

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

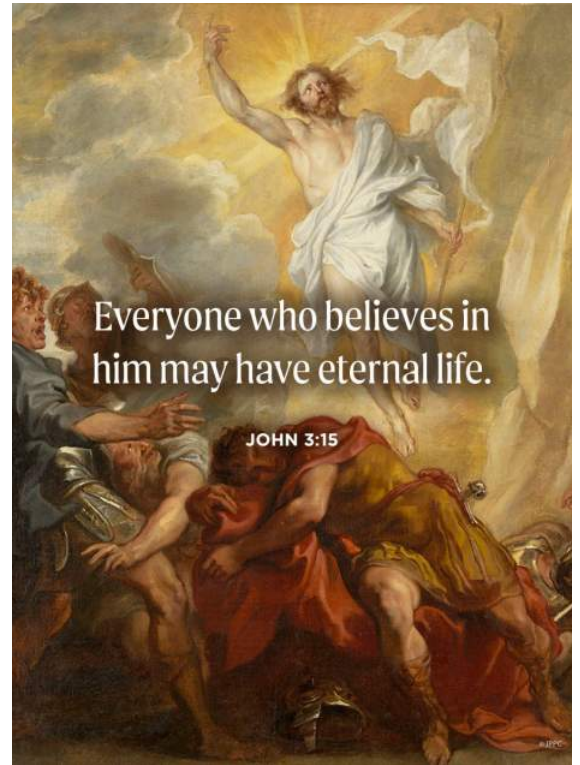
September 14, 2025

BASILICA of ST. STANISLAUS, B.M.



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A Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

***“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.
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,

Peace and all good things to you! This Sunday we exchange green vestments for red as we have the privilege of celebrating a feast of the Lord that occurs every September 14th, the “Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” It was quite a while before Christians would represent the cross in art since it was the lowest, most humiliating, and drawn-out form of execution for non-citizen criminals of the Roman Empire. (St. Paul, a Jewish citizen of the Empire, was “mercifully” beheaded while St. Peter, a Jewish non-citizen, was crucified like Jesus.) Today our crosses are sometimes golden and jeweled. Why the change?

We honor the cross as the instrument not just of death but of resurrection. Our Savior defeated death by his own death. The devil never imagined that the Son of God would lower himself to die, and yet he stayed totally dedicated to his mission of salvation. As St. Paul writes in today’s second reading, because of the cross we can now proclaim, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” The instrument of torture and death has now become our path to eternal life and glory.

This is why the reality of the cross is central to our belief and discipleship. Nevertheless, Christians have often been caricatured as wanting more suffering because it means eternal life. Our secularized Western culture tends in the other direction: end suffering at all costs, even if it means the grave sin of euthanasia. The truth is that we do not need to look for suffering. It will come. We do believe, however, that even our suffering, the crosses that cannot be lightened by any normal means, will be the path to our salvation if embraced in the spirit of Jesus.

Happy Feast! Blessings,

Fr. Brad

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT ST. STAN’S - On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Bishop William Byrne will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our teens and adults at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We invite adults who desire to be confirmed this year to attend our Adult Confirmation Sessions, which will take place on **Saturday, September 13 and 20** from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the school library. A light lunch will be provided. Please call Deacon David to sign up for the classes.



CHURCH RELICS - Discover the significance of relics in the history of the Church. Join us on **Sunday, September 21**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lower Basilica for a special DVD presentation with Fr. Carlos Martins, an internationally recognized speaker known for his expertise on saints and their relics. Following the presentation, you will have the opportunity to view the many relics on display at St. Stanislaus Basilica.

PIEROGI PINCHERS NEEDED - Join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria to help pinch cabbage pierogi as we prepare for the upcoming Bazaar. No experience necessary - training will be provided!

CONSTRUCTION WORK - From approximately **September 15th through October 17th**, there will be building materials and a dumpster in the church parking lot as work is being done on the lower roof of the Basilica. In order to prevent injuries, parking may be limited, and students’ afterschool play on the lawn behind the friary will be suspended. We ask that you use extreme caution if parking near that area. The normal daily Basilica schedule will not be changed unless previously announced. Stay tuned for updates.

PARISH HIKE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS - Everyone is invited to join our CCD and Confirmation students for our parish Mount Tom Hike in honor of St. Francis on **Saturday, September 27**, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and time together as a parish family!

