



ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AN APOSTOLATE OF THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 7:30am / 10:00am

Mon., Wed., Thrs.: 7:00am

Tues., Fri.: 6:30pm

Saturday: 8:15am

Confessions: *Also by appointment*

Mon., Tues., Fri.: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Sat., Sun.: 9:00am - 9:45am

The Rosary is prayed after Mass Mon.-Sat., and before 10am Sun.

"Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them."

-- Our Lady of Fatima

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, December 8, *Immaculate Conception*

7:30am: Sodality of the BVM and St. Anne

10:00am: *Pro populo*

Monday, December 9, *Dedication of a Church*

7:00am: Eleanor Kulick (†) 7:00pm: *Pro populo*

Tuesday, December 10, *Feria of Advent*

6:30pm: Gerald Sermersheim (†)

Wednesday, December 11, *Pope St. Damasus I*

7:00am: Richard Salsman

Thursday, December 12, *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:00am: Mass of Reparation

Friday, December 13, *St. Lucy*

6:30pm: Luz Lyden

Saturday, December 14, *Sat. of Our Lady (Rorate)*

**6:30am: Bert Harty (†)

Sunday, December 15, *Gaudete Sunday*

7:30am: Barb Essig (†)

10:00am: *Pro populo*

Immaculate Conception

8 December 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holy Day of Obligation: *Immaculate Conception*

Every Sunday is a holy day of obligation. To fulfill the Sunday obligation, Catholics must attend Mass any time after 4:00pm on Saturday, **December 7** or any time on Sunday, **December 8**. To fulfill the separate obligation, Catholics must attend a *second* Mass any time after 4:00pm on Sunday, **December 8** or any time on Monday, **December 9**. In short, *two separate* Masses must be attended: one for each obligation.

Masses on Monday, **December 9**, will be offered at 7:00am (low) and 7:00pm (sung). There will be no Confessions on Monday, December 9.

Advent and Christmastide Almsgiving:

From the First Sunday of Advent (**December 1**) until The Baptism of Our Lord (**January 13**), the parish will be collecting needed items for St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. Receptacles will be placed near the main entrance of the church for your convenience.

Requested items include canned chicken, tuna, vegetables, fruit, beans, ravioli, and soup; mac and cheese, instant potatoes; pancake mix and syrup; bar soap; toilet paper; and diapers (#3 and #5). Thank you for your generosity!

Education Series:

Msgr. Fritz will be giving an educational series on the Sacraments covering their scriptural typology and symbolism. This talk will be Wednesday, **December 11** at 7:00pm and will cover the Sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage. Cookies provided. Please sign-up using this form:

<https://forms.gle/epnP9HmMHrgHpGbv8>

or by utilizing the QR code to the right ...



Rorate Mass and Advent Recollection:

The *Rorate* Mass is a devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin for Advent is offered just before dawn and the church is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, we prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise for the gift of Our Lady. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. For more information about the *Rorate* Mass, go here:

<https://fssp.com/rorate-caeli-masses/>

This Mass will be sung on Saturday, **December 14** at 6:30am. The parish Advent Recollection will follow the *Rorate* Mass. There will be morning refreshments available in the basement. The first talk will be at 8:30am. There will be simple exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for Confession for an hour. The second talk will begin at 10:00am.

Little Flowers Girls' Group:

Girls aged 5+ are invited to join the Little Flowers Girls' Group. The next meeting will be **December 15**. If interested, please contact Maria Kampe: mariakampe@att.net

Legacy Planning Presentation:

Join us for an enlightening presentation by *Joseph Legacy Planning* on Saturday, **December 21 at 9:30am**, covering vital aspects of end-of-life planning from a Catholic perspective. This event will cover wills, trusts, healthcare advance directives, and more, presented by local attorney Joseph Cavello and bioethicist Aaron Seng. Together, they will walk through the essentials of estate planning and medical directives in accord with traditional Catholic principles. A question-answer session will be included, along with coffee and pastries.

Blessing of Wine:

On Friday, **December 27** there will be the Blessing of Wine in Honor of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, following the 6:30pm Mass. If you would like wine to be blessed but are unable to be present for the blessing, you may drop it off at church and pick it up at your convenience; please label your items – any unlabeled wine will be assumed to be a gift to monsignor.

Christmas Schedule:

December 24	11:00pm	Carols with the Choir
		<i>Come listen to or join in singing traditional Christmas music</i>
December 25	Midnight	Polyphonic Mass
	8:30am	Plainchant Mass
	10:30am	Plainchant Mass

*** Midnight Mass will use no artificial light, only candlelight. ***

Christmas - Epiphany Party:

Please join us in the rectory for a Christmastime party on Sunday, **January 5** immediately following Vespers until 9:00pm. The party will be an open house style mixer for parishioners aged 21 and over. This is a chance to meet and get to know other members of the parish in a festive atmosphere. Please save the date; more details will be forthcoming!

Trivia Night: Save the date!!

The annual parish trivia night is scheduled for Saturday, **February 1**. More details soon!

Collections: Dec. 1, 2024 - Total for Parish: \$ 5,317.00

Mail-in Contributions:	\$ 70.00
7:30am Mass Collection:	\$ 1,733.00
10:00am Mass Collection:	\$ 3,584.00

Attendance: Dec. 1, 2024 - Total: 425

7:30am Mass: 155 10:00am Mass: 270

Sunday Vespers:

Today, Sunday, **December 8**, the parish will publicly pray sung Vespers. We will begin at 5:15pm; at the end of Vespers, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and there will be a brief period of silent adoration. At 6:00pm, the Angelus will be sung, followed by Benediction. The text / chants of Vespers will be provided.

Compline: *The night office of the Church*

Please join us in chanting *Compline* every Tuesday evening after the 6:30pm Mass and Rosary (we start around 7:30pm). Text with musical notation are provided. Even if you do not chant with us, come and pray!

Ushers Needed:

Men are needed to act as ushers at the Sunday Masses and take the collections. Please contact Bernie Taylor at paptaylor68@gmail.com

Diocesan Announcement: *Ava's Grace December Gathering*

If you have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss and would like to gather online with others who know this deep grief, we invite you to attend the online Advent Ava's Grace gathering on Wednesday, **December 18**, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, as we discuss how to navigate grief during the Christmas holidays.

Please email Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and passcode. For more information about Ava's Grace, the diocesan ministry which offers spiritual, emotional and practical support to those grieving the loss of a baby before or after birth, visit diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace