

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

Dec. 23, 24,25, 2023: Regular Collection: \$3,870.12, Christmas: \$1,492.00, Feast of the Holy Family: \$35.00, Building & Maint: \$200.00, Building Fund: \$100.00.

Thank you for your generosity

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Gertrude Burlison, 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, David Stegent, Bibian Wisnoski.*

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

MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):

Tuesday, Jan.2: Doug Elder, Joanie Correll, Elizabeth Korpe, Jenny Tobin.

Monday, Jan.8: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Best Wishes and Congratulations to:

Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2—23rd
Anabel/Robert Gomez, Dec.5—36th
Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—40th
Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—24th
Constance/Frankie Koterak, Dec.13—60th
Vicki/Joseph Degioanni, Dec.16—49th
Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—23rd
Carolyn/John Kopycinski, Dec.23—56th
Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—17th

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 classes for the next 2 Sundays: December 31st, and January 7th. Classes will resume 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.

—Nor was Mary less than was befitting the Mother of Christ. When the apostles fled, she stood before the Cross, and with reverent gaze beheld her Son's wounds, for she waited not for her Child's death, but the world's salvation. —
St. Ambrose: *Letters*, 63 (396 A.D.)

A LESSON THAT WE LEARN FROM THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a model of virtue for all Christian households. The family is foundational for Christian life. *Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues.* Pope Leo XIII

The family is a school of virtue for both parents and children. In family, we find God who is all loving through the love the spouses have for each other and for their children. The family is where love is freely given sacrificially for the good of another. During the International Year of the Family (1994), Saint John Paul II wrote: "The family is indeed more than any other social reality, the place where an individual can exist 'for himself' through the sincere gift of self. This is why it remains a social institution that neither can nor should be replaced: it is the 'sanctuary of life.'" [1]

To model the Holy Family, we need to be open to God's grace available to us by virtue of our sacramental marriages. Marriage and raising children are hard and despite our best intentions, as fallen human beings, we fail at times. Because of our sins and failures, the most important virtue in family life is forgiveness. When spouses forgive each other readily and likewise their children, parents are modeling the love and mercy of God. One of the best ways to grow in forgiveness is to pray together as a family.

As Saint John Paul II put it well:" The Church relies especially on the witness and contribution of Christian families to fulfil her urgent mission. Indeed, in the face of the dangers and difficulties that beset the family institution, she invites families to have greater spiritual and apostolic boldness, knowing that the family is called to be "a sign of unity for the world" and thus to bear witness to "the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying" (*ibid.*, n. 48).

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless and protect all the world's families, so that within them may reign the serenity and joy, justice and peace that the newborn Christ has given as a gift to humanity.

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/angelus/2001/documents/hf_jp-ii_ang_20011230.html

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:

“Called in the Gospels ‘the mother of Jesus,’ Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as ‘the mother of my Lord.’ In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’ (*Theokotos*)”
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 495)

CHRISTMAS SEASON, and SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

***Hail, holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth
is the King of heaven and earth for ever.***

—CHRISTMAS SEASON—

Sat. Dec.30 6:00 PM +CLARA GURKA by Bebe/Joe Gurka (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sun. Dec.31 8:00 AM +SANDRA CEGELSKI by Family (Feast of the Holy Family)

—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—

Sun. Dec.31 6:00 PM +CHRISTINE KUCIEMBA by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
(Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary)

Mon. Jan.1 8:00 AM +AMBER PODRAZA HOFFART by Karen/Ed Hoffart
(Holy Day—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Wed. Jan.3 6:00 PM +VINCENT & DOROTHY KITOWSKI by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski

Thu. Jan.4 8:00 AM FOR PARISHIONERS

Fri. Jan.5 8:00 AM +FRED KUESTER by Peggy/Ronnie Husky

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/Stanley 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)

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

DECEMBER 30TH, 31ST, 2023 AND JANUARY 1, 2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD



Pastor: Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS

Parish Secretary:

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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
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

