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

Dec.3 & 4, 2022: Regular Collection: \$2,600.00, Building Fund: \$100.00, CCE fund: \$178.00, Initial offering: \$5.00, Christmas flowers: \$598.11. 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 Koteras, 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.12: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Monday, Dec.19: Clara Jozwiak, Peggy Husky, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.

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 Koteras, 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

On Sunday Dec.18, the interior of the church will be decorated for Christmas, immediately after Mass. If you can stay and help, it would be greatly appreciated. At the same time, the Knights of Columbus will also be erecting the outside Manger Scene and Christmas decorations. Please come and help!

Tickets are on sale for the annual Casino Night, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on January 21st. Ticket price includes a meal and raffle entry. For purchase or information, contact Eddie Kmiec at 979-277-8815, or one of the other Knights.

The Advent Season is upon us and Christmas is fast approaching. We would like you to "Save

the Date" for the 2022 Chappell Hill "Koledy 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. We will have mass at 6:00 p.m. following Koledowaia "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 "Koledy 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 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, a poor humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. On December 12, 1531 one of the gifts of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a miraculous picture on the tilma of Saint Juan Diego. The tilma is still intact after 491 years. The Aztecs immediately understood that this was the Mother of the true God! This appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe was very important to the history of our continent. You see, the Aztec Indians and the Spaniards were on the brink of war. The Aztec Indians



ans' culture and religion were very different from the Spaniards. They worshipped gods, to whom they would offer human sacrifices, often killing 50,000 people a year. The Spaniards, who were Catholic, were naturally disgusted by this. But they were cruel to the Aztecs too, treating them like animals and sometimes killing them for no reason. If a war had occurred, it would have been very brutal and the Spaniards and Christianity would have been totally wiped out. Mary's appearance changed everything, however. It helped the Indians to embrace Christianity and it helped the Spaniards to treat the Indians with respect and as human beings. In the course of seven years, 6,000,000 Indians converted to the Catholic faith. This was the biggest conversion in the history of the Church! This is why Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Juan Diego, the humble man to whom She appeared, was canonized in the summer of 2002. Mary's appearance also put an end to the

worship of stone gods and the ritual of human sacrifice. We pray for Mary's help today to bring an end to the human sacrifice of God's children through abortion and to convert non-believers. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also called the Patroness of the Unborn.

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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:

"St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. 'Prophet of the Most High,' John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom,' whom he points out as 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' Going before Jesus 'in the spirit and power of Elijah,' John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 523)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

Sat. Dec.17	6:00 PM	+ALBERT & ANGELA KITOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Sun. Dec.18	8:00 AM	+TOM & THERESA STOLARSKI by Cathy Polasek
Wed. Dec.21	6:00 PM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Thur. Dec.22	8:00 AM	+CHARLIE BRONIKOWSKI by Janice Bronikowski and family
Fri. Dec.23	8:00 AM	+WILLIE LEWANDOWSKI by Ronnie Pasket family

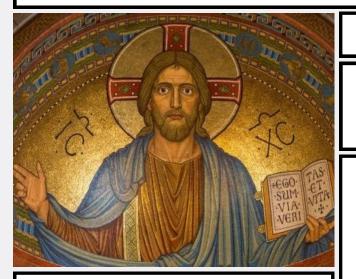
There will be no CCE classes next Sunday, Dec.18, Sunday Dec.25, and Sunday Jan.1.
Classes will resume on Sunday January 8th.

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. 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 10TH & 11TH, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM Wednesday: 6:00 PM Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Parish Secretary:
Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418)
Office hours: Thursdays & Fridays
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

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



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