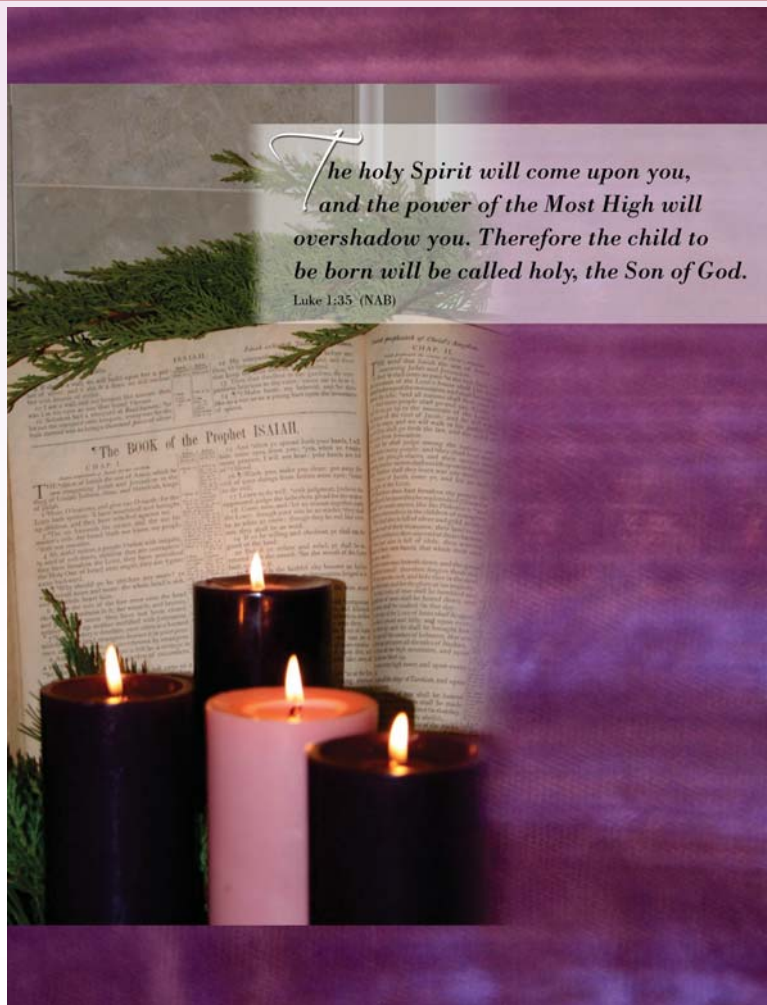


# Saint Joseph Basilica



## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/ MSZE ŚWIĘTE

**Sunday Vigils / Soboty wieczorem:** 4:00 p.m.

### Sundays/Niedziele

7:00 a.m. (Polish); 9:00 a.m. (English);  
10:30 a.m. (Polish)

**Holy Day Vigil / Wigilie Świąt:** 5:00 p.m.

### Holy Days/Święta

6:30 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. (Polish)

### Weekdays / W tygodniu

6:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri); 7:00 a.m. (Sat)

## CONFESSIONS / SPOWIEDŹ

### Saturdays / Soboty:

7:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

**First Friday / Pierwszy Piątek:** 6:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.:**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Thursday / Czwartki

**Office Is Closed! / Biuro zamknięte!**

*Please call ahead for an appointment with a priest.*

*Spotkania prosimy osobiście umawiać z księdzem.*

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Beth Boudreau

### Secretary

Aleksandra Gronek

## PARISH PERSONNEL

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Weekend Assistance

Business Manager

Office Staff

Organist

Sacristan

Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski

Rev. Anthony Kazarnowicz

Rev. Allen Alexander MIC

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## Mission Statement

*Saint Joseph Parish is committed to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ as a Catholic community of faith, by promoting a sense of commitment to the Church, encouraging divine worship and prayer, fostering evangelization and nurturing the spirit of service.*

*Within the context of our Polish - American religious and cultural heritage, we foster our tradition and aspire to personal growth in faith. We are determined to develop our vision for the future, to educate the children in Christian values and to be receptive to the creative and saving grace of God.*

