

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

Nov.26 & 27, 2022: Regular Collection: \$1,494.00, Building Fund: \$100.00, Cemetery Fund: \$15.00, Campaign for Human Development: \$1.00.

Thank you for your generosity

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

Sandra Cegelski, Frances Cegielski (and family and care providers), Eloise Degoianni, Chet Dorman, Elizabeth Falk, Harry Faterkowski, Frank Gurka, Joe Gutkowski, David Horton Sr., Kathy Kitowski, Frankie Koterass, Christine Kuciemba, Pauline Mazurkiewicz, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz, Shirley Moszkowicz Ray, Lyle Novinski, Ann Skweres, David Stegent.

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

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Monday, Dec.5: Doug Elder, Joanie Correll, Elizabeth Korpe, Jenny Tobin.

Monday, Dec.12: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2—22nd
Anabel/Robert Gomez, Dec.5—35th
Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—39th
Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—23rd
Constance/Frankie Koterass, Dec.13—59th
Vicki/Joseph Degoianni, Dec.16—48th
Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—22nd
Carolyn/John Kopycinski, Dec.23—55th
Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—16th

ATTENTION TO ALL KNIGHTS & THEIR FAMILIES...

The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 6, 2022 in the Parish Hall.

Social hour starts at 6:00 pm, followed by a meal and a white elephant gift exchange. Gift limit is \$30. Also, please bring a dessert.

The Advent Season is upon us and Christmas is fast approaching. We would like you to **“Save the Date”** for the 2022 Chappell Hill "Kolędy Polskie" to be held on **Saturday, December 31, 2022 in Chappell Hill, Texas beginning at 12:30 p.m. inside of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.** Chappell Hill is only 50 minutes from Houston and the program will be over at 5:30 p.m. See insert in the bulletin for the schedule. We will have mass at 6:00 p.m. following Kolędowaia “Caroling”.

We are so proud of the interest and attendance each year for this beautiful and memorable Polish tradition. Each year it has continued to grow and this event has inspired Polish people around the world to embrace and continue the tradition of bringing joy and entertainment to people during the Christmas Season. Everyone is invited to attend and please bring your children, grandchildren, friends and family to this fun and beautiful Polish tradition. The youth are the future of Polonia in Texas and around the world. For the Chappell Hill **"Kolędy Polskie"** you do not need to RSVP, just come and join this beautiful event with your family. We encourage you to dress in Polish or Nativity costumes to highlight the Polish/Christmas atmosphere. Feel free to invite family and friends. This event is about faith, family, and friends and we want to share it with our youth so that this beautiful tradition is passed on to another generation.

December 8th—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Why is this mystery of the Virgin Mary so important in our lives?

Lourdes-en-Bigorre, March 3, 1858: On the banks of the river Gave, in the damp and dark cave of Massabielle, a woman appeared for the 14th time in about 20 days to a local girl named Bernadette. Pushed by her priest who wanted to know the identity of this “Beautiful Lady” the young Bigourdane questioned her. For an answer, she received a smile, and this smile was the Lady’s first answer to the teenager who wanted to know her name.

What does the Virgin Mary’s smile tell us about her mystery? How does it illuminate Advent, a time of vigilance and confident waiting for the Savior? How is it a sign of hope?

The Virgin Mary, certain that God’s love will be victorious. As Benedict XVI meditated in Lourdes on September 15, 2008, during the Mass for the Sick, “The Virgin Mary is today in the joy and glory of the Resurrection. Her tears at the foot of the Cross have been transformed into a smile that nothing will erase, and her maternal compassion for us remains intact.” This smile is thus a sign that in the midst of the greatest pain—her son dying on the Cross—that in the midst of the greatest injustice—the innocent Son of God is condemned by men—the Virgin Mary remains certain of the victory of God’s love over sin and death.

And Mary lived this victory of grace beginning from her own conception. Daughter of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Mary was conceived immaculate, that is, preserved from original sin, in anticipation of the benefits of Christ’s death and resurrection. “In her shines forth the eternal goodness of the Creator who, in his plan of salvation, chose her to be the Mother of his only Son” (Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2005).

We are all called to be holy and immaculate.

The biblical foundation of this dogma is found in the words that the angel addressed to the young girl of Nazareth: “Hail, you who are filled with grace! The Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28). “Full of grace” is the most beautiful name of Mary, the name God himself gave her, to indicate that she has always and forever been the beloved, the chosen one, the one chosen to receive the most precious gift, Jesus, “the incarnate love of God” (Deus caritas est, no. 12)” (Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2006). Mary is the perfect receptacle to be filled with grace. And if “the Cross is the place where God’s compassion for our world is perfectly manifested,” Benedict XVI said in Lourdes in 2008, “Mary shares the compassion of her Son. Because she lives and thinks with God, her heart is enlarged.

In her, God’s goodness has come very close and is very close to us” (Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2005). In fact, this immaculate conception, which distinguishes Mary from our common condition, does not distance her from us but, on the contrary, brings her closer to us. “While sin divides and distances us from one another, Mary’s purity makes her infinitely close to our hearts, attentive to each one of us and desirous of our true good. ...] What many, out of embarrassment or modesty, do not dare to entrust even to those closest to them, they entrust to her who is the most pure, to her immaculate heart: with simplicity, unblemished, in truth,” explained Benedict XVI when he returned to Lourdes in 2008.

***St. Stanislaus will be hosting a special
Healing Service and Retreat by Paul Rymniak on January 14 thru 18, 2023.***

More details to follow.

This Week's Message:

"We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere 'to the end' and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ." *(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1821)*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

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| Sat. Dec.3 | 9:00 AM | +BILLY POLASEK by Cathy Polasek (First Saturday) |
| Sat. Dec.3 | 6:00 PM | +BRUNO & HELEN PIETROWICZ SR by Family |
| Sun. Dec.4 | 8:00 AM | DANA DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson |
| Wed. Dec.7 | 6:00 PM | +EUGENE "GENE" MALINOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski (Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) |
| Thur. Dec.8 | 8:00 AM | FOR PARISHIONERS; SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day of Obligation). |
| Fri. Dec.9 | 8:00 AM | +JULIA BRONIKOWSKI by Janice Bronikowski and family |

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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| Sat. Dec.10 | 6:00 PM | +BRUNO & HELEN PIETROWICZ SR by Family |
| Sun. Dec.11 | 8:00 AM | +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MARTIN FAMILY by Larry Gurka |
| Wed. Dec.14 | 6:00 PM | FOR PARISHIONERS |
| Thur. Dec.15 | 8:00 AM | +NANCY BRONIKOWSKI by Janice Bronikowski and family |
| Fri. Dec.16 | 8:00 AM | +GARY BRONIKOWSKI by Janice Bronikowski and family |

This is the last weekend for The Giving Tree.

All gifts should be returned to the tree, with the cards attached, by December 11.
For further information, or questions, contact Diane Peterson at 210-823-0495.

The Altar Society will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Texas Seafood and Steak-2209 South Market Street at 12:00 noon All members, spouse/guest are invited to attend. Tickets are \$13 (includes meal and non-alcoholic beverage) and must be purchased and paid for no later than December 8th. Everyone is responsible for their own gratuity. Contact Gertrude at 830-8373 or Virginia at 836-0080.

Hope to see you there!

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Regular Mass Schedule:

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| 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
Cemetery Board: Kenneth Kettler
Altar Society: Gertrude Nowak
Religious Education: Peggy Husky
Knights of Columbus: Ed Hoffart
Hall Committee: Janie Mikolajchak
Organist: Linda Zientek

Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Parish Secretary:

Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418)
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