MEN’S PARISH RETREAT – Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be Pilgrims of Hope. As “pilgrims of hope,” we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God’s call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn’t travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey. We invite you to join us the weekend of **November 7 - 9** at Holy Family for our annual men’s retreat. Together, as part of God’s beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal – life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope. Holy Family has offered us a retreat scholarship for anyone who needs it. For more information visit holyfamilyretreat.org

- SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES -**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

...Holy Name Society Golf Tournament - 12:30 p.m. - Holyoke Country Club

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

...Biblical Walk with Mary - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - School

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

...Lectio Divina - after 12:00 Noon Mass - Lower Basilica

...Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - St. Hyacinth Friary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

...Special Needs Planning Seminar - 7:00 p.m. - School

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

...Adult Confirmation Session - Noon - 2:30 p.m. - School Library

...HASA Bake Sale - after 4:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

...HASA Bake Sale - After all Weekend Masses

...Take & Eat Meal Ministry - 9:00 a.m. - School

...Religious Education Family Mass - 11:00 a.m. - Upper Basilica

...Church Relics Presentation - 2:00 p.m. - Lower Basilica

***Weekly Stewardship Report***

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?

SEPTEMBER 6/7

Collection Basket: \$7,577

Second Collection: \$384

By Mail & Office: \$2,929

SECOND COLLECTION

This Week - Maintenance Fund

Next Week - Our School

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



II. Thomas Niemiec & Amy Sliwa

With gratitude we acknowledge the following donation...

TAKE & EAT MEAL MINISTRY

☞ \$40 from Susana Agüero



2025 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE - Bishop William Byrne invites all men from across Western Massachusetts and beyond to attend the 2025 Diocesan Men's Conference on ***Saturday, October 4*** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Bellamy Middle School in Chicopee, MA. This special Jubilee Year event will feature talks by Sr. Dede Byrne, POSC, Dr. Peter Kreeft, Artie Boyle, and Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P., with music by The Hillbilly Thomists. This inspiring day will include lunch, Adoration, Confession, and a closing Eucharistic Procession and Mass with Bishop William Byrne. Learn more and register at westernmasscatholic.org/mensconference.

2025 DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Bishop William Byrne invites all women from across Western Massachusetts and beyond to attend the 2025 Diocesan Women's Conference on ***Saturday, November 15*** from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at Bellamy Middle School in Chicopee, MA. This special Jubilee Year event will feature talks by Mary Lenaburg, Sr. Maris Stella, S.V., Fr. James Brent, O.P., and Melissa Overmyer, with music by Psalm 33. This inspiring day will include lunch, Adoration, Confession, and a closing Eucharistic Procession and Mass with Bishop William Byrne. Learn more and register at westernmasscatholic.org/womensconference.

ROSARY SOCIETY 125 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - The Rosary Society of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus invites all parishioners to join in celebrating its 125th Anniversary on ***Sunday, October 5***. The celebration begins with the recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by a special Anniversary Mass at 11:00 a.m. A dinner will then be held at the Castle of Knights, with cocktail hour at 12:30 p.m. and dinner served at 1:30 p.m., featuring guest speaker Sr. Andrea Ciszewski, FSSJ, and entertainment by Joey Dziok. Dinner tickets (\$40) are available through the Parish Office and will also be sold **after all weekend Masses beginning this weekend**.





Przyszły papież św. Jan XXIII zapisał w swoim dzienniku duchowym takie słowa: „Wielką księgą, nad którą pochylałem się z coraz większą uwagą, Boskie lekcje mądrości, to Chrystus Ukrzyżowany. Muszę wyrobić w sobie umiejętność oceniania wszystkich zdarzeń i postrzegania całej wiedzy ludzkiej przez pryzmat kryteriów tej wielkiej księgi. Łatwo jest dać się zwieść pozorom i zapomnieć, co stanowi prawdziwe źródło prawdy. Tymczasem gdy patrzę na Ukrzyżowanego, ustępują wszystkie trudności, na dalszy plan schodzą teoretyczne i praktyczne problemy współczesnej nauki i kwestie tego świata”.

W Święto Podwyższenia Krzyża wpatrujemy się w Ukrzyżowanego, który stał się posłuszny Ojcu niebieskiemu. Krzyż należy do tajemnicy Boga, jest wyrazem Jego miłości

„do końca”. W Synu Bożym jest również nasze zbawienie. On wskazuje, że krzyż jest najświętszym znakiem, który streszcza istotę chrześcijaństwa, jest jego wyróżnikiem. Stanowi nie tylko podstawowy gest modlitwy, ale również najprostsze wyznanie wiary. Znak krzyża wielu chrześcijan nosi na piersiach, czynimy go w różnych sytuacjach naszego życia, od narodzin aż po ostatnie pożegnanie. Spotykamy go przy drogach i górskich szlakach. Krzyże zawieszamy w różnych miejscach, gdzie przebywa człowiek. Chcemy w ten sposób poświęcić przestrzeń, w której żyjemy: świątynie i kaplice, mieszkania i miejsca pracy oraz nauki, szpitale czy wreszcie cmentarze. Stawiamy ten znak jako wyraz pamięci o ważnych wydarzeniach wolnościowych i społecznych, jak krzyże w Poznaniu, Gdańsku czy Warszawie.