## Weekly Masses Intentions / Intencje Mszalne

### Sunday Vigil, December 23rd

4:00pm - r.s. Elizabeth Szymczak (21st. anniv.)  
- int. sons & daughter

### Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am - ś.p. Józef Piwowarczyk - int. syn Piotr z córką Natalią  
9:00am - r.s. Marie M. Nowak  
- int. Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafal Lachcik  
- int. Bogdan i Marzena Lachcik z rodziną

### Vigil Mass, December 24th - The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm - For God's blessings on all the Benefactors of St. Joseph Basilica

### Monday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord

12:00am - For the parishioners of St. Joseph Basilica  
9:00am - For God's blessings on all the Benefactors of St. Joseph School  
10:30am - Za zmarłych dobroczyńców parafii i szkoły św. Józefa

### Tuesday, December 26th

9:00am - r.s. Florence Dudek  
- int. Wolkowicz family  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafal Lachcik  
- int. Joanna & Andrzej Drabato

### Wednesday, December 27th

6:30am - r.s. Helen (anniv.) & Leon Klejna  
- int. Dorothy Sabaj & family  
6:00pm - r.s. Christine Dudek  
- int. Falke family (English Mass)

### Thursday, December 28th

6:30am - r.s. Theresa Kruzewski  
- int. Celia & Judy Majka

### Friday, December 29th

6:30am - For the deceased remembered in Wypominki  
6:30am - r.s. Paul Ngac Van Vu (25th anniv.) - int. Vu family

### Saturday, December 30th

7:00am - r.s. Sylvia Gentile - int. Robert Walkowiak  
7:00am - For God's graces, blessings, and conversion for Victoria and her family - Paul Cournoyer  
11:00am - **Baptism - Fatima Sofia Garcia**

### Sunday Vigil, December 30th

4:00pm - r.s. Albert Chlapowski (4th anniv.)  
- int. wife, Alice & family

### Sunday, December 31st - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00am - ś.p. Weronika Maslon  
- int. rodzina  
9:00am - r.s. Mary Bukowski (3rd anniv.)  
- int. children & grandchildren  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafal Lachcik  
- int. Bogdan i Marzena Lachcik z rodziną



**BAPTISM.** On designated Sundays. Please call to make arrangements. Parents are required to receive orientation.

**SAKRAMENT CHRZTU** W wyznaczone niedziele. Proszę zadzwonić na plebanię, aby ustalić datę. Rodzice zobowiązani są do krótkiej katechezy.

**MARRIAGE.** Proper preparation for marriage requires one year's notice. Please contact the rectory for appointment.

**SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA** Narzeczeni powinni zawiadomić kancelarię parafialną rok przed datą ślubu.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** For those of advanced age, ill or hospitalized, call the rectory to arrange visitation.

**SAKRAMENT CHORYCH** Po sakramentalną posługę księdza proszę dzwonić na plebanię.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** If you would like to become part of St. Joseph Parish Family, please call the rectory.

**ZAPISY DO PARAFII** Parafia św. Józefa serdecznie zaprasza nowych członków. Zapisy przyjmujemy w kancelarii parafialnej.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. If you wish to become Catholic, or are a Baptized Catholic in need of making your First Communion

## JOIN OUR PARISH / DOŁĄCZ DO NASZEJ PARAFII

If you wish to become a member of our family please fill out this form and mail it to the rectory or put it into the collection basket.  
Jeśli pragniesz dołączyć do naszej rodziny, wypełnij poniższy formularz i prześlij go do biura parafialnego lub włóż do koszyka z kolektą.

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner / Nowy Parafianin

\_\_\_\_ Data update / Zmiana danych

Name / Imię i Nazwisko: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / Ulica: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town / Miejscowość: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Stan: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Telefon: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24, 2023

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28*



At our local high school, a number of teachers reminded their students that class ended when the bell rang, not a few minutes beforehand. Students anticipated the end of class and began packing up their things, just when the teacher was making the most important point. Patience, even in the classroom, is a virtue.

The readings remind us that God fulfilled His promise to David when Gabriel announced to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Her response to the heavenly messenger was so simple, yet reflects a great faith and hope: "Let it be done to me as you say." It's a line that will be repeated thousands of times in Christmas plays, and in Advent hearts that want to do God's will.

