

# **St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church**

*December 29, 2019*



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## ***Mass Schedule***

***New Years Day 10:00am***

***Friday NO MASS***

***Saturday Vigil 4:15pm***

***Sunday 10:00am***



**December 29, 2019**

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

God is at the heart of all Christian families.



Sirach writes about family relationships and duties, especially that of honoring one's parents all the days of their lives. Paul instructs the Colossians on how to love one another and live for Christ. In the Gospel, Joseph follows the instructions of the angels who led him safely into, and out of, Egypt.

## **Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday January 1st 10:00am**  
Marcell Reaves

**Friday January 3rd noon**  
NO MASS  
Move to 2-7-2020

**Saturday January 4th 4:15pm**  
Martha Warzon, Harold Warzon  
& J.B. Warzon

**Sunday January 5th 10:00am**  
Charlie & Patrick Busa



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## **Liturgical Ministers**

### **Saturday January 4th 4:15pm**

<u>Lectors:</u>	Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner	<u>Rosary:</u> Barbara Dibello
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Jim & Shirley Hesse	
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Andrew Borski, Jacob Borski, Evan Borski	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Darrell Wagner, Danny Pasket, Michael Wisnoski, Stephen Pasket	

### **Sunday January 5th 10:00am**

<u>Lectors:</u>	Gail Sowell & Brian Burznski	<u>Rosary:</u> Theresa Guidry
<u>E.M.H.C</u>	Dominic & Sara Adamo, Rosanna Molina, Margaret McClosky & Robert Maggio ( Choir)	
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Zane Moriarty, Morgan Moriarty, Haden Sechelski	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Ben Leman, Gene Yanchak, Dennis Sechelski, Roger Vezurk	

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## Practicing Family Values

**"D**o we have to go to Grandma's!"

Children aren't the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that's what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn't come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today's readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children's respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents' protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It's not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It's actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It's a time for us to decide whether or not Paul's list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

Those who  
respect their  
father will  
live a long life;  
those who  
obey the  
Lord honor  
their mother.

SIRACH 3:6





# Dear Padre,

**I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?**

**T**he Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation (like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources

for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—*The Redemptorists* | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.*

—ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY (AMORIS LAETITIA), MARCH 19, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 30  
Sixth Day in the  
Octave of Christmas  
1 Jn 2:12–17  
Lk 2:36–40

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 31  
Seventh Day in the  
Octave of Christmas  
1 Jn 2:18–21  
Jn 1:1–18

### Wednesday

JANUARY 1  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God  
Nm 6:22–27  
Gal 4:4–7  
Lk 2:16–21

### Thursday

JANUARY 2  
Sts. Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church  
1 Jn 2:22–28  
Jn 1:19–28

### Friday

JANUARY 3  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:29–3:6  
Jn 1:29–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 4  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:7–10  
Jn 1:35–42

### Sunday

JANUARY 5  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1–6  
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6  
Mt 2:1–12



## 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](http://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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**NEW YEARS DAY MASS 10:00am / Office Closed**

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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.

Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod's plot to kill Jesus: He listened to God's voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.



**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

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

**Birthdays & Anniversaries :** On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Posin-

**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](http://www.gratiaplenacounseling.org) or call (832) 532-0129, or email [info@gratiaplenacounseling.org](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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.

# 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 weekend before, or on-line at [www.giveblood.org](http://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!***



