

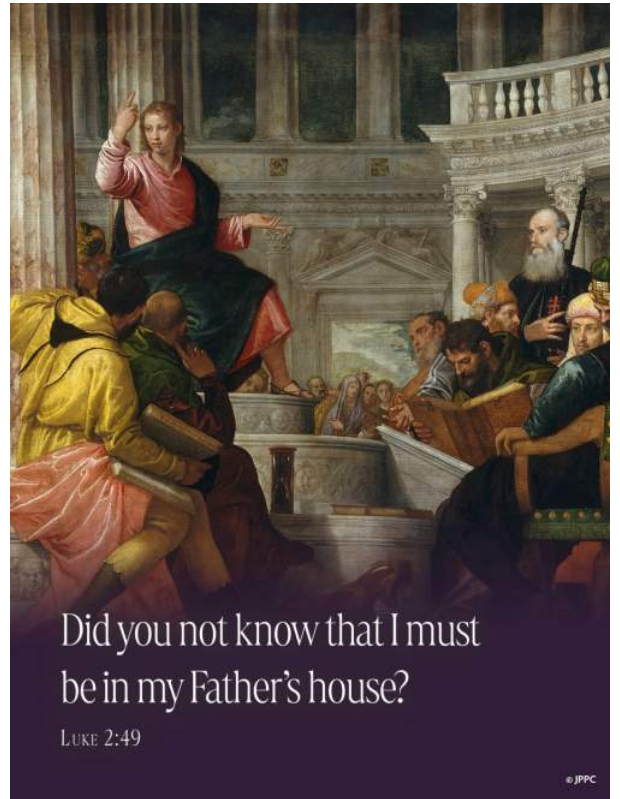
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 29, 2024

BASILICA of ST. STANISLAUS, B.M.



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Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

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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, 8:45 a.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 - after 11:00 a.m. Mass
Second Sunday - Our Lady of Czestochowa - 3 p.m.
Last Sunday - Our Lady of Guadalupe - 2 p.m.
Every Monday - Morning Star Family Rosary - 6 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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas peace and all good things! As you can read in this weekend's bulletin, Bishop Byrne has designated the Basilica of St. Stanislaus as a special pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Hope promulgated by Pope Francis. We are one of only seven sites so named in the Diocese of Springfield and are very grateful to Bishop Byrne for bestowing this honor on us. The Jubilee Year officially begins throughout the world this Sunday, December 29th, the Feast of the Holy Family, and concludes on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2025. Next Sunday, January 5th, Bishop Byrne will be with us for the 11:00 a.m. Mass as a way to ring in the Jubilee Year here at St. Stan's. More Jubilee events throughout this coming year are being planned and finalized. Please stay tuned.

Bishop Byrne's letter in this edition of the bulletin explains the Jubilee plenary indulgence as well as the conditions for obtaining it. Since the revision of indulgences after the Second Vatican Council, there are only two kinds of indulgences: partial and plenary. In addition, partial indulgences are no longer measured in days or years as you may have seen on prayer cards of days long ago but simply designated as "partial."

What is an indulgence? It is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sins that have already been absolved in the sacrament of reconciliation. I liken it to detention in school. A student who commits some punishable offense may have already been forgiven for it, but he or she may still have to serve detention. If the student were also released from serving detention, this would be akin to what an indulgence does in our spiritual lives.

May this Jubilee Year see us growing deeper in the life of grace, the life of intimacy with God, and growing in the virtue of hope. May our Basilica as a Jubilee pilgrimage site help many people to find hope and healing. A Blessed New Year to you and your loved ones!

New Year blessings,

Fr. Brad

JUBILEE YEAR - Bishop William Byrne will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy on **Sunday, December 29**, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral. Parishioners from parishes across the diocese are welcomed to attend. This Mass will be televised live on WWLP 22News as part of "The Chalice of Salvation" program that day.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DEVOTION - Join us this **Sunday, December 29**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Basilica for our monthly devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Please join us in the Upper Basilica on **Tuesday, December 31**, for a special holy hour to ring in 2025 and pray for the healing of our world. The holy hour will begin in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord at 11:15 p.m. and conclude at 12:15 a.m. Light refreshments to follow in the friary.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - The Vigil Mass for **New Year's Holy Day of Obligation** will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. On **New Year's Day**, Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Polish and 11:00 a.m. in English. Please note that there will be no confessions or adoration on that day, and the Parish Office will be closed.

2025
happy new year



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - **January 3** is the first Friday of the month, our day to pray in reparation for sin, both personal and communal. Our day of prayer begins after the 6:30 a.m. Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concludes with Mass celebrated in Polish at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to spend some time in prayer and reflection before our Eucharistic Lord, or consider joining our newly organized First Friday Adoration Group, under the patronage of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Please call the Parish Office at (413) 594-6669 if you would like to join.

- SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES -**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

...College Christmas Movie Night - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

...Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe - 2:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

...No Morning Star Family Prayer Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

...Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. - Upper Basilica

... Holy Hour - 11:15 p.m. - 12:15 a.m. - Upper Basilica

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1...*Wishing Everyone a Healthy &**Happy New Year!*

...Masses - 9:00 a.m. (Polish) and 11:00 a.m.

(English) - Upper Basilica

...Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

...First Friday - All-day Eucharistic Adoration until 7:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

...First Friday Mass (Polish) - 7:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

...Bingo - held at 6:00 p.m. - School (Doors open at 4:00 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

...Religious Education Classes (K-8) - 9:00 a.m. - School

...Padre Pio Prayer Group - Confession 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.; Rosary

10:30 a.m.; Mass 11:00 a.m. - Lower Basilica

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

...Jubilee Year Inaugural Mass with Bishop Byrne - 11:00 a.m. - Upper Basilica

...Divine Mercy Devotion - after 11:00 a.m. Mass - Upper Basilica

***Weekly Stewardship Report***

The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

DECEMBER 14/15

Collection Basket: \$7,270

By Mail & Office: \$3,961

Our School: \$1,571

Immaculate Conception: \$1,175

DECEMBER 21/22

Collection totals will be in next weekend's bulletin.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Week - First Offering

Next Week - Elms College



With gratitude we acknowledge the following donation...

BASILICA FUND

- ☞ **In honor of the Blessed Mother** \$520 from Janelle & Jason Gagnon
- ☞ **In thanksgiving for favors received** \$20 from anonymous donor
- ☞ **In thanksgiving for a favor received from Saint Christopher** \$20 from anonymous donor



PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP will meet next ***Saturday, January 4*** in the Lower Basilica. Everyone is invited for Confessions from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.; the recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. New members are welcome! Please contact Frances Symanski for more information at (413) 736-0853.

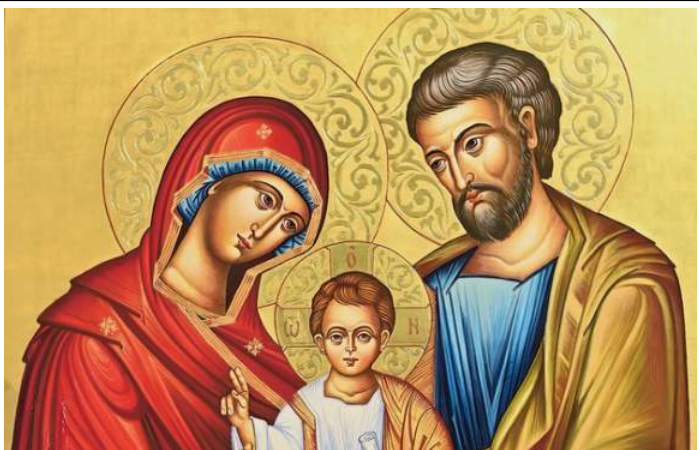
JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS AT ST. STAN'S - Next ***Sunday, January 5***, Bishop Byrne will be the principal celebrant at the 11:00 a.m. Mass to officially inaugurate the Jubilee Year here at St. Stanislaus. Please join your parish community for this special celebration!

POLISH HERITAGE GROUP NIGHT @ SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS

St. Stan's has purchased a block of 50 tickets for Polish Heritage Night at the Springfield Thunderbirds. The game will be ***Saturday, January 11*** at 7:05 p.m. There is no cost to participants for the tickets, although donations to the Basilica to defray the cost of sponsorship are always welcome. Parishioners and school families are welcome to sign up by calling the parish office: (413) 594-6669 x110. Tickets will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.



W Święto Świętej Rodziny ewangelista Łukasz zauważa, iż „Rodzice Jezusa chodzili co roku do Jeruzalem na Święto Paschy”. Ten fakt wskazuje, że Rodzina żyła zgodnie z nakazami Prawa. Natomiast dwunastoletni Jezus już od najmłodszych lat był wdrażany w praktyki religijne, które był zobowiązany zachowywać chłopiec po ukończeniu trzynastu lat. W dyskusji z uczonymi Jezus, który wykazał się mądrością w odpowiedziach i zadawaniu pytań, po raz pierwszy nazywa Boga swoim Ojcem. Jezus wiedział, że całe Jego życie ziemskie jest podporządkowane pełnieniu woli Ojca i zleconej przez Niego misji.



Rodzina chrześcijańska, na wzór Świętej Rodziny, ma wzrastać w świętości, przez pełnienie woli Ojca. Jak zauważa ks. prof. Stanisław Urbański, „świętość polega na rozwoju miłości między rodzicami i na dawaniu jej dzieciom. Im pełniejsza miłość do Boga w Chrystusie, tym większy postęp w świętości rodziców, a tym samym większa miłość wobec dzieci i troska o ich uświęcenie. Stąd też osobiste zjednoczenie w miłości z Bogiem rodziców, staje się źródłem uświęcenia członków rodziny, ponieważ wychowanie dzieci jest współpracą z łaską Boga”. Jak rozwijać świętość? Pomocą w umacnianiu kontaktu z Bogiem i pomiędzy członkami rodziny jest modlitwa rodzinna, która obdarza rodzinę mocą Ducha, daje siłę miłości i umacnia nierozzerwalności rodziny. Jest również duchowym filarem jej życia codziennego. Stanowi przy tym źródło błogosławieństwa Boga i źródło wzajemnej miłości, która także promieniuje poza rodzinę na życie parafialne, i relacje międzyludzkie.

Szczególnym dniem, który pozwala trwać w Bogu jednoczy rodzinę, jest Dzień Pański. Stąd troska, aby wziąć czynny udział w Eucharystii, która jest sercem niedzieli. Sw. Jan Paweł II w Liście apostolskim „O świętowaniu niedzieli” zachęca również, by spotkania w gronie rodziny, przyjaciół oraz różne formy rozrywki „odznaczały się pewnym stylem, który pomaga wyrażać pośród zwyczajnego życia pokój i radość Zmartwychwstałego. Na przykład nawet zwykłe spotkanie rodziców i dzieci może stać się sposobnością nie tylko do wzajemnego otwarcia się na siebie i do dialogu, ale także do wspólnej, głębszej refleksji, która pozwala wprowadzić pewne elementy formacyjne” (nr 52).

CHORZY - Pragniemy przypomnieć, że chorych w szpitalach lub domach opieki (nursing home), odwiedzamy wtedy, gdy wcześniej zostaniemy poinformowani przez rodzinę chorej osoby lub samego chorego. **Bardzo prosimy by też nie czekać na ostatni moment.** Sakrament chorych (namaszczenie chorych) to nie jest „ostatnie namaszczenie” przed śmiercią. Ten sakrament możemy przyjmować gdy przeżywamy choroby cielesne lub duchowe i ma na celu przywrócić nam pełne zdrowie ciała i duszy i pomóc przetrwać cierpienie.



ROZWAŻ POZOSTAWIENIE TRWAŁEGO DZIEDZICTWA - Kwalifikowana dystrybucja charytatywna „Minimum Required Distributions” wypłata na cele charytatywne (QCD) to wypłata z Twojego indywidualnego konta emerytalnego (IRA) dokonywana bezpośrednio do non-profit organizacji, takiej jak Bazylika św. Stanisława, bez konieczności deklaracji do podatków. Jeśli masz 70 i ½ roku lub więcej i posiadasz tradycyjne konto IRA, możesz złożyć kwalifikowaną darowiznę charytatywną na rzecz naszego Kościoła. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji, skontaktuj się ze swoim doradcą podatkowym.

Dziękujemy!

PODZIEKOWANIE - Serdecznie dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy poprzez swoje zaangażowanie przyczynili się do tego, że Święta Bożego Narodzenia mogliśmy przeżyć w naszej Bazylice w spokojnej, rodzinnej i modlitwowej atmosferze. Dziękujemy za Wasze ofiary składane na tacę na kwiaty i posiłki dla ubogich. Dziękujemy lektorom, nadzwyczajnym szafarzom Eucharystii, naszemu organizmowi, Panu Jankowi Makselonowi za wspaniały koncert kolęd i oprawę muzyczną, Pani Marii Blanchette i jej wolontariuszom za dekorację Bazyliki. Każdemu z Was, za wszelką życzliwość i pomoc. Niech Bóg wynagrodzi Wam swoim błogosławieństwem. Niech to błogosławieństwo towarzyszy Wam również w każdym dniu rozpoczynającego się Nowego Roku.

Dziś w niedzielę, 29 grudnia, **ŚWIĘTO ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY** - Biskup William Byrne uroczystie zainauguruje **ROK JUBILEUSZOWY** specjalną liturgią o godz. 10:00 w katedrze św. Michała, State St. Springfield. Zapraszeni są wszyscy parafianie. Msza ta będzie transmitowana tego dnia na żywo w telewizji WWLP 22News w ramach programu „Kielich zbawienia” – the Chalice of Salvation.

SYLWESTER – zapraszamy 31 grudnia do górnej Bazyliki na specjalną **ŚWIĘTA GODZINĘ** aby rozpocząć rok 2025 modlitwą. Godzina święta rozpocznie się przed obliczem naszego Pana Eucharystycznego o godz. 11:15 PM i zakończy o 12:15 AM.

NOWY ROK – 1 stycznia - w pierwszy dzień **NOWEGO ROKU**, Kościół obchodzi uroczystość **Maryi jako Matki Bożej**, przez którą spełniły się obietnice dane całej ludzkości, związane z tajemnicą Odkupienia. Dziękujemy Jej za to, że swą macierzyńską opieką nas otacza. Msza Wigilii Uroczystości Nowego Roku odbędzie się we wtorek, 31 grudnia, o godzinie 16:00 w Bazylice Górnej a w Nowy Rok o godzinie 9.00 będzie odprawiona Msza św. w języku polskim, a o 11.00 AM w języku angielskim. Nie ma spowiedzi ani adoracji zaplanowanej na ten dzień. Kancelaria Parafialna będzie nieczynna. Przypominamy że 1-wszy stycznia, Uroczystość Maryji, Matki Bożej **jest dniem w którym UCZESTNICTWO WE MSZY ŚW. JEST OBOWIĄZKOWE.**



**PIERWSZY
PIĄTEK
MIESIĄCA**

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK MIESIĄCA – 3 stycznia, zapraszamy na całodzienną adorację Najświętszego Sakramentu i Mszę św. o godz. 7:00 PM by wynagradzać Najświętszemu Sercu Jezusa za wszystkie zniewagi jakich doznaje Bóg w dzisiejszym świecie. Pan Jezus zdaje się mówić do nas, jak niegdyś powiedział do swoich uczniów: „Jednej godziny nie mogliście czuć ze Mną?” Odpowiedzmy wezwaniu Pana i zaplanujmy czas na modlitwę i refleksję.

