

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

**Dec.6 & 7, 2025:** Regular Collection: \$2,253.00, Immaculate Conception: \$46.00, Initial offering: \$20.00, CCE: \$196.00, Christmas flowers: \$727.00, Cemetery: \$40.00, Building Repair & Maint.: \$300.00, Building Fund: \$125.00.

*Thank you for your generosity*

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

Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2—25th  
Anabel/Robert Gomez, Dec.5—38th  
Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—42nd  
Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—26th  
Constance/Frankie Koterass, Dec.13—62nd  
Vicki/Joseph Degioanni, Dec.16—51st  
Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—25th  
John/Carolyn Kopycinski, Dec.23—58th  
Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—19th

**MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):**

**Monday, Dec.15:** Peggy Husky, Charlene Raday, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.

**Monday, Dec.22:** JoAnne Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski, Kim Randall.

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Kelly Allison, Herbert Beerwinkel, Gertrude Burleson, Dan Busa, Terry Church, Grazyna Czupryn, Bennie Daricek, Eloise Degioanni, Henry Derkowski Jr, Adam Falk, Elizabeth Falk, Joe Eddie Gurka, Josh Gurka, Jack Hoffart, David Horton Sr., Jody & Sarah Kent, Ken Kettler, Kathy Kitowski, Kathy Kmiec, Annette Kopech, Johnny & Carolyn Kopycinski, Frankie & Connie Koterass, Albin Krolczyk, Keith Mikolajchak, Barbara Moszkowicz, Guadelupe Olguin, Mary Pitchford, Michelle Prather, Janie Sanchez, Zachary Schulke, Ann Skweres, Janice Skweres, David Stegent, Delores ‘Dee’ Turner, Bibian Wisnoski.* NOTE: *Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers*



**We wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Melchor & family for the donation of poinsettia, wreaths and other decorations in honor of their daughter Victoria's upcoming quinceañera.**

*Our church looked beautiful for the Christmas Home Tour.*



**Parish Office hours next week will be Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

**Please pick up your Collection Envelope Boxes for 2026, which are available at the rear of the church.**

*At the same time, you may also take one of the new 2026 Calendars, which were graciously donated by Brenham Memorial Chapel.*

***Condolences to Ken Kettler and to the many friends of the family, on the passing of his wife Nora on December 10.***

***Condolences to Johnny & Ashley Krolczyk, on the passing of his grandfather Charles Rybarski on December 3.***

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

“Jesus began to speak...’What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about who it is written: *‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; He will prepare your way before you.’*” (Matthew 11:7-10)

**ADVENT CALLS US TO PREPARE FOR THE JUST JUDGE** (By Devin Watkins). Pope Leo XIV prayed the noon-day Angelus with the faithful gathered on Sunday in St. Peter’s Square, as the Church celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent (on December 7, 2025),

In his address, the Pope recalled John the Baptist’s preaching in the desert of Judea: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Each day, we pray the Our Father, in which we ask “Thy kingdom come.” With those words, he said, we invite God’s kingdom to enter our world and recognize that the course of history is not controlled by the powerful of this world.

“Let us put our thoughts and energy at the service of God who came not to reign over us, but rather to free us,” said the Pope. “This is the ‘gospel,’ the truly good news that motivates and draws us in.”

John the Baptist’s preaching was severe, admitted Pope Leo. Yet, he said, his words are a call to take life seriously, urging us to prepare ourselves today “for the encounter with Him who judges not by appearance, but by our deeds and the intentions of our hearts.”

When Jesus came the first time, He came in meekness and mercy, surprising John the Baptist. Jesus, said the Pope, resembles the sprout on a seemingly dead trunk spoken about by the prophet Isaiah. His coming, was not for power or destruction, but rather brought about rebirth and renewal.

In conclusion, Pope Leo XIV invited Christians to embrace the spirituality of Advent, which he said is “very luminous and concrete.” “The streetlights remind us that each of us can be a little light, if we welcome Jesus, the shoot of a new world.” <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-12/pope-leo-xiv-angelus-prayer-advent-kingdom-god.html>

**PADRE PIO’S OWN WORDS ABOUT CONFESSION:** "It is a tremendous responsibility to sit in the tribunal of the confessional."



"God runs after the most stubborn souls. They cost him too much to abandon them." After a day of confessions: "Oh the souls! if you knew how much you cost!"...."The sight of so many souls who wish to justify their evil ways pains me, exhausts my brain, and tears at my heart."...."Before reproaching a soul, I suffer it first. But it is not I who act, but He who is in me and above me."

"confession without repentance is a deception of conscience; in essence a sacrilege."...."Among you I am your brother, on the Altar I am your victim, in the confessional I am your judge."....

"Confession should be made no later than every eight days."...."Do not dwell on sins that have been already confessed. Jesus has forgiven them."..."Place a tombstone on the confessed sins, just as the Lord has done."

"I want to help Jesus in the tremendous task of man's salvation"...."The mercy of God, my son, is infinitely greater than your malice."

