

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

Website: www.saintstans.org

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Phone: 936-873-2291 * ststan@embarqmail.com

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm

Sunday: 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday & Friday noon

ROSARY

Saturday: 3:45pm

Sunday: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Wednesday & Friday noon mass

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00

Pastoral Staff

Pastor Rev. Giovanni Hung Nguyen

Russell Pasket, Permanent Deacon

Garry Janota, Permanent Deacon

Secretary / Bookkeeper : Carol Serres

Altar Society President : Ella Richmond

Baptism Classes : Thomas Sechelski & Crockett Wornack

Cemetery : Charles Posinski & Susie Homeyer

Coordinator of Religious Education : Kirby Borski

Finance Council : David Borski, Susie Homeyer,

Russell Pasket, Larry Sechelski Jr.

Susan Wisnoski , Wayne Weaver

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Daniel Otto, Russell Pasket, Marcus Reaves,

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Dana Wagner

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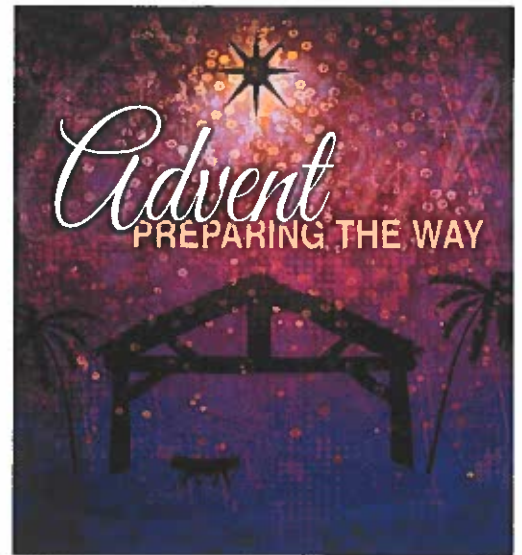
RCIC : Dana Wagner

December 10th 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Isaiah offers words of comfort and hope that the time of exile is coming to an end and the Lord is preparing to reveal his glory to all people. Peter exhorts his community to live *in holiness and devotion* in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Mark begins his Gospel describing the ministry of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and that one greater than he would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.



Mass Time & Intentions
Wednesday December 13th noon

Mary Dobyanski

Friday December 15th noon

Trey Barnett

Saturday December 16th 4:15

Deceased members of the
Rose Kimich and the Kimich family

Sunday December 17th 10:00

Marion & Christine Sechelski

Father Giovanni Nguyen
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Please contact the parish office if you
wish to become a register member
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Website: www.saintstans.org



Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday December 16th 4:15 pm

Lectors: Joan Pushee' & Delores Posinski
EMHC: Gary Klodzinski & James Hesse
Rosary: Susan Wisnoski
Altar Servers: Claire Borski, Evan Borski, Dalton Sechelski
Ushers: Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Johnny Pasket Jr., Stephen Paskett

Sunday December 17th 10:00 am

Lectors: Marion Szymczak
EMHC: David Borski, Kelley Bohnert, Linda LaSalle, Dianne Sechelski
Rosary: Linda LaSalle
Altar Servers: Bodie Wroblewski, Meredith Wroblewski, Nolan Womack
Ushers: Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Our next meeting is Wednesday December 13, at the KC Hall in Anderson. We invite all parishioners with a desire to help the needy in our communities. Our pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Toilet paper, Paper towels, Clorox wipes, Instant oatmeal, Instant potatoes or any boxed potatoes, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter/cheese crackers, Fruit snacks, Juice boxes, Sponges, Dishwashing liquid, Bleach, Detergent

Our Friends send their gratitude and thankfulness to our Church family for all they provide. God's blessing on every family for sharing with our Friends.

DSF 2023

We are short on our DSF goal for the year by \$7,945

We will have a 2nd collection on December 16th & 17th

Adoration

Our last adoration for 2023 will be December 18th, the 1st Adoration of 2024 will be on January 8th. If you would like to get involved with adoration, please talk with Charles or Delores Posinski.

Growing Into Our Future ~ With Faith and Grace

Campaign for a new education and administration building.

Fundraising Goal \$2 million

Pledged (29) \$118,445

Received \$96,621



To donate online, please scan this QR code that will take you to St. Stanislaus online giving, select CCE Building Fund. You will be able to make a one donation or setup a recurring donation.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

The Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

Mail donation to :
St. Stanislaus Kostka
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go to www.saintstans.org

Click on Stewardship, Then click online giving.
You will be taken to our online donation portal,

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

Laverne Backhus, Sam Bova, John Faust, Marilyn Frenzel, Dolores Holler,
Sheri Jankowski, Linda Moore, Helen Moriarty, Henry Ostermann, Matthew Oliver,
Adam Pasket, Tina Pasket, Ray Reaves, Robin Reaves, Christy Smythe, Travis Stewart,
Barbara Szymczak, LaNell Szymczak, Melissa Vargas, Dana Wagner, Dennis Wehmeyer,
Joanne Wehmeyer, Joanne Willis, Gene Yanchak, Michael Yanchak **All names will be removed at
the end of the year. Please let me know if you would like to stay on the list.**

Please pray for those in active military duty

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski, Lukas Diorio, Hayden Fontaine, Travis Hayes,
Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Kurten, Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson

**All names will be removed at the end of the year. Please let me know if you have
someone that is still in the active military!**

2nd Collection

December 17th

DSF Extra collection

December 31st

St. Vincent de Paul—Local

DSF 2023

Goal \$24,000

Paid \$16,055

**Under goal
\$7,945**

55 Donors

As of 12/5/23

**Weekly
Collections**

December 2nd & 3rd

\$7,253.00



When Will We Be Satisfied?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled “Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?” It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us—to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life. ●

Reflect

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of life?

