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Mass Schedule

Wednesday & Friday

at noon

(Reconciliation at 11:30am)

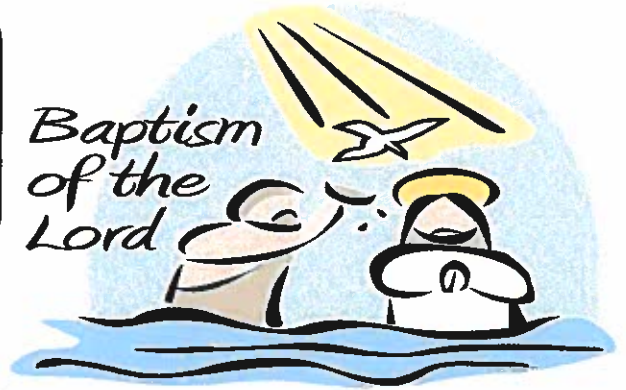
Saturday Vigil 4:15pm

Sunday 10:00am

January 12th, 2020

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

*Baptism
of the
Lord*



Through our baptism, we are called
to a life of discipleship.

Isaiah shares the Lord's promise of a servant of the Lord who will come forth and bring justice to the nations. In the second reading, Peter tells those gathered that God shows no partiality. All who fear him and act uprightly are acceptable to him. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John, and the Spirit of God descends upon him.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday January 15th noon
Frank & Alice Grupa

Friday January 17th noon
Raymond Pasket

Saturday January 18th 4:15pm
Daniel Sicinski, Anton Sicinski &
Deaven Szymczak

Sunday January 19th 10:00am
Living & deceased members of the
Mike & Agnes Smith family

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Click on Stewardship

Then click online giving
and first time registration button.

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday January 18th 4:15pm

Lectors:

E.M.H.C

Altar Servers:

Ushers:

Susan Wisnoski

Michael & Susan Wisnoski

Philip Pasket, Wyatt Marek, Christina Hluchan

Darrell Wagner, Michael Wisnoski, Stephen Pasket, Johnny Pasket Jr.

Rosary: Susan Wisnoski

Sunday January 19th 10:00am

Lectors:

E.M.H.C

Altar Servers

Ushers:

Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman

Don & Gail Sowell, Gary Klodzinski, Diane Sechelski

& Robert Maggio (Choir)

Tyler Abraham, Hannah Abraham, William Abraham

Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky Don Sowell

Rosary: Rosanna Molina



Our Chance to Start Anew

Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

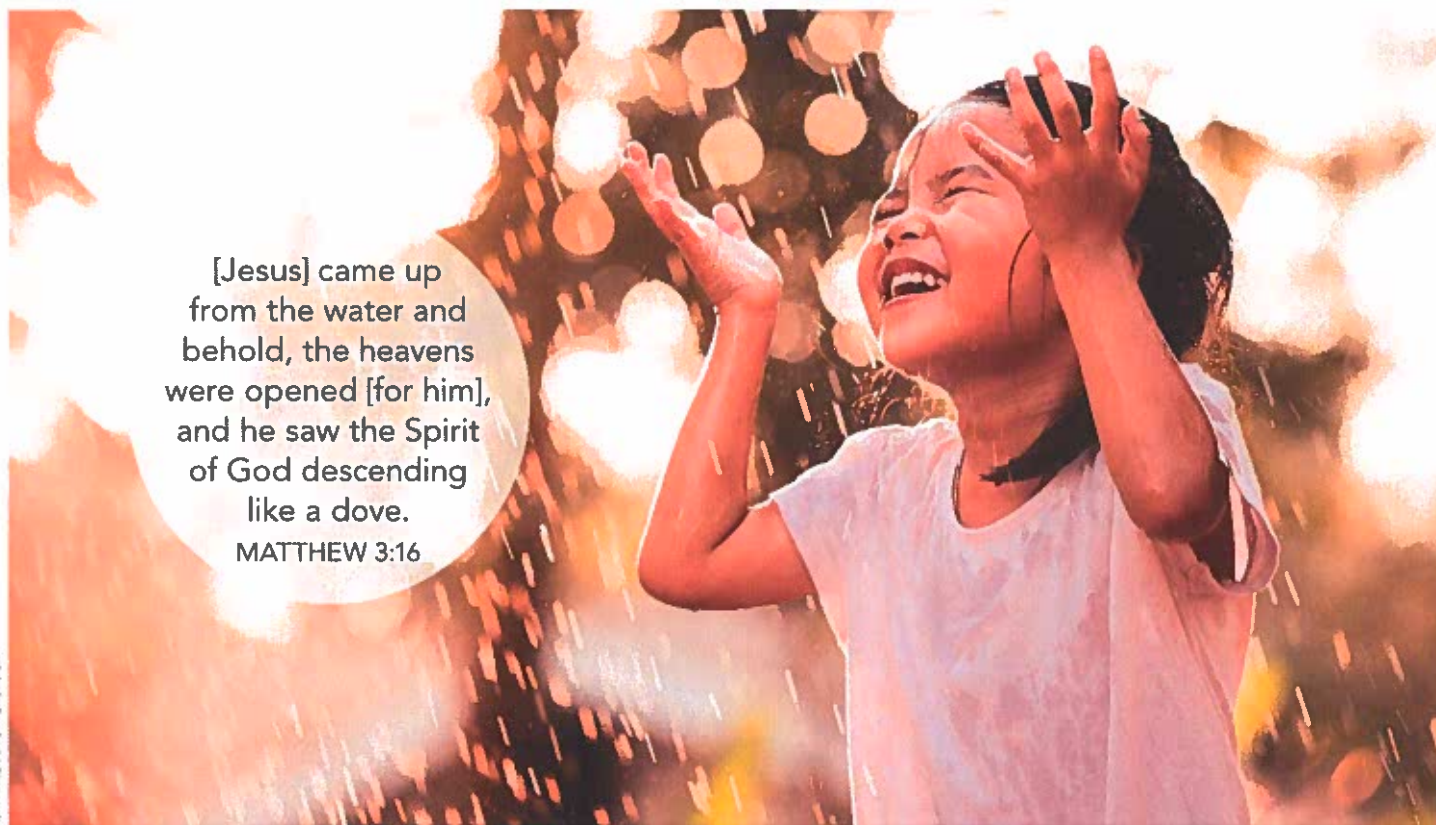
Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God’s love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to “bring forth justice to the nations” (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God’s spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?
- ★ Look within yourself. To what might God be calling you?

