

**WE THANK** everyone who shared a portion of their blessings to God through your church.  
**Dec.7 & 8, 2024: Regular Collection: \$2,044.00, Immaculate Conception: \$272.00, Retired Clergy: \$505.00, Christmas flowers: \$335.00, CCE: \$12.00, Building Fund: \$100.00.**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**MONEY COUNTERS (Note your day):**  
**Monday, Dec.16:** Peggy Husky, Charlene Raday, Evelyn Williams, Judy Willitzer.  
**Monday, Dec.23:** Dorothy Bielski, JoAnne Horton, Mark Jozwiak, Alvin Malinowski.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
*Best Wishes and Congratulations to:*  
**Margaret/Darrin Zwerneman, Dec.2—24th**  
**Anabel/Robert Gomez, Dec.5—37th**  
**Peggy/Ronnie Husky, Dec.10—41st**  
**Wendy/Tracy Martin, Dec.11—25th**  
**Constance/Frankie Koterak, Dec.13—61st**  
**Vicki/Joseph Degioanni, Dec.16—50th**  
**Karen/Frank White, Dec.21—24th**  
**Carolyn, John Kopycinski, Dec.23—57th**  
**Linda/Matt Levis, Dec.23—18th**

Let us pray for our sick, our cherished elderly & their families: *Kelly Allison, Tammy Brauner, Gertrude Bureson, Frances Cegielski (and family and care providers), Terry Church, Bennie Daricek, Eloise Degioanni, Robert Derkowski, Adam Falk, Josh Gurka, Joe Gutkowski, David Horton Sr., Larry ‘Bear’ Kana, Ken & Nora Kettler, Kathy Kitowski, Connie Kmiec, Kathy Kmiec, Frankie Koterak, Albin Krolczyk, Debra Mazurkiewicz, Pauline Mazurkiewicz, Stella Mikolajczak, Virginia Moszkowicz Meschwitz, Barbara Moszkowicz, Guadelupe Olguin, Robert Phipps, Mary Pitchford, Shirley Moszkowicz Ray, Brian Siemsglusz, Ann Skweres, David Stegent, Delores ‘Dee’ Turner, Bibian Wisnoski.*  
**NOTE: Please inform us if you know of someone who is ill and needs prayers**



**ADVENT CONFESSION IN OUR AREA:**  
 Fayetteville—St. John Church **December 13, 2024** at 6:00 PM  
 Rockdale—St. Joseph Church **December 17, 2024** at 6:00 PM  
 Chappell Hill—St. Stanislaus Church **December 18, 2024** at 6:00 PM (after Mass; 3 Priests)  
 Brenham—St. Mary Immaculate Conc. **December 19, 2024** at 6:00 PM  
 Somerville—St. Ann Church **December 20, 2024** at 6:00 PM (3 Priests)  
 Caldwell—St. Mary Church.....



***PARISH OFFICE HOURS this coming week will be:***  
***Tuesday from 11 am to 5 pm***  
***Friday from 8:30 am to 3 pm***

**Family Life Center Capital Project Expenses,**  
*paid to date:*  
**Planning and preparation: \$26,400**  
**Construction, Phase I: \$80,000**  
**Construction, Phase II: \$69,700**  
*Please pray for the success of this project, and be generous in your support! God bless you!*



**The Altar Rosary Society will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17th** at noon in the Parish Hall. Spouses of members are invited to attend. Fried Chicken will be provided and all attending are asked to bring a covered dish. If you wish to participate in the White Elephant Gift Exchange bring a gift of at least \$20-\$25.  
 Please RSVP to Virginia (836-0080) by Friday, December 13th if you plant to attend so we know how much chicken to order.

**THE SAINTS OF CHRISTMAS EVE.** Happy Feast Day of Saints. Adam & Eve (Dec 24) – Did you know some Old Testament people are Saints? December 24<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Adam and St. Eve. What? those original sinners are saints? Yes, and so are many of the figures of the Old Testament. Adam and Eve have liturgical feast days in Church calendar. So do Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Elijah, Jeremiah, King David and many others.

It is perfect to remember on Christmas Eve the sin of Adam and Eve that brought evil and corruption, suffering and death into God’s perfect creation. It sets the stage for the marvelous redemption God planned — to bring a New Adam into the world to redeem and raise us up into the very life of the Trinity. “O happy fault of Adam that brought us such a great redeemer” we sing at Easter.

Remembering Adam and Eve sets the stage for the birth of Christ, the 2nd or Last Adam and the new humanity is will bring. Praise God!

The *Roman Martyrology* (1600) lists saints recognized up to that point including many saints not in the Church’s general calendar. Some that it remembers are Habakkuk (Jan. 15); Isaiah (July 6); Daniel and Elias/ Elijah (July 20 and 21); the seven Maccabees and their mother (Aug. 17); Abraham (Oct. 9); and King David (Dec. 29).

We in the West have not discussed it much, but the Eastern Churches remember them every year and their churches are full of their images.

During the Middle Ages, the Church in various parts of Europe celebrated what was been referred to as “Adam and Eve Day” on December 24. It was the final preparation before Christmas and is tied to the development of the Christmas tree.



Over the centuries theologians have come to label Jesus and Mary as the “New Adam” and the “New Eve.”