Christmas is so close, but there is still time. Don't jump the gun and lose these last few days. Keep on preparing, searching for the special gift of grace that only comes this time of year. Find the way that you can also respond to the invitation given to you at Baptism, to be a person of faith, a child of God, and a witness to the power of the Gospel. Let it all be done to you as God said!

### SHARING OUR BLESSINGS , December 17, 2023

Due to the early submission for the Christmas holiday, the weekly collection amounts for December 17th were not available. They will be reported in the December 31st bulletin.

### DONATIONS

**St. Joseph Basilica** - In Memory of William V. Raszka, Sr.  
- \$25 Given by Denton McCarty, MD  
**St. Joseph School** - In Memory of Lorette Gogolinski -  
\$200 Given by Jillian Kondek; In Memory of Donald Kuzdzal  
- \$50 Given by Judy Majka

**Stewardship Note:** After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light in to the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

*To make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, send it c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E. Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.*

### RECTORY OFFICE

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

### PRAYER GROUP

A prayer team is being formed in our parish. Their goal is to bring souls to Jesus through Mary by praying the rosary with anyone they meet. They would like to encourage everyone to pray and to turn to the Sacraments. The group would also be able to bring the Eucharist to the sick.

The group would like this to be in the form of a visit at the nursing home, to anyone homebound or anyone in the church itself who would like to pray with others. They may visit once or as much as needed. Would you or someone you love be interested in having a prayer team come for a short visit to pray with you? Feel free to reach out to Fr. Gregory or the rectory at 508-943-0467.



### VOTIVE MASS AND NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Every Wednesday we have the opportunity to pray to God through the intercession of St. Joseph for our intentions. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor and we can bring our needs and petitions to him. Please join us at 6:00pm in our weekly Novena and Devotion to our Patron. You may want to state your intentions on the petition slips available in Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel to be read during the devotion.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On Christmas Day, 1978, Pope Saint John Paul II addressed the world with these words: "This message is addressed to every human being in the world—precisely as a human being. It is addressed to his humanity. For it is humanity that is elevated in God the Son's earthly birth. The entire human race is taken up into the unity of the Divine Person of the Son with his Father and the Holy Spirit."

This Christmas, as we behold the infant Jesus in the crib, let us remember that God does not leave us alone in our human experiences—with its weaknesses, struggles, trials, sufferings and moments of sadness and loneliness—as well as its moments of wonder and joy. Through Jesus Christ, born of Mary, He has taken our human nature into His very own divine nature. There is nothing in our lives that we can't share with God, nothing too insignificant or too overwhelming that we can't bring before him in prayer. And if we do this, not only will we be comforted, but we will also begin to live his very own divine life here on earth.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas mass schedule will be as follows:

**December 24th** 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (English)  
**December 25th** 12 am Midnight Mass (Bilingual)  
9:00 am (English)  
10:30 am (Polish)

### Sanctuary Votive Candles

#### Main Altar

##### Candle 1

✠ In loving memory of husband, John and daughter, Marlene ✠  
Given by wife and mother

##### Candle 2

✠ In loving memory of Joseph Lazarowski ✠  
Given by Godchild, Jane

#### Blessed Mother Altar

##### Candle 1

✠ For the deceased members of the Sacred Heart Society ✠  
Given by the Sacred Heart Society

##### Candle 2

✠ For the living members of the Sacred Heart Society ✠  
Given by the Sacred Heart Society



*To help support the parish, you may mail your envelopes to the rectory, drop them off, or give online.  
This information can be found on the parish website.*



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**There are no Religious Education classes in observance of the Christmas and New Years' holidays. Classes will resume on January 8, 2024.**

**Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas  
and a joyous New Year!**

### 125 CLUB WINNERS

December 23 - Joann Wagner #35

### JANUARY CASH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Please help to support your Basilica with the purchase of one or more January Cash Calendars. All profits benefit our parish obligations to the diocese. For \$10 you receive 31 chances to win a daily cash prize of \$25 to \$500. You need not be present to win; winners will be notified by telephone or mail. Please see Jane O'Leary and Sr. Jeanne after Mass at the Basilica entrance to make your purchase.

