

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is a community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, Sacraments and Service while preserving and sharing the cultural roots of the Parish.

Parafia Świętego Stanisława Kostki jest wspólnotą, której celem jest głoszenie Ewangelii Jezusa Chrystusa według nauki Kościoła Rzymskokatolickiego. Misją parafii jest głoszenie Słowa Bożego, sprawowanie Sakramentów oraz służenie innym w zachowaniu tradycji kulturowych.

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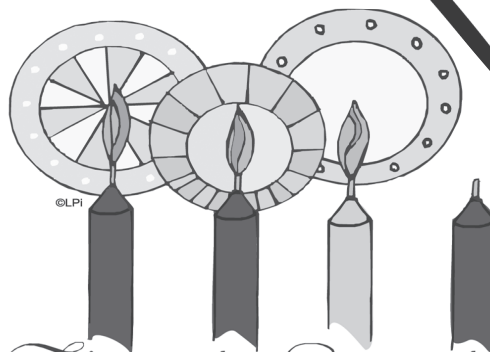
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*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

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### PARISH COUNCIL:

MRS. DOROTHY STYK	Chairperson
MRS. KRYSZYNA LIZAK	Vice-Chairperson

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM–2:30 PM.  
Evenings by appointment

### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. (English) 11:00 a.m. (Polish)  
**Weekdays:** Monday 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Confession at 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Hour at 5:00 p.m.  
and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 6:30 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00–3:40 p.m. or by appointment

Please remember the ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, NY (our legal title) considering bequests, endowments, memorials or other special contributions when making out your will. All donations are tax deductible.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Sundays at 12:15 p.m. or by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Couples are asked to contact the office at least six months before marriage is to take place.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! Please stop at the Rectory during business hours and introduce yourself. We would like to get to know you.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Inform staff when relatives are confined to home so that we can arrange to have the Eucharist brought to them. Please notify us of family members living in nursing homes or institutions.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 12****Our Lady of Guadalupe****Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. — Mary and Thomas Spiegel (Family)

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 13****Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. — Anthony Leib (Leib family)

11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — 10 Rocznica śmierci Janiny Żelak  
(Anna Madyś)**MONDAY - DECEMBER 14****St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. — Norbert Szymula (Friends of St. Stanislaus)

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 15**

5:30 p.m. — Natalie Shea (Shea family)

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 16**

8:00 a.m. — Francis A. Scalise (Joyce Ciesluk and Sonja Stenclik)

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 17**

8:00 a.m. — David Kolupski (Ralph and Nancy Panfil)

5:30 p.m. — Members of Pollock and Okoniewicz families  
(Jim and Sonja Stenclik)**FRIDAY — DECEMBER 18**

8:00 a.m. — Jon Rimmel (Family)

5:00 p.m. — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 p.m. — Paweł Zygałło (Family)

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 19**

8:00 a.m. — Teodozja Brychcy (Friends of St. Stanislaus)

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**4:00 p.m. — Richard Reeder, Ambrose and Laurita Reeder  
and Paul Tremmel (Family)**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 20****Fourth Sunday of Advent**9:00 a.m. — In thanksgiving for blessings received on the occasion  
of the 54 wedding anniversary of Barbara and  
Władysław Orłowski11:00 a.m. — Polish Mass — Teofil Warzecha, Lucian i Josephine  
Pułkońnik (Cecylia Warzecha)

*A very warm welcome  
is extended to all who have come  
to St. Stanislaus Church  
to worship this weekend.  
We are grateful to our parishioners  
and we welcome our guests  
who visit us this weekend.*

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent:

God of Rejoicing,  
this week we hear in our second reading  
that we are called to "Rejoice Always."  
Help our family to be joyful  
in the midst of whatever happens this week.  
When we light the third candle on our wreath,  
let us bring Your joy  
to our friends and neighbors this week.  
We ask this through Christ, who is the Ultimate  
Joyful Gift to the world. Amen.

