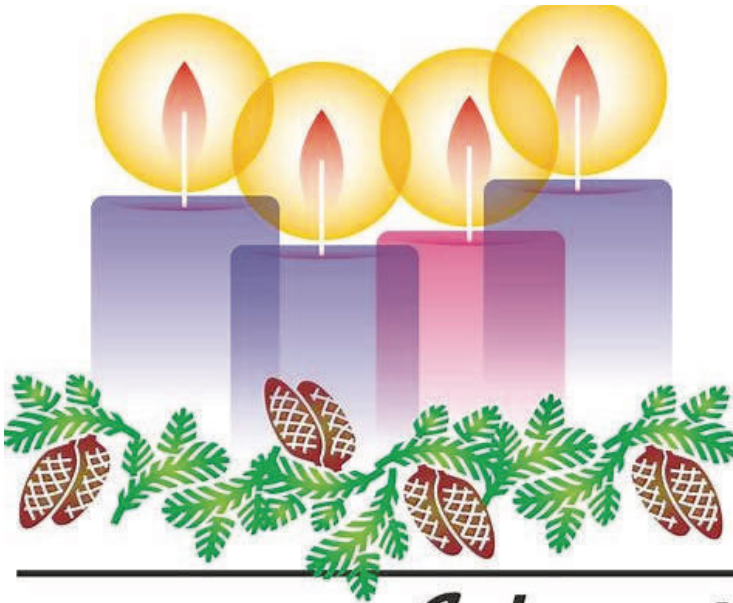


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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Holy Days: As Announced
Daily Mass: Check bulletin for schedule

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Stanislaus Parish is to perpetuate the message of Jesus Christ, which is to worship God and to bring the Good News of God's unconditional love to his people. We, therefore, commit our time, talents, and treasures to the love and service of all people by proclaiming and witnessing to the word of God through prayer and sacraments, evangelization, education, social action and outreach.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the pastor for preparation and arrangements. Baptisms should be scheduled for the third weekend of the month on Saturdays at 1 p.m. or on any Sunday of the month at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least 6-12 months prior to the proposed marriage date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the first Saturday of the month between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church.

Pastoral Visitations

Please notify the parish office if a family member has been admitted to a healthcare facility or hospital.

Faith Formation and RCIA

A Faith Formation program for school-age children is held primarily during school year. Sacramental preparation and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is available year-round as requested and appropriate for the background and age of a candidate.

Please call the parish office to schedule and plan a program.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS
An Invitation to All**

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation—all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

For these reasons, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church offers a special "Longest Night" service on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle—and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome.

The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship. In hopes to see you then,
Deacon Mike Ryba.

**REFLECTION FOR
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"The spirit of Advent largely consists in living close to Our Lady during this time when she is carrying Jesus in her womb. We can think of the whole of our life as a somewhat longer Advent, a time of waiting for that definitive moment when we will at last find ourselves with God forever.

Christians know that they have to live this advent beside Our Lady every day of their life if they want to be certain of attaining the only thing in the whole of their existence that is really important—finding Christ in their life, and afterwards being with him in eternity. There is no better way of preparing for Christmas, which is now so close, than by keeping Mary company, getting to know her and deepening our love and trust in her. Mary imparts a great joy to our souls, because when we turn to her she leads us to Christ."

~from In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations, Volume One: Advent and Christmastide



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Sat. Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus
	4:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
	10:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus
Sun. Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus
	10:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1
Regular Weekend Schedule

OPLATEK AVAILABLE



Oplatek are now available in the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A free-will offering is appreciated.

Ministry and Volunteer Sign-Up

Sign-up for Greeters, Collectors & Parking Lot Attendants are available on the table in the back of the church.



Sunday, Dec. 18, 2:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service, St. Mary's
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**SAVE THE DATES
July 8 and 9, 2023
PARISH FESTIVAL !**

Yes it is cold and wintery outside, but the Parish Festival Committee has been hard at work planning our 2023 Parish Festival.

This year we will have two days of Polka Music and an outdoor Polka Mass on Saturday.

This year we will welcome the Polka Family Band from Pennsylvania.





Budgeted Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are \$327,101. The average weekly collection needed to meet our expenses (including income from all other sources is \$6,290). THANK YOU.

Collection Weekend of December 11-12

Due to early transmission of the weekly bulletin, collection figures for this week will be printed in a later bulletin.

Food Pantry: \$25.00 cash and 15 bags of groceries



PASTORAL VISITS TO NURSING HOME FACILITIES

If you have a family member who is a resident or undergoing therapy at an area nursing home facility, we welcome you to call the Parish Office at 518.842.2771 so that we may place your relative on our list to receive a visit during the monthly visitations.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be burning this week to the glory of Almighty God and



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Albert Palmieri, Jr.
req. Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren



† Altar Hosts for the month of December have been donated in loving memory of
Frances Dylong
at the request of Dolores & Jim & Family.

† Altar Wine for the month of December has been donated in loving memory of
Ralph DeRose
at the request of the Children.



SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus' Church
Ralph DeRose, req. Children & Grandchildren
Eugene F. Piurek, req. Beverly & Greg, Barbara & Gerry & Family

Freda Krzysko, req. Son, Edmund
John & Eleanor Niemczyk, req. Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

Walter (46th Ann.) & MaryTomasik, req. Daughters, Barbara & Gloria

Robert Korona, req. Wife, Daughters & Grandchildren

Frank & Irene Fraczek, req. Karen Smith

William Skowronek, req. Wife & Children

Janusz Noga, req. Ed & Krystyna Swiderski

Julia Bugasch, req. Helen Malicki & Terri Neary

SUNDAY, Dec. 18, 9:00 a.m.- St. Stanislaus' Church

Rosa Guida, req. Family

Rosa DeLorenzo, req. Family

Stanislaus J. (Ann.) & Sophie M. Andrzejewski,
req. Son, Edward & Daughter, Christine

Joseph Frydel (100th Ann.), req. Family

Miroslaw Swiderski, req. Wife, Children & Grandchildren

John Noga, req. Skalski Family

Edmund Wnek, req. Wife & Family

Richard Siemiatkowski, req. Michael, Gina & Rose Siemiatkowski

Rev. Chester Klementowicz (20th),
req. Nephew, Charles & Family

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 20, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m.— St. Mary's Church

Janusz Noga, req. Janina Cieplik

THURSDAY, Dec. 22, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 23, 8:00 a.m.- St. Mary's Church

Rosa Guida, req. DeMartinis Family

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus' Church

For Parishioners

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m.- St. Stanislaus' Church

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SUNDAY, Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.- St. Stanislaus' Church

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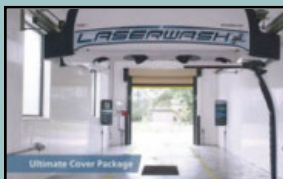
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