[Jesus] came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.
MATTHEW 3:16



Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol



of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1–8

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9–20

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1–11

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;
10:1

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34



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 January

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions,
and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Announcements

Cemetery

Please remove all Christmas decoration from the cemetery by the end of January.

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Church office will be closed January 16th & 17th



Don't' forgive about
our neighbors in need.

We collect food for the Anderson food bank.

The Spirit of God descends upon Jesus at his baptism, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. At our baptism, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are sanctified and made children of God. By the grace of this sacrament, we are awakened to the power of the Spirit in our own lives.



Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday February 6th 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 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 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 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

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 2020.

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.

Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

God's Abundance

We have before us a whole new year. Think of the abundance of possibilities and opportunities God lays before us for service to his kingdom in the minutes and hours that make up the days of the New Year!

Abundance is a characteristic of God. He gave his only Son who declared to us, *"I have come that [you] may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10). Through him and because of the abundance of his love for us, we *"are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for [we] are receiving the goal of [our] faith, the salvation of [our] souls"* (1 Peter 1:8-9). While he is slow to anger, the Lord is *"abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion"* (Numbers 14:18).

He gives the gifts of his creation to us in abundance as well, for who can count the stars in the sky, the birds in the air, or the fish in the sea? He also pours out on his people gifts in abundance. In Romans 12:6-8, we read,

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

God has equipped and enabled us with his abundant gifts to seek out the lost, to lead and serve on committees and boards that do the work of ministry, to provide financial support for our church workers at home and in missions, and to teach and preach his Word for the salvation of souls and the edification of believers.

Perhaps you don't know where you fit into this picture. Perhaps you even think you're not part of the picture. Not so! The Apostle Peter wrote, *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"* (1 Peter 4:10). By this we know that each of us has at least one gift and that God holds each of us responsible for using that gift. Ask God to show you where he wants to use you. Go to your pastor and other church leaders and let them know you're available in this new year to discover and use the gifts God has given you for his service.

Weekly Collections:

January 1st \$487.00

January 4th \$2,291.50

January 5th \$2,946.50

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 Walkowiak

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:

Laverne Backhus, Pat Daves, Margaret & Praslin Fann, John Faust,
Dolores Holler, Mae Dell Izard, BiBean Loukins, France Loukins,
Helen Molitor, Tammy Kitchen, Joe Kitkoski, Mathew Oliver,
Regan Oliver Charlie Pasket, Kenny Sechelski, Geneva Sicinski,
Katie Smith, Chris Szymczak, LaNell Szymczak,

*Building on our past,
Securing our future!*

Did you know?

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first book printed was the Bible. Printed in Mainz, Germany 1455



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