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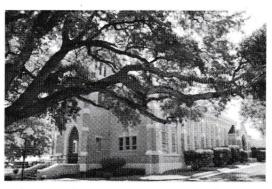
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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10 AM Saturday: 6 PM Holy Days: See Bulletin Weekdays: See Bulletin

Other Parish Information

Confessions: See Bulletin & By Appointment
Baptisms: By Appointment
Weddings: Arrangements at least six

months in advance

Funerals: Arrangements at the Rectory
Annual Homecoming & Bazaar:
2nd Sunday in October

Dear Padre

Medicating for pain When is it OK to medicate for pain?

If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death? When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person's suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person's death. It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, "Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?" It is also important to have a discussion with your priest. Many times one is forced to make terrible decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

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February 14 2016 First Sunday of Lent

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.



The reading from Deuteronomy is a reminder of God's fidelity to the Hebrew people, and their responsibility to offer the first fruits of their labors back to the Lord.

In Romans, Paul teaches the people to confess that Jesus is Lord, and to be saved. In the Gospel of Luke, the devil tempts Jesus in the desert.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday February 17th —12:00 Johnnie, Janie, Phillip, Jimmy and Elvia Baronowski

Friday February 19th —12:00
All living and deceased member of St. Stanislaus

<u>Saturday February 20th— 6:00</u> Joe, Annie & Thomas Kitkoski, Bill Paukert, Frank Dietrich

<u>Sunday February 21st—10:00</u> Martha Klawinsky & Family

Father Jojo

frjojo@embarqmail.com

Father Jojo requests that you visit the following websites:

~www.fatima.org ~www.fatimachallenge.com ~www.consecrationow.org ~www.usccb.org New Catholic Radio Station: KSHJ 1430



E.M.H.C:

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday February 20th-6:00pm

<u>Lectors</u>: Carolyn Kimich & Delores Posinski Rosary: Delores Posinski

Leonard Szymczak, Charles & Delores Posinski

Altar Servers: Daylen Wagner, Drew Wagner & Allison Wisnoski

<u>Ushers:</u> Chet Sicinski, Johnny Pasket Jr., Michael Wisnoski & Darrin Pasket

Sunday February 21st-10:00am

<u>Lectors:</u> Marion Szymczak & Blake Vezurk <u>Rosary</u>: Eugene Yanchak

E.M.H.C: David Borski, Marion & Evelyn Szymczak, Joan Pushee

Tommy Szymczak & Robert Maggio (Choir)

Altar Servers: Zachary Ritchie, Reece Wrobleski & Jonathon Ritchie

<u>Ushers</u>: Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder, Ed Marek & David Borski





Masses At St. Stanislaus

Saturday-Mass will be here at 6pm with confessions beginning at 5pm. Sunday- Mass will begin at 10 am.

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February 2016

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia

Choir practice

Thursdays 6:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome to join!

12 Hour Adoration

Our church is open every Monday beginning at 8 am until 8pm. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

Divine Mercy & Rosary
Held on Friday following the
noon mass. All are welcome to
join us in the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



St. Stanislaus Kostka, Pray for us.

RCIA

Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or adult confirmation, please call the church office at (936) 873-2291

Baptism

Classes are necessary for baptisms. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration and Mass

First Friday of every month begins at 5pm and Mass at 6pm No noon Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Every 3rd weekend of the month, anointing of the sick will be held in the church following the 10 :am mass.

Anointing of the sick is for people who are seriously ill or preparing to undergo surgery. It is also for the elderly who are suffering from the infirmities of age.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

~30 minutes before weekday Masses (Please call ahead so the priest knows.) ~5pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Planning a Marriage?

There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Start Early!

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church!

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish. Current members are asked to update your contact information as well.

Legion of Mary

Wednesday Night at 6:30 For more info. Contact Diane Sechelski 936-873-2255 after 5:00

Altar Society

St. Stanislaus Altar Society meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be March 3rd at 6:30. Catholic ladies are welcome to join us!

Station of The Cross

We will have Station of the Cross on Fridays of Lent beginning @ 7:00 PM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

On the 1st weekend of every month (Sunday Masses), Fr. Jojo will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month.

Knights of Columbus

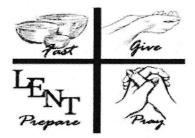
KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd & 4th Monday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Dean Miller at 936-524-1700 for more information.

Cemetery Guidelines

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery contact Charles Posinski at 873-2113.

If work needs to be done to a headstone or grave you must first contact Charles Posinski.

Throughout our Judeo-Christian history, people have cried out to God for help, and the Lord has protected us, provided for us, and helped us to grow into a mature relationship with him. We know, as Jesus knows, that we are to call upon the Lord for help, but not to test him, as the devil sometimes tempts us to do.