LUTOWY KALENDARZ NASZEJ SZKOŁY - za \$20 każdego dnia lutego będzie można wygrać nagrodę pieniężną w wysokości \$100 a 14 i 29 lutego nagroda wyniesie \$500. Bilety można nabyć w sekretariacie Szkoły i Parafii.

FLOCKNOTE – to program pozwalający nam komunikować się z parafianami za pomocą e-mail lub SMS. Aby się zarejestrować, wyślij SMS-a do STSTANSSIGNUP na numer 84576 lub online pod adresem ststansbasilica.flocknote.com.

Tradycyjnie po Świętach Bożego Narodzenia odbywa się **KOLEDA**, czyli **DUSZPASTERSKIE ODWIEDZINY RODZIN**. Jeśli ktoś pragnie zaprosić kapłana na kolędę, to prosimy umówić się telefonicznie dzwoniąc do biura parafialnego lub osobiście. Wizyta duszpasterska księdza w domach parafian ma następujące cele: udzielenie Bożego błogosławieństwa konkretnej rodzinie w jej domu, wspólna modlitwa całej rodziny, poznanie parafian i ich rodzin i możliwość przedstawienia przez parafian swoich sugestii i propozycji.



MODLITWA NA NOWY ROK - Wszechmogący Boże, prosimy o błogosławieństwo Twoje na ten Nowy Rok. Nie wiemy, co on nam przyniesie, co nam w nim dasz. Jakie przeżyjemy w nim radości, jakie cierpienia? To wiesz tylko Ty, Ojciec miłosierny. Ty znasz początek, trwanie i kres naszego życia. Ty prowadzisz nas wszystkich przez czas do wieczności. Daj mi, Ojciec, trwać przy Tobie, iść wiernie drogą Twoich przykazań, abym poddany Tobie, w mocy Twojej spokojnie, pokornie i ufnie czynił to, co się Tobie podoba, co do mnie należy, i znoś to, co Ty ześlesz na mnie. Nie wiem, co mnie w tym roku czeka, ale to wiem na pewno, że tym, którzy Ciebie miłują, wszystko obraca się ku dobremu i to mi wystarcza. Ojciec, Ty kochasz Twoje dzieci. Niech rozpocznę ten rok w miłości Twojej. i pozostanę Ci wierny. Nie dozwól, aby cokolwiek odłączyło mnie od miłości Twojej. Amen

ŻYCZENIA NA NOWY ROK - Pragniemy wszystkim Parafianom życzyć szczęśliwego Nowego Roku 2025. Niech Bóg obdarza Was swoim błogosławieństwem i potrzebnymi darami, pokojem i miłością. Choć Nowy Rok to niewiadoma to jedno jest pewne – nie jesteśmy sami, z nami jest Bóg. Niech nas wszystkich wspiera, prowadzi bezpiecznymi drogami oraz chroni od zła i niebezpieczeństw.

- Ojcowie Franciszkanie Parafii św. Stanisława





Diocese of Springfield
Office of the Bishop

October 22, 2024

Reverend Brad Milunski, OFM Conv.
Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica
40 Cyman Drive
Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013

Dear Father Milunski:

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

It has been a quarter century since Pope Saint John Paul II announced Jubilee 2025 at the end of the Great Jubilee of 2000. These two celebrations were linked by the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016. As the Universal Church now looks toward the 2025th anniversary of the Word becoming flesh among us, our local Church looks towards unique opportunities for the faithful to obtain Jubilee grace and blessing. Therefore, as part of the Jubilee 2025 celebration of grace:

I hereby declare and decree
Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica in Chicopee
a sacred place-pilgrimage site in the Diocese of Springfield
For Jubilee Year 2025 beginning on Holy Family Sunday, December 29, 2024, until
Holy Family Sunday, December 28, 2025.

As a Pilgrimage Site, the faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica in Chicopee by devoutly participating in Holy Mass; a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours; the *Via Crucis*; the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the recitation of the *Akathist* hymn or a penitential service that ends with the individual confessions.

