

Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes

January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

SUNDAY:

9:00am.....St. John Gualbert (Polish)

9:15am.....Corpus Christi

10:15am.....St. Stanislaus

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

8:45am (*Sunday*).....Corpus Christi

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00am...St. Stanislaus

8:30am...St. Katharine Drexel

Tuesday/Thursday

8:00am...St. John Gualbert

Corpus Christi

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

8:45am... First Saturday

Bulletin Deadline:

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



Enjoying the beauty of the season! The nativity set and angels at St. Stanislaus this year should look familiar to our parishioners from St. John Kanty!

Office Hours:

Central Office

at St. Stanislaus
Monday-Friday
9:00am-3:00pm
123 Townsend St
(716) 854-5510

St. John Gualbert

Open for In-Person
Visits Thursdays Only
8:00am-11:30am

Corpus Christi

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

* For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours, please call Fr. Mark at 716-331-9041

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Weekly Collections:

St. John Gualbert	12/21	early
St. Stanislaus	12/21	submission
St. Katharine Drexel	12/21	next
Corpus Christi	12/21	bulletin



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn
A King to Behold

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise - one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3).

Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king.

The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2,25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6, 4:6,14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: Will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and the scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?



Thank you to the Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes for their ongoing support of the Mother Teresa Home and our ministry. Your support helps us to provide much needed supplies to moms and babies during difficult economic times, and an uncertain future as new parents. Because of your generosity, we can provide diapers, wipes, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and clothing to families staying at the Mother Teresa Home.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cheryl Diane, Director

YOUTH MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy
at Saint Katharine Drexel 10:30 Mass
First and Third Sundays of the month



January 4
January 18



Our Family Faith Formation
Program has begun!
We meet monthly at
10:00am at St. Katharine
Drexel.

Upcoming dates:

January 10	March 7
February 7	April 11
	May 9

Blessing of Salt and Epiphany Water
with Fr. David Baker
St. John Gualbert Church
Monday, January 5 at 6:30pm.

Epiphany water is a special kind of holy water that involves two exorcisms. This ritual uses salt and water, similar to regular holy water blessings. But, it's done with an extensive liturgy that includes prayers and actions meant to cast out evil spirits.



Saint John Neumann

A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In 1852 he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than 50 churches and greatly expanded Catholic education. John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. He collapsed and died in the street at age 48.

1811-1860
FEAST DAY — JANUARY 5



BIBLE STUDIES

Every other Tuesday
At Saint Katharine Drexel Rectory
From 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Our next meeting and topic will be:
January 6 Grace

Please call Barb Delenkis (716 839 4084) if interested in attending and for further information.

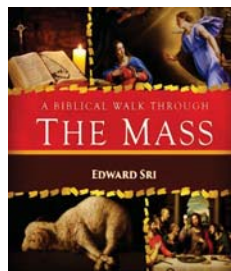
Monthly Men's Group—Cor

The next men's Group *Cor* (which means 'heart') meets with Fr. Cole on **January 20 from 7-8pm** at St. John Gualbert Rectory. Open to all men, the meeting lasts an hour as we pray and explore our faith together utilizing the *Into the Breach* series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Next session topic is: Leadership. True leadership seeks greatness and brings out greatness in others. Robert Yates discusses his service in the Air Force and highlights the importance of being servant leaders.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Fr. Cole will be leading a four-week book study at St. Katharine Drexel, *A Bible Walk Through the Mass* by Dr. Edward Sri.

Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.



SESSIONS @ 6:30PM:

January 7
January 14
January 21
January 28

Books are available for \$5.00 after Mass at SKD or at the Central Office at St. Stans.



**St. John Gualbert
Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel
CHAPEL PLAQUES**

What are Czestochowa plaques?

Located in the vestibule of our church in a lovely chapel dedicated to the miraculous icon of the Black Madonna, you will notice that the walls are lined with name plaques.

Are the plaques only for the deceased?

Most of the names are of the deceased, although there are also some people who are living, so as to participate in the spiritual benefits of the chapel while still in this world. Both the deceased and the living can be enrolled.

What are the spiritual benefits of enrollment?

A monthly Mass on the first Saturday of every month is offered at 4 pm for the intention of all those enrolled in the OLC chapel. This is certainly a beautiful way for someone to remember a deceased loved one or a person that you would like to have the spiritual benefits of a monthly Mass for their intention.

What is the procedure for enrolling?

Simply contact the rectory office with the name (or names) you would like placed on the plaque. The name of the donor may also appear. The offering is \$250 for each plaque.

How will we know that a name has been added?

We will print the name (or names) in the parish bulletin every time that someone is enrolled.

Jesus is Here! TRIALS AND RESURRECTION Conference

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 AM — 3:00 PM AT ST. STANISLAUS
389 PECKHAM ST., BUFFALO, NY

Enjoy a day filled with presentations, interactive small-group conversations, music, and a lunch with fellow participants.

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Keynote Speaker: FR. CARL GALES, SVD



Father Gales, who was born in Baltimore, was a musical prodigy. In his youth, he performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2021, he professed Final Vows with the SVD and was ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

Current pastor of Our Lady of Africa, Fr. Gales helped merge together five parishes through the Archdiocese of Chicago's Renew My Church process.

REGISTER AT



DEADLINE TO REGISTER
BY JANUARY 14

SAINT ADALBERT BASILICA
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UPCOMING Masses & Events

MONTHS OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Christmas Chocolate Candy Fundraiser featuring our newest addition, chocolate pierogi in milk & dark. See our Facebook page for details or for information please call: 716-997-9983.