### NEW MISSALETTES AVAILABLE

The new 2023 - 2024 Polish/English missalettes are available in the sacristy or at the rectory. A \$10 donation is suggested.

### 2024 CALENDARS

Thank you to Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home for once again providing us with informative and beautifully designed bilingual calendars. The calendars indicate Holy Days and Saints' Feast days. They are available in the sacristy and the rectory for a free will offering.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

**January 19, 2024 - Washington, DC**

Respect Life Mass with Bishop McManus will be held on Thursday, January 18 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester followed by departure of buses to Washington, DC. **Cost: \$125 per person. Registration deadline: December 15, 2023.** For complete details, trip itinerary, and to download registration forms, please visit our [march for life](https://marchforlife.org) page.

*Can't attend this year but want to help? Donations are gratefully accepted. Your generosity helps students and others who would like to attend but would otherwise find it difficult to do so. Checks may be made payable to Respect Life Office and mailed to 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. Thank you!*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Polish-American Citizens Club in Webster (37 Harris Street) invites you to a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, December 31st at 6 pm with DJ Mariusz!

Tickets are \$120 per person and include appetizers, dinner, a dessert table, a late supper, and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets can be purchased from Marzena - 774-253-2551, Victor - 774-232-2550, or Kasi - 774-280-0531. Don't delay and order your tickets today!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Joseph parish who have been generously contributing to the church and the school during these difficult times. I am most grateful for your support. God bless you.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are looking for new members, especially those with children in St Joseph School. Please contact Ron Ducharme at 508-414-4450 for information.



### OPLATKI

The Christmas wafers were first associated with the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and constitute an essential element of the Christmas Vigil Supper. This custom celebrated by millions of people is continually growing because it symbolizes the Bread of Life. Breaking the oplatek with our loved ones means sharing life, difficulties, joy, and peace throughout the year.

Oplatki is available in the sacristy or at the rectory during office hours. A donation of \$3.00 is appreciated.

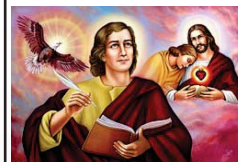
### FINANCIAL REPORT

The St. Joseph Parish Financial Report for fiscal year September 2022 to August 2023 has been completed. Copies are available in the sacristy and at the rectory.

### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

"Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

### SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST DECEMBER 27



Saint John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. John was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He is considered the same person as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple.

John's older brother was St. James the Great, another one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles. Jesus referred to the brothers as "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder." John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a martyr's death.

John is known as the author of the Gospel of John and four other books in the New Testament - the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation. The authorship of the Gospel is credited to the "disciple whom Jesus loved," and John 21:24 claims the Gospel of John is based on the "Beloved Disciple's" testimony.

### SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY SODALITY OPLATEK DINNER

The Holy Rosary Sodality is sponsoring its Annual Oplatek dinner on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 12:30 P.M. at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster. The price of the ticket is \$25.00. You will be able to choose from a selection of 11 meals with salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert and coffee. A listing of the meals will be available in the next bulletin. Tickets will be available from Board members or at the rectory. Everyone is invited. Please come and celebrate the Christmas season in a traditional way.

### Saint Joseph School LEGO Robotics Team Wins Award - Advances to State Championship

On Sunday, December 10th, the Saint Joseph School FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics Team competed in the Worcester FLL Qualifier Event at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). This year's challenge theme was *Masterpiece*. Therefore, in addition to competing with an autonomous robot that the team designed and programmed to solve missions, the team had to imagine and innovate a new way to create and communicate art across the globe—using their imagination to re-think the world of art! Following much discussion regarding their interests and hobbies, the SJS team, also known as the Fantastic 4, decided to focus on dance. In addition, the team learned that there are limited resources for visually impaired dancers to study independently. Therefore, they utilized a tactile drawing board to create a library of basic poses and positions that dancers could feel instead of seeing. Then, they shared their project with fellow Saint Joseph School students, dancers, and visually impaired friends. During the Qualifier Event, the team had to present their research and results in a fun and creative manner. Congratulations to the team for being named a semi-finalist in the Innovation Project Award category. LEGO presents this award to teams that utilize diverse resources for their Innovation Project to help them comprehensively understand their problem, have a creative, well-researched solution, and effectively communicate their findings to judges and the community. In addition to receiving the award, the team received a "golden ticket," inviting them to compete in the Massachusetts Championship FIRST LEGO League Tournament at WPI on Saturday, December 16th. Team members include 6th grade students Lukas Barbosa, Mychael Jones, Jacob Lopez, and 8th Grade student Emily Macko. Saint Joseph School Principal Beth Boudreau and parent volunteer Mariusz Macko coach them. Congratulations, and best of luck in the State Championship!



So that family and friends could celebrate Christmas as a school community, over 200 Saint Joseph School students joined in song and dance on Sunday afternoon when they presented their Annual Christmas Pageant, overseen by Fine Arts Director Mrs. Kelly Bailey Southworth. The event was held on the Ivascyn Performing Arts Center stage in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium.



The festivities began with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Saint Joseph School Choir, led by music instructor Mrs. Brenda Lau Anderson and accompanied by Maria Halena Czarnecka-Cieslak, performed *The First Noel* and *Angels We Have Heard on High*, followed by a special Christmas Poem recited by Student Council President Molly Hachigian. Then, Pastor and Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski blessed the four Christmas trees surrounding the stage. The opening ceremony concluded with the lighting of the four trees, bringing the Ivascyn Performing Arts Center to life.



Act I of the pageant featured a presentation of the play, *A Night Full of Stars – Bethlehem's Amazing Moving Pictures Show*, by Little Big Stuff, directed by Ms. Kelly Bailey Southworth and assisted by Grade 4 instructor Mrs. Susan Gallivan. The Hollywood-themed production told the story of the opening night for the newest entertainment invention, "moving pictures." However, the event couldn't compete with the "buzz" on the hillside of Bethlehem of the promised Messiah – Christ the Lord. The cast included Mya Medina, Luke Surowaniec, Jada Jackson, Ayla Reed, Jason Bianchi, Laura Ibrahim, Rosemary Basha, Emily Macko, Sophia Surowaniec, Zofia Pawlikowska, Nevaeh Bourgeois, Renielys Garcia, Amelia Potem, Alexis Archambault, Avery Archambault, Evelyn Macko, Kalleia Agosto, Bella Kicilinski, Lily Martin, Claire Calnan, Ryan Grupposo, Ariana Benson, and Bella Kicilinski. The cast

was supported by all Saint Joseph School students in Grades 5-8 who sang several musical numbers, including *The City of David*, *Come One, Come All*, *The Shepherd King*, *Can You Believe*, *Following the Light of the Star*, *Joy to the World Medley*, and *Let the Good News Be Heard*.

Following a brief intermission, students in the Prek-3-year-old program through Grade 4 took over the stage. They delighted the crowd with their performances. Grade 4 kicked off Act 2 with a performance of *Oh Christmas Tree* on their ukuleles, Grade 3 sang and performed hand movements to *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, Grade 2 sang *Go Tell It*



*On the Mountain*, Grade 1 performed *Up on the Housetop*, Kindergarten sang and danced to the tune *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, Prek-4-year old program sang *Happy Birthday*, *Jesus*, and PreK-3-year-old program brought a smile to everyone's faces with *Baby Jesus*, *We Love You*. Finally, Grade 5-8 students returned to the stage to sing the Spanish song, *Arbolito*, *Arbolito*. The event culminated with a visit from Saint Nicholas and candy canes for every student courtesy of the Saint Joseph School Home and School Association. It was a spectacular afternoon!



Dzisiejsza druga kolekta jest przeznaczona na *The Retirement Fund for Religious*.

## CZWARTA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

24 grudnia, 2023

„Anioł wszedł do Niej i rzekł: «Bądź pozdrowiona<sup>11</sup>, pełna łaski, Pan z Tobą, »..” (Łk 1, 28)



Kto kieruje historią świata? Ludzie? Niezaprzeczalnie mają swój udział. Spis powszechny, opisany przez Ewangelistę Łukasza, został zarządzony przez cesarza Oktawiana Augusta. Miał do tego pełnię władzy. Jednakże autor Ewangelii sugeruje duchowe znaczenie tego wydarzenia. Cesarz rzymski inicjuje wydarzenie po to, aby BOŻY PLAN się wypełnił, aby Król Świata narodził się w Betlejem, zgodnie z zapowiedzią prorocką, aby pasterze na betlejemskich polach usłyszeli Dobrą Nowinę z ust aniołów. Św. Ambroży, biskup Mediolanu z IV wieku, daje piękny komentarz do tego wydarzenia. Oto teraz Chrystus dokonuje spisu, ale chce nie jednego narodu, ale wszystkich ludzi, nalega nie na pieniądze, ale na wiarę, wysyła nie cenzorów z różgami, ale apostołów z Ewangelią. Ten spis obejmuje również dzieci, czego dowodem jest św. Jan Chrzciel, cieszący się już w łonie matki z przybycia Mesjasza. Św. Ambroży wyjaśnia, że każdy wiek jest hojny dla Chrystusa. Patrząc zewnątrz na nasze dzieje, społeczne i indywidualne, wszystko zależy od ludzi. Badając wydarzenia wzrokiem wiary, widzimy, że w historii dokonuje się nieubłagannie plan zbawienia wyznaczony przez Wszechmogącego Boga, choć często zakrytymi i tajemniczymi sposobami.

W Boże Narodzenie 1978 roku papież św. Jan Paweł II powiedział że świąteczne przesłanie skierowane jest do każdego człowieka na świecie, do jego człowieczeństwa. To bowiem ludzkość zostaje wywyższona w ziemskich narodzinach Boga Syna. Cały rodzaj ludzki zostaje włączony w jedność Boskiej Osoby Syna z Jego Ojcem i Duchem Świętym.

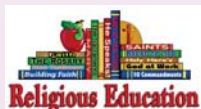
W te Święta Bożego Narodzenia, gdy patrzymy na Dzieciątka Jezus w żłóbku, pamiętajmy, że Bóg nie zostaw nas samych z naszymi ludzkimi doświadczeniami – z naszymi słabościami, zmaganiem, wyzwaniem, cierpieniami i chwilami smutku i samotności. Jezusa Chrystus, przez narodzenie z Maryi, zanurzył naszą ludzką naturę do swojej boskości. Nie ma niczego w naszym życiu, czym nie moglibyśmy podzielić się z Bogiem, niczego zbyt nieistotnego lub zbyt przytłaczającego, czego nie moglibyśmy Jemu przedstawić w modlitwie. A jeśli to zrobimy, nie tylko doznamy pocieszenia, ale także zaczniemy żyć Jego własnym boskim życiem tutaj na ziemi.

**WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT**



### NOWENNA DO ŚW. JOZEFA

W każdą środę mamy okazję modlić się do Boga za wstawiennictwem św. Józefa w naszych intencjach. Św. Józef jest potężnym orędownikiem i możemy zanosić do niego nasze potrzeby i błagania. Zapraszamy na cotygodniową Nowennę i Nabożeństwo do naszego Patrona o godzinie 18:00. Intencja modlitwena na Nowenne można składać na kartkach dostępnych w kaplicy Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej.



### KATECHEZA

Najbliższe zajęcia katechetyczne odbędą się w poniedziałek, 8 stycznia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (powieź).

**Bierzmowanie** - najbliższe spotkanie

kandydatów do bierzmowania odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 8 stycznia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (spowiedź).

### OPŁATKI I KALENDARZE

Oplątek wigilijny jest symbolem pojednania i przebaczenia, znakiem przyjaźni i miłości. Dzielnie się nim na początku wieczery wigilijnej wyraża chęć bycia razem. Ma swoją symbolikę w wymiarze nie tylko duchowym: sama materia opłatki: "chleb", podkreśla również doczesny charakter życzeń. Po błogosławione opłatki są dostępne w zakrystii i na plebanii.

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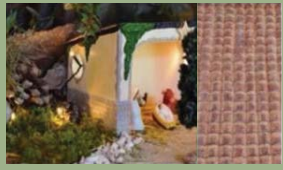


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