John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

MARK 1:4

Dear Padre,

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●

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ADRIAN EDWARDS / SHUTTERSTOCK

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 35:1–10 Lk 5:17–26	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 48:17–19 Mt 11:16–19	December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 17 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 61:1–2a, 10–11 1 Thes 5:16–24 Jn 1:6–8, 19–28



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the Bible [conversion] means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 6, 2020



Bring your family and join us for the annual
ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 10, 2023
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

It's the time of year again to celebrate the coming of Christ!
*And nothing makes Our Lord happier than seeing our parish family
celebrate together during this special season!*



Santa will be visiting us once again with lots of goodies for our children.
There will also be lots of door prizes for adults.

All families are asked to bring the following:
Covered main dish, side dish & a salad OR dessert.





24 Dec

11 AM TO 1 PM

Christmas Eve Meal

Join us at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church for a meal between 11 AM and 1 PM on Christmas Eve, or request a meal delivery in the local and nearby areas. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code or give us a call to arrange for meal delivery to your home.

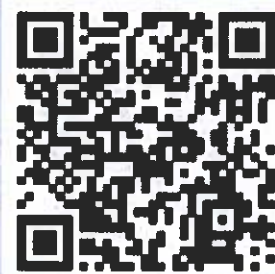


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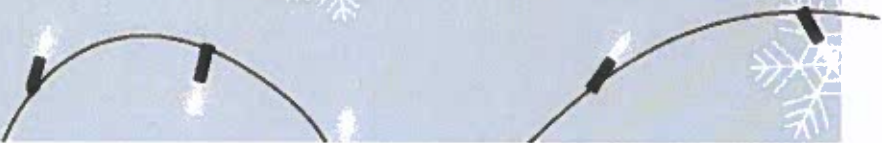
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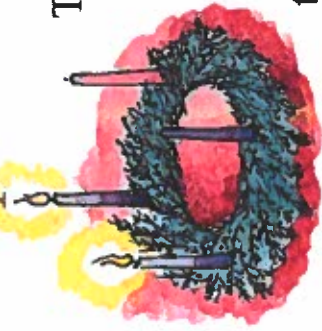


TO DONATE

Matthew 25:35-40



Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul, in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?

First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our

sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"



Answers to Isaiah 40 Word Find: The Messiah is coming!
Answer to front page: Saint John the Baptist.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023

