

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

Dec. 9 & 10, 2023: Regular Collection: \$2,425.00, CCE: \$10.00, Cemetery Fund: \$60.00, Building Fund: \$125.00, Retired Clergy: \$627.00, Immaculate Conception: \$340.00, Christmas Flowers: \$320.00, Initial Offering: \$15.00, All Saints: \$20.00. *Thank you for your generosity*

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Gertrude Burlison, Frances Cegielski (and family and care providers), Eloise Degoianni, Elizabeth Falk, Josh Gurka, Joe Gutkowski, David Horton Sr., Pat Jozwiak, Kathy Kitowski, Kathy Kmiec, Frankie Koterak, Debra Mazurkiewicz, Pauline Mazurkiewicz, Stella Mikolajczak, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz, Barbara Moszkowicz, Shirley Moszkowicz Ray, David Stegent, Bibian Wisnoski.*
NOTE: *Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.*

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Dec.18: Peggy Husky, Charlene Raday, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.

Tuesday, Dec.26: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnne Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Best Wishes and Congratulations to:**

Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2—23rd
Anabel/Robert Gomez, Dec.5—36th
Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—40th
Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—24th
Constance/Frankie Koterak, Dec.13—60th
Vicki/Joseph Degioanni, Dec.16—49th
Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—23rd
Carolyn/John Kopycinski, Dec.23—56th
Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—17th

SAVE THE DATE!

For the 2023 “Koledy Polskie” to be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 in Chappell Hill, Texas beginning at 12:30 pm inside of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, and concluding later with Mass at 6:00 pm.

More details to follow.

The flowers on the altar were donated by Frankie and Connie Koterak for the greater glory of God, and in commemoration and thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage.

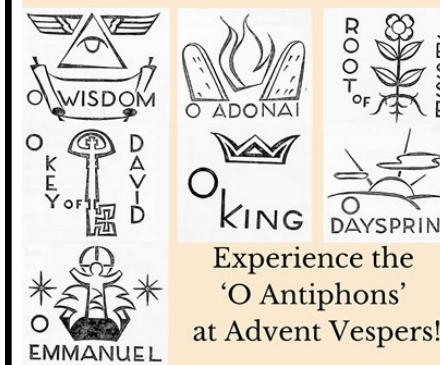
There will be no CCE classes for the next 3 Sundays: December 24th, 31st, and January 7th. Classes will resume on January 14, 2024.

**A group is needed to help set up the poinsettias, to decorate the altar for Christmas!
When: Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 pm.
Call Betsy Striegler at 713-253-0770 to sign up to help.**

Tickets are on sale for the annual Casino Night, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on Saturday January 20th. Ticket price includes a meal and raffle entry.

For purchase or information, contact Eddie Kmiec at 979-277-8815

THE ‘O’ ANTIPHONS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘GREAT ANTIPHONS’ are Magnificat antiphons used at vespers on the last seven days of Advent. Their origins date back to sixth-century Italy, when Boethius referred to them in written form. His spiritual classic, “The Consolation of Philosophy,” includes an excerpt referring to Lady Philosophy, a reference to Wisdom 8:1, which reads: “He is the highest good, she said, that rules all things mightily and delightfully arranges them.”



The O Antiphons have been around from the earliest days of the Roman breviary — known today as the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours is the arrangement of all 150 Psalms in particular order so that they can be prayed throughout the day, which St. Benedict organized. It includes other Scripture readings and writings from Church

fathers.

“These are different pieces of the mystery throughout salvation history referencing the Lord Himself and known as typological antiphons,” explained Father Daniel Koehl, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne. “When we read Scriptures, we can see how the Lord is foreshadowed in covenants preceding His birth. The O Antiphons are direct typological references from the Old Testament.”

