

WE THANK everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.

Dec.4 & 5, 2021: Regular Collection: \$3,391.00, Building Fund: \$600.00, CCE Fund: \$250.00, Immaculate Conception: \$25.00; Christmas flowers: \$625.00 Thank you !

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

Stella Mikolajchak, Shirley Moszkowicz, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz

NOTE: *Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.*

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Dec.13: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Monday, Dec.20: Clara Jozwiak, Peggy Husky, Gene Malinowski, Judy Willitzer.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2 —21st

Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—38th

Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—22nd

Constance/Frankie Koterak, Dec.13 —58th

Vicki/Joseph Degioanni, Dec.16—47th

Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—21st

Carolyn/John Kopycinski, Dec.23—54th

Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—15th

There will be no CCE Classes next Sunday December 19 and Sunday December 26.

Our gratitude to the late Johnnie Jezierski, who left a generous legacy of \$25,000 in his will to St. Stanislaus parish, to be used for upkeep of our church.

Our sincere thanks also to Barbara Malinowski for her kind donation of \$1500 to our church, in memory of her parents Buddie and Mary Peek, both of whom passed away earlier this year.

On Sunday Dec.19, the interior of the church will be decorated for Christmas, immediately after Mass. If you can stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated. At the same time, the Knights of Columbus will also be erecting the outside Manger Scene and Christmas decorations. Please come and help!

It's time for our new Parish Directory!

Universal Church Directories will be here taking photos for our new parish directory on four consecutive days: Wednesday January 26 thru Saturday January 29.

Prior to that, and beginning at weekend Masses, a table will be set up in the narthex, for scheduling your photography appointment.

Our Directory will not be complete without you! Please sign up!

CANCELED: *The Altar & Rosary Society's annual Christmas Party on December 14th (due to lack of participation).*

Thoughts for your Meditation

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" This is the theme expressed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Why does St. Paul insist that we rejoice? We must remember that he wrote this Letter to the Philippians while he was in a dark Roman prison and without any certainty that he can still come out alive.

Definitely, there was nothing to rejoice about in that situation. But joy is a virtue and a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not dependent on any external condition. Rather, it all depends on one's intimate relationship with God. Rightly, then, that St. Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near" (4:4-5).

A person who knows the Lord is with him at all times, that the Lord is near, always has the reason to rejoice, that is, to be filled with joy. And that spirit leads him to be more kind and understanding towards others. This is exactly the meaning of St. Paul's exhortation: "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Christmas is near. We see Christmas decorations all around. We hear Christmas songs and carols in the air. We go to Christmas parties and gatherings here and there. Sometimes, far from making us happy, the busy season leaves us physically tired and financially drained.

We ought not to be surprised at this. It is a manifestation of what Pope Benedict XVI termed as the "crisis of indifference." In his address to members of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, he said, "The crisis we are living through carries with it signs of the exclusion of God from people's lives, a general indifference to the Christian faith, and even the intention of marginalizing it from public life" (Vatican City, May 30, 2011).

We must keep God present in our Christmas celebrations. When God is absent from our gatherings and celebrations, what is there left to rejoice about? Rejoicing in the Lord is not just a matter of thanking and praising God. Rather, it means two things. First, it is an attitude of trust in the midst of life's difficulties and troubles. Worries and anxieties have no part in the life of a Christian. Instead, St. Paul said: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (Phil 4:6).

Secondly, rejoicing should manifest itself in acts of kindness. Again, St. Paul said: "Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." St. John the Baptist, therefore, calls us to action. When asked by his listeners what they ought to do, John the Baptist mentioned examples of acts of kindness: *giving clothes to those who have none, avoiding extortion and cheating and being of better service to others.*

Christmas is always the busiest season of the year. While others are stressed and anxious about so many things, we are reminded to focus our attention on Jesus, the center of this joyous season, the cause of our rejoicing. There is no reason for worries and anxieties. Whatever problems and difficulties we may encounter, we take them all up to the Lord in prayer. Turn worries into prayers. "Then," St. Paul said, "the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7).

Fr. Mike Lagrimas, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish – The Philippines

Tickets are on sale for the annual Casino Night, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on January 15. Ticket price includes a meal. For purchase or information, contact Eddie Kmiec at 979-277-8815, or one of the other Knights.

The new indoor Nativity set has arrived, and will be blessed on Christmas Eve at the 4 pm Mass. Thank you to all those who donated!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

"In Mary, the Holy Spirit *manifests* the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 724)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Sat. Dec.11	6:00 PM	+VALERIE NOWAK by Charles Sulak
Sun. Dec.12	9:00 AM	+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STOLARSKI FAMILY by Cathy Polasek
Wed. Dec.15	6:00 PM	+V.J. JOZWIAK by Family
Thur. Dec.16	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.17	8:00 AM	+FLORENCE JOZWIAK by Beatrice Deihl

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT and SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

Sat. Dec.18	6:00 PM	+ALBERT & ANGELA KITOWSKI, JR. by Virginia/Albin Malinowski
Sun. Dec.19	9:00 AM	+ALBIN MOSZKOWICZ by Linda Scoggin
Wed. Dec.22	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Dec.23	8:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Fri. Dec.24	8:00 AM	+FLORENCE JOZWIAK by Beatrice Deihl
— SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS —		
Fri. Dec.24	4:00 PM	Special Intention of Fr. Jozef (Vigil Mass)
Sat. Dec.25	12:00 AM	+IKE BRZYMIALKWICZ by Rosie Brzymialkwicz (Midnight Mass)
Sat. Dec.25	9:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS (Mass at Dawn)
Sat. Dec.25	6:00 PM	GERI WILLIAMS by Peggy/Ronnie Husky (Mass during the day)

Father Jozef is continuing the ongoing study of the Catholic Faith, each Wednesday at 6:30 pm (following the 6 o'clock Mass) in the rectory. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of Catholic Tradition and doctrine.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM
Sunday:	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	6:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 45 AM and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

Sacrament of Marriage: Call at least 6 months before the planned wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance.

To Register in the Parish: Forms are available in the narthex (near entry of the church).

Parish Boards and Councils / Chairpersons:

Parish Council: Mark Bilski
Financial Committee: Doug Elder
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
Religious Education: Peggy Husky
Knights of Columbus: Randall Stockton
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