St. Irenaeus summarizes the logic of this profound truth. *As Eve was seduced by the word of an angel and so fled from God after disobeying his word, Mary in her turn was given the good news by the word of an angel, and bore God in obedience to his word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.* To highlight this reality the Church celebrated a feast in memory of Adam and Eve on the day before Christmas, the birth of the Savior. It brought the Advent season into full circle and reminded people of the primary reason behind the Incarnation.

*On the picture the Risen Lord is lifting up Adam and Eve.*

<https://aleteia.org/2017/12/24/happy-adam-and-eve-day> <https://catholicconvert.com/st-adam-eve-st-abraham-st-moses-did-you-know-some-old-testament-people-are-saints/>

***SAVE THE DATE!***  
***For the 2024 “Koledy Polskie” to be held on Saturday, December 28***  
***In Chappell Hill, Texas—beginning at 12 pm inside St. Stanislaus Catholic Church,***  
***and concluding later with Mass at 6:00 pm.***  
***More details to follow!***

**There will be no CCE classes on Dec.22, Dec.29, and Jan.5.**  
**Classes will resume on January 12th.**

***The ‘Oplatki’ (Christmas wafers) can be picked up from the box at the rear of the church.***  
***Donations are appreciated.***

**Your box of Collection Envelopes for 2025 is at the back of the church.**  
**Please be sure to stop and pick it up, before or after Mass.**

***This Week's Message:***

"The People of the 'poor' - those who, humble and meek, rely solely on their God's mysterious plans, who await the justice, not of men but of the Messiah—are in the end the great achievement of the Holy Spirit's hidden mission during the time of the promises that prepare for Christ's coming. It is the quality of heart, purified and enlightened by the Spirit, which is expressed in the Psalms. In these poor, the Spirit is making ready 'a people prepared for the Lord.'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 720)

**THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see page 1009 in red Worship book

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

Sat. Dec.14	6:00 PM	+LOUIS KMIEC JR by Betty/Robert Jackowski
Sun. Dec.15	8:00 AM	+THADDEUS and ROBERT MOSZKOWICZ by Pauline Moszkowicz
Wed. Dec.18	6:00 PM	+DAVID and RICKEY ROZNOWSKI by Janie/Albin Mikolajchak
Thu. Dec.19	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.20	8:00 AM	+MARY NESTOR LIBBON by Francie/Joe Grinder

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sat. & Sun. Masses: see page 1012 in red Worship book

***Let the clouds rain down the Just One,  
and the earth bring forth a Savior.***

**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Masses: see pages 1013, 1014, 1015 in red Worship book

***Today you will know that the Lord is coming to save us, and in the morning you see his glory.***

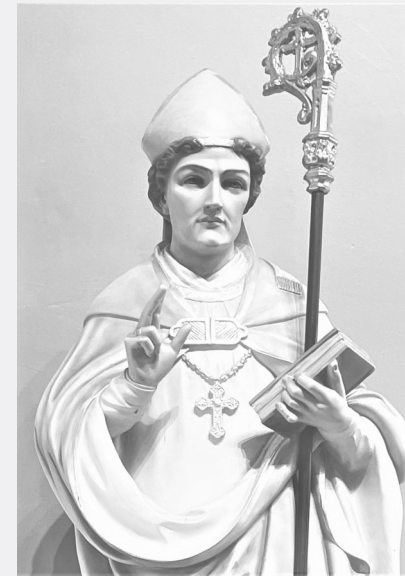
Sat. Dec.21	6:00 PM	+SHIRLEY DERKOWSKI by Linda/Mark Bilski
Sun. Dec.22	8:00 AM	+EDDIE MAJEWSKI by Elizabeth/Larry Gurka
Tue. Dec.24	4:00 PM	+WILLIE LEWANDOWSKI by Bernice Lewandowski (Vigil Mass for Christmas)
Wed. Dec.25	12:00 AM	+FRED KUESTER by Elizabeth/Gary Korpe (Midnight Mass)
Wed. Dec.25	8:00 AM	+LIZ WUNDERLICH by Virginia/Alvin Malinowski (Mass at Dawn)
Thu. Dec.26	8:00 AM	FOR PARISHIONERS
Fri. Dec.27	8:00 AM	NICK DYBDAL-HARGREAVES by Diane/Brennan Peterson

*Condolences to Virginia Jozwiak and Irene Janecek on the passing of their brother Clem Jozwiak on December 8th.*

*Condolences to Johnny Kopycinski and his family, on the passing of his sister JoAnn Zimmerman.*

*Condolences to Robert Phipps and his family, on the passing of his wife Alice on December 10th.*

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.**



- Saint Stanislaw -

**ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS 77426

Dec.14th & 15th, 2024

**Third Sunday of Advent**



- Saint Kazimierz -

**Pastor:**

**Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS**

**Regular Mass Schedule:**

Saturday : 6:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM  
 Wednesday: 6:00 PM  
 Thursday & Friday: 8:00 AM

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**Parish Secretary:**  
 Karen Hoffart (832-814-2418)  
 Office hours:  
 Thursdays & Fridays  
 8:30 am—3 pm

**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).

***Celebrating 100 years in our current church building!***



**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



**ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 MISSION - CHURCH 1889 / BUILT 1894 / DESTROYED BY HURRICANE 1900 / REBUILT 1902 / BURNED 1921 / REBUILT 1924