

December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent



The Redemptorists

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site  
SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM  
(*Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel*)  
SATURDAY 4:00 - 4:45 PM

### CONFESSION

(*English & Polish*)  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
6:30 - 7:00 PM  
SATURDAY  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
4:00 - 4:50 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:30AM to 3:00PM.  
Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Monday, December 12 (Poniedziałek)

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00AM †Teresa & Jozef Labus r/o sister & family  
11:00AM †Ignacy Rogalski (Anniv.) r/o zona, Krysia  
7:00PM †Aniela & Stanislaw Maziarz r/o family

## Tuesday, December 13 (Wtorek) - Lucy

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Klara Konopka  
11:00AM †Peter Zurawiecki r/o family  
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English  
7:00PM God's Blessing for Marzena Karnas & family r/o  
Teresa

## Wednesday, December 14 (Środa) - John of the Cross

8:00AM †Janina & Stanislaw Molka r/o daughter  
11:00AM †Jonna Webster r/o Laura Riccardi  
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary  
7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

## Thursday, December 15 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Richard Gruszewski r/o Krys Fornal  
11:00AM †John Reilly r/o family

## Friday, December 16 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Irene Straszewski r/o family  
7:00PM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Klara Konopka

## Saturday, December 17 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowski r/o daughter, Janina & family  
11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Reilly Family r/o family  
5:00PM †Barbara Specian r/o Jasontek Family

## 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18 (Niedziela)

6:30AM Godzinski  
7:00AM †Dana Bober r/o family  
9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary  
Society  
†Ned Panfile r/o wife & children  
†Dolores Serra r/o Ann Helene & Al Camp  
†Dorothy Nowalsky r/o family  
†Lenny Lazas r/o Charles & June Sladek  
†Frank Byra r/o family  
†Czeslawa Gnap (Anniv.) r/o family  
†Sylvia & Leonard Vaccarella r/o family  
For the People of Parish  
11:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary Society

*Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." - Mt 11:4-5*

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.*

# This Week

**TODAY, DECEMBER 11**

WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE POLISH RETREAT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND POLISH.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE – 7:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

**NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 17 & 18**

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Christmas Flowers. Please be generous.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**NIEDZIELA, 11 GRUDZIEN**

**TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWETNU**

Rozpoczynamy rekolekcje w języku polskim. Rekolekcje w tym Adwencie wygłosi O. Lukasz Baran, C.Ss.R. – Zachęcamy wszystkich do udziału w tym szczególnym czasie łaski.

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 12 GRUDZIEN**

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

**WTOREK, 6 GRUDZIEN**

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.

**NIEDZIALA, 11 GRUDZIEN**

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Christmas Flowers. Prosimy o ofiarność!

## HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY



On Friday, December 30, 2022 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

### UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W Piątek, 30 grudnia na Mszy św. o godz. 9.00AM (w języku angielskim) oraz o godz 7:00PM (w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Za interesowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

## CEMETERY NEWS

### WIADOMOŚCI DOTYCZĄCE CMENTARZA PARAFIALNEGO

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON JUST AHEAD OF US, IT'S TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE POLICIES PERTAINING TO GRAVE DECORATIONS. WREATHS ARE THE PREFERRED DECORATION; THEY SHOULD BE TIED TO THE MONUMENT. IF YOU WISH TO USE A GRAVE SPRAY, BE SURE THAT IT IS PLACED AGAINST THE MONUMENT AND TIED TO IT. **DO NOT USE GRAVE BLANKETS THAT SPAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE GRAVE. ABOVE ALL, DO NOT USE METAL STAKES TO FASTEN THE DECORATIONS TO THE GROUND.**

VIGIL LIGHTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. BREAKAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE FREEZE-THAW ACTION. THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VIGIL LIGHTS FOR ANY REASON.

Z RACJI ZBLIŻAJĄCYCH SIĘ ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOŚZĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIEŃCE, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE DO NAGROBKA. PROSIMY O NIEPRZYKRYWANIE GROBÓW RÓŻNYMI DEKORACJAMI ŚWIĄTECZNYMI.

PROSIMY O ZABRANIE WSZYSTKICH LAMPEK WIECZNYCH, KTÓRE MOGĄ ULEC ZNISZCZENIU W CZASIE ZIMY. CMENTARZ NIE JEST ODPOWIEDZIALNY ZA USZKODZONE ŚWIECE WOTYWNE.

