

# *St. Stanislaus Catholic Church*

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## **Mass Schedule**

*Sunday 10 AM*

*Saturday 6 PM*

*Weekdays: Wed. & Fri. at Noon*

*Holy Days: See Bulletin*

*Annual Homecoming Bazaar*

*2nd Sunday in October*

*Other Parish Information See Bulletin*

# *Dear Padre*

January 7, 2018

***What is the real meaning of the visit of the three kings to Jesus, and does that visit have meaning for us today?***

At the most fundamental level, the three kings represent all of the world's nations. These nations come and share their treasures with Jesus. In this context, the mission of the three kings can be seen as a challenge to all nations to recognize Jesus and share the treasures they have. We can link the story of the three kings with another in Scripture—the multiplication of the loaves (see Matthew 14:13–21). In this story, the disciples represent the three kings. The disciples ask Jesus: “How can we possibly provide food for all these people?” But Jesus insists: “You yourselves give them food to eat.” So the disciples divide up their five loaves and two fish, and everyone has enough to eat. The Gospel message is that when we share what we have, then we will have enough for all. We can look at it from a broader viewpoint: When one nation shares with another, there is enough for all. We all work toward this sense of sharing in our own lives by not accumulating more than we need and by trying to share with those who have less. We can contribute on another level by being heard through our political choices and through our involvement in local, national, and international issues. We are not perfect, but the Lord does not demand perfection. The Lord asks for progress and an honest effort. May the Lord strengthen us to share more at home and internationally, so that all of us may royally sit together at our king's banquet.

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**January 7, 2018**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life.



The first reading recounts the splendor of Jerusalem as it draws other nations to the glory of God. In his Epistle to the Ephesians, Saint Paul proclaims the Good News that the Gentiles are co-heirs of salvation with the people of Israel. The Gospel recounts the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, where they worshipped the baby Jesus.

***Mass Intentions***

**Wednesday January 10th 12:00**  
Steve Vezurk

**Friday January 12th 12:00**  
Special Intentions Susan Cook

**Saturday January 13th 6:00**  
Living and Deceased member of the  
Fritz & Gertrude Heyman Family

**Sunday January 14th 10:00**  
Fr. T.W. Kappe, Fr. Richard De Stefano, Fr. Don Galaswski  
Fr. Joe Culver, Fr. Cliff Natho, Fr. Joe Szymczak

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday January 13th 6:00pm**

<u>Lectors:</u>	Delores Posinski & Carolyn Kimich	<u>Rosary:</u>	Delores Posinski
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Charles & Delores Posinski, Michael Wisnoski		
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Philip Pasket, Wyatt Marek, Brant Werner		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Stephen Pasket, Chet Sicinski, Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket		

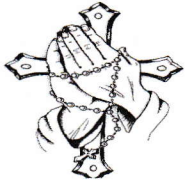
**Sunday January 14th 10:00am**

<u>Lectors:</u>	Russell Pasket	<u>Rosary:</u>	Janet Bienski
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Russell Pasket, Jim Snow, Linda LaSalle, Diane Sechelski		
	Gary Klodzinski & Robert Maggio (Choir)		
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	McKenna Holloway, Chad Guidry, Brianna Burzynski		
<u>Ushers</u>	Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder		



## *Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January*

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



St Stanislaus Kostka

Pray for us



**2018 envelope and calendar are ready for pickup.**



Altar Servers, Ushers', Lectors, EMHC, Rosary Leaders Schedule are available.



### **New Directory**

We will taking photos this week starting on Wednesday the 10th.

If you have not scheduled a time, please call the office.

936-873-2291

The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find him.

We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways he is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?





# 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. 936-873-2291

**Cemetery Guidelines :** If you have questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done on a headstone or grave you must first contact Charles Posinski.

**Altar Society :** St. Stanislaus Altar Society meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday February 1st at 6:00 All Catholic ladies are welcome to join us!

**12 Hour Adoration:** Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm September to May. Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

**Divine Mercy:** Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries :** On the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month (Sunday Masses), Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month.

