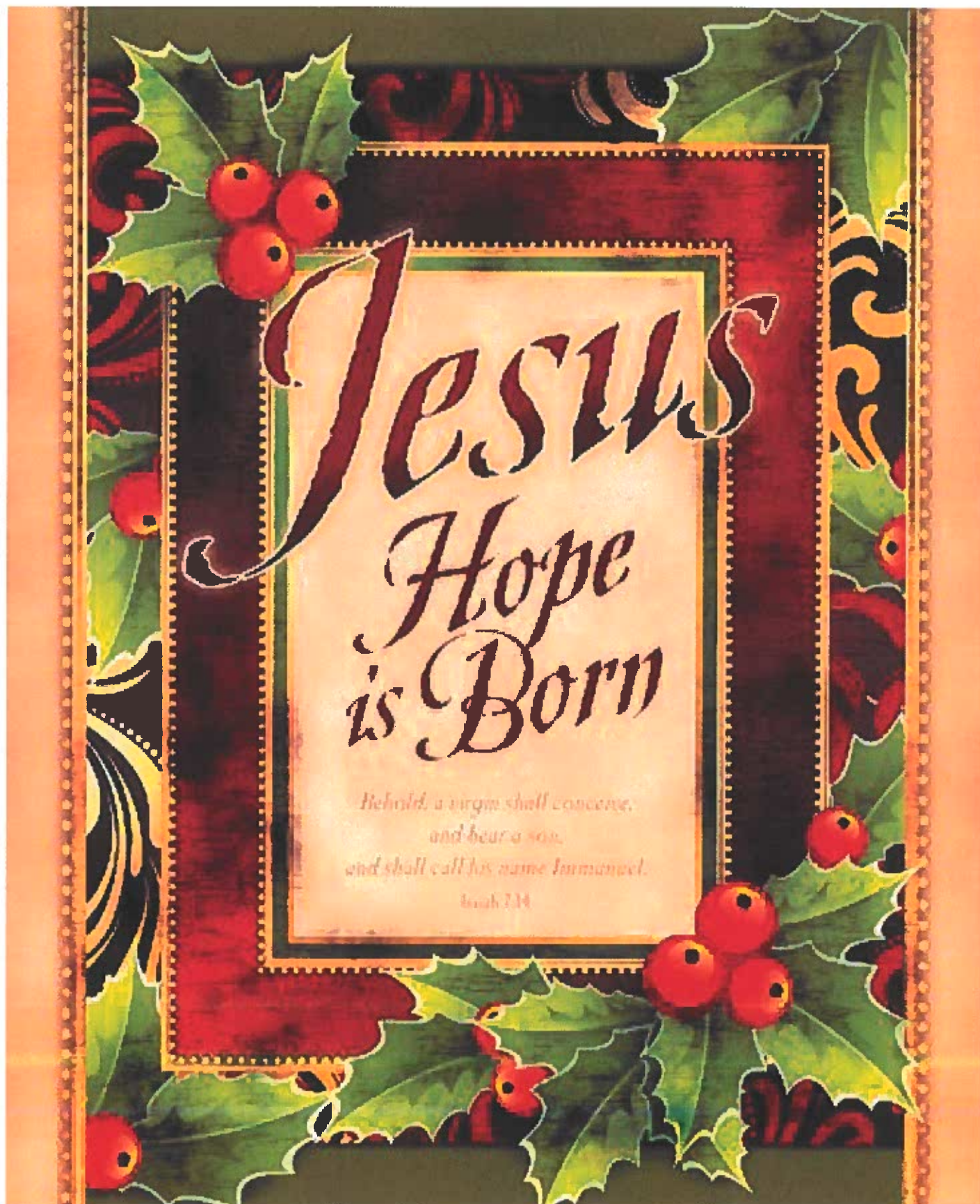


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St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church



December 24, 2023

God is the font of all blessings and salvation.

In the first reading, David ruminates on building a house for the Lord. However, the Lord reminds David how he has favored him and states that it is God who will build a house for David. In the second reading, Paul gives glory to Christ, acknowledging the prophets and wisdom through the ages that have all participated in this revelation. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel announces that Mary will conceive a son – the Son of God – and Mary accepts the honor, saying, *may it be done to me according to your word.*



Mass Time & Intentions

Wednesday December 27th noon

Deavan Szymanski, Daniel Sicinski
Anton & Geneva Sicinski

Friday December 29th noon

Sammy Sopchak,
Leon & Ophelia Ketkoski

Saturday December 30th 4:15

Linda, Joe & Frances Sechelski

Sunday December 31st 10:00

Pete & Gertrude Pasket
Charlie & Bessie Pasket

Father Giovanni Nguyen

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday December 30th 4:15 pm

Lectors: Leonard Szymczak & Dana Wagner
EMHC: Michael & Susan Wisnoski
Rosary: Delores Posinski
Altar Servers: Maggie Borski, Myles Borski, Dominic Walker
Ushers: Michael Wisnoski, Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Stephen Paskett

Sunday December 31st 10:00 am

Lectors: Blake Vezurk & Mandi Wroblewski
EMHC: Dominic & Sara Adamo, Rosanna Molina, David Borski
Rosary: Rosanna Molina
Altar Servers: Ben Leman Jr., Luke Leman, James Leman
Ushers: Michael Wroblewski, Dennis Sechelski, Roger Vezurk, Ben Leman



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

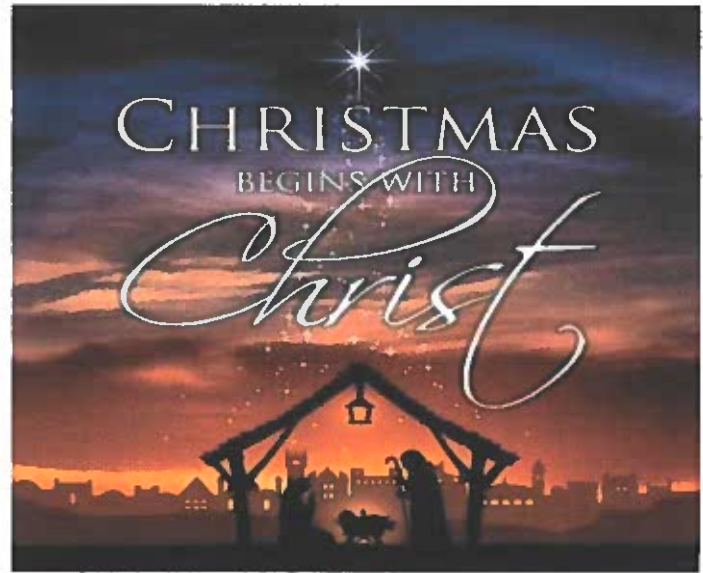
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Adoration

Our last adoration for 2023 was 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.

