

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

Dec.27 & 28, 2025: Regular Collection: \$1,849.00, Christmas: \$3,843.25, Feast of Holy Family: \$479.00, Initial offering: \$10.00, Building Fund: \$200.00.

*Thank you for your generosity*

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Elizabeth/Gary Korpe, Jan.14—43rd  
Marilyn/Florian Pawlak, Jan.17—45th  
Lisa/Daniel Krolczyk, Jan.20—31st  
Jennifer/Andy Faist, Jan. 22—21st

### MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Jan.5: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Monday, Jan.12: 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 Czuprynska, 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 Koteras, 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



**Tickets are on sale for the annual  
Casino Night  
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on  
Saturday January 17th.  
Ticket price includes a meal and raffle entry.  
For purchase or information, contact Eddie Kmiec at 979-277-8815**



### Poinsettia Care Help Needed

If you would like to help with the care and watering of the Poinsettias during the Christmas season, contact Sally Jozwiak at 713-443-9064. She could use an extra hand or two each week to check on all the plants and clean up where needed.

This can be done during the week or Saturday mornings.

***It was announced at the Garden Club Christmas party that our church was "the favorite", and a big hit at the Home Tour on December 13th. There were visitors from Corsicana, Corpus Christi, Bellville, Hempstead, Tomball, Brenham, Magnolia, and other towns!***

**We will be taking down the Christmas decorations after Mass next Sunday, January 11, so please stay and help if you can!**

***That day, beloved children, on which Christ, the Savior of the world, for the first time appeared to the gentiles, is be venerated with a most holy honor by us also.... For that day is not past in such a way that the power of the work which was then revealed should be past as well.***

Pope St. Leo I: Sixth Sermon on the Epiphany (5th century).

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***O God, Who on this day didst reveal Thine only begotten Son to the gentiles by the leading of a star; mercifully grant, that we who know Thee now by faith, may be brought to the contemplation of the beauty of Thy majesty.***

Roman Missal, Epiphany, Collect (Gregorian, circa 6th century).



### JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - OR THE CLOSEST SUNDAY - A FEAST DAY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.

On one hand the **manifestation** of Jesus to the Gentiles, on the other hand **commemoration** of the **Three Kings** (Three Wise Men, Three Magi) from the East – **Caspar**, **Melchior**, and **Balthazar** – who followed the Star of Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn Jesus. They brought gifts symbolizing their faith and respect: **myrrh**, representing human suffering; **frankincense**, symbolizing divinity of Jesus; and **gold**, emphasizing the royal dignity of the Child Jesus. On this day a Blessing of the Chalk may take place, so the Faithful may mark their doorways with the letters **C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 2026** (initials of the Three Kings and the current year).

This is how the Three Kings are often described: **Caspar (or Gaspar)**, who has brown hair and a brown beard (or no beard!) and wears a green cloak and a gold crown with green jewels on it. He is the King of Sheba. Caspar represents the Frankincense brought to Jesus. **Melchior**, who has long white hair and a white beard and wears a gold cloak. He is the King of Arabia. Melchior represents the Gold brought to Jesus. **Balthazar**, who has black skin and a black beard (or no beard!) and wears a purple cloak. He is the King of Tarsus/Macedonia and Egypt. Balthazar represents the gift of Myrrh that was brought to Jesus.

According to tradition, after adoring the Christ Child and returning to their countries as described in Sacred Scripture, the Three Kings later met and were baptized by Saint Thomas the Apostle during his evangelizing labors in the East and also consecrated by him as priests and bishops in service of the King of Kings. Shortly before their death they met together, and they died together too (within 24 hours or so). When **Saint Helena** a mother of **Emperor Constantine the Great** found their burial place in 4<sup>th</sup> century, she brought their relics to Constantinople. But Helena didn't get to enjoy her find for long: The emperor gave it to the Milanese bishop Eustorgius, who embedded it in a marble sarcophagus and had the reliquary transported to Italy on an ox cart. And the bones lay there for over seven centuries, until **Emperor Frederick I**, known as Barbarossa, besieged Milan in 1162. At his side was the Cologne Archbishop Rainald von Dassel. When the Italian city of Milan finally fell, von Dassel asked for the Three Kings' remains as spoils of war. Since then the relics of the Three Kings are in the present Cathedral of Cologne, Germany.

***This day the Church is joined unto the heavenly Bridegroom, since Christ hath washed away her sins in Jordan; the wise men hasten with gifts to the marriage supper of the King; and they that sit at meat together make merry with water turned into wine. Alleluia.***

Roman Breviary, Epiphany, Antiphon at Lauds (Liber Resp., circa 6th century)



***The Magi reveal that our search for truth leads to worship. Our response to the Father's offer of salvation must be that of the Magi: "To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's Kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality" (Saint Odilo of Cluny). Creation responds as well: "When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea new him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light" (Saint Gregory the Great).***

***Coming to know the Son of God changes our lives: "Copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gospel," we are led home by another way.***

Courtesy of Magnificat



### This Week's Message:

"The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the *magi*, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The *magi*'s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that 'the full number of the nations' now takes its 'place in the family of the patriarchs,' and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made 'worthy of the heritage of Israel').'"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528)



### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD AND WEEK IN CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see pages 1021 in red Worship book



**The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his,  
and government and power.**

#### — CHRISTMAS SEASON —

Sat. Jan.3	9:00 AM	+CHARLES FERTITTA JR by Jenny/Kieran Tobin (First Saturday)
Sat. Jan.3	6:00 PM	+PAULINE MAZURKIEWICZ by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski (Vigil of Solemnity)
Sun. Jan.4	8:00 AM	+JERRY NOVAK by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak (Solemnity of the Epiphany)
Wed. Jan.7	6:00 PM	+LOUIS KMIC JR by Theresa/Paul Derkowski
Thu. Jan.8	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Jan.9	8:00 AM	+PATRICIA 'PAT' JOZWIAK by Margie Jozwiak



### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD AND FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see pages 1022 in red Worship book



**When the Lord had been baptized, the heavens opened, and the Spirit  
came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father  
thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.**

#### — CHRISTMAS SEASON —

Sat. Jan.10	6:00 PM	+GERALD 'JERRY' NOVAK by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski (Vigil)
		— ORDINARY TIME —
Sun. Jan.11	8:00 AM	+EDMOND KAMINSKI by Randall family (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)
Wed. Jan.14	6:00 PM	+MARK ALLEN STEGENT by Rose/Joe Stzelecki
Thu. Jan.15	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Jan.16	8:00 AM	+JIMMY JAMES by Diane/Brennan Peterson

Please pick up your Collection Envelope Boxes for 2026 at the parish office,  
if you haven't yet done so.

CCE Classes this month on: Jan.11, 18, 25 (no class on Jan.4—Catechist Retreat on Jan.3rd)

CCE Classes next month on: Feb.1, 8, 15, 22

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peggy at (832) 928-3301.



- Saint Stanislaw -

### —DIOCESE OF AUSTIN— ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CHAPPELL HILL,  
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January 3rd & 4th, 2026  
Solemnity of the Epiphany  
of the Lord



- Saint Kazimierz -

Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

#### Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday :	6:00 PM	9175 FM 1371
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Chappell Hill, Texas 77426
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Office: 979-836-3030
Thursday & Friday:	8:00 AM	Email:
First Saturdays:	9:00 AM	office@ststanislauschappellhill.com www.ststanislauschappellhill.com

#### 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



**Celebrating 100 years  
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 austindiocease.org/eim to learn about compliance policies, how new applicants get started, and how active users maintain compliance. Contact eim@austindiocease.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 or (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at www.austindiocease.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

