

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

Dec.10 & 11, 2022: Regular Collection: \$2,728.00, Building Fund: \$125.00, Cemetery: \$25.00, Retired Clergy & Religious: \$520.00, Immaculate Conception: \$510.00, Christmas offering: \$25.00, Initial offering: \$6.00, Christmas flowers: \$291.00.

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

Tuesday, Dec.27: Dorothy Bielski, JoAnne Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

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 Koterak, 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.

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. 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.

The First Christmas Nativity Scene was Created by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Up until Francis set up the first nativity scene in 1223, people celebrated Christmas primarily by going to Mass.

Francis, who was living in the town of Greccio, Italy at the time, got the Pope’s permission to proceed with his plans. Then he asked his close friend John Velita to loan him some animals and straw to set up a scene there to represent Jesus Christ’s birth in Bethlehem. The nativity scene could help people in the area imagine what it may have been like to be present on the first Christmas long ago.

So for Christmas Eve Mass in December 1223, the scene, was set up in a cave just outside Greccio, featured a wax figure of the infant Jesus, costumed people playing the roles of Mary and Joseph, and the live donkey and ox that John had loaned to Francis. Local shepherds watched over their sheep in nearby fields, just as shepherds in Bethlehem had watched over sheep on the first Christmas when the sky suddenly filled with angels who announced Christ’s birth to them.



During the Mass, Francis told the Christmas story from the Bible and then delivered a sermon. He spoke to the people gathered there about the first Christmas and the miraculous impact that placing their faith in Christ, the baby born in a simple manger in Bethlehem, could make in their lives. Francis urged people to reject hatred and embrace love, with God’s help.

Saint Bonaventure reported that people who on December 25, 1223 were with Saint Francis saved the hay from the nativity

presentation afterward, and when cattle later ate the hay, it: “miraculously cured all diseases of cattle, and many other pestilences; God thus in all things glorifying his servant, and witnessing to the great efficacy of his holy prayers by manifest prodigies and miracles.”

The first nativity scene presentation proved to be so popular that people in other areas soon set up living nativities to celebrate Christmas.

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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:

"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 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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us; he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.

—SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS—		
Sat. Dec.24	4:00 PM	+BILLY POLASEK by Cathy Polasek (Vigil Mass)
Sun. Dec.25	12:00 AM	For Vocations to the Salvatorian Fathers (Midnight Mass)
Sun. Dec.25	8:00 AM	+VERONICA MAJEWSKI by Larry Gurka (Mass at Dawn)

—CHRISTMAS SEASON—

Wed. Dec.28	6:00 PM	+EUGENE 'GENE' MALINOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Thur. Dec.29	8:00 AM	GLORIA PETERSON by Diane/Brennan Peterson
Fri. Dec.30	8:00 AM	For Parishioners (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

—SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—

Sat. Dec.31	6:00 PM	+JOHNIE & ANN LEE MALINOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Sun. Jan.1	8:00 AM	+DANIEL BRUSSTAR by Kathy Brusstar (New Years Day)

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

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

DECEMBER 17TH & 18TH, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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 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