As a designated Jubilee Year Sacred Place, likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica in Chicopee or any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form as well as invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children" (*Spes non confundit*, 24).

To obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence, the usual conditions apply: detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. Uniquely during Jubilee 2025, despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they attend a second Mass that day and receive Holy Communion during that Mass, can obtain the plenary indulgence a second time that same day.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has presented texts of Mass Formularies, Penitential Act invocations, Lectionary readings and the Universal Prayer. These texts are encouraged for use throughout the United States during the upcoming Jubilee Year. With my blessing, I ask you to make frequent use of them at Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica in Chicopee, insofar as the Roman Calendar permits,¹ especially because of the special status Saint Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica in Chicopee will enjoy throughout Jubilee 2025.

With every good wish, I am

Your friend in Christ,



Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



Consider Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Qualified Charitable Distribution



A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) made directly to a qualified nonprofit organization such as the Basilica of Saint Stanislaus, without having the distribution counted as taxable income.

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older and have a Traditional IRA, you are eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Currently in 2024, up to \$105,000 in IRA funds can be counted as Qualified Charitable Distributions annually. For married couples, each spouse can make Qualified Charitable Distributions up to the \$105,000 limit for a potential total of \$210,000.

Please consider making a big impact on the future of the Basilica of Saint Stanislaus by the use of the Qualified Charitable Distribution option from your IRA!

Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

JOIN THE JUBILEE 2025 BASILICA PROGRAMMING TEAM! St. Stanislaus Basilica has been designated as a special Diocesan Pilgrimage site for the 2025 Jubilee Year. To prepare for this momentous occasion, the Parish Council is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to join the Jubilee 2025 Basilica Programming Team. This is a unique opportunity to collaborate with the Parish Council and our Friars to ensure our parish shines as a beacon of spiritual service and ministry during this holy year. If you feel called to assist in planning and organizing this meaningful ministry, or if you know someone who would be a great match for this role, please reach out to Deacon David, to one of our Friars, or contact the parish office. Together, let's make this Jubilee Year an unforgettable experience of faith and grace!

I AM THE NEW YEAR

- * I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
- * I am your next chance at the art of living.
- * I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.
- * All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.
- * All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
- * All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have - these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
- * I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."
- Author Unknown



NEW YEAR BLESSINGS FROM THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS - The Franciscan Friars of St. Stanislaus Basilica wish all parishioners a blessed and joyous New Year! As we begin 2025, may your hearts and homes be filled with God's peace, hope, and abundant blessings. Together, let us continue to grow in faith and share Christ's love with all.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Be a Pilgrim of Hope during Jubilee Year 2025. Travel with our Vicar General Father Piotr Calik and John Paul Pilgrimages for a spiritually uplifting Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican. This itinerary is geared towards young adults, ages 18 and older. Ages 16 & 17 with an accompanying adult. For complete details go to www.johnppaulpilgrimagesandtours.com/projects/springfieldjubilee or call 480 626-1266. Space is limited!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - If you attend Masses regularly at St Stanislaus Basilica and would like to join the parish, please call parish office at (413) 594-6669 to request the registration form. Sacraments - baptism, confirmation, marriage and documents or certificates needed by godparents, confirmation witnesses, etc. can be obtained only in the parish to which we belong.



Parish Goal - \$644,049
Total Pledged So Far (as of December 9) - \$389,346
 Percent of Goal - 60.45%
 Gifts - 144
 Average Gift - \$2,703.79

Diocese receives \$224,673 (ACA \$60,000 + 50/50 split - \$164,673)
St. Stan's receives \$164,673

SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning in thanksgiving and for blessings & all needed graces for Ela & Jerzy Skrzyniarz on their 40th wedding anniversary from parents

ST. ANTHONY CANDLE this week is burning for health, blessings, & graces for Pagos Family from family.

CANDLE BEFORE STATUE OF JESUS this week is burning in loving memory of +John Krupeczak from Dolores Krupeczak.

CANDLE BEFORE STATUE OF ST. MAXIMILIAN this week is burning for blessings for Stefanie, Anthony, & Joseph from their father.

