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

Dec.13 & 14, 2025: Regular Collection: \$2,303.00, Immaculate Conception: \$741.00, Initial offering: \$120.00, Retired Clergy: \$537.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00, CCE: \$15.00, Christmas flowers: \$265.00, Building Fund: \$50.00.

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 Koteras, 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.22: JoAnne Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski, Kim Randall.

Monday, Dec.29: Doug Elder, Joanie Correll, Elizabeth Korpe, Jenny Tobin.

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 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



Due to the Christmas holiday, the Parish Office will be open only 1 day next week: on Monday December 22, 8:00 am to 2:30 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.

# 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.

St. Stanislaus Church will host a more simple version of the 'Koledy Polskie' this year, consisting of Polish carols sung during the evening Mass on Saturday December 27, accompanied by Bishop George on the organ.

Congratulations to Victoria Melchor on the occasion of her quinceañera on Saturday December 20!



DEAR BOTHERS AND SISTERS: PARISHIONERS, VISITORS, CLOSE AND DISTANT RELATIVES AND FRIENDS – MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU. Polish tradition has it that Christmas celebration begins with WIGILIA or Christmas EVE. Usually, children are in charge of looking for the first star in the sky. Then there is a time for prayer and to share OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS BREAD (or Christmas Wafer), white like a Communion Bread and delicate as a newborn baby. Everybody approaches everybody with good wishes, apologies and gratitude.

As Saint John Paul II said: "The Christmas wafer is the bread of rec-

onciliation. (...) If God is reconciled with us, then I, a man, must be reconciled with my brother. We share this Christmas wafer with different people, sometimes very close to us, with whom we have a lot in common, but sometimes there is also something that divides us. And we share the Christmas wafer with distant people with whom we have very little in common".

This family celebration resembles Thanksgiving Dinner in America but has much deeper spirituality and emotionally that is practically religious because of its sacredness.

People should become better during Nativity Time and should remain this way. They should be motivated by Jesus' humble coming. Even non-believers have a right to celebrate Christmas, because Jesus came to all the people. But intelligent people should know better, regarding 'who is the reason for the season' rather than just having meaningless day off....During his pontificate Saint John Paul II had no intention of breaking away from his native traditions and, with his colleagues, celebrated Christmas Eve no differently than he had previously done in Kraków.

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10)

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery: The Incarnation. God not only authors life and sustains it, He chooses to become one of us. Whatever the circumstances of our life right now; grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt, love or betrayal, Jesus has lived it Himself, and He longs to live it with us. — Therefore, may His will be done and His blessing be upon us and upon all our beloved Brothers and Sisters... We love you Jesus for Your Nativity!



All of the CCE teachers and students and parents will be singing Christmas songs for the residents and staff at 2 nursing homes and an assisted facility this Sunday!

It is truly meet and just... because by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shown anew upon the eyes of our mind: that while we acknowledge Him to be God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen.

\*\*Roman Missal, Preface for Christmas—6th to\*\*

8th century



# This Week's Message:

"The Father's only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is 'Christ,' that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 486)

## **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.



# THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Masses for Christmas see pages 1013, 1014, 1015 in red Worship book

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

Sat. Dec.20 Sun. Dec.21	6:00 PM 8:00 AM	+BRUNO & HELEN PIETROWICZ by Family +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	NICK DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS. MARY & JOSEPH

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see pages 1017 in red Worship book



The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



# THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, see page 1020 in red Worship book

## Hail, holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the King of heaven and earth for ever.

Sat. Dec.27 Sun. Dec.28	6:00 PM 8:00 AM	+SANDRA CEGELSKI by Family +ALEC W. KMIEC by Elizabeth/Larry Gurka (Feast of the Holy Family
Wed. Dec.31	6:00 PM	+JOE GUTKOWSKI by the Black family (Vigil Mass of Solemnity)
Thu. Jan.1	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Fri. Jan.2	8:00 AM	+KENNETH WINKLER by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak (First Friday)

# 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.



# ST. STANISLAUS **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CHAPPELL HILL, **TEXAS 77426** 

December 20th & 21st, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent and the **Solemnity of Christmas** 

Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

9175 FM 1371



- Saint Kazimierz -

# Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM 6:00 PM Wednesday: 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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#### **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.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.