

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

Dec. 2 & 3, 2023: Regular Collection: \$3,313.00, CCE Envelopes: \$127.00, Building Fund: \$400.00, Retired Clergy: \$20.00, Immaculate Conception: \$10.00, Christmas Flowers: \$527.00.

Thank you for your generosity

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Gertrude Bursleson, Frances Cegielski (and family and care providers), Eloise Degoanni, 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):

Monday, Dec.11: Virginia Malinowski, Ronnie Husky, Sally Jozwiak, Bernice Lewandowski.

Monday, Dec.18: Peggy Husky, Charlene Raday, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

For the 2023 “Koledy Polskie” to be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 in Chappell Hill, Texas beginning at 12:30 pm inside of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, and concluding later with Mass at 6:00 pm.

More details to follow.

All Giving Tree gifts are due next weekend. Please return wrapped gifts with tags attached, or unwrapped donations for the Brenham Pregnancy Center no later than December 17. For questions or more info: Diane Peterson at 210-823-0495

**Penance Services and Sacrament of Reconciliation
for Advent Season**

***At St. Ann in Somerville: Monday December 11 at 6:00 pm,
At St. Mary in Brenham: Thursday December 14 at 6:00 pm,
and confessions for 30 minutes before all Masses.***

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT IN OUR PARISHES.

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. As we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Lord, we must prepare ourselves through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. It is through sacrament that we experience the merciful love of God in Christ Jesus through the Church. Advent Confessions we may have before all scheduled Masses, but additionally for **St. Ann Parish in Somerville** Advent Confessions will be Monday **December 11 at 6:00 PM** with 2 priests and for **St. Stanislaus**, the occasion for Advent Confessions will be on **Thursday December 14th at Saint Mary’s in Brenham at 6:00 PM**, with many priests available and Father Thaddeus being there too.



The readings in today’s liturgy tell us that we must mend our ways for the Lord is coming. In the Gospel reading John the Baptist says: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Mt. 3:1) He calls on everyone to make straight the way of the Lord and clear everything that hinders Him from coming. Reflecting on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: “Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day, in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The “voice” of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and ex-

ternal deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.”

In our world today, there are many distractions that prevent us from welcoming Jesus into our lives. Lest we forget, God alone suffices, as Saint Teresa of Avila pronounced. Only the Word of God will remain. Everything else fades. At the end of our lives, it is only God who truly matters.

As we observe the holy season of Advent, we reflect on the coming of Christ in our midst. Are we ready to meet Him? Are our hearts too occupied with the “things of this world” that Christ has no more space to dwell? Let the opening prayer in today’s mass be our Advent prayer: “May no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet Your Son, but may our learning of heaven’s wisdom gain us admittance to His company.” MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!
<https://justmehomely.wordpress.com/2013/12/07/second-sunday-of-advent-year-a-2/>

The Altar Society will have their Christmas Party Luncheon at Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Brenham on Tuesday, December 12th at 12:30 pm.

The cost is \$13 per person which includes your meal, tax and drink. You will have 17 entrees to choose from. Spouses and guests are welcome as well. We must have a headcount and payment by Dec. 10th. Contact Virginia-836-0080 or Gertrude-830-8373 if you plan to attend.

This Week's Message:

"John the Baptist is 'more than a prophet.' In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the 'voice' of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John 'came to bear witness to the light.' In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.... Behold, the Lamb of God.'"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 719)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sat. Dec.9	6:00 PM	+FLORENCE JOZWIAK by Family
Sun. Dec.10	8:00 AM	+PETE MAZURKIEWICZ by Friends
Tue. Dec.12	6:00 PM	+V.J. JOZWIAK by Margie Jozwiak
Wed. Dec.13	—	—(No Mass today)—
Thur. Dec.14	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.15	8:00 AM	+EDWARD STONE by Diane/Brennan Peterson

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sat. Dec.16	6:00 PM	+CLARA GURKA by Bebe/Joe Gurka
Sun. Dec.17	8:00 AM	+FLOYD, NATALIE and JULIAN CEGIELSKI by Doris/Harry Faterkowski
Wed. Dec.20	6:00 PM	+LILLIAN KROLCZYK by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski
Thur. Dec.21	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.22	8:00 AM	+THADDEUS and ROBERT MOSZKOWICZ by Pauline Moszkowicz

Next Sunday, December 17, 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 be erecting the outside Manger Scene and Christmas decorations. Please come and help!

A group is needed to help set up the poinsettias, to decorate the altar for Christmas!

When: Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 pm.

Call Betsy Striegler at 713-253-0770 to sign up to help.

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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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