**Anointing of the Sick :** Every 3rd weekend of the month, anointing of the sick will be held in the church following the 10:00 am Sunday 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.

**Knights of Columbus :** KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Anthony Olivieri at 936-522-8146 for more information.

**Baptism:** Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

**Choir Practice:** Thursdays at 6:30 in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

**Marriage:** There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 Minutes before weekday Masses ( Please call ahead to let the Priest know)  
5:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays



# Make Your Plans to Attend the Women's Retreat Coming Soon

February 23-25, 2018 at Holy Name  
Retreat Center, Houston, Texas

*"A Christian retreat is an intentional time away to experience a new awareness of the presence of God. It is an opportunity to get some distance and see things in perspective. It requires a pace that is unhurried and conducive to rest and relaxation in order to come back with a renewed sense of living as Disciples of Christ."*

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check (✓) below and mail/fax to the retreat center or register online at [www.holynameretreatcenter.com](http://www.holynameretreatcenter.com).

**Reservations:** Please reserve a place for the weekend/day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

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☐ Catholic Women's Retreat (\$220\*)

☐ 12-Step Retreat (\$220\*)

☐ Married Couples Retreat (\$380)

☐ 12-Step Day of Reflection (\$45)

☐ Women's Day of Reflection (\$45)

☐ Día de Reflexión (\$45)

\*\$205 for Seniors

**More Information:** Please send me more information on:

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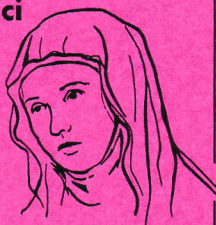
Christ Our Light Catholic Church and St. Stanislaus Church

Rev. Elias Lopez, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Angela Merici

Born in Italy, St. Angela and her sister were raised by an uncle after the deaths of their parents. Angela received the vocational call as a teenager. Her sister died without receiving the Sacraments, so Angela became a Third Order Franciscan to pray for her. She opened her home as a girls' school for religious education. She was later inspired by a vision to start a religious community to educate young women, and founded the Ursuline Order.



### The face of God

God doesn't want us to sacrifice our own wellbeing, but does want us to willingly bring his love to other people. It can be uncomfortable being his loving face to others. This means being patient with those who annoy us, kind to those who are demanding, and forgiving to those who haven't asked.

*"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).*



## Move closer to God in the New Year

While contemplating your New Year's resolutions, wouldn't it be great to make at least one change this year that brings you closer to God?

Consider these ideas from other Catholics to strengthen your prayer life, learn more about your faith, or serve your parish.

Greg was bored with his prayer routine and wanted a change. His priest suggested he try a novena, nine days of focused prayer. So, Greg chose a novena to the Immaculate Conception. He loved the meditations and felt a connection to Our Lady. Soon, he became hooked on novenas. Once again, he was excited to spend time in prayer.

Jennifer's husband is not Catholic

and asks lots of questions about her faith. Her own religious education ended years ago, and she became dismayed when she couldn't answer his questions.

Learning that adult faith formation classes were starting in her parish, Jenn jumped at the chance to learn more.

"Everything I discover helps me to grow stronger in my faith," Jennifer declared. "I'm so excited by what I'm learning that my husband wants to come, too."

Maureen's children are grown and on their own, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to evangelize our faith than to share it with children? That's where I can do some real good," she said.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

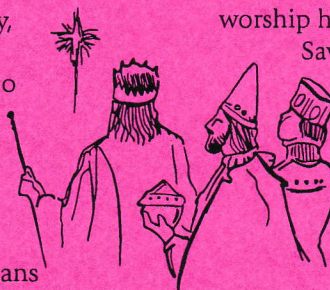
## Why do Catholics celebrate Epiphany?

On the feast of Epiphany, we recall the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, who had traveled "from the East." They were looking for the newborn king of the Jews, though they themselves were not Jewish. "Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and

worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, #528).

The Epiphany celebrates the revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to the rest of the world.