Naśladowanie Chrystusa w codziennym dźwiganiu krzyża to zjednoczenie z Jego miłością, uczestnictwo w przemianie naszego życia. Ta droga prowadzi do narodzin nowego człowieka, stworzonego zgodnie z Bożym zamysłem. Jak zauważa kard. Joseph Ratzinger, „człowiek nie zadowala się rozwiązaniami, które nie upodabniają go do Boga. Ale wszystkie drogi wskazywane przez ‘węża’ (Rdz3,5), to znaczy przez mądrość tego świata, okazują się zawodne. Jedyną drogą jest komunია z Chrystusem, osiągalna w życiu sakramentalnym. Naśladowanie Chrystusa to nie jest kwestia moralności, ale zagadnienie ‘mysteryjne’ – połączenie działania Bożego i naszej odpowiedzi”.

Pozostało tylko 5 tygodni do naszego **BAZARU PARAFIALNEGO**. To dla nas wspaniała okazja do promocji naszej polskiej obecności, kultury i tradycji. Prosimy Was o przynoszenie do biura parafialnego na polskie stoisko różnych przedmiotów z Polski, pamiątek, wyrobów ręcznych, kryształów, rzeczy jeszcze dobrych. Szczególnie zachęcamy do robienia koszyków, które będą przeznaczone na losowanie. Można też zaprosić do zrobienia koszyka różne organizacje, które mogą umieścić na nich swoją reklamę. **DOROŚLI WOŁONTARIUSZE SĄ POTRZEBNI DO POMOCY PRZY STOISKACH, GRACH I DO POMOCY W KUCHNI:**

- Piątek 17 października od 21:30 do północy (przygotowanie)
- Sobota 18 października od 10:00 rano do 19:00

Jeśli możesz pomóc, zadzwoń do biura parafialnego (413) 594-6669 lub wyślij e-mail contact@ststansbasilica.org. Za wszelkie dobro i pomoc serdecznie dziękujemy.

DZIEŃ POLSKI - w Narodowym Sanktuarium Bożego Miłosierdzia, w sobotę 20 września, rozpoczynający się o godzinie 13:00. Wszystkie nabożeństwa odbędą się na świeżym powietrzu. Prosimy o kontakt: Pilgrims@Marian.org lub pod numerem telefonu 413-298-1119 po więcej informacji.



POTRZEBNA POMOC PRZY ROBIENIU PIEROGÓW - Dołącz do nas w niedzielę, 28 września o godzinie 9:00 w kafeeterii szkolnej, aby pomóc przy robieniu pierogów z kapustą na **bazar parafialny**. **Doświadczenie nie wymagane - zapewniamy przeszkolenie!**



Zapraszamy na **NABOŻEŃSTWO DO MATKI BOŻEJ** Częstochowskiej dziś, 14 września na godz. 15:00 w Bazylice górnej. Znajdźmy czas by prosić o wstawiennictwo naszą Jasnogórską Panią za naszymi rodzinami. Przyjdźmy sami i zaprosimy naszych znajomych.

Znajdźmy czas na **MSZE ŚWIĘTE** w języku polskim, w środę, 17 września o godz. 19:00 w Bazylice dolnej. Na 30 minut przede Mszą św. odmówimy różaniec i okazja do spowiedzi świętej.

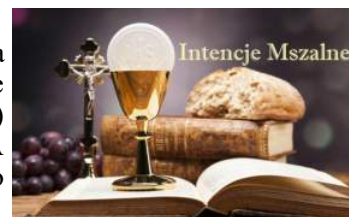
RELIKWIE KOŚCIOŁA – Odkryj znaczenie relikwii w historii Kościoła. Dołącz do nas w niedzielę 21 września o godzinie 14:00 w Bazylice św. Stanisława na specjalną prezentację DVD z ks. Carlosem Martinsem, uznanym na całym świecie mówcą, znanym ze swojej wiedzy na temat świętych i ich relikwii. Po prezentacji w Bazylice dolnej będzie okazja zobaczyć liczne wystawione relikwie.



