

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

Dec. 30 & 31, 2023 and Jan.1, 2024: Regular Collection: \$1,678.00, Christmas: \$1,561.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$302.00, Feast of the Holy Family: \$249.00, Building & Maint: \$5.00, Initial envelope: \$35.00.

Thank you for your generosity

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Gertrude Burleson, 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, Margaret Reed, 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, Jan.8: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Tuesday, July 16: Peggy Husky, Charlene Raday, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Elizabeth/Gary Korpe, Jan.14—41st
Marilyn/Florian Pawlak, Jan.17—43rd
Betty/Oscar Becker, Jan.18—55th
Lisa/Daniel Krolczyk, Jan.20—29th
Jennifer/Andy Faist, Jan.22—19th

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

There will be no CCE class this Sunday, January 7th. Classes will resume next week, on January 14, 2024.

The Bethlehem group will be here after Masses on the weekend of January 13th and 14th, selling olive-wood creations to help support Christians in the Holy Land.

The Parish Council of Catholic Women of St. Mary Immaculate Conception in Brenham present

6th Annual Women's Lenten Retreat Program

Featuring Guest Speaker—Deacon Matthew Jewell

"How do Women Receive Nourishment from God"

Saturday January 27, 2024—8:00 to Noon

Register at St.Mary's Church Office or online at Eventbrite.com

EPIPHANY (THREE KINGS DAY) - THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS FOLLOWED BY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

It is an English Christmas carol that is well-known worldwide today. However, it is more than a repetitious tune with pretty phrases and strange gifts. *"The Twelve Days of Christmas"* is a song with different levels of meaning.



From 1558 to 1829, the Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During this period, *"The Twelve Days of Christmas"* was written in England as a catechism song for young Catholics. The hidden meanings of the song's gifts were intended to help the children remember lessons of their faith. Instead of referring to an earthly suitor, the *"true love"* mentioned in the song refers to God Himself. The *"me"* who receives the presents is symbolic of every baptized person. The *"partridge in a pear tree"* is Jesus Christ. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. The meanings of the other symbols are:

Two turtle doves—the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens—Faith, Hope and Charity.

Four calling birds—the four Gospels.

Five golden rings—the first five books of the Old Testament, which give the history of man's fall from grace.

Six geese a-laying—the six days of creation.

Seven swans-a-swimming—seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eight maids a-milking—the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing—nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Ten lords a-leaping—the ten commandments.

Eleven pipers piping—the eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming—the twelve points of belief in the Apostle's Creed.

May we all have a Joyful Heart throughout the 12 Days of Christmas every year. MERRY CHRISTMASTIDE!

(Reprinted from Newsletter of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, December 1988)



REMINDER: The Altar Society dues are due in January. You may put it in an envelope and mark it "Altar Society" and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Virginia Malinowski. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 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 and FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sat. Jan.6	9:00 AM	BARBARA WHITTAKER by Peggy/Ronnie Husky (First Saturday)
Sat. Jan.6	6:00 PM	+LOUIS KMIEC JR. by Cathy/Stamley Bordovsky
Sun. Jan.7	8:00 AM	+BRIAN WOSTAL by Peggy/Ronnie Husky (Epiphany Sunday)
Wed. Jan.10	6:00 PM	+SANDRA CEGELSKI by Jean/Jack Baxter (out of parish)
Thu. Jan.11	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS (out of parish)
Fri. Jan.12	8:00 AM	LYDIA DOUCETTE by Diane/Brennan Peterson (out of parish)

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

Sat. Jan.13	6:00 PM	+LILLIAN KROLCZYK by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Sun. Jan.14	8:00 AM	+MARY MOSZOWICZ by Pauline Moszowicz
Wed. Jan.17	6:00 PM	+LOUIS KMIEC JR by Diane Malinowski
Thu. Jan.18	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Jan.19	8:00 AM	+CHRISTINE KUCIEMBA by Gladys/Luther Blezinger

This year, National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday falls on January 21, 2024. St. Stanislaus parish will host a collection drive, with a box near the entrance of the church for needed items.

High need items at the Brenham Pregnancy Center are: Shampoo/baby wash, Formula (any brand/type), Baby/Toddler Clothing (sizes NB-4T), Diaper rash cream, and Baby lotion.
—Also, see flyer on bulletin board at church entrance for needed items!—
Bring your items between now thru Jan.21st.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

JANUARY 6TH & 7TH, 2024

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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

Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Parish Secretary:

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8:30 am—3 pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 7- 7: 45 AM and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