The sequence is sung or spoken in Latin with the “vocative O” beginning it. Each antiphon is a reference to Jesus and contains one of his attributes noted in Scripture. The O Antiphons are, in consecutive order:

Dec. 17: O Sapientia (O Wisdom) Dec. 18: O Adonai (O Lord) Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) Dec. 20: O Clavis David (O Key of David) Dec. 21: O Oriens (O Day-spring) Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (O With Us is God)

The first letter of each title following the “O,” (Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia) when unscrambled, forms the phrase “Ero cras,” which means, “Tomorrow, I will come.” The significance of the O Antiphons is 1. Honoring Jesus under a specific title for Him as the Messiah; and 2. Meditating on one of the prophecies of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. They link the Jewish history with the Catholic faith and provide a sacrosanct basis for building anticipation and hope as Christmas approaches. <https://todayscatholic.org/advent-the-o-antiphons/>

Next week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday (December 20th and 21st) from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

The CCE students will be singing Christmas Carols in the church on Sunday, Dec.24, at 3:30 pm, before the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass.

Please pray for our CCE Catechists, that they will have a spiritually fruitful Retreat on January 6th.

Special thanks to KJT Society #142 and its vice-president Joan Wilganowski, who presented Peggy Husky with a donation to help with the retreat and other CCE expenses.

This Week's Message:

“The prophetic texts that directly concern the sending of the Holy Spirit are oracles by which God speaks to the heart of his people in the language of the promise, with the accents of ‘love and fidelity’. St. Peter will proclaim their fulfillment on the morning of Pentecost. According to these promises, at the ‘end time’ the Lord’s Spirit will renew the hearts of men, engraving a new law in them. He will gather and reconcile the scattered and divided peoples; he will transform the first creation, and God will dwell there with men in peace.”
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 715)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sat. Dec.16	6:00 PM	+CLARA GURKA by Bebe/Joe Gurka
Sun. Dec.17	8:00 AM	+FLOYD, NATALIE and JULIAN CEGIELSKI by Doris/Harry Faterkowski
Wed. Dec.20	6:00 PM	+LILLIAN KROLCZYK by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Thur. Dec.21	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.22	8:00 AM	+THADDEUS and ROBERT MOSZKOWICZ by Pauline Moszkowicz

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, and SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS
FIRST WEEK OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

***Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory.***

— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—

Sat. Dec.23	6:00 PM	+DAVID GURKA by Bebe/Joe Gurka	(Vigil Mass for Sunday)
Sun. Dec.24	8:00 AM	+FRANK BIELSKI by Family	

—SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS—

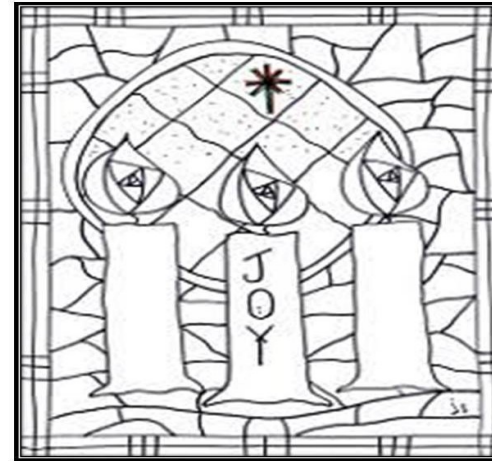
Sun. Dec.24	4:00 PM	+BILLY POLASEK by Cathy Polasek	(Vigil Mass for Christmas)
Sun. Dec.25	12:00 AM	KIERAN TOBIN by Jenny Tobin	(Midnight Mass)
Mon. Dec.25	8:00 AM	+SANDRA CEGELSKI by Lisa/Daniel Krolczyk	(Mass at Dawn)

—CHRISTMAS SEASON—

Wed. Dec.27	6:00 PM	NICK DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Thur. Dec.28	8:00 AM	GLORIA PETERSON by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Fri. Dec.29	8:00 AM	+JOHNNIE & ANN LEE MALINOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426
DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

**Parish Secretary:
Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418)
Office hours: Thursdays & Fridays
8:30 am—3 pm**

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Regular Mass Schedule:

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

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:

Pastoral Council & Maintenance: Mark Bilski
Financial Committee: Doug Elder
Religious Education: Peggy Husky
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak
Organist: Linda Zientek
Knights of Columbus: Doug Elder
KJT: Henry Wilganowski