TOWARZYSTWO RÓŻAŃCA ŚW. Bazyliki św. Stanisława obchodzi 125 lat — i zaprasza do wzięcia udziału w tej uroczystości na specjalnej mszy św. o godz 11:00 w niedzielę, 5 października, po której nastąpi uroczysty obiad w Zamku Rycerzy Kolumba w Chicopee. Wszyscy są mile widziani — chcielibyśmy was tam zobaczyć! **Bilety w cenie \$40 od osoby są już dostępne w biurze parafialnym i po wszystkich Mszach św. w weekend.** Świętujemy 125 lat wiary, przyjaźni i wspólnoty — razem! Prosimy również o rozważenie złożenia ofiary na cześć lub ku pamięci byłego lub obecnego członka Różańca św. korzystając z formularza na stronie 7 biuletynu. Sugerowana ofiara wynosi \$25.00 od osoby. Wypełnione formularze można zwrócić do na tacę, lub do biura parafialnego.

Witamy powracających i nowych studentów do naszego **PROGRAMU NAUKI RELIGII** dla klas K-8. Formularze rejestracyjne zostały przesłane pocztą do rodziców uczniów uczęszczających na zajęcia w roku akademickim 2024-25. Formularze rejestracyjne dla nowych uczniów można otrzymać w biurze parafialnym lub dzwoniąc pod numer (413) 594-6669.

INTENCJE NA MSZE ŚWIĘTE NA ROK 2026 – książka z Intencjami na Msze św. na rok 2026 została otwarta w czwerek, 4 września. Ze względu na dużą liczbę prośb o Msze św. w Bazylice, intencje Mszy św. są początkowo ograniczone do trzech (3) zarezerwowanych dat na rodzinę (1 w weekend i 2 w dni powszednie), aby KAŻDA RODZINA miała możliwość upamiętnienia ukochanej osoby podczas Mszy świętej. Po miesiacu to ograniczenie zostanie zniesione.



KWIATY I ŚWIECE KU PAMIĘCI BLISKIEJ OSOBY - to piękna tradycja, by uhonorować ukochaną osobę przez podarowanie jej kwiatów aby ozdobić nasze Sanktuarium w ciągu roku lub zapalić świecę. Ofiary na kwiaty można składać do początku Adwentu w grudniu.

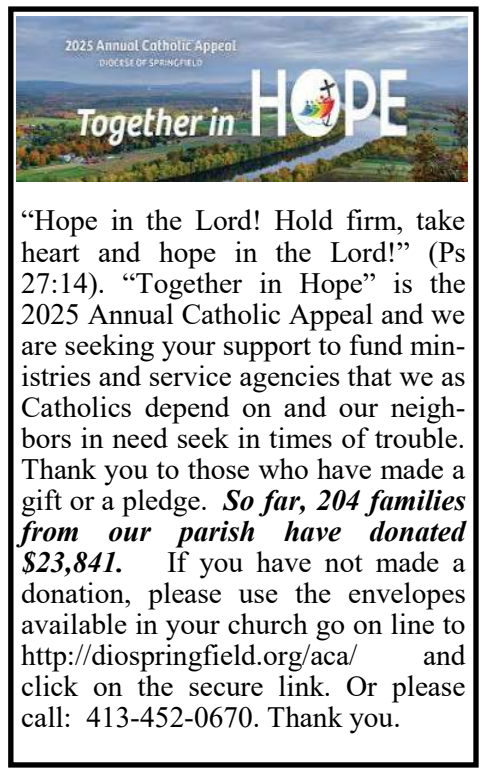


PRACE BUDOWLANE – Od 15 września do 17 października, na parkingu przy kościele będą znajdować się materiały budowlane i kontener na śmieci, ponieważ trwają prace na dolnym dachu Bazyliki. Aby zapobiec obrażeniom, liczba miejsc parkingowych może być ograniczona, a pozalekcyjne zabawy uczniów na trawniku za klasztorem zostaną zawieszone. Prosimy o zachowanie szczególnej ostrożności w przypadku parkowania w pobliżu tego obszaru. Normalny, codzienny harmonogram Bazyliki nie ulegnie zmianie.

Od 24 września do 2 listopada zapraszamy do udziału w akcji **40 DNI DLA ŻYCIA**, w której chrześcijanie modlą się i poszczą w intencji zakończenia aborcji. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji, a zwłaszcza zgłosić się jako wolontariusz, prosimy o kontakt z Timem Biggins pod numerem telefonu (413) 285-2257 lub adresem e-mail 40daysWM@gmail.com.

