

**Saint Stanislaus Parish – Saint Paul the Apostle Parish**  
**Saint Thomas Aquinas Church**

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WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US

**NEWS:** December 19, 2021

**ADORATION** – Come to Adoration at St. Stanislaus Church from 5pm-8pm Monday and Tuesday. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord. As He Himself asks each of us, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour (Mt 26:40)?” Remember how in need we are of this prayer of adoration: “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation (Lk 22:46).”

**ROSARY GROUP** – All are invited to join us at St. Stanislaus Church each Wednesday evening starting at 6pm to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Anyone is most welcome to stop in for this time of prayer.

**ADORATION EXTENSION** – A reminder that Adoration on Monday, December 20 will extend one hour. Fr. Martineau will be assisting with Confessions in Worcester that evening and should be back by 8:30pm. Thank you to all who have been so generous in signing up and helping with Adoration.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** – Christmas falls on a Saturday this year. We have a special schedule for the Masses between Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Please note, however, that we cannot do a Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family at 4pm on Saturday, December 25. Any Mass on December 25 must be the Mass of Christmas given its solemnity. See the special Mass schedule below and please review it with care.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** – The drop off date for items donated during the course of the Reverse Advent Calendar has CHANGED to Tuesday, December 21 between 5pm and 7pm. You may bring donated, non-perishable food items to St. Stanislaus Parish Hall between those hours. If other arrangements are needed, please contact the office via email, preferably.

**PRESENTATION** – We apologize for the cancellation of the presentation this past Thursday. The town took the decision to close the Senior Center. We are looking to reschedule the talks for the middle of January. Once those details are ironed out we will inform you of the next time and location for the presentations. Thank you for your understanding.

**DONATING PEW MISSALS** – There is still time to make donations for the new pew missals. You may take up a form after Mass and deposit it in the collection box. Let Fr. Martineau know if you have any need for clarification. Thank you to those who have already supported this important initiative!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** – Recent enquiries have been made about the option of electronic/online giving for the parish. At the present it is not feasible for the parish to offer electronic giving. HOWEVER, the option does exist for the parish through the diocesan website. Simply navigate to <https://worcederdiocese.org/parish-offertory-program> and follow the instructions on the page for electronic giving. If this becomes a more desirable and popular option, we will consider setting up our own service.

**PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**VACATION ?** – Will you be going away at some point during the winter? Wonderful! Please remember, though, that the parishes are still here when you are gone, continuing in ministry, and ready to welcome your return. While you may find temporary refuge at another parish during your vacation we still need your support, even while you might be enjoying some due time of relaxation. Please remember your weekly offering for the parish before your departure or once you return. Your kind consideration is most appreciated!

**A LASTING GIFT** – Would you consider naming your parish as a beneficiary in your will? Your gift will mean that you share in the continued work of preaching the Gospel and assisting those in need. Everyone in the parish family, old and young, are asked to remember your parish in your estate planning. With your help, and God’s abundant grace, we will keep the Church’s mission alive and transform the parish’s future!

**SUNDAY READINGS**– Novus Ordo: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45; “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80).”

**WEEKLY OFFERING 12/12/2021:**

St. Stanislaus – \$421.00 — \$1,000.00 needed weekly for utilities and administrative costs

St. Paul Parish – \$1,690.00 — \$3,000.00 needed weekly for utilities and administrative costs

***Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!***

**IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<b>Saturday, December 18</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Alice Gilman by Nancy Urban</i>
<b>Sunday, December 19</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (NO)</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, December 19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (MC)</b>	<i>(L) Dominic Flebotte by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Edward Pacek</i>
<b>Monday, December 20</b> Greater Feria of Advent	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Paul (LM)</b>	<i>† Ted Maher by a Parishioner</i>
<b>Tuesday, December 21</b> Late Advent Weekday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>Special Intention by Mike Sullivan</i>
<b>Wednesday, December 22</b> Greater Feria of Advent	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Paul (LM)</b>	<i>† Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner</i>
<b>Thursday, December 23</b> Late Advent Weekday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Mark Dumas by the Prayer Group</i>
<b>Friday, December 24</b> Christmas Eve (Vigil)	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Beverly Bassett by Bud &amp; Diane Fontaine</i>
<b>Saturday, December 25</b> Christmas Mass in the Night	<b>12:00am</b>	<b>St. Paul (MC)</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Saturday, December 25</b> Christmas Mass at Dawn	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (NO)</b>	<i>Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers by the Prayer Line</i>
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (NO)</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, December 26</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (MC)</b>	<i>Deceased Members of the Lachance Family by Lynne &amp; Jeff Martineau</i>

**(Key – NO: Novus Ordo; LM: Latin Low Mass; MC: Latin Missa Cantata)  
(Confessions – Weekday – 7:30am; Saturday – 2:30pm-3:15pm;  
Sunday – 8:00am; 9:45am-10:15am; by appointment)**

St. Gregory the Great, “The Mystical Church,” London 1957.

“*And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.* Since all flesh means every man, and in this life every man cannot see the salvation of God, which is Christ, where then does the prophet in this sentence turn his prophetic vision unless towards the day of the last judgement? Then, with opened eyes, in presence of the adoring Angels and of the Apostles seated there, Christ will appear upon His Throne of majesty, and all, the elect and the reprobate, shall behold Him; the Elect that they may without end enjoy the possession of their reward, the reprobate to grieve for ever in the torment of retribution. Because such is the meaning of this sentence; that all flesh shall see Him at the final judgement, there is here fittingly added:

*He said to the multitudes that went forth to be baptized by him: ye offspring of vipers, who hath showed you to flee from the wrath to come? The wrath to come is the chastisement of the last judgement, which the sinner may not escape who now turns away from repentance. Observe that when wicked children imitate the actions of evil parents, they are called the offspring of vipers, because they envy the good and persecute them, because they render evil to many and torment their neighbors; because in all this they are following in the footsteps of their fathers in the flesh, they are called poisonous offspring of poisonous parents.”*