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December 1, 2024 | First Sunday of Advent

St. John Kanty

St. John Gualbert

Corpus Christi

St. Katherine 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

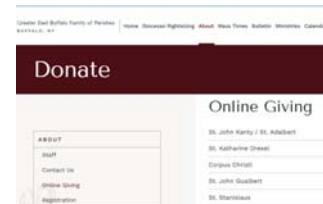
Corpus Christi

8:45am...M, T, W, Th, F

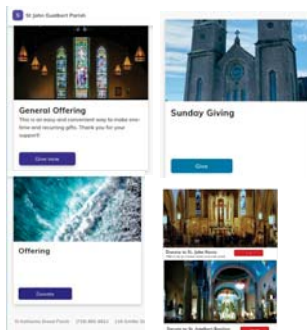
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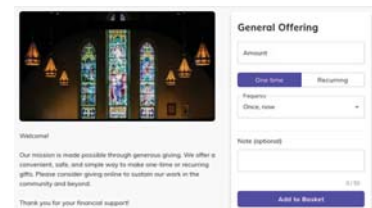
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St. Katharine Drexel**

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)

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 19 @ St. John Kanty

4:00 PM—Prayers, Readings, & Reflection in preparation for the sacrament

5:00—7:00 PM Confessions available

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful, and he will forgive our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness." John 1:9

Weekly Collections:

Due to early submission of bulletin totals for collection will be in next bulletin.

St. John Kanty:
 St. John Gualbert:
 St. Stanislaus:
 St. Katharine Drexel:
 Corpus Christi:

From Fr. Cole Webster

Enclosed in the bulletins of St. Stanislaus, St. John Kanty / Adalbert, St. Katharine Drexel, & St. John Gualbert is a Statistical Summation for the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and on the reverse side, the past Fiscal Year's Financial Report for that particular parish. I cannot thank Frank, Noreen, and Barb enough for all their hard work in compiling the year end reports for four parishes.

St. Stanislaus, St. John Gualbert, & St. Katharine Drexel finished this past Fiscal Year with a surplus. St. John Kanty / St. Adalbert finished with a deficit significantly lower than budgeted. However, a major concern is that the surplus at St. Stanislaus & St. John Gualbert was due to non-reoccurring bequests and St. Katharine Drexel's surplus was from insurance reimbursements. If those are backed out, each parish is in deficit spending.

Despite our challenges, we were able to make substantial progress this past year. The Social Center at St. Stanislaus received much needed plumbing and electrical work, updated Ansul Fire Suppression Systems, and repairs to Kitchen Hoods and Exhaust Systems. A new exterior lighting system was installed at St. John Kanty, insurance arrears reduced, and porch and flashing repairs at St. Adalbert. St. John Gualbert leveraged their financial resources by reinvesting in funds with higher returns. Lastly, St. Katharine Drexel converted their former parish offices and rectory garages into the new home for the Lovejoy Food Panty strengthening the support they receive from Catholic Charities.

I cannot thank each of you for your support of time, talent, and treasure. Together we are all beacons of light radiating the love and joy of Jesus Christ to our territory here in Greater East Buffalo! If you have any questions of your parishes financial condition or how your gifts have been used, please do not hesitate to call or email me at: revcwebster@gmail.com

Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24th

8:30AM—St. John Kanty (ONLY Advent Weekday Mass in Family)

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM—St. Adalbert with Fr. Bob Stolinski
 4:00PM—St. John Gualbert with Fr. Cole Webster
 6:00PM—St. Katharine Drexel with Fr. Cole Webster
 10:00PM—St. John Gualbert with Fr. Mark Kreis
 11:00PM—Corpus Christi with Fr. Mariusz Dymek
 Midnight—St. Stanislaus with Fr. Cole Webster

CHRISTMAS DAY—DECEMBER 25th

9:00AM—St. John Gualbert (Polish) with Fr. Mark Kreis
 10:15AM—St. John Kanty with Fr. Cole Webster
 10:30AM—St. Katharine Drexel with Fr. Bryan Zielenieski
 11:00AM—Corpus Christi with Fr. Mark Kreis
 12:00PM—St. Stanislaus with Fr. Mariusz Dymek



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Our next Family Faith Formation Session will take place on **Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 AM** at

St. Katharine Drexel.



