

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

BASILICA of ST. STANISLAUS, B.M.



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*“Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,
where EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN.” (Pope Francis)*

Served by the Conventual Franciscan Friars and the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning: 7:00, 9:00 (Polish) & 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses (English)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 6:30 & Noon
Wednesday: 6:30, 1:15 p.m. (School Mass), Noon
Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses (Polish)

Wednesday & First Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon
First Friday: after 6:30 a.m. Mass - 7:00 p.m.
First Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m., 8:15 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

National & Legal Holidays

Mass at 9:00 a.m. only. No other services.

Monthly Devotions

First Sunday - Divine Mercy - 2 p.m.
Second Sunday - Our Lady of Czestochowa - 3 p.m.
Last Sunday - Our Lady of Guadalupe - 2 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Friday: After the 6:30 a.m. Mass;
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.
Saturday: After the 7 a.m. Mass; 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.;
3:00 - 3:55 p.m.
Other times for Confession by Appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Fourth Sunday: After Saturday Vigil & all Sunday Masses

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Brad Milunski, OFM Conv. - Pastor
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Fr. Lucjan Szymanski, OFM Conv. - Parochial Vicar
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and all good things! Happy New Year! Wait.... What?! Yes, you read correctly. With the First Sunday of Advent, the church begins a new liturgical year in hope and expectation. As we change the cycle of Sunday readings, the Gospel of Mark will be the featured gospel on many Sundays until next Advent. As the shortest of the four gospels, Mark can be read in one sitting. Try reading the whole gospel aloud to yourself sometime this season. This is helpful to our spiritual lives because we can listen to the entire message of salvation at once rather than in Sunday snippets.

Though the featured gospel writer may change from year to year, the First Sunday of Advent sounds the same theme each time: watchfulness. Christmas carols would have us look already to the Babe of Bethlehem, but the first scriptures of a new church year remind us of the Lord's coming at the end of time when the divine presence in its fullness will make all things new and bring about new heavens and a new earth. Advent has its penitential character like that of Lent, but unlike Lent, we focus now on a joyful welcome for the Lord's return with hearts cleared of clutter. As you wrap packages and write cards, unwrap your heart in the presence of the Lord Jesus and allow the Lord to write the Good News there where He dwells within you.

Advent blessings,
Fr. Brad

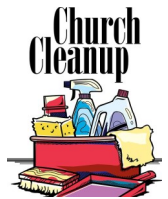
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER CENACLE - The Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle will gather from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Upper Basilica this **Sunday, December 3**. Come join us as we focus on different aspects of God's Mercy through prayer, scripture reading and reflection.

MORNING STAR FAMILY PRAYER GROUP - Please join us for Morning Star Family Prayer Group this Monday evening, **December 4** at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in the Lower Basilica to pray the rosary and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Morning Star prayer group is open to anyone, but is geared toward families with young children. This prayer group is an opportunity for children to learn the rosary and pray together with family and friends. All Rosary Society members are also invited to attend.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - **Friday, December 8**, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated as follows: Vigil on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.; December 8 - 6:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 1:15 p.m. (School), and 7:00 p.m. (Polish). All of these Masses will be celebrated in the Upper Basilica. The Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States, and so we ask Mary to intercede for our country. Confessions and adoration will be held as usual.

BASILICA CHRISTMAS CLEANING - On **Saturday, December 9th**, at 10:00 a.m., please join fellow parishioners and the friars as we wash down the pews, take down those hard-to-reach cobwebs, and help get the Basilica squeaky clean for the Christmas holidays. Cleaning agents will be provided, but feel free to bring buckets and rags. Thank you! Serdecznie dziękujemy!



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - St. Vincent de Paul & Rosary Societies will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon on **Sunday, December 17** at Storrowton Tavern in West Springfield. The deadline to RSVP is this Thursday, December 7. See page 7 of this bulletin for more information.

POLISH FOOD FOR SALE - Pierogi, golumbki, and kapusta are available at the school, while supplies last, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday during bingo from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All items are frozen. Please call the school at (413) 592-5135 prior to arrival, so that we may bag up your order. There are limited quantities of each item available. Cabbage Pierogi \$10/dz, Cheese & Potato Pierogi \$11/dz, 4 pk. of golumbki \$16, Quart of Kapusta \$7. This is all we will have prior to Christmas.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Parish St. Vincent de Paul and Rosary Societies and we extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the **ANNUAL BAKE SALE**. Your generosity supports a culture of faith and will benefit our entire St. Stanislaus Community. We congratulate our raffle winners: Mrs. Fields Basket: Adrien, Tea Basket: Teresa Lucek, Baking Basket: Mary Jenco, Coin: Karol, Lottery Tree: Theresa Picard.

- SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES -

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

...Padre Pio Prayer Group - Confession 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.;
 Rosary 10:30 a.m.; Mass 11:00 a.m. - Lower Basilica
 ...“Misgivings” - Knights of Columbus Fundraiser -
 5:00 p.m. - School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

...Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle - 2:00 p.m. - Upper Basilica

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

...Christmas Concert / Cookie Fest - 5:00 p.m. - School
 ...Morning Star Family Prayer Group - 6:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

...Lectio Divina - 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. - Lower Basilica

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

...Polish Prayer Group Mass - 7:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

...Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m. - Upper Basilica

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)

...Immaculate Conception Masses - 6:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon,
 1:15 p.m. (School), 7:00 p.m. (Polish) - Upper Basilica
 ...Bingo - starts at 6:00 p.m. - School (Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

...Basilica Christmas Cleaning - 10:00 a.m. - Basilica

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

...Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa - 3:00 p.m. - Upper Basilica



Weekly Stewardship Report

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

NOVEMBER 18/19

Weekly Collection: \$8,932
 By Mail & Office: \$7,669
 Utility Fund: \$2,285

NOVEMBER 25/26

Weekly Collection: \$7,811
 By Mail & Office: \$1,370
 Our School: \$1,527

SECOND COLLECTION

This Week - Maintenance Fund
 Next Week - Religious Retirement Fund

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Stanislaus Parish.

With gratitude we acknowledge the following donation...

BASILICA FUND

☞ In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for prayers answered \$50 from Julie Sypek

TAKE & EAT MEAL MINISTRY

☞ \$5 from Jean Anderson



ADVENT GIVING TREE - During the Advent Season, we are inviting Parishioners and Friends to participate in our Annual Angel Giving Tree. This project, sponsored by the Religious Education Program, will benefit the less fortunate of Chicopee. Please take an angel off the tree located in the vestibule and purchase the suggested gift. This gift needs to be NEW AND NOT WRAPPED, SO PLEASE PUT THEM IN GIFT BAGS with the appropriate tag tied to the bag. It is most important that gifts be RETURNED by SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 17TH**, so that Lorraine's Soup Kitchen can gather all the gifts and check that they have something for ALL the children on their list!! MAY GOD REWARD YOU A HUNDREDFOLD FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Giving Tree



OPLATEK - Experience the joy of sharing the traditional Christmas wafer, the Oplatek, while exchanging Christmas wishes with your Family. Blessed "Oplatek - Wafers" can be obtained at the Parish Office - Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An explanation of this joyous tradition is available at the Parish Office.

ADVENT CARING BASKETS sponsored by the Ministry of Care will be located at all entrances of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, B. M. You are encouraged to take a name from the basket and show your concern for someone by sending a card, placing a phone call, or praying for this person. In case the person whose name you picked from the basket died during the Advent Season, please remember him/ her in your prayers. May God reward you for your kindness!



BIULETYN Parafialny

W domu opieki licząca blisko dziewięćdziesiąt lat kobieta narzeka na wszystko. Nikt bowiem nie robi tak, jak ona sobie życzy. Nic jej nie smakuje, nic jej nie odpowiada. Kapelan, przed którym wylała swe żale, powiedział: „Nie ma innego rozwiązania. Zaczynamy nowennę modlitw o dobrą śmierć”. Babcia zaniemówiła. Po chwili z mocą powiedziała: „Co ksiądz wygaduje, ja wcale nie chcę umierać. Niech ksiądz się modli, bym żyła jak najdłużej”. Ksiądz zapytał: „Nawet jak pani tak niedobrze na tym łóżku?” Odpowiedziała: „Ja już nie będę narzekać. Niech się ksiądz nie modli o moją śmierć”. Po tygodniu pielęgniarki pytały księdza, co się stało, bo babcia zmieniła się nie do poznania. Zamiast pretensji i narzekania jest miła i za wszystko dziękuje. Prosiła tylko, by ksiądz kapelan do niej nie przychodził, aż sama o to poprosi. Oto reakcja kobiety, która często odmawiała różaniec, ale na serio o swoim odejściu nie pomyślała.



