

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

Oct.23 & 24, 2021: Regular Collection: \$2,181.00,

*Thank you!*

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families:

*David Horton Sr., Pat Jozwiak, Stella Mikolajchak.*

NOTE: *Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers.*

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

Monday, Nov.1: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnn Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

Monday, Nov.8: Barbara Malinowski, Joanie Correll, Doug Elder, Jenny Tobin.

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

Lillian/Lloyd Stelter, Oct.6 —37th

Pauline/Pete Mazurkiewicz, Oct.9—67th

Connie/Jerome Kmiec, Oct.19—47th

Diana/Mike Reed, Oct.20—48th

Bernice/Willie Lewandowski, Oct.20—65th

**Father Jozef's Wednesday evening study sessions on Catholic Faith and doctrine will resume on Wednesday, November 3rd** (after the 6 pm Mass). All who are interested in deepening their knowledge are encouraged to attend.

*The CCE will be selling butter braids after all Masses this weekend and next, in the front of the church. This annual fundraiser supports our Religious Education Program.*  
For more information contact Rebecca Smith at 979-251-0708

Mike Kopycinski passed away on October 22nd. Condolences to his wife Emily, to Johnny & Carolyn Kopycinski (brother and sister-in-law), and to Mark Kopycinski (nephew).

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.*

*See insert in bulletin for information on gaining Indulgences during the month of November.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, NOV.7** at 2 pm in the Parish Hall: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz will give a presentation on Polish-Texans, the history of Texas Polania. He will also offer interesting information about the parish Sacramental Records from 1894 to present, and about the parish school from 1929 to 1962.

The presentation is free, and light refreshments will be served.

The KJT District VIII Fall social and meeting will be held in Frenstat for all District VIII members, their families and guests on **Sunday, November 7th**, beginning with registration at 11:30 AM. The wonderful turkey and dressing meal will be served at 12:00 noon. We will require a charge of \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 12 and under, for the meal. A short meeting will follow. Donations of door prizes from your society are welcome. District VIII will provide all the food, drink and dessert. It is important that you notify your Society President or Secretary one or two weeks before if you will be attending as the District needs a head count to order the food. All are welcome!"

***Thoughts for your Meditation***

The Gospel this Sunday gives us a lesson on the greatest commandment of love of God. A scribe approached Jesus with a question: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus answered this academic question by quoting right away Deuteronomy 6:4-5: "*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" This is what the Jews call the "Shema", a prayer that every faithful Jew would recite twice every day, summarizing the essentials of Jewish faith and way of life. Then he immediately joins a commandment from Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This teaching is the most central core of the Gospel because it is about love. The Apostle St. John gives the answer why this is so: "because God is Love." (1Jn 4:8) Hence, he rightly concludes that the only way to know God is to love: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." St. Albert the Great said, "It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man, and man to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity'".

In his teaching, Jesus made it very clear that the first and most important commandment is love of God. Love of neighbor comes second only. This is a very important point to consider. Nowadays, there is a flagrant attempt by secular societies to relegate God to the side.

The life of every Christian can be illustrated by the image of the cross. The cross has vertical and horizontal beams. But for it to stand, the vertical beam has first to be put in place. Only then can the horizontal beam be attached to it. The vertical beam can stand on itself without the horizontal beam, but the cross is not complete. On the other hand, the horizontal beam will be lying useless on the ground without the vertical beam.

The same is true with every Christian. The two dimensions must be present in order to have a complete and meaningful Christian life. The vertical dimension is the love of God, and the horizontal dimension is the love of neighbor. But which comes first? As Jesus clearly pointed out, the vertical dimension must come first. The love of God is most important – "with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength."

But, though important, this alone is not enough. In order to complete the image of a cross, the horizontal dimension has to come in as a matter of course. In fact, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). And the Apostle St. John gives a strong exhortation on this: "If anyone says, 'I love God', but hates his brother, he is a liar; whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1Jn 4:20). St. James also talked about a faith that is lifeless if it is not accompanied by good works (James 2:14).

Nevertheless, it should also be noted that love of neighbor should be rooted in love of God. In other words, it is not possible to love our fellowmen if we do not have love of God. This is unfortunately the mistake of many modern secular societies. People undertake various noble humanitarian endeavors – peace negotiations, charitable works and programs for the sick and the poor, relief and rehabilitation programs for the victims of calamities. They form various organizations and social groups purportedly to help the poor and underprivileged – but without God in their agenda! What a waste! No matter how noble these undertakings are, these eventually will end up in failure or fruitlessness.

As the Psalmist tells us, "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, in vain does the guard keep watch" (Ps 127:1). Jesus said that: "*I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing*" (Jn 15:5).

We should never rely solely on human power and products. God alone is our sure refuge and permanent stronghold – no matter what happens. When Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe, and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (Jn 6:67). Let Peter's response be ours, too. And may our love of God become the source and inspiration of our love of neighbor.

*Fr. Mike Lagrimas*

## **THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE**

"Jesus makes charity the *new commandment*. By loving his own 'to the end', he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.' And again: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.'"

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1823)*

## **THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me!  
Hurry to help me, Lord, my Savior.***

Sat. Oct.30	6:00 PM	+MAX & MAGGIE FATERKOWSKI by the Cegielski Family
Sun. Oct.31	9:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Mon. Nov.1	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS (FEAST OF ALL SAINTS)
Tues. Nov.2	8:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
Tues. Nov.2	12:00 noon	+FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Tues. Nov.2	6:00 PM	+FOR ALL THE DECEASED WHOSE NAMES ARE ON THE ENVELOPES (6:00 pm Mass is preceded by Blessing of the Graves, and recitation of the Rosary at the cemetery, at 5:30 pm)
Wed. Nov.3	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Nov.4	8:00 AM	ROBERT FULLNER by Patricia/Michael Huse
Fri. Nov.5	8:00 AM	ROSA GONZALEZ by Patricia/Michael Huse

## **THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

***Let my prayer come before you, O Lord; listen, and answer me.***

Sat. Nov.6	8:00 AM	(First Saturday Mass - Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sat. Nov.6	6:00 PM	+VINCENT P. & DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Family
Sun. Nov.7	9:00 AM	+VERNA DEMNY by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Wed. Nov.10	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Nov.11	8:00 AM	ROBERT FULLNER by Patricia/Michael Huse
Fri. Nov.12	8:00 AM	+MARGUERITE CARRAWAY by Jenny/Kieran Tobin

## **ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426**

**OCTOBER 30TH & 31ST, 2021**

## **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Pastor: Fr. Jozef Musiol, SDS, JCD**

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### **Regular Mass Schedule:**

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

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat. 5-5:45 PM/ Sun. 8- 8: 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:**

Parish Council: Mark Bilski  
Financial Committee: Doug Elder  
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler  
Building & Maintenance: Lloyd Stelter  
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak  
Religious Education: Peggy Husky  
Knights of Columbus: Randall Stockton  
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak