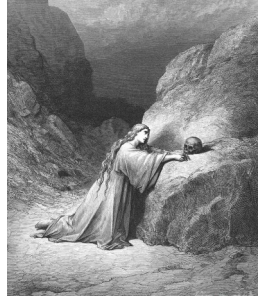
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**ADVENT CONFESSION IN OUR AREA**

Somerville—St. Ann Church **Monday December 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM** (3 priests)  
Chappell Hill—St. Stanislaus Church **Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM** (3 priests)



**Give me tears, O God, as Thou once gavest them to the sinful woman, and let me wash Thy feet therewith, Thy feet that saved me from the path of sin. And let me cleanse my life with penitence, and so bring Thee fragrant myrrh. And let me hear Thy sacred words, *Go in peace, thy faith hath made thee whole.***

*Byzantine Horologion—9th century*





***This Week's Message:***

***"St. John the Baptist* is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom,' whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God,' who takes away the sin of the world. Going before Jesus 'in the spirit and power of Elijah,' John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom."  
*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 523)***



**THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT**

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see pages 1007 in red Worship book

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



Sat. Dec.13	6:00 PM	+DOROTHY JOZWIAK by Family
Sun. Dec.14	8:00 AM	+FRANK BIELSKI by Dorothy Bielski
Wed. Dec.17	6:00 PM	(Penance Service and Confessions; no Mass today in parish)
Thu. Dec.18	8:00 AM	GLORIA PETERSON by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Fri. Dec.19	8:00 AM	+KENNETH 'KEN' WINKLER by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski



**FOURTH WEEK IN ADVENT**

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see pages 1010 in red Worship book

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



Sat. Dec.20	6:00 PM	+BRUNO & HELEN PIETROWICZ by Family
Sun. Dec.21	8:00 AM	+GERALD NOVAK by Liz/Melvin Wisnieski
Wed. Dec.24	4:00 PM	+PAT & HEDWIG STEMPUHOWSKI by JoAnne/David Horton (Vigil Mass for Christmas)
Thu. Dec.25	12:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS (Midnight Mass)
Thu. Dec.25	8:00 AM	+MARK ALLEN STEGENT by Rose/Joe Stzelecke (Mass at Dawn)
Fri. Dec.26	8:00 AM	DANA DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson

***The 'Oplatki' (Christmas wafers) can be picked up from the box at the rear of the church.  
Donations are appreciated.***

CCE Classes this month on: Dec. 7, 14 (no classes on Dec.21, 28)  
CCE Classes next month on: Jan.11, 18, 25 (no class on Jan.3—Catechist Retreat)  
If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peggy at (832) 928-3301.

***Please pray for our CCE Catechists, that they will have a spiritually fruitful Retreat on January 3rd.***

***Family Life Center Capital Project  
payments made to date:***

***Planning and preparation: \$26,400***

***Construction: \$80,000***

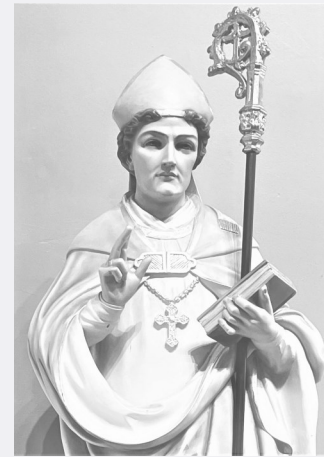
***Construction: \$69,700***

***Construction: \$35,645***

***Construction: \$69,540***

***Construction: \$78,647***

***Please continue to be generous with your prayers  
and support! God bless you!***



- Saint Stanislaw -

**ST. STANISLAUS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**CHAPPELL HILL,  
TEXAS 77426**  
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**December 13th & 14th, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS**



- Saint Kazimierz -

**Regular Mass Schedule:**

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

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**Parish Secretary:**

**Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418)**

**Office hours:**

**Thursdays & Fridays**

**8:30 am—3 pm**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 7- 7: 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:**

*Pastoral Council & Maintenance:* Mark Bilski

*Financial Committee:* Doug Elder

*Religious Education:* Peggy Husky

*Cemetery Board:* Kenneth Kettler, Michael  
Bronikowski

*Altar Society:* Gertrude Nowak

*Hall Committee:* Janie Mikolajchak

*Organist:* Linda Zientek

*Knights of Columbus:* Doug Elder

*KJT:* Henry Wilganowski



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in our  
current church building!***

**EIM COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese. Do you need to be compliant? New to the EIM process? Already have an EIM account? Visit [austindiocese.org/eim](http://austindiocese.org/eim) to learn about compliance policies, how new applicants get started, and how active users maintain compliance. Contact [eim@austindiocese.org](mailto:eim@austindiocese.org) for further assistance.

**REPORT ABUSE**

Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult, or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or the Texas Abuse Hotline at [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at [www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or (512) 949-2447.