„Odnów nas Boże i daj nam zbawienie” wołamy razem z Psalmistą rozpoczynając adwentowy czas czuwania i modlitwy. Uświadamiamy sobie, że żyjemy w perspektywie ostatecznego chwalebego przyjścia Jezusa Chrystusa. Im mocniej ktoś Go kocha, tym usilniej czeka na to spotkanie. Jeśli Kochamy doczesność, podejmujemy wysiłek, by zatrzymać się na ziemi jak najdłużej. Życie przypomina ekran telewizora, na którym programy następują po sobie i następny wymazuje poprzedni. Ekran jest wciąż ten sam, zmieniają się tylko obrazy. Podobnie jest z nami: świat pozostaje, jedynie my kolejno przemijamy. Św. Teresa z Avila przypomina nam tę prawdę w słowach: „Niech nic cię nie niepokoi, niech nic nie napawa cię lękiem. Wszystko bowiem przemija, jedynie Bóg trwa”.

Jesteśmy wezwani przez Chrystusa, abyśmy nie przespali momentu Jego przyjścia. Dlatego ważne jest, abyśmy słuchali Pana – a nie zagłuszali Jego głosu zabawą, bezrefleksyjnym życiem czy brakiem nawrócenia. Nie wiemy, kiedy nastąpi czas ostatecznego przyjścia Jezusa. Chodzi przede wszystkim o zachowanie trwałej i żywej relacji z Chrystusem. Bez ożywiania relacji z Jezusem traci się duchową świeżość, traci się zdolność pokonywania trudności, unikania błędów czy przetrwania życiowych zawirowań. Nasze czuwanie musi się wiązać z aktywną wiernością swojemu powołaniu i wyznaczonym zadaniom. Chodzi więc nie o zapatrzenie się w siebie i promocję własnej doskonałości, ale o postawę służby Chrystusowi obecnemu w potrzebujących.

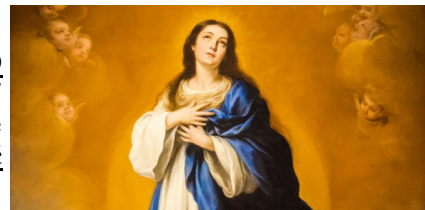
Tegoroczna PIELGRZYMKA AUTOKAROWA do Sanktuarium Naszej Pani z LaSalette na długo pozostanie w naszej pamięci. W imieniu naszej parafii składamy serdeczne podziękowanie wszystkim tym, którzy w tym dniu udali się do Attleboro, by u Maryi wypraszać łaski i opiekę dla nas wszystkich. Podziękowania kierujemy dla Pani Jasi Lepeckiej za prowadzenie Różańca w j. polskim a także do Diakona David i jego rodziny którzy indywidualnie dojechali do Santuarium.

Szczególne podziękowania kierujemy do duchowego opiekuna tegorocznej pielgrzymki **OJCA JOHN KOZIOL**. Księżę dziękujemy za Twoją obecność, za rozważanie objawień Matki Bożej w LaSalette, i za wspólną modlitwę. Czas pielgrzymki był wspaniałą okazją do pogłębienia ducha modlitwy oraz wspólnoty parafialnej.



W środę, 6 grudnia zapraszamy na **MSZE ŚW.** w j. polskim i modlitwy adventowe z wystawieniem Najświętszego Sakramentu o godz. 7:00 wieczorem w Bazylice dolnej. Na pół godziny przed Mszą św. okazja do spowiedzi (sakramentu pojednania).

W piątek, 8 grudnia przypada **UROCZYŚĆ NIEPOKALANEGO POCZĘCIA NMP.** Msza św. wigilijna w j. angielskim odbędzie się w czwartek, 7 grudnia o godz. 7:00 PM w Bazylice górnej. Msza św. w języku polskim będzie celebrowana w piątek, 8 grudnia o godz. 7:00 PM. **Jest to uroczystość obowiązkowa.**



Prosimy o pomoc przy **ŚWIĄTECZNYM SPRZĄTANIU BAZYLIKI** - w sobotę, 9 grudnia o godzinie 10:00 AM. Razem z Ojcami pracującymi w naszej Parafii, będziemy myć ławki, i odkuzać obrazy i ściany by przygotować nasz Kościół na Święta Bożego Narodzenia. Będziemy mieć środki do czyszczenia ale można również przynieść swoje wiadra i materiały.

Towarzystwo Różańca św. i Wincentego a Paulo zaprasza na **PRZEDŚWIĄTECZNY OBIAD** w niedzielę, 17 grudnia o godz. 1:00 PM w Storowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave. West Springfield. Szegółowe informacje znajdują Państwo na stronie 7 biuletynu. Wspañiała okazja na rozpoczęcie sezonu świątecznego z całą rodziną.



