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# Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes

December 22, 2024 | Fourth 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



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you and your families a wonderful day of rejoicing in the birth of Christ.

## 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](mailto: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  
**Rev. Mariusz Dymek, OSPPE** .....Pastor  
 (Corpus Christi)  
**Rev. Mark Kreis, OSPPE, Ph.D.**.....Parochial Vicar  
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**Bogdan Szymczyk**.....Maintenance (Stanislaus)  
**Bob Zielinski**.....Maintenance (Kanty/Adalbert)  
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**Rasa Stalygiene** .....Organist (Stanislaus)  
**Michael Zachowicz**.....Organist (Kanty/Gualbert)  
**Andrew N. Kowtalo**.....Organist (Corpus Christi)  
**Robert J. Winkler**.....Organist (Drexel)

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

It is with great sadness our Business Manager, Frank Guido, is leaving both the Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes and the Downtown Family of Parishes to pursue other interests.

### Part-Time Business Manager Position Available

To see a view a full job posting visit:  
[Buffalodiocese.org/job-opportunities](http://Buffalodiocese.org/job-opportunities) OR call Fr. Cole at the Rectory for more information.

## Weekly Collections:

Due to early submission of the bulletin offertory amounts for December 15th will be posted in the next bulletin.

### *The Sanctuary Light is Lite for*

+Robert Stiglmeier-By Family  
 St. Katherine Drexel  
 +Zygmunt, Kazimiera & George Zgliczynski-Loving Family  
 St. Stanislaus



## From Fr. Cole Webster

This week we celebrate the holiest of nights, the Nativity of our Lord. An annual reminder that the Creator of the Universe became a human being forever uniting the human with the divine in the person of Jesus, love-incarnate, Emmanuel, God with us.

If there is a day of the year that we should be hyper-conscious of the present moment, I think, it's Christmas. The beautiful décor offers us an escape from the chaos of our everyday lives as we pause to invite Christ into our lives in a new and deeper way. A spirit of thanksgiving pervades our minds as we thank God for the people that surround us—family, friends, parishioners. Our love expressed and concretized in the giving of gifts. In the bleakness of winter, the evergreens in our churches and homes remind us that with Christ Jesus, life is eternal. The sparking lights that shine in the bleakness of winter tell us that Christ, the Light of the World, wants nothing more than to guide our every step.

While our temporal world is nothing but a sea of change, the Word-Made-Flesh, placed in a feeding trough, transcends time as the forever constant in the Blessed Sacrament, the Bread of Everlasting life. So take an extra moment to soak in God's countless blessings. Love has come to transform our lives. So may we look into the eyes of the Christ-child looking up at us and allow him to melt any hardness in our hearts and take away our pain, for the eyes looking at you is God's unfathomable love.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## 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 (Polish) with Fr. Mariusz Dymek



## YOUTH MINISTRY



Our next Family Faith Formation Session will take place on **Saturday, January 11th at 10:00 AM** at St. Katharine Drexel.



### Upcoming Confirmation Classes for High School Students

*All classes start at 11:30 after*

*10:30 Mass at SKD*

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



**January 5th & 19th**

**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.



Our next book club gathering will be held on **Thursday, January 16th at 6:00PM** at St. Katharine Drexel

Rectory. We will be discussing *God's Joyful Surprise* by Sue Monk Kidd. Come join us for conversation whether you read the book or not, all are welcome!

### FEAST OF ST. JOHN KANTY

**DECEMBER 23**



**It's everything you value!**

We are excited to share a message of hope and renewal for Western New York's Catholic Elementary Schools. Like other Dioceses across the country, we have faced challenges; yet, through the collaboration of hundreds of people who are passionate about Catholic education, we are launching a strategy to ensure a brighter and stronger future for our schools.

Our Catholic schools will remain rich in tradition and academic excellence, wrapped in a Christ-centered, safe, and welcoming community. Throughout 2025, we'll share more exciting news. We are currently searching for a Diocesan Superintendent to lead our future strategy. Please spread the word.

Interested in being part of this exciting movement? Enroll your students or apply to join our highly qualified and dedicated team of educators at: [www.wnycatholicschools.org](http://www.wnycatholicschools.org).

### IN MEMORIAM

A funeral was celebrated recently for Edward Serwon at St. John Gualbert.



## St. John Gualbert Parish

### MONEY RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE	\$500.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRIZE	\$300.00
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRIZE	\$200.00
4 <sup>TH</sup> PRIZE	\$100.00
5 <sup>TH</sup> & 6 <sup>TH</sup> 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 Parish

### MEAT RAFFLE

*Saturday January 18, 2025  
At the Knights of Columbus Hall  
(2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga)*

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.  
Raffles start at 6:00 p.m.

Admission is \$12.00 presale, \$15 at the door.

Admission includes beer, wine, and pop. Bring  
your own snacks, but **NO OUTSIDE LIQUOR IS  
ALLOWED.**

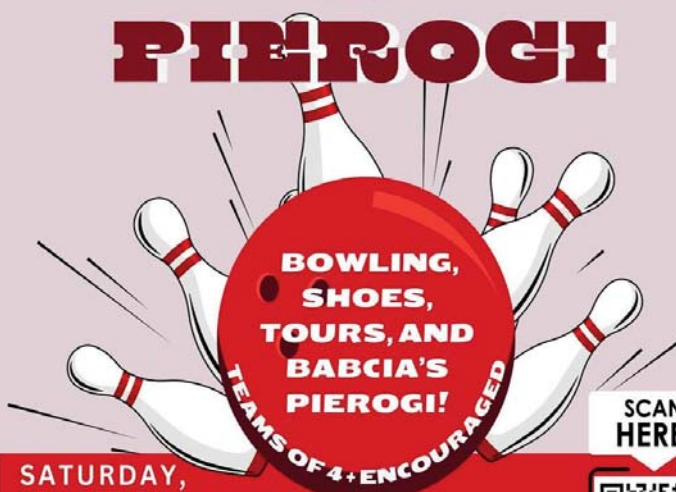
Call Sue (716-984-7134) or Jane (716-912-3356)