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am

**The office will be closed
December 25 & 26.**



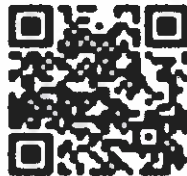
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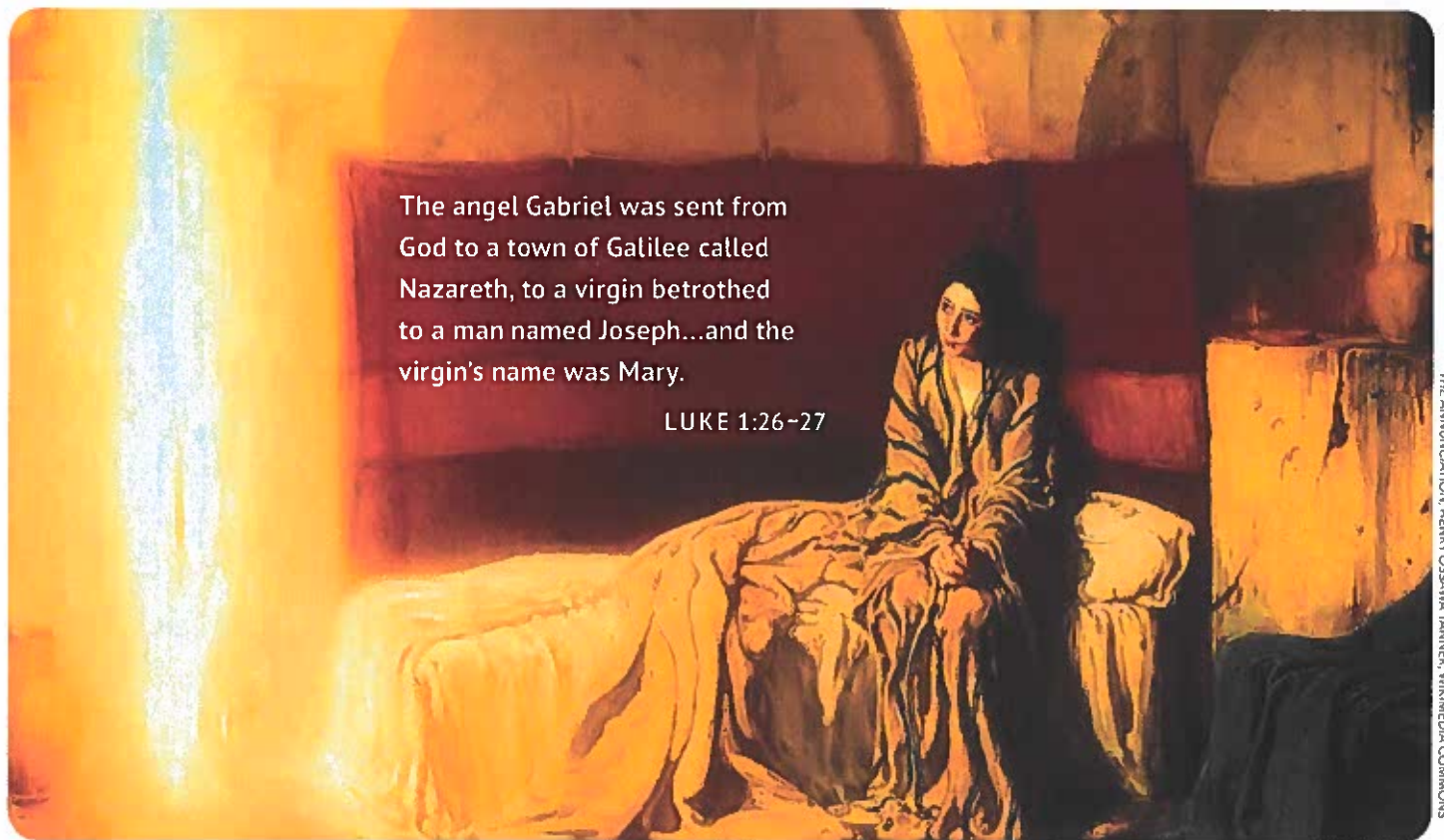
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Today's readings make evident the goodness of the Lord, and that he is the source of all blessings. The Lord promises to build a house for David – one that will last forever. And from the lineage of David comes Jesus, God himself, to dwell among us. He is our shelter, our bodies are his temple, and his kingdom endures forever. We will soon celebrate the feast of his Incarnation and Nativity, while awaiting still, with joyful hope, the time when he will come again.



THE ANNUNCIATION, HENRY OSSAWA TANNER, WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:26-27

Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live in a tent, had his plans nixed, only to be reminded that it is *God* who does the building in life and not David. And Mary, who found herself confused over how she might conceive, was asked to simply trust and place her life in the hands of God. Both said "yes."

There are always times when the unfolding path of God for us may unsettle us: the complexities of immigrants at our doorstep, the changing demographics of our cities, the need to close or merge parishes, the upheavals of our personal lives. We find ourselves asking why without receiving any answers. Each time there is no answer, consider it an invitation to trust in a power greater than ourselves.

Not all rhythms of life are necessarily caused by the hand of God, but then one can never be sure. Who is to say where and how and through whom God works? Christmas comes as a reminder that God's love and presence still unfolds in varied and new ways, always giving birth again and again to the divine made flesh in our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation points to this truth: God is present in all of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had your plans unsettled in a way that turned out, in the end, to be a gift from God?

Dear Padre,

The Bible talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary's only child?

The Catholic Church's position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to "the brothers of Jesus" or to his "sisters" (see Matthew 13:55–56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19–21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term "brothers" (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn't restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to "brothers in arms" as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of "cousins" as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (*circa* 340–420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered "the brothers of Jesus" as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

December 25
Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or
1:1–5, 9–14

TUESDAY

December 26
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8–10;
7:54–59
Mt 10:17–22

WEDNESDAY

December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4
Jn 20:1a, 2–8

THURSDAY

December 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2
Mt 2:13–18

FRIDAY

December 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3–11
Lk 2:22–35

SATURDAY

December 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

SUNDAY

December 31
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask our Lady for a grace...that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully...with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbor we meet.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 8, 2021

The Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

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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

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someone that is still in the active military!**

