

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

December 15, 2019



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:15pm

Sunday 10:00am

Wednesday & Friday

12 noon

(Reconciliation at 11:30am)

An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.



In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of a day when the glory and splendor of God will be apparent to all. God will come to save. James encourages the community to be patient as they await Christ's return. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to go and tell John of miracles that have occurred. He then tells the crowd of John the Baptist's greatness.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday December 18th 12:00
Monica Krause

Friday December 20th 12:00
Marcela Reaves

Saturday December 21st 4:15pm
Living & deceased members of the
John & France Wisnoski family

Sunday December 22nd 10:00am
Rosemary Molina
Mama & Papa Molina



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www.FORMED.org

Enter Parish code:

MVMZKF to register



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 21st 4:15pm

<u>Lectors:</u>	Delores Posinski & Carolyn Kimich	<u>Rosary:</u> Susan Wisnoski
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Charles & Delores Posinski, Leonard Szymczak	
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Andrew Borski, Jacob Borski, Evan Borski	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Darrell Wagner, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.	



Sunday December 22nd 10:00am

<u>Lectors:</u>	EJ & Leona Maupin	<u>Rosary:</u> Joan Pushee
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Jarl Renn, Joan Pushee, Linda LaSalle, Don & Gail Sowell & Robert Maggio (choir)	
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Tyler Abraham, Hannah Abraham, William Abraham	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Stan Sechelski, Jerome Klawinsky, Ian Campbell, Ben Leman	

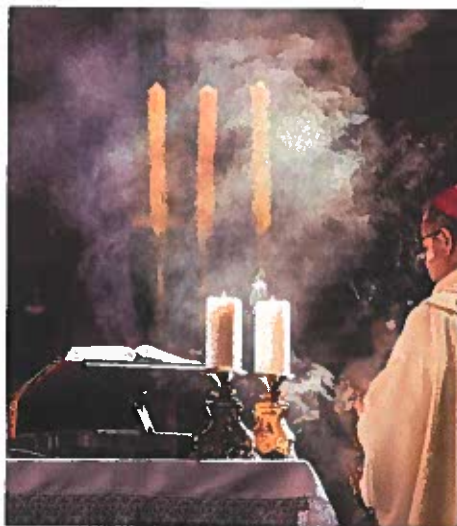


Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a
Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8–10
Mt 1:1–17

Wednesday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

Thursday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

Friday

DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Sunday

DECEMBER 22
*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*
Is 7:10–14
Rom 1:1–7
Mt 1:18–24

The Splendor of God

"Here is your God!" Who wouldn't run to see this marvel? Isaiah 35 tells us what to look for: nature will explode with excitement and splendor, and the hardships of life will no longer hold us captive. Is this really possible, or is it merely hopeful poetry? Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that it's possible. In fact he, Jesus, is the one who has ushered in the kingdom of heaven. Since that is true, why don't you and I see it?

The reading from James sheds light on this. There is something truly wondrous about earth bringing forth "precious fruit" (James 5:7). Our understanding of how the development and emergence of fruits occur does not make the fact of natural growth any less wondrous. Farmers know this well. They also know that such growth will occur only when human labor cooperates with the laws of nature designed by God. In other words, the farmer provides the labor while God provides the life-giving sun and rain.

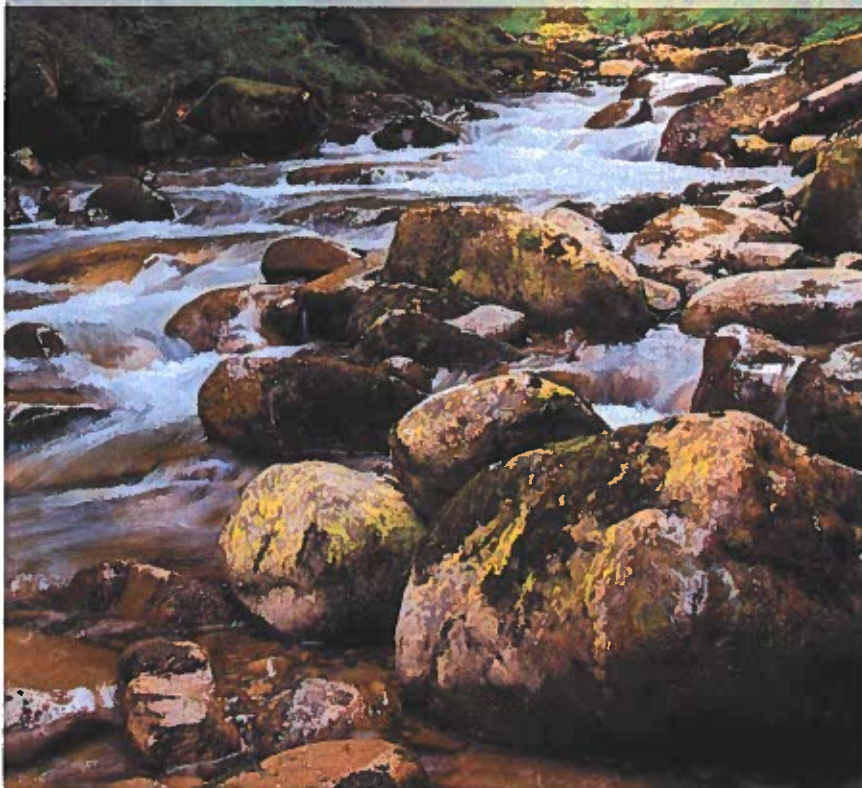
If our world does not resemble Isaiah's astonishing portrait or the healing that Jesus was able to accomplish, might it be that we have not done what we can to remedy the hardships of life that hold so many captive? When God enters our lives, he provides us with the power we need to change our world, but we must be willing to allow that power to work through us. If we are open to God in our midst, our world will be rich with life and healing, and everyone will know that God is really here.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense he comes to save you.*

ISAIAH 35:4



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FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *On what ways might you enrich the life of another?*
- ★ *What can you do to heal broken relationships in your life?*

ADVENT HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 4:00PM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 10:00AM
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS 10:00AM

Altar Servers, Ushers', Lectors, EMHC and Rosary Leaders

Signup sheets in back of church for Advent Schedule

Give the Gift of Life

The Knights of Columbus Council # 4054 will be hosting a **BLOOD DRIVE** on January 12, 2020 at St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. Blood and blood products are in short supply and donors are needed now to provide for this critical need. Please sign up in advance after masses the week before or on-line at www.giveblood.org.

Come enjoy our pancake breakfast then roll up your sleeve! ***Do you need a reason to give blood?***

Go to the website and read the courageous stories of those who benefit from blood donations.

Commit for Life!



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

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

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

The Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Announcements

Our St. Stanislaus parish will begin an eight-week Bible study *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* on January 14th at 6:30PM. Participants will meet on Tuesdays every week to view an engaging video presentation along with a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information visit ascensionpress.com, or contact Deanie Vezurk (979) 324-4917, Dianne Sechelski (936)870-5249 or Jaime Diehl (979)324-6399. You will not only discover your unique gifts and calling as a member of Christ's Church; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Registration forms are available in the back of the church.

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Oplatki Polish Christmas Bread is available in the back of church.

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2nd collection for DSF on Dec. 14 & 15, and 21 & 22

At the first of the year, we will remove all names on the sick and/or homebound list.

If you would like to stay on the list, please call the office at 936-873-2291.

Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation, a time of preparation – for celebrating the birth of our Savior, and of readying ourselves for his eventual return. In God's goodness he gave us his own Son, who willingly took on our humanity to save us. Jesus forgives sins, heals the suffering and teaches the truth – he is the long-awaited Messiah.

**PREPARING
FOR
BABY JESUS**



Altar Society: Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday January 2nd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

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.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries: On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski

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

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

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

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus: KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 281-450-6646 for rental information. Next Breakfast January 12th

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.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

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

Weekly Collections:

December 7th \$2,084.00

December 8th \$3,251.50

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

January 26th 2020

**BISHOPS' FUND FOR LATIN AMERICA
COLLECTION**



Please pray for those in active military duty:

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes,
Andrew Burzynski, Don Fontaine,
Travis Hayes, Cody Harman,
Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky
Joe A. Lopez,
Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Phillip Walkoviak

Our Church is open
for daily prayer
during office hours.

Office hours are
Tuesday-Friday
8 to 4

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

Clyde Bachmeyer, Laverne Backhus, Janet Bienski, Alan Burzynski,
Betty Busa, Kevin Busa, Barbara Dibello, Patricia Dobyanski,
Kari Lynn Eisenman, John Faust, Jerry Flores, Cassie, Kobe &
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Securing our future!*

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