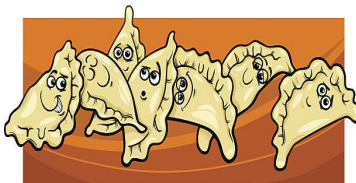
FUNDUSZ EMERYTALNY - Pomoc dla starszych sióstr, braci i księży zakonnych którzy poświęcili swoje życie modlitwie, służbie i dziełom miłosierdzia. Dziś ich wspólnoty religijne nie mają wystarczających oszczędności emerytalnych. Twój prezent dla Funduszu Emerytalnego dla Religijnych w przyszły weekend pomoże w zapewnieniu lekarstw, opieki pielęgniarskiej i innych artykułów pierwszej potrzeby. Bądźmy hojni.

Prosimy o składanie **OFIAR NA KWIATY** by udekorować Bazylikę lub na posiłki dla ubogich na święta BOŻEGO NARODZENIA. Specjalne formularze na ten cel znajdują się na stronie 6 naszego biuletynu.

DRZEWO ADWENTOWE - W okresie Adwentu zapraszamy Parafian i Przyjaciół do wzięcia udziału w naszym corocznym drzewku Aniołów. Projekt ten, sponsorowany przez Naukę Religii przyniesie radość biedniejszym w Chicopee. Proszę, zdejmij anioła z drzewa znajdującego się w przedsionku kościoła i kup sugerowany prezent. Ten prezent musi być NOWY, NIE OPAKOWANY, WIĘC PROSIMY WKŁADAC JE DO TORBY PREZENTOWEJ z odpowiednią zawieszka przypiętą do torby. Prezenty muszą zostać zwrócone do NIEDZIELI 17 GRUDNIA, aby Lorraine's Soup Kitchen mogła zabrać wszystkie prezenty dla dzieci na swojej liście!



ADWENTOWE KOSZE - organizowane przez **MINISTRY OF CARE** będą znajdować się przy wszystkich wejściach do Bazyliki. Zachęcamy do wzięcia nazwiska z koszyka i okazania troski o kogoś, wysyłając kartkę, dzwoniąc lub modląc się za tę osobę. W przypadku, gdy osoba, której nazwisko wybrałeś z koszyka, zmarła podczas Adwentu, prosimy pamiętać o niej w swoich modlitwach. Niech Bóg wynagrodzi was za wszelką dobroć.



PIEROGI I KAPUSTA NA ŚWIĘTA - pierogi i kapusta są do nabycia w szkole od poniedziałku do piątku w godzinach 3-3:30 PM. Prosimy o wcześniejsze powiadomienie naszej szkoły o waszym planie zakupu (413) 592-5135 dzięki czemu wasze zamówienie zostanie przygotowane do odbioru. Pierogi można zakupić również w piątki, w czasie bingo, od 5:00 do 7:00 PM.

PODZIĘKOWANIE - Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy wspierali nasze organizacje parafialne Sw. Wincentego a Paulo i Stowarzyszenie Różańcowe i wyrażamy naszą najgłębszą wdzięczność wszystkim, którzy przynieśli pieczywo, zakupili ciasta, lub ofiarowali dary na loterię w weekend 18/19 listopada. Modlimy się by Pan zawsze Wam błogosławił za waszą pomoc a Maryja wypraszała wszelkie potrzebne laski. Gratulujemy naszym zwycięzcom loterii: Adrianowi Sz. pani Teresie Lucek, Mary Jenco, Karolowi i Theresie Picard. Bóg zapłać za wszelkie dobro.



ADVENT TALK & BOOK SIGNING EVENT – The Star of Bethlehem: What Did the Magi See? The imagery of the Christmas story traditionally shows a giant star hovering above the stable in Bethlehem guiding the wise men to pay homage to the infant Christ. The star has been a source of fascination to many: was it simply a bright light in the sky? A planet or comet? How did it lead the Magi to a tiny village in Judea? Do the clues lie in an ancient coin? Please join us for a fascinating afternoon with Father Douglas McGonagle, author, professor with Ph.D in Astronomy, and later turned Catholic priest as he unwraps the mystery through science, ancient astronomy/ancient astrology and an ancient coin. The talk will take place on **Sunday, December 10th** at 2:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Parish at Holy Trinity Church, 135 Main St, Greenfield, MA.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Granby is doing a **"WIN A TRIP TO A PATRIOTS GAME WITH FATHER MICHAEL"** raffle for the December 18th Monday night game against the Super Bowl Champions Kansas City Chiefs. The winner will receive TWO 50 yard line seats, FREE access to the Brand New GP ATRIUM with FREE food & non-alcoholic beverages and a FREE RIDE to and from the game (free ride leaves at 4PM from the Church Parking Lot). Raffle tickets are \$20 and are available at the Parish Office (467-9821) or Wally P (348-7219) or after ALL weekend masses. **Drawing is December 11th.** Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - Dan Kane & Friends and the Singing Priest will present a Christmas concert **Sunday, December 17th** at 2:30, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 24 Jabish Street, Belchertown. Bring your family and friends to this special Christmas celebration. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Building Fund.



ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY CREMATION GARDEN - We have eight memorial benches for sale in our cremation garden. Each bench is positioned across from each Columbarium. If you are interested in the benches, have questions, or would like to purchase one, please call the St. Stanislaus Parish Office at (413) 594-6669. Engraving of benches will be the responsibility and paid for by the bench owners, and must be approved by the cemetery prior to engraving.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL – REQUEST SLIPS

Please use one request slip per memorial. For example, if you are giving 2 separate individuals (\$20) use 2 slips. If you are giving one memorial (\$10) for more than one individual, one slip should be used. If you choose to give a Meal and Poinsettia, please use separate slips designating your choice for the individual being memorialized. Please return slips as soon as possible by way of the collection basket or by mail. The suggested offering is \$10.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY! DEADLINE FOR PRINTING IN THE BULLETIN IS **DECEMBER 17!**

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

HOLIDAY MEAL _____

POINSETTIA _____

Deceased person (s) remembered: _____

Living person (s) remembered: _____

Donor _____

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL

HOLIDAY MEAL _____

POINSETTIA _____



Deceased person (s) remembered: _____

Living person (s) remembered: _____

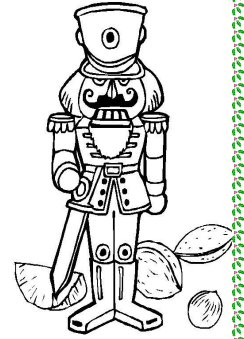
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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul & Rosary Societies

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

STORROWTON TAVERN
1305 Memorial Ave
West Spfld., MA 01089



✂ Social Hour 1:00 PM (Cash Bar)

✂ Lunch 2:00 PM



Appetizer

Cheese, Fruit, & Veggie Platters, Bread Basket

*Fresh Garden Salad w/Creamy Dill & Italian Dressings
Rolls & Butter*

Entre Choices

*Baked New England Scrod- Topped w/Herb Crumbs
Baked Stuffed Chicken – with Herb Stuffing
Yankee Pot Roast*

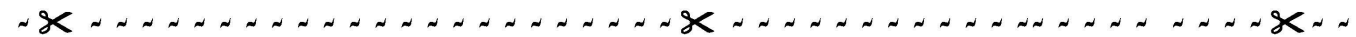
Whipped Potato & Seasonal Vegetable



*Apple Crisp Dessert
Coffee (Reg. & Decaf) and Tea*



COST \$35.00 PER PERSON



R. S. V. P. by December 7th

Number of person(s) _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) (Please Print)

Choose one:

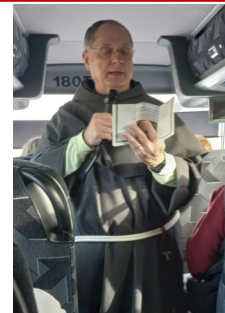
- Pot Roast
- Baked Scrod
- Stuffed Chicken

Please make checks **Payable to: St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Mail to: Sonja M. Grinuk, 45 Hyde Ave., Chicopee, MA 01020-1731

***** **NO RESERVED TABLES** *****

THANK YOU
to everyone who joined
our pilgrimage to
the Shrine of
Our Lady of La Salette!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

The 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up across our Diocese on the weekend of December 9-10, 2023. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly brothers, sisters and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the considerable influence that men and women religious, past and present, have had on the spiritual and intellectual life of countless persons and I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our Diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you, too, have been influenced by the kindness and guidance of a man or woman religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members. We recognize that our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Now, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health care costs and decreased income, making it increasingly difficult to meet the medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities of aging members.

