



# ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *1st Sunday in Advent*

### Mass Schedule:

**Sunday:** Mass (*low*): 7:30am / Mass (*sung*): 10:00am

**Monday / Wednesday / Thursday:** Mass: 7:00am

**Tuesday / Friday:** Mass: 6:30pm

**Saturday:** Mass: 8:15am / Mass (*English*): 4:30pm

**Holy Days of Obligation:** see website or latest bulletin

### Confessions:

**Sunday:** 9:00-9:45am

**Monday:** 5:15-6:00pm

**Saturday:** 9:00-10:00am / 3:45-4:00pm

Also by appointment.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, November 28, *Saturday of Our Lady***

8:15am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

4:30pm: Mary Deitle

**Sunday, November 29, *First Sunday in Advent***

7:30am: Mass of Reparation

10:00am: *Pro populo*

**Monday, November 30, *St. Andrew, Apostle***

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Tuesday, December 1, *Feria of Advent***

6:30pm: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Wednesday, December 2, *St. Vivian, Virgin and Martyr***

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Thursday, December 3, *St. Francis Xavier, Confessor***

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Friday, December 4, *Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

6:30pm: Mass of Reparation

**Saturday, December 5, *Saturday of Our Lady in Advent***

8:15am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

4:30pm: Barbara Planiewski (†)

**Sunday, December 6, *Second Sunday in Advent***

7:30am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

10:00am: *Pro populo*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Parish Social: Coffee-Doughnuts / Potluck:

Following the 10am Mass on Sunday, there are available for a free-will donation coffee and doughnuts. Also, there will be a potluck brunch. This event is located in the basement of the church; please join us at this social event. Thank you!

#### Devotions to the Sacred Heart – First Friday Adoration:

Having consecrated the parish to the Sacred Heart, there will be devotions to It every Friday. On the first Friday of every month, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30pm and prayers to the Sacred Heart. Immediately following Masses on *all* other Fridays, there will be the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**N.B.:** The First Friday of December occurs this week.

#### Oplatki Christmas Wafers are here! :

Located in the rear of the church, the cost is \$2.00 a package; please use the envelopes provided and put money into the collection basket at Mass.

The Tradition of the Polish *Oplatki* wafer dates back to the early 13<sup>th</sup> century. In Poland, Christmas Eve is considered one of the most important nights of the year. Full of tradition, the Wigilia (from the Latin word “vigilare” which means to wait) is not started until the first star is seen in the evening sky. As all Catholics did, Poles abstain from all meat on Christmas Eve and have a traditional meal consisting of potatoes, fish, cabbage, mushrooms, herring & pierogi—usually a seven to twelve course meal! Straw is placed under the tablecloth to symbolize the manger where Jesus lay. An extra place setting is set out to remember those who are not able to join the family. The Christmas wafer is shared before Wigilia. The head of the household or oldest person present at the table starts by breaking the Blessed Wafer and sharing it with everyone at the Wigilia table. Wishes for peace, prosperity and forgiveness are shared with each. It reminds Poles that just as Catholics share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ, the Oplatki wafer allows for one’s family to come together and share the love they have for one another. A beautiful tradition to continue — or to start!

### **Meals for Families in Need:**

In addition to using the *Take Them A Meal* website to provide meals for expectant and new mothers (see below), we will be using the church kitchen on **Saturday, December 5th** to prepare meals; we will make casseroles and freeze them for easy preparation. Please contact Brenda Harold by phone: (574) 234-5890 or e-mail: [brendaharold717@gmail.com](mailto:brendaharold717@gmail.com), if you are able to help prepare food and/or supply ingredients, or if you are in need of meals (please indicate any food allergies). Meals will accommodate 6-8 people. We will begin by praying a Rosary in the church before cooking. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray, work, and serve together while enjoying fellowship with one another.

### **Meal Train for Mothers:**

Mothers who are expecting, or have a new baby, have much to think about and do – all while being physically and emotionally taxed. One way that our parish community can help is to bring them meals; this is one less thing that Mothers will have to worry about, and can be assured that this necessary thing is not neglected for their families and themselves. *Take Them A Meal* is a website that coordinates and connects needy families with people who can help; it is found here: [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com).

Three parish families have already signed up and are in need of meals:

The Andersons: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=FAKU7000](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=FAKU7000)

The McGuires: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MCGM3303](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MCGM3303)

The Caudles: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=YJQL5882](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=YJQL5882)

Please consider reaching out to these families. Thank you.

### **Theatrical Production of *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*:**

In anticipation of the Year of Mercy, *Faustina*, the living production performed by Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 5 at St. Matthew Cathedral in So. Bend. The event is sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Redeemer Radio. The program is filled with all the elements of a professional theater, runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 13 and over. Admission is \$10/adult; \$25 for a family of 3 or more; \$5 for students. St. Stanislaus has **23** tickets still available for purchase; please call the rectory. For additional information, visit the website: [www.diocesefwsb.org/faustina](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/faustina) or contact the diocese at (260) 399-1448 or [info@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:info@diocesefwsb.org).

### **Miraculous Medals:**

There are blessed Miraculous Medals and pamphlets for the novena in the back of church. They have been graciously donated, so please remember to pray for our benefactors.

### **Blessing of Children:**

To commemorate the Feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 6), there will be a Blessing of Children following the 10am Mass *next* Sunday.

### **St. Stanislaus Historical Items in Need of Identification:**

As Msgr. Fritz gets settled here in the parish, he is coming across some “lost treasures” that he needs help identifying. Can you help? If you think you can help, or would simply like to see what he has found, please contact him at the rectory.

Furthermore, if *you* possess pictures or interesting items about St. Stanislaus, Msgr. Fritz is very interested in seeing them – he even makes house calls!

### **Update:**

A picture was found in the attic of the rectory. Although in bad shape, it is clearly of two young girls in attire that would date it from the 1920s or 1930s. Who could they possibly be?

### **Pro-Life Activities:**

#### **[1] Novena of Adoration**

The Apostolate of Divine Mercy is hosting a Novena of Adoration continues through 5:00pm Wed., Dec. 2, in the Chapel of Divine Mercy at the Life Center (2018 Ironwood Cr, So. Bend).

The adoration will be interrupted for Masses on Tues. Dec. 1 at 7:30am; and at 1:30pm on Wed., Dec. 2.

#### **[2] Advent Celebration for the End of Abortion in St. Jos. County:**

It has been over four decades since our community was free of an operable abortion facility! As we prepare for Christmas, what better way to honor Him than with a celebration of all the children that will be given the gift of life through the closing of St. Joseph County’s only abortion facility. Let us gather to celebrate in a spirit of gratitude, and let us not relinquish our vigilance in prayer and work so that we may never face this violence again in our community. St. Jos County Right to Life is sponsoring a birthday party for all the children saved by this closing. It will be Saturday, Dec. 5 from 2:00-3:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center, Moreau Drive, Notre Dame; everyone is invited. For directions and to RSVP, visit [www.prolifemichiana.org/celebration](http://www.prolifemichiana.org/celebration) or call 574.232.LIFE (5433).

### **Appropriate Attire:**

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, form-fitting clothing of any sort, or any other raffish clothing.

Do let your dresses and skirts fall below your knees. Ladies are highly encouraged to cover their heads whilst in church according to Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture (see 1 Cor. 11:2-16); men are highly encouraged to wear suits and ties, or at least dress slacks and collared shirts. With due regard to time and circumstance, we encourage all to wear decorous attire befitting the sacred place and divine worship.