	Readings	
Monday Feb. 15	100	Saturday Feb. 20
Lenten Weekday	Thursday Feb. 18	Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Lenten Weekday	Dt 26:16-19
Mt 25:31-46	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-	Mt 5:43-48
Tuesday Feb. 16	25	
Lenten Weekday	Mt 7:7–12	Sunday Feb. 21
Is 55:10-11		Second Sunday
Mt 6:7–15	Friday Feb. 19	of Lent
Wed. Feb. 17	Lenten Weekday	Gn 15:5–12, 17–18
Lenten Weekday	Ez 18:21–28	Phil 3:17—4:1 or
Jon 3:1–10	Mt 5:20–26	3:20—4:1
Lk 11:29-32	***************************************	Lk 9:28b-36

Our Church will be open daily for prayer at 8am until 4 pm provided the office is open.

The church office is closed on Mondays.

For information on renting the parish hall contact the church office.



Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound.

Jannie Abbott, Lois Barton, Bernice Briers, Betty Busa, Michael Busa, Pearl Busa, Christine Bush, Annie Cooper, Margaret Creel, Patricia Dobyanski, Faye Faust, John Faust, Jerry Fontaine, Claudia Gurrola, Meb Hartman, George Janacek, Rosalee (Pat) Janacek, Kaudia Johnson, CJ Kapcinski, Helen Kimich, Betty Kitkoski, Kacy Kitkoski, Kathy Lang, Florence Lara, William Lett, Charisse Marshall, Russell Mattern, Rosemary Molina, Helen Molitor, Thomas Noble, Joseph Obell, Matthew Oliver, Reagan Oliver, Mary Pasket, Barbara Perry, Mary Joel Phillips, Marcella Reaves, Christopher Sechelski, Marvin Sechelski, Geneva Sicinski, Crista Chiles Skalsky, Tonya Taylor, Angie Tomczak, Steve Vezurk, Joanie Willis, Janette Yanchak, Michael Yanchak, Jenna Zientek & Lane Smith

Please let the office know of anyone who should be added or removed from these lists.

Please pray for those in active military duty.

Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski Don Fontaine, Michael Katkoski, Airman Cody Klawinsky, Matthew Macejewski, Tech Sgt. John McKnight, & Deavan Szymanski



Collections

Saturday Feb. 6th \$ 1,968.00

Sunday Feb. 7th \$3,243.50

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

March 6, 2016 Catholic Relief Services

March 25, 2016(Good Friday) Holy Land Collection Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2016

Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church Rev. Rodolfo "Jojo" Cal-Ortiz, Jr., Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Josephine Bahkita

Born in Darfur, Sudan around 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors gave her the name Bahkita, which means "fortunate." After several years of serving under cruel masters, she was bought by Augusto Michieli. The Michielis sent Bahkita with their daughter to Italy, where Bahkita encountered Catholicism. Overjoyed, she was baptized and took the name Josephine. In 1893, instead of returning to Africa with the Michielis, she decided to enter the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa.

Forgiveness

The advice, "forgive and forget" isn't easy to follow. Forgiveness means letting go of your anger so you are free to heal. Do you need to forgive anyone? Pray for the grace to forgive as God forgives you: freely, totally, and quickly.

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."

A heartfelt conversion leads to Christ

During Lent, the Church invites us to purify our souls so we can begin again at Easter. We do this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by converting our hearts, our goods, and

our time to God's purposes.

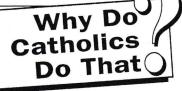
Convert heart. Jesus sparks renewal in a contrite heart, one that acknowledges its weaknesses and sins and is prepared to change. True conversion is demonstrated when we put new heart into our work or study and in the way we care for our family or friends. When we make life more pleasant for those around us and make our work more effective, we strengthen our conversion.

Convert goods. Earthly goods are

not bad in themselves, but we can't focus on acquiring goods and still be dedicated to holiness. Christ can't fill a

heart bogged down
with earthly
distractions.
Instead, convert
your possessions
into instruments
for God's
purposes. What
God can't use, give

Convert time. Picture
Lent as a time when
Christ is calling each of us
to draw closer to him again.
If we stay close to Christ, we
will always find the strength to
overcome the weaknesses and
defects in ourselves that we can't
conquer on our own. Use whatever
free time you may have this season to
pray, meditate, and read about Christ
to learn and love him better.



Why do Catholics gesture during the Confiteor?