December 1st & 15th

At Saint Katharine Drexel

Young people will be blessed and dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to break open the Scriptures bi-monthly at our 10:30am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to a biweekly get together to feast on the WORD OF GOD at St Katharine Drexel Parish rectory. After reading several passages at home in the Bible for two weeks we will then chew on these words (answering a few questions) and then discuss their meanings in our lives. Instruction and discussion will occur between 3:30 and 4:30 on the following Tuesdays:

MENU

October 1	Church
October 15	Comfort
October 29	Hope
November 12	Memory/Remembrance
November 26	Praise/Thanksgiving
December 10	Joy

Please RSVP to Barb Delenkitis at 716 839 4084 if you plan to attend. A Bible, pen, and folder for papers will be needed.



St. John Gualbert Parish

MONEY RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE	\$500.00
2 ND PRIZE	\$300.00
3 RD PRIZE	\$200.00
4 TH PRIZE	\$100.00
5 TH & 6 TH PRIZES	\$ 50.00 EACH

Drawings will be held on December 30, 2024
Tickets \$10.00 each, based on the sale of 400 tickets

SPREAD THE WORD

We need your support by purchasing a ticket,
selling to friends and family

Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church,
from our ushers and in St. John Gualbert
parish office.

Tickets will also be available in our family of parishes
offices.

St. John Gualbert Ministry Night

An invitation to all Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers,
and Lectors from St. John Gualbert to gather in
church on **December 10, 2024, at 6pm.** Let us
come together for prayer and reflection, discuss
any concerns, and have a general review of our
procedures should any changes be necessitated.

Please contact Jane Roland only if you are unable
to attend at (716) 912-3356.



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John
Gualbert will be distributing food vouchers to the
needy in the community on **Sunday, December 8,**
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Gualbert .

Christmas Raffle

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St. John Gualbert Church

decorating for Christmas will take place
 on **Sunday, December 8 after the 11:45**

AM Mass. All are welcome to join.

Many hands make light work.

Thank you!



Christmas

IN POLONIA

Wesołych Świąt

DECEMBER

SUNDAY **08** AT 12:00 PM

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 389 Peckham Street, Buffalo, NY 14206

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Site	Mass Intention	Requested By
12/1	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	John J. Kiwala & Wife Fr. Mariusz Dymek, OSPPE Happy Birthday & God's Blessings	Matt Klineczar
12/2	Mon	8:45 AM	Corpus	Good Health & God's Blessings Upon Alina	
12/3	Tue	8:45 AM	Corpus	Pro Populo	
12/4	Wed	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Joseph C. Bergen, Sr.	
12/5	Thu	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Richard Werenski	Stefan & Lucy Werenski
12/6	Fri	8:45 AM	Corpus	+John Kwarciak & John Kwiatek	Mrzygold Family
12/7	Sat	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Henry & Aniela Swiatek	Henry Swiatek
12/8	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Bronislawa & Jan Warias	Seternus Family
12/1	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Gino Grasso	John Iannaccio
12/2	Mon	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls Day Intentions	
12/4	Wed	8:30 AM	Drexel	Mother's Day Intentions	
12/6	Fri	8:30 PM	Drexel	All Souls Day Intentions	
12/8	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Cindy Selnensberger	Bob & Judy Winkler
11/30	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Diane Pietrzak	Jim & Christine Gajewski
12/1	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Mike Morrison	Jim & Bozena Serafin
12/1	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	All Souls Intentions	Son, Thomas McCafferty
12/3	Tue	8:00 AM	Gualbert	+Sr. Marie Sabinie	Family
12/5	Thu	8:00 AM	Gualbert	+Marilyn Lawrence	David Czathorowski
12/7	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Sharon Lis	Family
12/8	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Frank Konicki	Greg, Susan & Family
12/8	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Diane Pietrzak	Friend
11/30	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	All Souls Intentions	
12/1	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	Living & Deceased Members of the Nowicki Family	Loretta
12/3	Tue	8:30 AM	Kanty	+Genevieve Wojtusiak	Estate
12/5	Thu	8:30 AM	Kanty	In Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for the Budny Family	
12/7	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	+Joseph Dablewski	Barb
12/8	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	Living & Deceased Members of the Budny Family	
11/30	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+John & Adeline Bucki	Carl & Deborah Bucki
12/1	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Frank Barnashuk	Family
12/1	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Jean Kolosko	Nancy Weigand
12/2	Mon	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Sophie Liskiewicz	Liskiewicz Family
12/4	Wed	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Norrine Lewandowski	Jim & Marianne Maciejewski
12/6	Fri	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	Pro Populo	
12/7	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Casimir & Jennie Jasinski	Son, John
12/8	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Irena & Stanislaw Matuszewski	Zbigniew Matuszewski & Family
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