2nd Collection

December 31st

St. Vincent de Paul—Local

January 28th

Latin America

February 14th

Social Ministries

DSF 2023

Goal \$24,000

Paid \$16,720

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\$7,280**

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As of 12/19/23

**Weekly
Collections**

December 16th & 17th

\$5,232.00

DSF Collection

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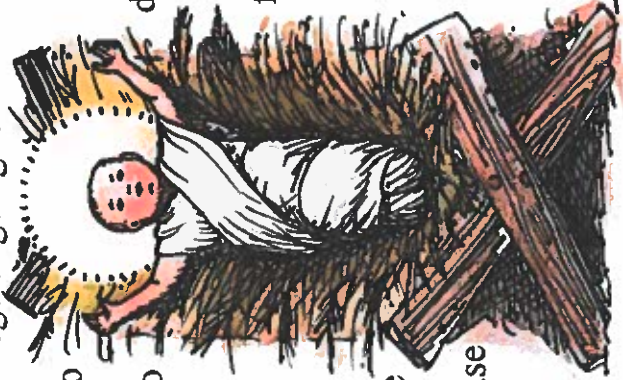


Jesus is Born!

Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...



Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home. The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.

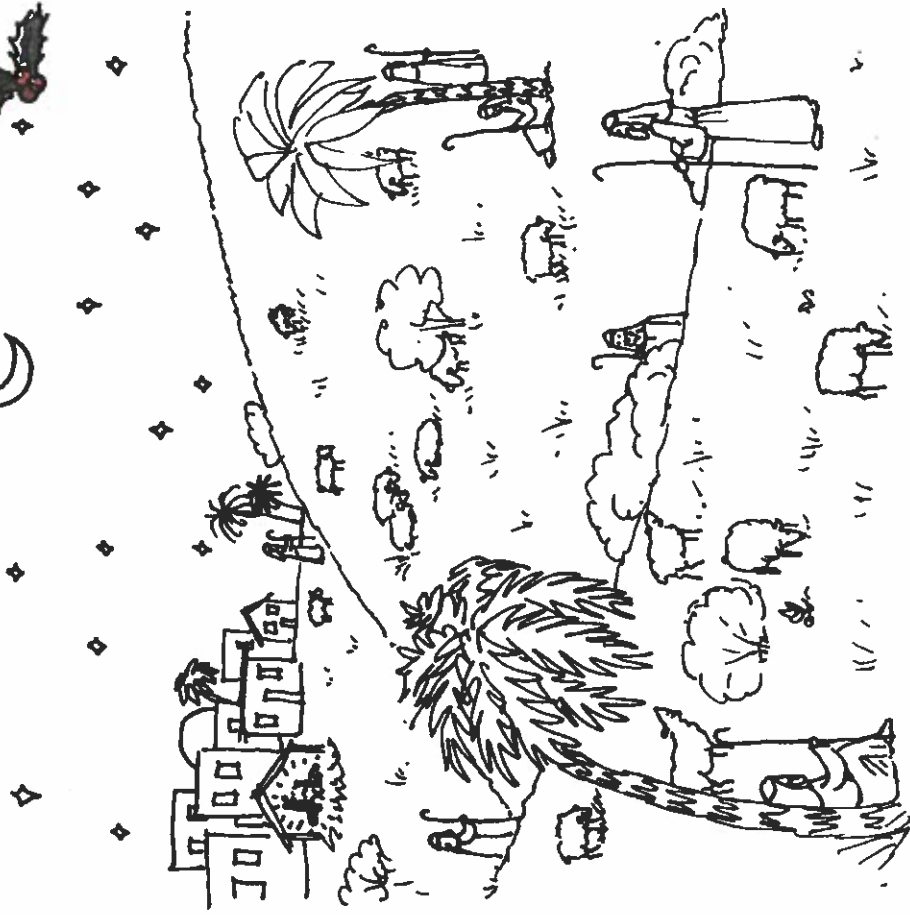


Answer to front page: there are seven shepherds hiding in the picture.
Answer to inside page: the numbers are in this order: 4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day
December 25th, 2023



During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.



Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?
How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS



GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?



Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph
 ___ Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth

2. Our Lady
 ___ Commanded that everyone register in their hometown

3. The Shepherds
 ___ Did not have room for the man and his wife

4. The Angels
 ___ Took his wife to Bethlehem

5. The Innkeeper
 ___ Pondered all these things in her heart

6. Baby Jesus
 ___ Went to find the newborn Saviour

7. The Emperor
 ___ Came to save the people from their sins





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.