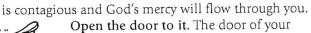
Prayers involve the mind, heart, voice, and body. When our bodies also participate, we tend to pray with greater attention. For this reason, during the Confiteor, we strike our breasts at the words, "through my own fault." Striking one's breast

repentance and sorrow. In the Confiteor, we recognize and profess sorrow for our sins by word and deed. This helps prepare us for a more holy participation in the sacred Eucharistic celebration that itself can affect reparation for sins.

God's mercy is real

Pope Francis recently said, "Mercy is real. It is the first attribute of God." How can we experience God's mercy ourselves in a powerful and personal way?

Practice it. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." In order to receive mercy, we must offer it ourselves. Release your debtors, whether it is a material, emotional, spiritual, or psychological debt they owe to you. Then learn to ask for mercy from others. You will find that kindness



parish church is the door to the path of salvation. Use it at least weekly to attend Sunday Mass.

Ask for it. The Sacrament of
Reconciliation is the offer of mercy God
never withdraws. We may be afraid to ask.
To return to the embrace of our Father, all
we need do is recognize our wrongs, ask his
pardon, and to seek his love in the Sacrament.

from Scripture

Luke 13:1-9, Sin is a tragedy

In Jesus's time, it was thought that physical suffering and death were the punishment for sin. If someone suffered, neighbors wondered what he did to

deserve his ill fate. Jesus explained that tragedy and death are part of life and he referred to two senseless tragedies to illustrate.

In the first, Pilate's soldiers killed Jews offering sacrifices. The second tragedy was a collapsed tower. Jesus explained that not every

tragedy signifies a sin. The real tragedy, Jesus pointed out, would be if the people had died without repenting for their sins. Life is temporary. Heaven is eternal. God is always ready to offer

forgiveness to repentant sinners. Jesus told a parable about a barren fig tree. A tree without fruit should be cut down but it was given more time at the gardener's request. Jesus said that God, like the merciful gardener, wants to give us more time to repent and follow him more faithfully. The tree may

still respond to care. While God's love, grace, and mercy are freely given to us, they should not be taken for granted.

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Does following the Beatitudes mean I have to be miserable to be happy?

The Beatitudes can seem contradictory or confusing. Yet Jesus meant them as foolproof ways to obtain happiness here and in Heaven.

When he created us, God put the desire for happiness in our hearts (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1718). Knowing how to read the Beatitude blueprint is the

key to that happiness.

For example, Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 5:3). That doesn't mean we should be unhappy in order to get to Heaven. Rather, it means that instead of trying to go through life on our own, we can surrender to our dependence on God and he will lead us to Heaven.

Jesus demonstrated how to live the Beatitudes. When he saw suffering, he mourned, and didn't give in to his desire to "feel good." He was pure of heart and lived by God's laws. When he was insulted, he refused to react in violence. He showed mercy by forgiving his tormentors, returning good for evil.

Feasts & 🗕 💿 Celebrations

Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord. Today, we celebrate when, in accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the prescribed offering forty days after his birth. Simeon tells Mary of the anguish she would experience at Jesus' crucifixion.

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly "lady" appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The "lady" revealed

herself as the "Immaculate Conception" – the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pilgrims still flock to Lourdes today.

Feb. 13 – St. Catherine of Ricci

(1590). Baptized Alessandra Ramoala, St. Catherine was born in 1522 to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, Alessandra joined the Dominicans in 1535. She is known for the visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every week, beginning on Thursday night and ending on Friday afternoon for several years.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).		10 Ash Wednesday Attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.	11 Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.	12 Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.	13 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.	
14 After Mass, decide what you need to change in your life in order to truly experience Jesus' love during Lent.	15 Raise the level of your prayer today and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.	16 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.	17 As an extra Lenten offering, give up something you enjoy just for today.	18 Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others today.	19 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.	20 Make a list of the ways you can support the poor, and resolve to do one activity each week.
21 Choose someone who has passed away or someone who needs extra help as your Mass intention today.	22 Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.	23 Forgive someone who has hurt you.	24 Ask Jesus to heal whatever keeps you from feeling God's bountiful love.	25 Read the Ten Commandments (<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i>) and resolve to live them.	26 Share a meatless meal with friends and tell them why you are abstaining.	27 Visit a nursing home and read to a resident, take one for a walk, or pay someone some attention.
28 Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.	29 At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.	1 March Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.	2 Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.	3 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)	4 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.	5 Attend a parish Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.
6 Laetare Sunday Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.	7 Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.	8 Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.	9 Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.	10 Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.	11 Figure out how much money you saved by abstaining from meat and give that money to the poor.	12 Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.
13 Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.	14 Get up an extra 15 minutes early each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.	15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.	16 Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.	17 Today, pray for someone you don't like.	18 Eat a pretzel as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.	19 Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.
20 Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.	21 Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.	22 Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.	23 Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.	24 Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.	25 Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.	26 Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.

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