pytanie czy tak naprawdę się wierzy...

Modlitwa na Adwent

Wszchemogący Boże, spraw, abyśmy przez dobre uczynki przygotowali się na spotkanie przychodzącego Chrystusa, a w dniu sądu, zaliczeni do Jego wybranych, mogli osiąść Królestwo niebieskie.

Dekoracja Kościoła na Boże Narodzenie

Dekoracja naszego Kościoła na święta będzie w **Niedzielę 16 grudnia o godzinie 3:00 p.m.** Serdecznie prosimy i zapraszamy Parafian o pomoc przy ubieraniu Kościoła.

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

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

The Annual Jesse Tree Project:

November 17 thru December 9th Many people choose to make year-end gifts and donations.

We have the names of **40 children- ages 5 months to 4 years old** who are chronically ill, developmentally or physically disabled and receive services from Catholic Charities. Please put a smile on their face and twinkle in their eyes this Christmas.

Take a **heart** from the Jesse Tree. **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 or dropped off to the rectory by Sunday, Dec. 9th. Catholic Charities will be picking them up on Tuesday, Dec. 11th.**

Luminaries...Remember Loved Ones...**Living or Deceased in Prayers**

This Christmas Season remember your living and deceased loved ones. Let them surround us with their 'light' as we place luminaries to remember them throughout the church. We will pray for them at each Mass during the Octave of Christmas.

PRAYERS are the BEST GIFT to give...they NEVER END!

Available after Mass or at the rectory.

Suggested donation: \$5 each or \$10 Gift Set (for the living) (includes 2 red luminaries, 2 flameless candle: 1bag for the church and the other to give to the family member or friend to decorate his/her home.)

Last day to request: Dec. 17th

Church Decorating

Come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas by putting up and decorating the trees in the church on **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone willing to help is most welcome!

Peace Light Flame from Bethlehem

Peace Light Flame from Bethlehem arrived at St. Stanislaus on Monday, December 3rd. For more information please see PeaceLight.org, a website dedicated to spreading continuous flame Peace Light from Bethlehem across the North American continent.

Extraordinary Ministers - Lectors - Commentators — Altar Servers – Ushers
Schedule for the weekend of December 15-16, 2018

Mass Time	Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion	Lector	Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	George Hoffman Ruth Hoffman	Sharon Grant	Sharon Grant	Altar Servers Needed !	Gene Golomb Bill Brand George Madden Tom Struzik
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sister Barbara Sister Theresa Bob/Andria Mikiciuk	Kristina Batt	Kate Robson	Altar Servers Needed !	Don Williams Stephen Zielinski, Eugene Chmiel Sr. Ken Gustyn
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass	Walter Kiljan Halina Kiljan	Sławka Wojdak	Waldemar Wojdak	Maria/Małgorzata/Jan/Józef Makula	John Knick, Mark Sewhuk Maciej Kostecki Bronislaw Suchodolski

Our Gifts to God**For the weekend of December 1-2, 2018****Offering: Attendance:**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,385.00	98
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,466.00	123
	11:00 a.m.	\$ 952.00	159
Rectory		\$ 675.00	
Vigil Lights		\$ 150.00	
Online Giving 11/18		\$ 2,220.00	
Catholic University		\$ 504.00	

**Charitable Contributions
for Your Financial Planning**

We are very grateful for all your contributions, no matter how large or small. The year 2018 is coming to an end and soon we will have to file our taxes. Contributions to the church are tax deductible. Many people choose to make year-end gifts and donations. Please consider the charitable contribution to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church as part of your financial planning. This is something that will benefit both the church and the donor. To take the advantage of the tax write off for 2018, the contributions have to be made by December 31, 2018. Thank you for your consideration and generosity always.

Save the Date !!!

Our annual Oplątek Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, January 12, 2019**. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., Polish school will perform "Jasełka", a delicious dinner and Music by Dariusz and Friends! More information is coming soon!

**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? We need: RICE, BEANS (black, green, kidney), CHICKEN GRAVY, CHICKEN STUFFING, CANNED CORN, TOMATO SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT, COOKIE/CAKE MIX, CANNED FROSTING, **CEREAL is a year round need. Just one food item helps to feed the hunger pains of the poor.**

Oplatki/Christmas Wafers

Oplątki can be purchased in the rectory during business hours and also after the Masses in the church.

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This week we thank: Fioravanti Florist Inc.