## Adopt a three-point plan for holiness in the New Year

All Christians are called to holiness. *"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

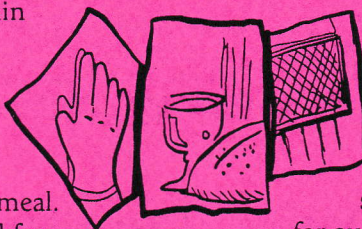
**Daily prayer.** God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

**Weekly Mass.** The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, *"For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is*

*drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him"* (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

**Monthly Confession.** Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for

holiness.

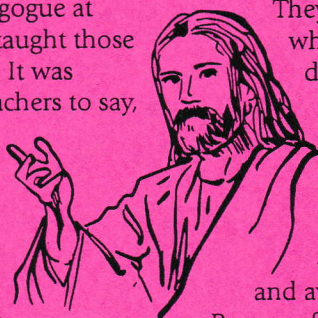


### from Scripture

#### Mark 1:21-28, God's authority is not a formality

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and his apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered for the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..." Instead Jesus said, "I say to you ..." He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, he gave them a sign. He further demonstrated his authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the



synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and we will one day appear before him to be judged. Yes, he is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give him our loyalty and obedience.

### Q & A I make terrible decisions. How can I do better?

It's true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making.



**Get all the facts.** That helps you know your options.

**Pray.** Place yourself in God's presence and ask for his guidance.

**Listen to your conscience.** Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him ... to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil." (CCC #1777)

**Choose to do the right thing,** choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage.

**Ask for help.** When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor.

**Be accountable.** Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive.

**Admit mistakes.** Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don't get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

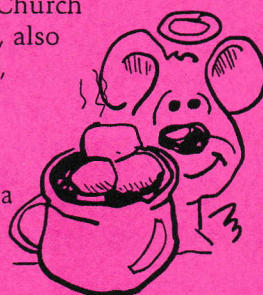
### Feasts & Celebrations

**Jan. 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** Today, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary. Because this feast day is on a Monday, Mass attendance is optional (but encouraged) this year.

**Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century).** Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from

the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

**Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st Century).** Timothy was a convert of St. Paul's and later became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and administrator to a community on Crete.



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## Readings

### Monday Jan. 8

Baptism of  
the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is  
55:1-11  
Acts 10:34-38 or 1  
Jn 5:1-9  
Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday Jan. 9

1 Sm 1:9-20  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wed. Jan. 10

1 Sm 3:1-10,  
19-20  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday Jan. 11

1 Sm 4:1-11  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday Jan. 12

1 Sm 8:4-7,  
10-22a  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday Jan. 13

1 Sm 9:1-4,  
17-19; 10:1  
Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday Jan. 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,  
17-20  
Jn 1:35-42



Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 8:00 to 4:00

For information on renting the parish hall,  
please call the office at 936-873-2291

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

Lois Barton, Bernice Briers, Betty Busa, Francelle Busa, Michael Busa, Pearl Busa, Christine Bush, Annie Cooper, Margaret Creel, Gary Davila, Patricia Dobyanski, Kari Lynn Eisenman, John Faust, Margaret Fann, Preston Fann, Claudia Gurrola, Meb Hartman, Mark Heymen, George Janacek, Rosalee (Pat) Janacek, Kaudia Johnson, Helen Kimich, Kacy Kitkoski, Kathy Lang, Florence Lara, Martin Lara, Katherine Lee, William Lett, Albert Mattern, Russell Mattern, Rosemary Molina, Helen Molitor, Thomas Noble, Joseph Obell, Matthew Oliver, Reagan Oliver, Edward Pasket, Mary Pasket, Barbara Perry, Mary Joel Phillips, Linda Russell, Mike Russell, Kenny Sechelski, Geneva Sicinski, Crista Chiles Skalsky, Alma Smith, La Nell Szymczak, Tonya Taylor, Michael Yanchak.

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, Travis Hayes,  
Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky  
Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight,  
Phillip Walkowiak



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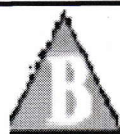

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