CANDLE BEFORE STATUE OF ST. CLARE this week is burning for blessings for Stefanie, Anthony, & Joseph from their father.





Saturday, December 28

4:00 p.m. +Piotr Ankiewicz from wife, children,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren
ST.HYACINTH +Douglas J. Wilk from wife, Roma
ST.HYACINTH - Blessings for Alexis & Carissa Weber on
their 15th wedding anniversary from
Deacon Ted & Elizabeth and family

**Sunday, December 29 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &
Joseph**

7:00 a.m. - Health & blessings for Aguero Family from
family
9:00 a.m. (Polish) - In thanksgiving & for God's blessings
for Ela & Jerzy Skrzyniarz on their 40th
wedding anniversary from parents
11:00 a.m. +Ann & John Konicki, Henry & Irene Stasz and
Eva Nienajadlo from Pat Bennett
ST.HYACINTH +Lucyna & Tadeusz Wegrzyniak from
Daughter, Dorothy & family

**Monday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord**

6:30 a.m. +Mary Markiewicz from family
12:00 p.m. - In thanksgiving for graces received throughout
the year from Nocon & Arcoleo Family
ST.HYACINTH +Henryka Binczyk from daughter, Bozena
Gawrych with family

**Tuesday, December 31 - 7th Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I**

6:30 a.m. +John Krupczak from Dolores Krupczak
12:00 p.m. - Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Basilica
4:00 p.m. - Blessings for Bill & Jessica Wisniewski on their
13th wedding anniversary from Deacon Ted &
Elizabeth

ST.HYACINTH +Jose Maria Aguero on anniversary of his
passing from family

ST.HYACINTH +Helena Kosinska from daughter, Krysia

**Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. (Polish) +Aniela & Jan Jablecki; Czeslawa &
Wladyslaw Jablecki and deceased members of
Flader, Gaj & Jablecki Family from Jola,
Dominika, Dawid, & Michal
11:00 a.m. +Eugenia & Boleslaw Mielnicki from daughter,
Janina Kowalski
ST.HYACINTH - Birthday blessings & all needed graces for
Christina Millot from friend, Agnes
ST.HYACINTH - New Year's blessings for Fettes Family

**Thursday, January 2 - SS. Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen**

6:30 a.m. +Souls in Purgatory from Jean
Raczkowski
12:00 p.m. +Joseph Swiader birthday memorial from
wife & family
ST.HYACINTH +Fr. Joseph Benicewicz, OFM
Conv., from Mary Jenco

**Friday, January 3 - Most Holy Name of Jesus;
First Friday**

6:30 a.m. - Health & New Years blessings for
Sadowski & Tomaszewski Family
12:00 p.m. +Michael Collazo, Yuvar Perez, Aida
Moreno & Raul Jimenez from Virginia
Montenez
7:00 p.m. +Kazimierz Giec from Hieronim Pilat &
family
ST.HYACINTH - God's blessings and all needed
graces for children & grandchildren
of Rajpold Family

Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 a.m. +Kazimierz Irzyk from Paszek Family
4:00 p.m. - Blessings & graces for Alexis & Carissa
Weber on their 15th wedding anniversary
from parents
ST.HYACINTH - New Year Blessings for Nocon &
Arcoleo Family from Family

Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 a.m. - Health & blessings for Krzysztof
Rutkowski from parents & family
9:00 a.m. (Polish) +In loving memory of Ewa
Radawiec from husband, Edward
11:00 a.m. +Stanislawa Kowal from family
ST.HYACINTH - Health & New Year blessings for
children & grandchildren from Basia Gogol



**WE PRAYERFULLY
REMEMBER** all the
faithful departed parish-
ioners of St. Stanislaus
Parish. In particular, our
deepest sympathy and
prayers go to the family
and friends of **Roman Boryczka, Christopher
Golba, Mildred Paradysz, David Dunaj, Frank
Janusz, and Celia Tarasavitch** who have gone re-
cently to their eternal reward. May they, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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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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