**Live the Liturgy****Inspiration for the Week**

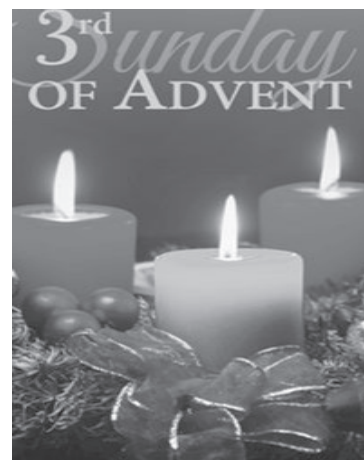
Today is Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete means "rejoice!" Our Scriptures provide us with wonderful images of healing, restoration, and justice. St. James reminds us to be patient as the coming of the Lord is at hand. But it is the prophet Isaiah who provides the encouragement we so desperately need. Our world and our country are in need of peace. We long for God's justice, which does not bring retribution but equity. Isaiah shows us that if we walk with God all of these things can be ours, not only in the future but now.

**3rd Sunday of Advent — Luke 3:10-18 — Blessed Advent!**

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?" The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money.

And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.



## Third Sunday of Advent—Year B

### Reading 1 IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

### Responsorial Psalm

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

### Reading 2 1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.  
Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good.

Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will also accomplish it.



R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests  
and Levites to him

to ask him, “Who are you?”

He admitted and did not deny it,  
but admitted, “I am not the Christ.”

So they asked him,

“What are you then? Are you Elijah?”

And he said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?”

He answered, “No.”

So they said to him,

“Who are you, so we can give an answer  
to those who sent us?”

What do you have to say for yourself?”

He said:

“I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*  
*‘make straight the way of the Lord,’*”

as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

“Why then do you baptize

if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?”

John answered them,

“I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,  
the one who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

## Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu—Rok B

### PIERWSZE CZYTANIE Iz 61, 1-2a. 10-11

#### Czytanie z Księgi proroka Izajasza

Duch Pana Boga nade mną, bo Pan mnie namaścił. Posłał mnie, abym głosił dobrą nowinę ubogim, bym opatrywał rany serc złamanych, żebym zapowiadał wyzwolenie jeńcom i więźniom swobodę; abym obwieszczał rok łaski Pańskiej. «Ogromnie się weselę w Panu, dusza moja raduje się w Bogu moim, bo mnie przyodziął w szaty zbawienia, okrył mnie płaszczem sprawiedliwości, jak oblubieńca, który wkłada zawój, jak oblubienicę strojną w swe klejnoty. Zaiste, jak ziemia wydaje swe plony, jak ogród rozplenia swe zasiewy, tak Pan Bóg sprawi, że się rozpleni sprawiedliwość i chwała wobec wszystkich narodów».

**Oto słowo Boże.**

### PSALM RESPONSORYJNY

**Refren: Raduj się, duszo, w Bogu, Zbawcy moim.**

Wielbi dusza moja Pana \*

i raduje się duch mój w Bogu, zbawicielu moim.

Bo wejrzał na uniżenie swojej Służebnicy. \*

Oto bowiem odtąd błogosławić mnie będą

wszystkie pokolenia. **Refren.**

Gdyż wielkie rzeczy uczynił mi Wszechmocny, \*

a Jego imię jest święte.

Jego miłosierdzie z pokolenia na pokolenie \*

nad tymi, którzy się Go boją. **Refren.**

Głodnych nasycił dobrami, \*

a bogatych z niczym odprawił.

Ujął się za swoim sługą, Izraelem, \*

pomny na swe miłosierdzie. **Refren.**

### DRUGIE CZYTANIE 1 Tes 5, 16-24

#### Czytanie z Pierwszego Listu Świętego Pawła Apostoła do Tesaloniczan

Bracia:

Zawsze się radujcie, nieustannie się módlcie. W każdym położeniu dziękujcie, taka jest bowiem wola Boża w Jezusie Chrystusie względem was. ducha nie gaście, prorocтва nie lekceważcie. Wszystko badajcie, a co szlachetne – zachowujcie. Unikajcie wszelkiego rodzaju zła. Sam zaś Bóg pokoju niech uświęca was całych, aby nietknięty duch wasz, dusza i ciało bez zarzutu zachowały się na przyjście Pana naszego, Jezusa Chrystusa. Wierny jest Ten, który was wzywa: on też tego dokona.

**Oto słowo Boże.**

**Aklamacja: Alleluja, alleluja, alleluja.**

Duch Pański nade mną,

posłał mnie, abym głosił dobrą nowinę ubogim.

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### EWANGELIA J 1, 6-8. 19-28

#### Słowa Ewangelii według Świętego Jana

Pojawił się człowiek posłany przez Boga – Jan mu było na imię. Przyszedł on na świadectwo, aby zaświadczyć o światłości, by wszyscy uwierzyli przez niego. Nie był on światłością, lecz został posłany, aby zaświadczyć o światłości.

Takie jest świadectwo Jana. Gdy Żydzi wysłali do niego z Jerozolimy kapłanów i lewitów z zapytaniem: «Kto ty jesteś?», on wyznał, a nie zaprzeczył, oświadczając: «Ja nie jestem Mesjaszem».

Zapytali go: «Cóż zatem? Czy jesteś Eliaszem?» Odrzekł: «Nie jestem». «Czy ty jesteś prorokiem?» Odparł: «Nie».

Powiedzieli mu więc: «Kim jesteś, abyśmy mogli dać odpowiedź tym, którzy nas wysłali? Co mówisz sam o sobie?»

Powiedział: «Jam głos wołającego na pustyni: Prostujcie drogę Pańską, jak rzekł prorok Izajasz». A wysłannicy byli spośród faryzeuszów. i zaczęli go pytać, mówiąc do niego: «Czemu zatem chrzczisz, skoro nie jesteś ani Mesjaszem, ani Eliaszem, ani prorokiem?» Jan im tak odpowiedział: «Ja chrzczę wodą. Pośród was stoi Ten, którego wy nie znacie, który po mnie idzie, a któremu ja nie jestem godzien odwiązać rzemienia u Jego sandała».

Działo się to w Betanii, po drugiej stronie Jordanu, gdzie Jan udzielał chrztu.

**Oto słowo Pańskie.**

### Thank You from Sister Julia

Dear parishioners,  
We are so grateful to you for all the food you have sent to St. Regis Food Cupboard during this Covid epidemic. We have had more families and less donations. Thank you for your faithfulness. This week alone with your help we were able to provide food for 88 families. God bless you and your families.



Sister Julia Norton, Director



### Offering

Due to an early submission of this bulletin we will include the offering numbers from the weekend Masses in next week's bulletin.

### Selling Frozen Pierogies

We are selling frozen pierogies. Please call Jan at 585-729-7878 to order and to arrange the pick up.

### Charitable Contributions for Financial Planning

We are deeply thankful for every contribution to Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church. To take the advantage of the tax write off, the contributions have to be made by December 31, 2020 per IRS regulations. Thank you for your consideration and continuous generosity.



### Midnight Mass

To sign up for 10:00 p.m. Mass in English (December 24) and Midnight Mass in Polish, please call the rectory at 467-3068. You may leave a message with a family name and number of members that will be attending.

### Luminaries

We will once again be displaying Luminaries this Christmas in our church. If you are interested in having a Luminary displayed in memory of a deceased loved one, you can sign up for them at the back entrance of the church after the weekend Masses.

### Church Decorating!

Come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas by putting up trees and decorating our church on **Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m.** Everyone willing to help is most welcome!



### Sympathy

In your Christian charity you are asked to remember in your prayers: **Bernard Bialaszewski and Julian Kiljan**, whom God has called to eternal rest. May they rest in peace, and may the risen Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.