I am the voice of

one crying out in

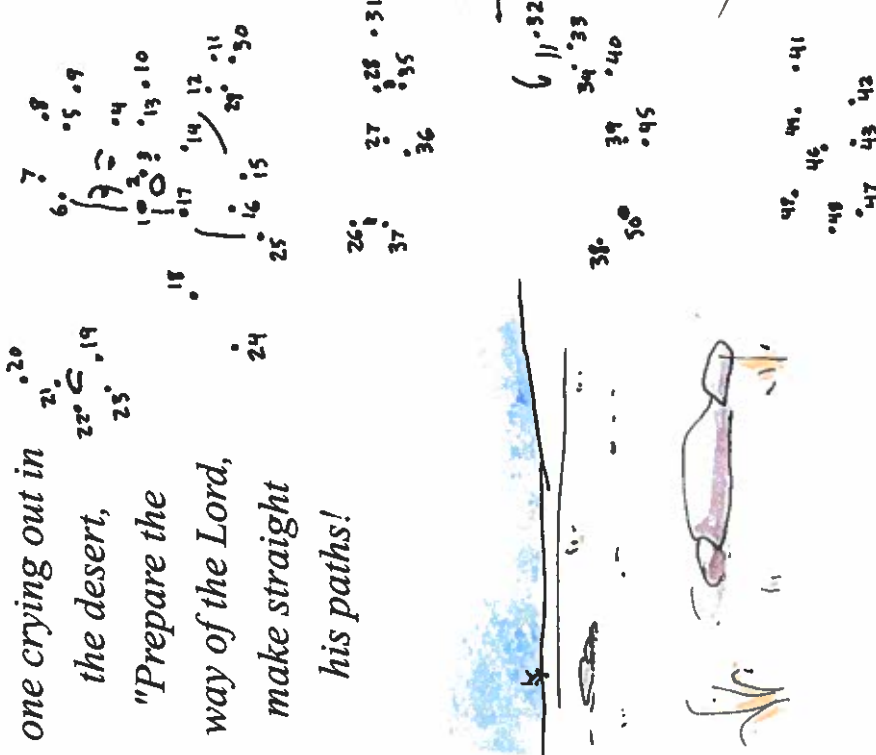
the desert,

"Prepare the

way of the Lord,

make straight

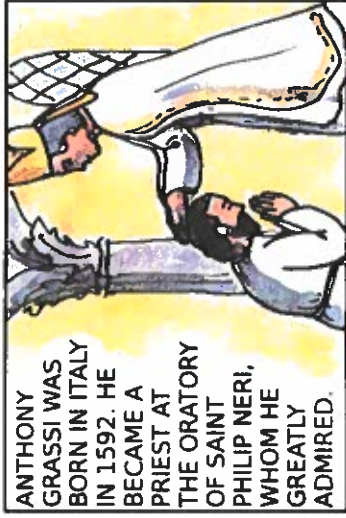
his paths!



*What did God send before Jesus to prepare the people for His coming?
Connect the dots to find out!*

Blessed Anthony Grassi

December 13



ANTHONY GRASSI WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1592. HE BECAME A PRIEST AT THE ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, WHOM HE GREATLY ADMIRER.



HE WAS A HOLY PRIEST AND TOLD PEOPLE HOW IMPORTANT THE MASS IS.

The Mass is the greatest prayer.



HE HEARD CONFES- SIONS FOR MANY HOURS AND HELPED MANY PEOPLE RETURN TO GOD.



Lord, help me to serve my brothers.

FR. ANTHONY WAS ELECTED SUPERIOR OF HIS COMMUNITY.



HE WENT ON SEVERAL PILGRIMAGES TO THE HOUSE OF OUR LADY OF LORETO.



ONCE HE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING THERE, BUT ALTHOUGH HIS CLOTHES WERE BURNED, HE WAS FINE!



SAINT ANTHONY DIED IN 1671, SURROUNDED BY BROTHER PRIESTS AND THE ARCHBISHOP.

BLESSED ANTHONY HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LADY AND OFTEN VISITED HER SHRINE AT LORETO. DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A STATUE OF OUR LADY THAT YOU CAN PAY A LITTLE VISIT TO? PRAY OFTEN TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER- SHE WILL ALWAYS HELP US GROW CLOSER TO HER SON JESUS.

ISAIAH 40 WORD-FIND

A Z I O N B O S O M T H
R T E S O E L M L O R D
M I G H T H A P E N S E
S I D R E C O M P E N S E
S T N G H T L B S A A L U
R G A G E N T L E Y R I O S
E S A R I F E E R N C A
N S T D C A R R Y K L
G O H M J U D A H I N E
T B E F O R E H I G H M
H G R U L E S Y O U N G

Find the words in CAPITALS in today's first reading in the puzzle. Then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end!



Get you up to a HIGH MOUNTAIN, O ZION, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with STRENGTH, O JERUSALEM, herald of good TIDINGS, lift it up, fear NOT; SAY to the cities of JUDAH, "BEHOLD your God!" Behold, the LORD GOD comes with MIGHT, and his arm RULES for him; behold, his REWARD is with him, and his RECOMPENSE BEFORE him. He will FEED his FLOCK like a SHEPHERD, he will GATHER the LAMBS in his ARMS, he will CARRY them in his BOSOM, and GENTLY LEAD those that are with YOUNG.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Sunday, December 17
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Contact Henry Ostermann (936) 873-2291
sponsor code: STKR

PROMOTION: STOCKING STUFFER!

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Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday,
September to May.

The next meeting will be
January 4th at 6:00 in the
rectory. All Catholic ladies
are welcome.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

On the 1st weekend of every
month Fr. Giovanni will
bless anyone with a
birthday or wedding
anniversary that month.

Next Blood Drive December 17th

in the parish hall

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

Anointing of the Sick

The anointing of the sick will
be held after the 3rd Sunday
mass each month.

Choir Practice:

Choir practice is on
Thursday evenings at 6:15pm
in the church.

Divine Mercy:

Every Friday after the noon Mass

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

12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every
Monday 8 am to 8 pm.
September 11th to the end of
May. Everyone is welcome to
join in the worship with the
scheduled persons.

RCIA & RCIC:

Anyone seeking the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults/
Children or adult
confirmation. Please call the
church office at 936-873-2291
RCIA classes to start in
the fall.

Baptism:

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

Cemetery Guidelines:

If you have any questions of
concerns pertaining to the
cemetery, please contract
Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113.
If work needs to be done you must
call Charles Posinski first.
*The first week of February ALL
flowers will be removed, and in
August, a light cleaning.*

Knights of Columbus:

KC Council #4054 meets at the
KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at
7pm. Please join us.
Contact Deen Miller
936-524-1700 for membership
And James Moran
936-306-9663 for rental
information .

Marriage:

There is a required preparation
process that must be completed
prior to one being married in the
Catholic Church. Call the office
for more info.

Reconciliation:

30 Minutes before Wednesday
& Friday Masses (When the
Priest is available) and 3:00
to 4:00 on Saturdays

Bulletin deadline is
Wednesday at noon.

Announcements deadline is
Friday at noon.

Bulletin are on the website weekly

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

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