

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent



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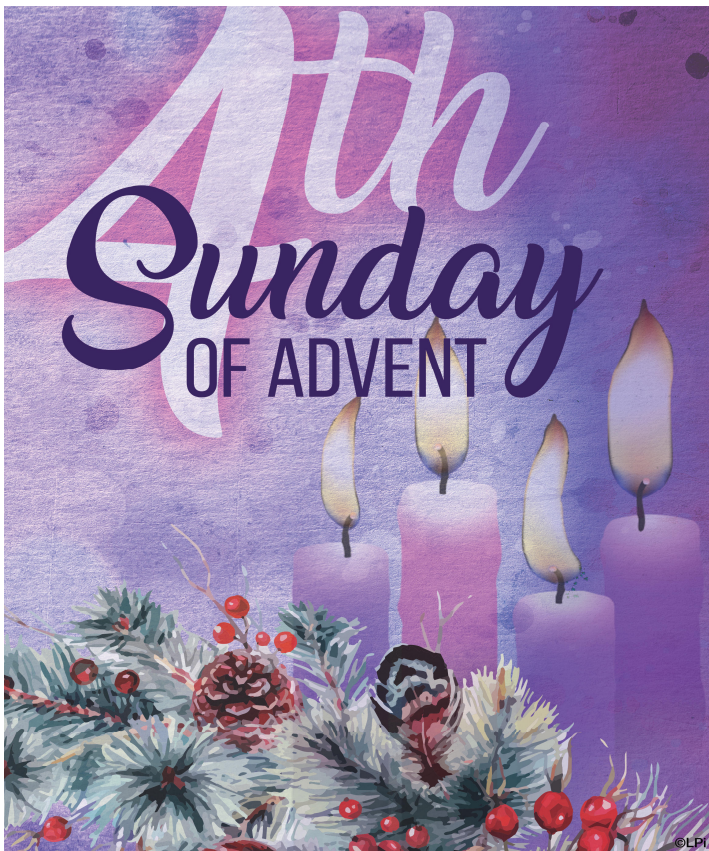
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 19 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Mark Salko r/o wife, Ania
11:00AM †Phyllis Baraniecki r/o family

Tuesday, December 20 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Richard Gruszewski r/o Krys Fornal
11:00AM †Bazyli Zurawiecki r/o family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 21 (Środa) - Peter Canisius

11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family r/o family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Thursday, December 22 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Klara Konopka
11:00AM †Inocencia Umahaj r/o Teresa Cordova

Friday, December 23 (Piątek) - John of Kanty

11:00AM †Joseph & Jean Ketusky r/o son, Joe & family
7:00PM †Weronika Osetek r/o Kurasinski Family

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 (Czwartek)

SH - 4:00 PM - (E) For the People
SH - 10:00 PM - (E) For the People
SH - 12:00 AM - (P) For the People

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 (Piątek)

SH - 7:00 AM - (P) For the People
SH - 9:00 AM - (E) For the People
SH - 11:30 AM - (P) For the People



Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:20-21

4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

The Lord
has not
forgotten us

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.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

ADORATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 19 GRUDZIEŃ

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

WTOREK, 20 GRUDZIEŃ

ZAJĘCIA KATECHETYCZNE SĄ ODWOŁANE.

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. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 ODNOSZĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIEŃCE, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE DO NAGROBKÓW. 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

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

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/

Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/

Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,
5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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Las Posadas

Question:

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer:

“Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master’s degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God’s work here on earth.



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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 Liccadi, 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, 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, Irena 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) 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 11th - 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 18th at 9:00AM - 8:30AM Rosary.**

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Lala Llarena
Monday: Mirna Gonzalez
Tuesday: Laura Christie
Wednesday: Marianne Kenton
Thursday: Rosemary Jablonski & Keily Comacno
Friday: John Tardy
Saturday: Barbara Porter & Dora Perna



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 Deacon Bill will be presenting the reflections and in two weeks Ted Petrock 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.

Oplątki 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

“God is with us.” This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life’s unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

