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Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes

August 25, 2024 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Kanty

St. John Gualbert

Corpus Christi

St. Katharine Drexel

St. Adalbert

St. Stanislaus



Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY VIGIL:

4:00pm.....St. Stanislaus
4:00pm.....St. John Gualbert
5:30pm.....St. John Kanty

SUNDAY:

9:00am.....St. John Gualbert (Polish)
9:15am.....Corpus Christi
10:15am.....St. John Kanty
10:30am.....St. Katharine Drexel
11:45am.....St. John Gualbert
12:00pm.....St. Stanislaus (Polish)
5:00pm.....St. Stanislaus

CONFESSIONS: *Every Saturday*

3:15pm.....St. Stanislaus
3:30pm.....St. John Gualbert

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00am...St. Stanislaus
8:30am...St. Katharine Drexel

Tuesday/Thursday

8:00am...St. John Gualbert
8:30am...St. John Kanty/St. Adalbert
Corpus Christi
8:45am...M, T, W, Th, F



On August 13th, Marie Switalski celebrated her 103 birthday with a Mass at St. John Gualbert! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIE! This past Sunday, August 18th Special Delivery raised our spirits with a Polka Mass at St. John Kanty; a sold out BBQ lunch followed! Thank you for your support!

Office Hours:

**St. John Gualbert /
St. Katharine Drexel**

M, T, Th, F
12:00pm-3:00pm
83 Gualbert Ave
(716) 892-5746

**St. John Kanty/
St. Adalbert**

M, T, Th, F
8:00am-11:00am
101 Swinburne
(716) 893-0412

St. Stanislaus

M, W*, Th
9:00am-2:00pm
123 Townsend St
(716) 854-5510

Corpus Christi

M, T, W, Th
9:30am-1:30pm
199 Clark Street
(716) 896-1050

Bulletin Deadline:

Bulletin requests are due 10 days in advance. Please email them to bulletineastbuffalo@gmail.com

* All staff at St. Stanislaus Wednesdays
* For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours, please call Fr. Mark at 716-331-9041

Parish Family Staff:

Rev. Cole Webster	Pastor
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Andrew N. Kowtalo	Organist (Corpus Christi)
Robert J. Winkler	Organist (Drexel)

Weekly Collections:

St. John Kanty:	Aug 11	\$ 707.00
St. Adalbert	Aug 10	\$ 967.00
St. John Gualbert:	Aug 11	\$1497.00
St. Stanislaus:	Aug 11	\$1375.00
St. Katharine Drexel:	Aug 11	\$1668.00
Corpus Christi:	Aug 11	\$2400.00

IN MEMORIAM

A funeral was celebrated recently for:
+Rita Piniarski-St. John Gualbert
We express our deepest sympathy to the family and
pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

From Fr. Cole Webster

Many people often ask, "What is the Church doing to evangelize?" In my opinion, it's more effective if we rephrase the question to, "What are WE doing to evangelize?" After all, WE ARE THE CHURCH.

One of the tools that we have been given to help us share the Good News of Jesus Christ is Alpha, which I'm thrilled is being facilitated by our In/Out Reach Pillar.

Learning about different evangelization 'techniques', many people today may not be comfortable coming to a Catholic Mass right out the gate. They might not be Christian, not Catholic, not know anyone, and subsequently, are uncomfortable. What Alpha does is connect seekers with a small group so they can meet people who will explore the fundamentals of our Christian faith with them. *Is there a God? Can I have a relationship with him? What is the purpose of life?* Each session follows a simple format, FOOD, VIDEO, DISCUSSION.

One does not have to commit to the whole program, but are simply invited to "come and see." Who can you invite to attend WITH YOU? That is what accompaniment is all about.

Furthermore, if you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Catholic faith, please email me, I would love to have an informal chat. An Easter Vigil Mass is not the same without initiating new Catholics, let's plant those seeds now and pray that our Family of Parishes will have a bountiful harvest!

All are welcome and invited to the

4th Annual Renewal Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
St. Stanislaus Church
389 Peckham St., Buffalo, NY

Mass begins at 5:00 p.m.
Rosary Prayer at 4:30 p.m.

Join us at 4:30 pm to pray the Rosary and undo the third knot. Families participating in the Alpha program will be commissioned at this Mass.