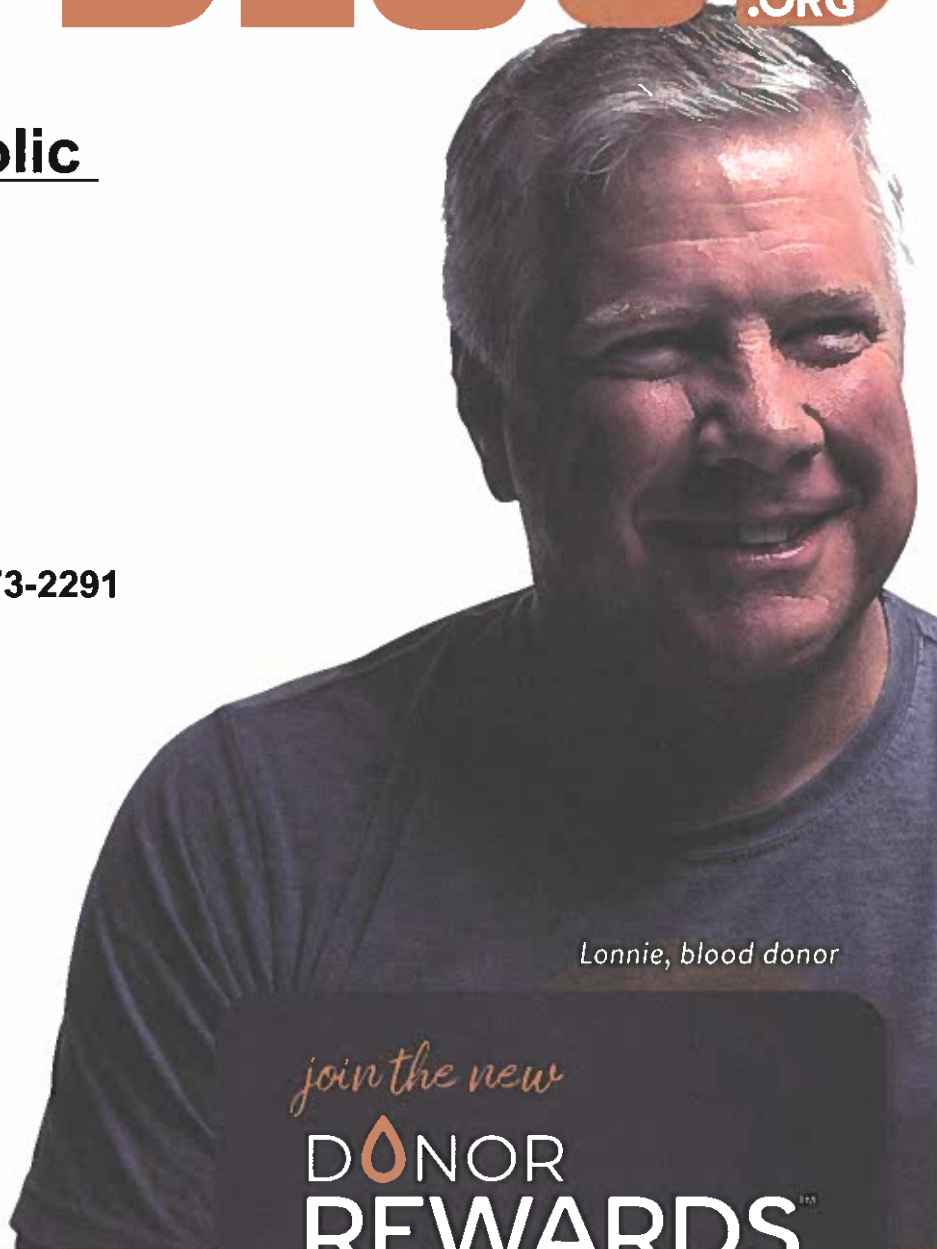
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## St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

**Sunday, January 12**  
**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
**fellowship hall**

**TO SIGN UP!**

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### Weekly Collections:

December 21st \$4,795.50

December 22nd \$2,566.00

### Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Patricia Dobyanski, Kari Lynn Eisenman,  
John Faust, Jerry Flores, Cassie, Kobe & Channing Guillory,  
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Fr. Richard Hinkley, Fr. Jesse Linam, Fr. Louis Sikorski

*Building on our past,  
Securing our future!*

**Did you know?**

The following Sacraments received this year at St. Stanislaus

(19) Baptism      (22) 1st Holy Communion      (7) (RCIA) Confirmation      (5) Marriage



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