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**December 11, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/  
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19  
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,  
11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/  
Mt 1:1-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,  
10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

## JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR



Our choir consists of parishioners who offer their time, talent and service to our parish community. The choir enhances the Sunday 9 am Mass every week during the school year, Christmas Mass during the Night, Holy Week Liturgies, and other sacred events, such as the Sacrament of Confirmation. We always welcome new singers. If you love to sing and would be interested in joining, please see Maryanne Zarbetski at the organ and watch the bulletin for the schedule of rehearsals. We could use more singers and would welcome you, even if you can only commit to singing with us for Christmas. No need to have the most gifted voice; a choir is always greater than the sum of its parts. The music at all times is prayer, not a mere performance. Musical expertise and performance experience therefore are not requirements, just a willingness to learn and attend rehearsals. Choir members always have a great, reserved seat for Christmas and Easter!



## The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 4, 2022

Offertory	\$ 5,639.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 2,320.00
Children's Donations	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,608.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,138.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you.  
Fr. Stan

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."* JAMES 5:8  
Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

#### My Good Deed was when I:

took the clothes out of the dryer.	Emma
took care of my grandma.	Nicholas
helped my dog.	Molly
helped with dishes.	Kyle
helped grandma with the laundry.	Ava
went with siblings to play at a middle school.	Ingrid
helped the little kids play basketball.	Logan
helped a friend.	Kayla
helped clean.	Jacob
helped bag the groceries.	Liam
helped my mom with the groceries.	Julia

*Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.*



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who participated in our Giving Tree. The response and your generosity were overwhelming. I know that many had a much better Christmas and were touched by your generosity and love. May our Lord God and Loving Father bless you all! Thank you again!!!  
Fr. Stan



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn

Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Jean Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Christopher Gregor, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ann Marie Kotch, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Virginia & Jerry Russell, Jr., Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Charlotte Snow, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irene Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Margaret & Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

**God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name.  
Amen.**



Our Men and Women in the Service

*Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially*

*Airman Thomas Caswell*

*SPC Christopher Elsen*

*PFC Joshua Hussey*

*Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.*

*Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF*

*Airman Michael Edward Kassick III*

*Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF*

*Captain John Limyansky USAF*

*First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC*

*Jason Pikula USAF*

*SR Jerry Lee Rogalski*

*Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.*

*PFC Steven Ubry*

*Technical Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF*

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

## The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



**Council Meeting:** Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

**Recruiting:** Catholic men 18+ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski ([chester.makowski@gmail.com](mailto:chester.makowski@gmail.com)) or

approach any of the brother knights.

**Bible Study:** Prayerful study and discussion of the Kings (first and second books) will begin October 27, 2022 and continue on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.. All sessions will take place at the Saint John Neumann Center. The study of the word of God is critical in our modern age. All are welcome to join.

**Clothing Drive** - March 11<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

Facebook updates provided at <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM - 8:30AM** Rosary.

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30PM.**

### Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Suzanne Runyon  
Monday: Joanne Krasnansky  
Tuesday: Lisa Limyansky  
Wednesday: Lachac Family  
Thursday: Marylou Cebula  
Friday: Jan Biago  
Saturday: Elizabeth Urookiay



**Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food every week at the church. WE ARE IN NEED OF EVERYTHING especially paper towels and toilet paper!!! The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.**

**Thank you for your anticipated support.**

# Advent Calendar

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX THEN DONATE THE CONTENTS TO THE CTR CARITAS FOOD BANK.

November 27 - box of cereal  
November 28 - peanut butter  
November 29 - stuffing mix  
November 30 - boxed potatoes  
December 1 - macaroni and cheese  
December 2 - canned fruit  
December 3 - canned tomatoes  
December 4 - canned tuna  
December 5 - dessert mix  
December 6 - jar of applesauce  
December 7 - canned sweet potatoes

December 8 - cranberry sauce  
December 9 - canned beans  
December 10 - box of crackers  
December 11 - juice  
December 12 - package of oatmeal  
December 13 - package pasta  
December 14 - spaghetti sauce  
December 15 - canned soup  
December 16 - cookies  
December 17 - canned vegetables  
December 18 - paper products

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*up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...*

**Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Linda Cavaluzzo will be presenting the reflections and next week Deacon Bill will be the presenter.**

**Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.**



Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.

Opłatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

**We have kielbasa for sale (\$15 per ring) and pierogi (\$12 per dozen) in the parish office during regular business hours.**

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.