DECEMBER 18 | 4-7:00 PM | PENANCE SERVICE
4-5:00 PM | VESPERS & MORE

DECEMBER 24 | 4:00 PM | CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Fr. Cole Webster will be our Celebrant & our Music Ministry will feature soprano Brittany Mruczek.

DECEMBER 28 | 2:00 PM | CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Doors open at 1:00 PM. We will have the original AM&A's Christmas Window on display, concert by the St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum. Join us for some warm beverages and cookies.

MAY 17, 2026 | 1:30 PM | LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE

Receive the Lourdes Water, touch the Grotto Rock, Adoration & Benediction & Candle Procession at the Basilica Grotto. (Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree; Vatican Recognized.)

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Journey with the Magi

A Self-Guided Pilgrimage Through the Relics of Christmas

DEC 20TH - JAN 4TH

Just as the Magi journeyed to see the Christ child, we invite you to walk through the story of Jesus' birth in a self-guided pilgrimage at St. John Gualbert Diocesan Relic Shrine, 83 Gualbert Ave., Cheektowaga, NY. Pamphlets will guide you to encounter relics of the manger, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Nicholas, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Wenceslaus, and other saints who foretold, witnessed, or celebrated the Nativity. The shrine will be open Saturday's and Sunday's December 20th-January 4th. Join us for a free guided tour of the second largest relic shrine in the country on Saturday, December 27th at 10:00am. If you have any questions or would like more information about our Adopt-A-Relic Initiative, please call our Central Office at 716-854-5510.



EPIPHANY CHALK AND INCENSE

We will be blessing chalk and incense in honor of the Wise Men on the solemnity of the Epiphany, which falls on January 4. Blessed packets of chalk and incense will be located near the manger for you to take home. Below is a suggested format for the blessing:

All Make the Sign of the Cross

Leader: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here.

All: Thanks be to God.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads from the family Bible

Matthew 2:1-12 or Luke 19:1-9.

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

Our response is: **Stay with us, Lord.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray: **R/. Stay with us, Lord.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray: **R/. Stay with us, Lord.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray: **R/. Stay with us, Lord.**

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

The doorway is then marked with 20 + C + M + B + 26 and the house may be sprinkled with holy water.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.
R/. Amen.

Date	Day	Time	Site	Mass Intention	Requested By	Presider
1/4	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	In Thanksgiving & God’s Blessing Upn the Pauline Fathers on the 22nd Anniversary of their coming to Corpus Christi		Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/5	Mon	8:45 AM	Corpus	Pro Populo		Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/6	Tue	8:45 AM	Corpus	+John & Blanche Kurdziel, John & Marlene, Eddie & Joann, Ed & Bernice		Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/7	Wed	8:45 AM	Corpus	+John t. Szymborski	Deborah J. Witaul	Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/8	Thu	8:45 AM	Corpus	+John & Mary Guzzetta, Marlene Ford, Jeannie McIntoch, Carole Ceri		Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/9	Fri	8:45 AM	Corpus	+Martin & Mary Berge and sons, Martin & Joseph		Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/10	Sat	8:45 AM	Corpus	NO MASS		
1/11	Sun	9:15 AM	Corpus	+Charlie Kirk	Dr. Steven & Janelle Horn	Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/4	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Deceased Members of the Zeoli Family	Zeoli Family	Fr. Cole Webster
1/5	Mon	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls		Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/7	Wed	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls		Fr. Cole Webster
1/9	Fri	8:30 AM	Drexel	All Souls		Fr. Cole Webster
1/11	Sun	10:30 AM	Drexel	+Keith C. Bess	Kelly Ann Kowalski	Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/3	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	All Souls		Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/4	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	50th Anniversary Blessings for Boguslawa & Tadeusz Leczynski	Family	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/4	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Brother David O’Neill	Thomas McCaffery	Fr. Bob Stolinski
1/6	Tue	8:00 AM	Gualbert	All Souls		Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/8	Thu	8:00 AM	Gualbert	All Souls		Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/10	Sat	4:00 PM	Gualbert	All Souls		Fr. Cole Webster
1/11	Sun	9:00 AM	Gualbert	+Chester & Cole Zielinski	Mom & Dad	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/11	Sun	11:45 AM	Gualbert	+Robert Pszczolkowski	Dan & Esther Pszczolkowski	Fr. Cole Webster
1/3	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Kazmiera Zglinicki (Birthday)	Loving Family	Fr. Cole Webster
1/4	Sun	10:15 AM	Stanislaus	+David Helmicki	Family	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/4	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Rev. Dr. Czeslaw Krysa SLD	Polish Saturday school	Fr. Mariusz Dymek
1/4	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Lucy Wawrzyniak	Estate	Fr. Bryan Zielenieski
1/5	Mon	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Jim Detzel	Webb Family	Fr. Cole Webster
1/7	Wed	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	Living & Deceased Members of the O’Brien Family	Webb Family	Fr. Bob Stolinski
1/9	Fri	8:00 AM	Stanislaus	+Ruth Peters	Estate	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/10	Sat	4:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Norbert, Arlene, Jeffrey Mruk	Mildred	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/11	Sun	10:15 AM	Stanislaus	+Stefania & Jan Szymczyk	Son & Family	Fr. Cole Webster
1/11	Sun	12:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Rev. Czeslaw Krysa	Nancy Weigand	Fr. Jacek Mazur
1/11	Sun	5:00 PM	Stanislaus	+Anthony Rogowski	Family	Fr. Bryan Zielenieski

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