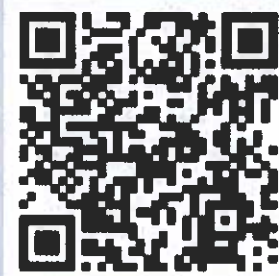


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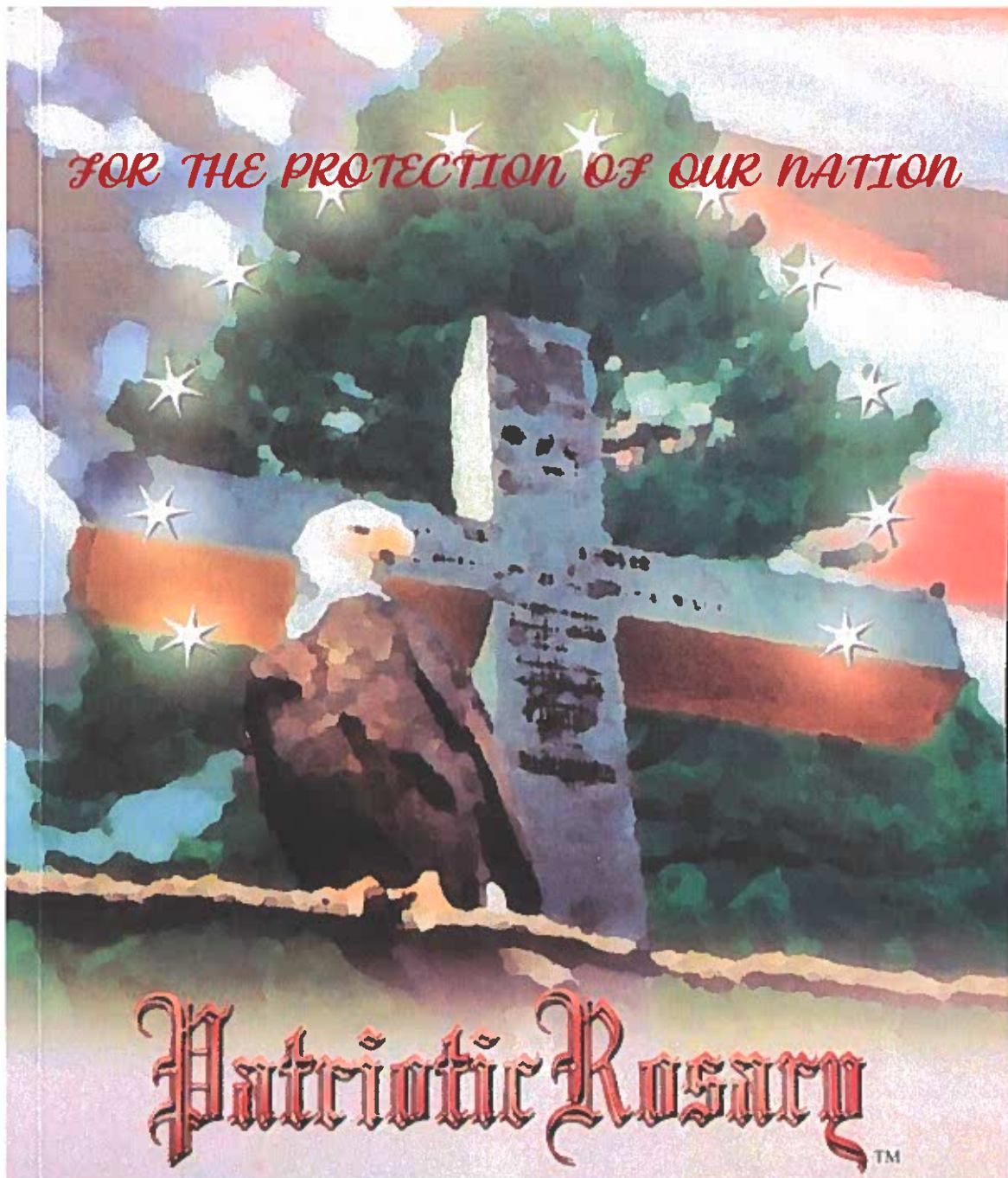
TO DONATE

Matthew 25:35-40



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM MASS AT ST. STANISLAUS



Please join the Knights of Columbus, Council #4054 in praying the Patriotic Rosary on Monday, January 1, 2024, following the 10:00 am Mass at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. The Patriotic Rosary implores our Blessed Mother to heal our nation. This special prayer quickly captured the hearts and attention of millions when first heard and prayed. Inspired by Our Lady of Madjugorje, the Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer asking for Gods divine protection and mercy for our nation and its rebirth. Booklets will be available for those in attendance.

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 February 11th 2024

in the parish hall

Counseling:

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For more information, see their
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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:

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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
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Reconciliation:

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

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Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and support of our neighbors in need.

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