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20th Anniversary
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Sunday, September 29th

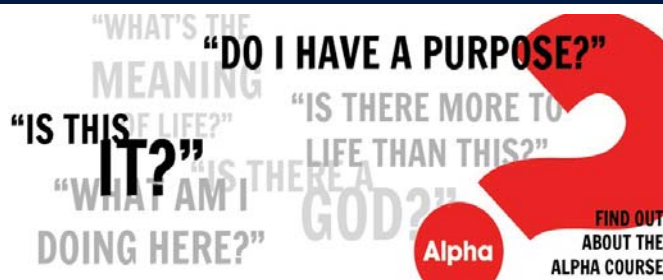
St. Adalbert Basilica
212 Stanislaus Street
Buffalo, NY 14212
at 1:30 pm

- Receive Lourdes Water
- Touch the Grotto Rock
- Adoration & Benediction
- Rosary Procession (weather dependent)

 **A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree**



Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience. In 1858 the Mother of God appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous in the grotto cave in Lourdes, France. Lourdes became well known and is well loved as a holy place of pilgrimage, prayer, peace and healing. Millions of people from all over the world have traveled to Lourdes each year. Now, Lourdes comes to us through a **Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience on Sunday, September 29 at 1:30 pm at St. Adalbert Basilica, 212 Stanislaus St., Buffalo.** With the grace of a plenary indulgence, this interactive, prayerful experience “transports” us to the Grotto in Lourdes through projected imagery, an in-person guide, actual pieces of the grotto rock and Lourdes water. The rosary and Eucharistic blessing are sacred parts of this profound experience. Come and experience the peace and healing of Lourdes without the international travel. Our Lady extends her invitation to all!



Alpha is 21 days away beginning Tuesday, September 17th. Participate in the 21 day prayer campaign. On a sheet of paper, write down the name of 3 people you think could benefit from Alpha. **Every day at the same time of the day, pray for those 3 people.** Be open and expectant to see how God might use you in inviting them. The week of September 1 share the flyer on Alpha, that your parish is providing, with each of these 3 people. Invite them to consider attending. (It would be more effective if you offered to accompany them to Alpha). (Note: we are not asking them to commit to all 11 weeks, we want them to “come and see”. If they can’t make the first week then they attend the 2nd. They are free to come and go as needed.)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Family Alpha . This program will run every Tuesday from Sept. 17th - November 26th at 6PM at St. Kathrine Drexel . Saturday, November 9th we will have a Buffalo Diocese Retreat at St. Phillip's Church in South Cheektowaga. We are looking for folks to invite friends and family, donate food for the sessions, cook food , set up , help with setting up the video, prayer team welcoming folks, help with small groups , advertising and clean up. **We will have a training for volunteers on Thursday, September 5th @6PM at St. Katharine Drexel 's Rectory.** Please call Kelly Ann -716-830-4981 to volunteer or to ask questions .

What can you do to help your Family of Parishes reach its full potential

From the In Reach Outreach Pillar

1. Embody the idea that it's not about you, but instead about the person who isn't even attending your church yet
2. Invite your unchurched friends.
3. Step up and serve. Don't wait to be asked, just volunteer. If it looks like everything is covered, trust me, it's not.
4. Give your pastor an umbrella of grace for all that they aren't and pray for them on a regular basis. They can't walk on water, but they can drown. Be one of their "floaties."
5. Send encouraging emails. Clergy and staff do not get many encouraging emails. Most of the people who bother to email do so to critique. Send them a word to feast on to keep them going.
6. Talk about your church like gossip over the backyard fence, but in a good way—like a great movie you saw, or a good restaurant. Unleash positive public relations in your neighborhood and community.
7. Welcome those who come into your church with messed-up lives, screwed-up marriages, piercings, tattoos, addictions, divorce, homosexual orientation, children out of wedlock, roommates who aren't their spouse... in other words, welcome everyone's differences and scandals with the greater scandal of grace. Not affirmation, necessarily, but always acceptance so that they can experience that grace for themselves. It's the Jesus way.

Pew Research Center



Religious Landscape Study in U.S. (Pew Research 2023)

- Without religious affiliation (Nones) 20-29%
- Evangelical Protestant 25.4%
- Catholics 20.8%
- Mainline Protestant 14.7%
- Historically Black Protestant 6.5%
- Atheist 4%
- Jewish 2.4%
- Mormon 1.6%
- Muslim 1.34%
- Jehovah's Witnesses 0.8%
- Buddhist 0.7%
- Hindu 0.7%

Diocese of Buffalo Statistics

Trends	2012	2021
Practicing Households	-----130,000-----	90,000
Contributing Households	-----118,000-----	70,000
Average weekend Mass attendance	--155,000----	60,000
Baptisms	-----4,000 -----	2,100
Number enrolled in Rel. Education	---32,000 ---	10,000



Family wide hygiene product collection for Sister Josette's Food Pantry at Villa Maria College.