I know you are asked so often to support many worthy causes and I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection for the retired religious. In addition to your financial contribution, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

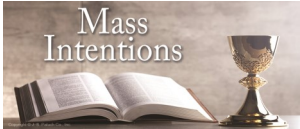
With every good wish, I am,

Your friend in Christ,

Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



FAITH. HOPE. CHARITY



Saturday, December 2

4:00 p.m. +Marian & Melvin Baker from family
ST.HYACINTH +Henryk Gwozdz from family
ST.HYACINTH +Holy Souls in Purgatory and for Unborn
Babies from Ricardi Family

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. - Living Brothers, Sisters & Benefactors of the
Order
9:00 a.m. (Polish) - Blessings & all needed graces for
Bogdan Family from family
11:00 a.m. +Stefan Wolanski from wife & children
ST.HYACINTH +Maria & Jan Kwiatek from daughter Ania
& family

**Monday, December 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
of the Church**

6:30 a.m. +Jozef Kalisz from Janina Kalisz & family
12:00 p.m. +Dorothy Alexopoulos from husband & family
ST.HYACINTH - Health & all needed graces for Andrzej
Midura from siblings & family

Tuesday, December 5

6:30 a.m. +Fr. Lucjan Krolikowski, OFM Conv. From
Konarzewski Family
12:00 p.m. +Piotr Ankiewicz from Janina, Agnieszka &
Mariusz
ST.HYACINTH - In Thanksgiving for all those who prayed
for Zofia & Jozef

Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:30 a.m. +Zbigniew Babinski from Dudziak Family
12:00 p.m. +Annie Daena from daughter, Monica
7:00 p.m. (Polish) +Helena & Mieczyslaw Kaczor,
Mieczyslaw Sadowski and deceased members of
the family from Robert & Danuta Sadowski
ST.HYACINTH +All Holy Souls in Purgatory from Zofia &
Jozef Gasior
ST.HYACINTH+ Margaret Lariviere "Witczak" from Mom
& family

**Thursday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church**

6:30 a.m. +Harold Haier from daughter, Sister Cecelia
12:00 p.m. +Constance Boisvert from Rosa DaCruz
7:00 p.m. +Maria Ankiewicz from family
ST.HYACINTH +Deceased members of the Janas Family
from Monica

**Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

6:30 a.m. +Edward Toczec, Mieczyslaw Jurczyk, and Stella
& Jan Swiader from Toczec Family
12:00 p.m. +Helena Kosinska from daughter & family
1:15 p.m. (School) +Anna Kwiatek from family
7:00 p.m. (Polish) +Zdzislaw Makusiewicz from daughter
Edyta with family
ST.HYACINTH +Deceased members of Wolanski & Gasior
Families from Zofia & Jozef

Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego

Cuauhtlatotzin

7:00 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Basilica
4:00 p.m. +Julian Jankowski from Frances Bardon
Family
ST.HYACINTH +Michelle Chaillet from Ricardi
Family

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. - Anna Gwozdz from family
9:00 a.m. (Polish) +Wladyslaw & Maria Czarniecki
from family
11:00 a.m. - Living & deceased members of
St. Vincent de Paul Society from
St. Vincent de Paul Society
ST.HYACINTH - Birthday Blessings for Maya
Boublenza from Mom & Dad



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEM-

BER all the faithful departed pa-
rishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish.
In particular, our deepest sympathy
and prayers go to the family and
friends of **Stephen A. Topor** who has gone recently
to his eternal reward. May they, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.



CANDLE BEFORE BLESSED

MOTHER this week is burning in loving
memory of +**Margaret Lariviere**
"Witczak" from Mom & family.

SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning in
memory of +**All Holy Souls in Purgatory** from
Kathy Ginn.

ST. ANTHONY CANDLE this week is burning for
the greater glory of God and in **thanksgiving for a**
safe pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of La
Salette.

2 CANDLES BEFORE STATUE OF JESUS this
week are burning for the greater glory of God and for
a **welcome home for Br. Vincent** from a friend.



SPAGHETTI SUPPER - Come enjoy
spaghetti with homemade meat sauce,
meatballs, sausages, salad, garlic bread,
drinks and more, on Wednesday, De-
cember 6, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the Pope

John Paul II Social Center, St. Kolbe Drive Holyoke.
The cost is \$10 for Adults, Children \$5 Ages 5-12.
There will also be a food sale - meatballs: 2 for \$1;
sausages: \$1; drinks and desserts separate. Only cash/
check will be accepted and all proceeds benefit the
Mater Dolorosa PTO.

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POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
For a letter of approval to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, please call or visit the Parish Office. You must be a registered member of St. Stanislaus Parish (at least 3 months), having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, be a practicing Catholic, and regularly supporting the parish with time, talent, and treasure.

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