There will be \$\$ split club raffles throughout the evening,  
plus a  
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## Christmas Raffle

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Christmas Eve Mass -12/24 @4:00pm at  
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716-997-9983**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**





## Experience 18 days of CHRISTMAS 2024 In St. Stanislaus' Social Hall Corner of Fillmore and Peckham

**HOURS:** FRIDAYS – 5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM  
SATURDAYS – 11:00 AM TO 9:00 PM  
SUNDAYS – 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
**Admission:** \$10; Children - \$5

**Friday, December 27** Learn about Christmas in other countries. Visit the vendor market and enjoy traditional Christmas fare while enjoying the Christmas music. Visit the basket raffle and create a Christmas ornament.

**Saturday, December 28** Celebrate a Ukrainian Christmas. Check out the Christmas tree, engage in decorate your own ornament, indulge in good food and drink and enjoy the music.

**Sunday, December 29** Check out the basket raffle and enjoy good food, good drink, and good music while engaging with friends and family.



### Gift Card Raffle

St. Stanislaus parish will be holding a **"Sweetheart" gift card raffle** during the month of February 2025. Currently, we are collecting gift cards with at least a \$25 value. Cash and gift cards of \$25 or more are much appreciated. Please bring your gift card(s) to the rectory during office hours or place the gift card in the collection basket. We hope to have all gift cards received by December 27 so that we can have the raffle tickets printed and begin to sell them at the beginning of January 2025. Thank you for your support!

**ORNAMNETS FOR SALE!** Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? St. Stanislaus is selling fused glass ornaments made by Sister Ann Therese Kelly, a Felician sister. All ornaments sell for \$12.00 and the Cardinal is \$30.00. Ornaments can be purchased before weekend masses or from the church rectory.



**The Ladies of Charity is in need of children's clothing.** The Ladies of Charity are a non-profit organization, affiliated with Catholic Charities of Buffalo. One of the many programs they have to help those in need is a thrift store at 1122 Broadway, Buffalo. In addition to their neighbors who many rely on the store for nice clothing, shoes and household items at very discounted prices, the Ladies give Catholic Charities clients clothing for free. If you can help the Ladies of Charity by donating new or gently used children's clothing, it would be greatly appreciated so the Ladies can help those in need this winter. Dropoff Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

# Weekly Mass Intentions

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Date	Day	Time	Site	Mass Intention	Requested By
12/22	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Victoria Gorczyz, anniv of birth	Paul Gorczyz
12/23	Mon	8:45 AM	Corpus	Pro Populo Stanley & Stella Karas	Henry Swiatek
12/24	Tue	11:00 PM	Corpus	For Parishioners	
12/25	Wed	11:00 AM	Corpus	For All Priests	Cathy Bergen
12/26	Thu	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Martin Lavery	Cathy Bergen
12/27	Fri	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Lois Bonnette	Martin & Lucy Ederer
12/28	Sat	8:45 AM	Corpus	NO MASS	
12/29	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Mary & Valentine Owczarzak	Banks Family
12/22	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Antonina Fydrych	Family
12/23	Mon	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls Intentions	
12/24	Tue	6:00 PM	Drexel	+Richard Radka & Joseph Lewandowski	Cheryl Radka
12/25	Wed	10:30 AM	Drexel	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
12/27	Fri	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls Intentions	
12/29	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls Intentions	
12/21	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Florence Konicki	Greg, Susan, Family
12/22	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Krystyna Wojcik	Son, Roman
12/22	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Lowell & Gladys Brooks & Verna & Brownie Wojcik	Family
12/24	Tue	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Joseph & Florence Bakowski	Estate
12/24	Tue	10:00 PM	Gualbert	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
12/25	Wed	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Matthew & Ruth Peters	Family
12/26	Thu	8:00 AM	Gualbert	All Souls Intentions	
12/28	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	+Alicja Malinowski	Tim & Jane Roland
12/29	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Joseph & Florence Bakowski	Son, Roman
12/29	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Diane Pietrzak	Family
12/21	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	+Leonard Zak	Scott & Carrie Zak
12/22	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	+Stanley & Jennie Szymanski	Daughter
12/24	Tue	8:30 AM	Kanty	+Kenneth Karla	Stachowski Family
12/24	Tue	4:00 PM	Adalbert	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
12/25	Wed	10:15 AM	Kanty	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
12/26	Thu	8:30 AM	Kanty	+Genevieve Wojtusiak	Family
12/28	Sat	5:30 PM	Kanty	+Rev. Antoni Lutostanski	Parishioner
12/29	Sun	10:15 AM	Kanty	+Irene Kusak	Family
12/21	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Irene Skowron	Daughters
12/22	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+John Szyjka (birthday)	Family
12/22	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Jesse W. Lawrence	Lawrence Family
12/23	Mon	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Carol Zajac	Family
12/24	Tue	12:00 AM	Stanislaus	Pro Populo	
12/25	Wed	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Bronislawa Liskiewicz	Liskiewicz Family
12/27	Fri	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Agnieszka Szymczak	Szymczak Family
12/28	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Jake Zglinicki	Doreen Skowron-Mota
12/29	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Jacek Fijalkowski (birthday)	Marisia #1 & Marisia #2
12/29	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+John Burkowski (10th anniv)	Family



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