Please consider donating. A box for donations is in the church vestibule through September 7.



Constance Zulawski ("Connie" to those who knew her), a longtime parishioner and usher at St. John Kanty, passed away on July 9. The weekly Mass at St. John Kanty on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 8:30 AM will be a Mass to honor her memory. *There will be a luncheon at Potts Banquet Hall, 41 South Rossler, Cheektowaga NY immediately following the Mass.* If you knew Connie and want to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by calling 716-893-0412 or emailing stjohnkantybfo@gmail.com



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

St. John Kanty Scout Troop 107 will be hosting a **recruitment night Tuesday September 17th at 7pm** at St. Katherine Drexel. Pictured is the troop at Camp Merz. All the boys completed several Merit Badges, along with winning several awards including the annual Water Carnival, dessert cooking competition and then 1st Place Overall for the entire week out of all Troops.



Saturday Vigil Masses
return to
St. John Kanty
at 5:30pm.



Saturday, August 31 at St. Stanislaus
following the 4 PM Mass in our Social
Hall. All are welcome!

St. Stanislaus 150th Anniversary books are now
available for \$25.00 A lot of history and pictures went
into this book. A beautiful memento. Available in the
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St. John Gualbert Parish *MONEY RAFFLE*

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7 TH & 8 TH PRIZES	\$ 50.00 EACH

Drawings will be held on September 7, 2024
Tickets \$20.00 each, based on the sale of 250 tickets

SPREAD THE WORD

This is our first fundraiser in a long time. We need your support by
purchasing a ticket, selling to friends and family
Purchase tickets , at your parish office, at St. John Gualbert weekend
Masses or by calling 716-892-5746

Date	Day	Time	Site	Mass Intention	Requested By	6
8/25	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Gerald Foltyniak	Francis & Millie Zimmerman	
8/26	Mon	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Denis Marsh	Banks family	
8/27	Tue	8:45 AM	Corpus	Living & Deceased Parishioners, Volunteers, Benefactors of Corpus Christi Church		
8/28	Wed	8:45 AM	Corpus	For New Priestly and Religious Vocations	Pauline Fathers	
8/29	Thu	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Richard Werenski	Pam Jurek	
8/30	Fri	8:45 AM	Corpus	OPEN		
8/31	Sat	8:45 AM	Corpus	NO MASS		
9/1	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Gerald Foltyniak	Maryann Szczecinski	
8/25	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Frank & Jody Sarago	Family	
8/26	Mon	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls Day Intentions		
8/28	Wed	8:30 AM	Drexel	Mothers Day Intentions		
8/30	Fri	8:30 AM	Drexel	Father's Day Intentions		
9/1	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Ronald Marciniak	Mary & Kathleen Riley	
8/24	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Alice Sachenik	Family	
8/25	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Daniel Mazur	Wife, Children & Grandchildren	
8/25	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Richard Wasilewski	Family	
8/27	Tue	8:00 AM	Gualbert	Living & Deceased Mothers		
8/29	Thu	8:00 AM	Gualbert	+Paul Peltz	Brother, Tom	
8/31	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Tony Lis	Friend	
9/1	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Andreji Jaroszynski	Sister, Ewa	
9/1	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Leon & Valerie Pietrzyk	Family	
8/24	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	+Connie Zulawski	Janice	
8/25	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	+Gregory Jaworski	Mom & Family	
8/27	Tue	8:30 AM	Kanty	+John Maciejewski	Walter & Terrie Domino	
8/29	Thu	8:30 AM	Kanty	+Connie Zulawski	Friends	
8/31	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	+Harry Jaworski	Wife & Family	
9/1	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	Blessings & Good Health for Fr. Dan Palys	Sophie Osika & Family	
8/24	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	For wonderful neighbors and friends past, present and future	Vitko Family	
8/25	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Piotr Podedworna	Mother	
8/25	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+James Lyon For the People of the Diocese of Buffalo	Mark Boyland	
8/26	Mon	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Jennie M. Piwowarski	Loving Family	
8/28	Wed	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Judith A. Jarvis	Teresa Lawrence	
8/30	Fri	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	Pro Populo		
8/31	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Ron Szczerbiak	Friends Mary Cisar & Mary Tisby	
9/1	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Jozef S. Poslinski	Arlene Glica	
9/1	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Joseph Pericozzi	Nancy, Gregory, Steven, Elizabeth, Sophie, Isabella, Chris Weigand	

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