



# ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA, III cl.)**

8:15am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

4:30pm: Deceased Members of Walkowski Family

**Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete (I cl.)**

7:30am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

10:00am: *Pro populo*

**Monday, December 14, Feria of Advent (III cl.)**

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Tuesday, December 15, Feria of Advent (III cl.)**

6:30pm: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Wednesday, December 16, Ember Wednesday of Advent (II cl.)**

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Thursday, December 17, Greater Feria of Advent (II cl.)**

7:00am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Friday, December 18, Ember Friday of Advent (II cl.)**

6:30pm: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

**Saturday, December 19, Ember Saturday of Advent (II cl.)**

8:15am: Mass of Reparation

4:30pm: Frank and Mary Kopinski (†)

**Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday in Advent – Rorate (I cl.)**

7:30am: Jeff and JoAnn Brown

10:00am: *Pro populo*

# 13 December 2015

## *Gaudete Sunday*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Annual Bishop's Appeal UPDATE:

Msgr. Fritz is pleased to report that, according to our calculations, St. Stanislaus parish has *exceeded* the goal set for it. We are grateful to all those who responded to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thank you, and may God bless and reward you!

#### Oplatki Christmas Wafers:

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. 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!

#### Stocking Stuffers Supporting St. Stanislaus:

Msgr. Fritz, besides practicing his alliteration, has found a limit supply of Christmas ornaments and decks of playing cards that commemorate the centennial of the parish. Both items feature a picture of St. Stanislaus church. They would add a lovely reminder to your family's Christmas tree of your parish family, and the cards are nice "stocking stuffers." The ornaments are being offered for \$5 and the cards for \$2 as a fundraiser. Please contact the rectory if you are interested.

#### Ember Days of Advent:

As a reminder, the Ember Days of Advent occur this week. Traditional observance is fasting on Wed., Fri., and Sat. with full abstinence from meat on Fri., and partial abstinence (meat at only one meal) on Wed. and Saturday. Although not binding by current legislation, the observance of these days is highly recommended in order to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach us the right use of those gifts, and to assist the needy.

**Schedule for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord:**

5:30pm	Mass (English)
11:15pm	Christmas Hymns with the choir
11:15-11:45pm	Confessions
Midnight	Mass (sung)
7:30am	Mass (low)
10:00am	Mass (TBD)

**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 *other* Fridays, there will be the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



**Elevator Update:**

The elevator has been fixed. It now services all floors. Please use *only as needed*. Thank you.

**Music Ministry:**

There has been some progress made regarding the music at the 4:30pm Saturday Mass. We have secured a volunteer organist, and therefore we will be able to provide some music. Meanwhile, research is actively being done to secure an appropriate and permanent hymnal for the parish.

**Missalettes:**

A benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous has donated copies of the *New ... Saint Joseph Sunday Missal* for 2016. This will enable those who wish to read the Ordinary and the Propers of the Mass to do so. It also features a number of hymns; while small in number, this can be supplemented by the current manner of distributing particular hymns. There are other devotional items in the books. As soon as the order arrives, they will be made available at the back of church.

Please be sure to pray for our benefactors. Thank you.

**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!

**Blessing of Wine:**

On Sunday, December 27 there will be the Blessing of Wine in Honor of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

**Meals for Families in Need:**

A special thank to all who donated and helped out making dinners for mothers who've recently delivered and other families in need. May God reward your generosity! If you (or someone you know) are in need of a meal, please contact the rectory so that a meal can be provided.

**Meal Train for Mothers: MORE NEW BABIES!**

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 Galvins: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=CAKV6080](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=CAKV6080)

The Tuttlers: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=BDHJ7666](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=BDHJ7666)

The Caudles: [www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=YJQI5882](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=YJQI5882)

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

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

Please consider reaching out to these families. *Thank you.*

**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.

