

Saint Stanislaus Parish

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December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Through Jesus, God fulfilled the promise He made to His people to bring them salvation. Christ's death and resurrection opened the way for eternal life for all who believe, including the Gentiles. We are to prepare the way of the Lord by asking for God's healing, listening for God's voice, and raising our hearts to Him.

Dear Parishioners,

Adoration is on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 5PM to 7PM. Confessions are from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass times are 8AM and 6PM.

There are still envelopes for obtaining gift cards for the Diocesan seminarians on the Giving Tree in the back of the church. Your support for these seminarians is greatly appreciated.

Donations are appreciated for flowers and decorations for Christmas. There are canisters in the back of the church, or you may place the donation in the offertory basket in a plain envelope marked "Flowers". Thank you for your help in creating a beautiful worship space!

There will be a second collection next weekend (December 13/14) for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFFR). Please see the attached letter from Bishop McManus about this appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Are you or someone you know House Bound and are unable to attend church services? Have you or someone you know lost loved ones, had recent hospitalizations, or just need a friend to talk to? If you or the person you know wish to be visited by a Eucharist Minister to receive the Eucharist or have someone from the parish to stop by to say hello, please send an email to ststanoffice@gmail.com or call either the office at 413-436-8020 or me directly at 774-200-6868.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Dom

Quote: "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEACON DOM'S IN-OFFICE SCHEDULE: Deacon Dom plans on being in the rectory office Monday (12/08), Tuesday afternoon (12/09), and Friday (12/12). He may always be reached at ststanoffice@gmail.com or 774-200-6868.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: THE LITTLE STORE IN WORCESTER looking for team members who are friendly, dependable, and eager to help customers while keeping our stores running smoothly. If you enjoy providing great service, staying organized, and working as part of a team, this is the role for you! Please contact Rod Pfannenstiel 508-831-7455 careers@urbanmissionaries.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The March for Life is on **Friday January 23, 2026 in Washington, DC**. The Diocese is arranging buses for those interested in joining the march. The cost is **\$150 per seat**, and the **registration deadline is December 12, 2025**. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/march-for-life-1>.

DISMAS HOUSE DONATIONS: This holiday season we are looking for some help with donations of twin size sheets and comforters, pillows, paper products, personal hygiene products, and gift cards. All of these items are great to help our new residents. Any donations can be dropped off at **30 Richards Street, Worcester, Monday through Friday, 9AM to 6PM**. Thank you!

URBAN MISSIONARIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Given the challenges to meet the demand for gifts from giving trees this year, **Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope** is accepting financial donations, which they will use to procure gifts through their GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/e036a4dcd>

PROJECT RACHEL: Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Begin your healing journey by calling 508-791-HOPE(4673).

REPORT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT: If anyone is aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, or volunteer, it is encouraged the matter be reported to the Diocese of Worcester. The report may be made by phone or in writing to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention. The phone number for Judith is 508-929-4363. The mailing address is Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent, 4PM, St. Stanislaus:
† Elmer Fontaine by Steve Fountain

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent, 8:30AM, St. Stanislaus:
† Fr. Stanley Lipinski by Wolkowicz family

NO DAILY MASS

Saturday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent, 4PM, St. Stanislaus:
† Gisele Mongeon by Marie Girouard

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent, 8:30AM, St. Stanislaus:
† Deborah (Perron) Olearcek by Mother and family

Collections weekend (11/29-30/2025 *excluding Sunday*):

Offertory	\$504
Maintenance	\$103
Campaign for Human Development	\$3
Higher Utility/Energy costs	\$100



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December 4, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 14 our parishes will be conducting the collection for the national **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Religious communities of women and men were devoted to establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Escalating healthcare costs and a lack of traditional retirement plans have created financial challenges for many religious communities. The Retirement Fund for Religious addresses this need, supporting more than 19,000 religious over the age of 70. In 2024, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$56,600 per person. With skilled nursing care, the average cost was \$96,000.

In 2024, parishioners in our diocese contributed \$95,604.36 to the collection. That same year, a combined total of \$275,924 from this national fund was distributed to assist five communities in our diocese: the Benedictine sisters at St. Scholastica Priory, the Religious Venerini Sisters, Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph's Abbey, and St. Mary's Monastery. That would not have been possible were it not for this national fund.

Just as our annual *Celebrate Priesthood* event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities to provide for aging members.

Pope Francis wrote, "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." While this annual collection assists those who have retired from their careers, they never retire from their vows and keep the needs of the people they served for a lifetime in their daily prayers.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance in this season; I ask simply that you consider giving to those who have given a lifetime. If you are unable to donate at Mass, please mail your gift to your parish, donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available, or donate at the diocesan website, worcesterdiocese.org. In gratitude for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly and infirm religious women and men.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

*Please read or print this letter in the parish bulletin on the weekend of Dec. 7
and take the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious at all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 14.*