OTO WRZESIEŃ, BLISKA JESIEŃ! *Przysłowie polskie*

Czas mgieł, kwitnących wrzosów, odlatujących ptaków, zmieniających barwę liści drzew. W sadach rumienią się jabłka i gruszki, w lasach pojawiają się orzechy, a także rosną grzyby. Dzieci i młodzież po wakacjach wracają do szkoły. Właśnie trwa wrzesień. Dziewiąty miesiąc roku, mający według kalendarza gregoriańskiego 30 dni.


2025 PARISH BAZAAR - OCTOBER 18, 2025

LET'S MAKE IT A SUCCESS!



Games, Toys & Puzzles

Donations of new children's games, toys, stuffed animals and puzzles are needed for our booths, particularly the Lollipop Booth run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Theme Baskets

The Theme Basket Booth, sponsored by the Rosary Society, is in need of additional baskets. Sports, spa day, cleaning, pets, chocolate, kids, pool, hiking, Bingo, date night... so many possibilities and so much fun!

New Bottles of Liquor are needed for the Baskets of Cheer Booth.

Items from Poland are needed for our Polish Booth ... hand-carved items, crystal, amber, linen, clothing, décor...

Sponsor one of our Youth Booths - \$85 cotton candy machine rental; \$80 snow cone machine rental

Bazaar Raffle Tickets - Watch for tickets in the mail next month!

New Items for Tag Sale / Costume Jewelry / Holiday Booths can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Baked Goods - Please bring your homemade goodies to the Bazaar after 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

LEGO Donations

Do you have **new LEGO sets** looking for a good home? They're always a popular prize at our Bazaar, and we would love your help! Donate LEGO sets for our raffles by dropping them off at the Parish Office.

Gift Card Donations Needed

We're excited to introduce a new booth at this year's Bazaar and need your help to make it a hit! We are looking for donations of **gift cards** valued at \$10 or more to be used as prizes. All donors will be recognized in the official event program. Drop them off at the Parish Office during regular hours, or in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you for supporting our parish and school community!

MINISTRY OF CARE ANNUAL REPORT

(July 2024 – June 2025)

The Annual Report includes:

- ◆ The number of individuals who received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in their homes and in the nursing homes, and hospitals.
- ◆ The number of individuals who received the Anointing of the Sick in the church on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- ◆ The number of visits the Ministers of Care made to our parishioners who were homebound and in the nursing homes to bring them the Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ The number of phone calls the Ministers of Care made to our parishioners who were homebound and in nursing homes.
- ◆ The number of monthly Greeting Cards that were mailed to those who were homebound and in the nursing homes.
- ◆ The number of visits the Ministers of Care made to our parishioners who were in the hospitals to bring them the Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ The number of car rides provided for our parishioners who did not have transportation to go to church, for medical appointments and for personal needs.



ANNUAL REPORT
(July 2024 – June 2025)

YEAR 2024	Anointing of the Sick	Anointing of the Sick in the church	Homebound Visits	Nursing home Visits	Homebound Phone Calls	Nursing home Phone Calls	Mailed Greeting Cards	Hospitals Visits	Rides
JULY	7	106	118	76	29	5	126	2	8
AUGUST	4	115	103	74	17	5	124	1	2
SEPTEMBER	7	106	125	109	26	5	125	5	3
OCTOBER	1	82	156	98	43	7	124	0	4
NOVEMBER	4	97	100	86	23	3	124	1	6
DECEMBER	10	105	83	46	27	3	123	3	5
YEAR 2025									
JANUARY	3	90	102	50	45	28	121	6	1
FEBRUARY	3	91	84	81	35	18	121	0	4
MARCH	2	105	103	98	23	25	120	2	4
APRIL	14	95	111	140	17	25	120	6	7
MAY	10	97	100	99	25	28	122	3	5
JUNE	6	115	118	152	15	25	120	2	4
TOTAL	71	1,204	1,303	1,109	325	177	1,470	31	53

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Agnesa Negru, FMSA

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Special Needs Planning Seminar



Join us for an important presentation on Special Needs Planning.

For families with a special needs child, financially preparing for the future can be overwhelming and daunting. Many parents quietly worry about their child's future and make arrangements to provide financial support for their child.

The Knights of Columbus recognizes the unique challenges that these families face. We understand it's not just about dollars and medical care but also the quality of life for their child.

In this seminar, we'll talk through some of the challenges and solutions that you and your family should consider. We'll go through the planning process and share how the Knights of Columbus can help your family.

Sign up today by scanning the QR code.



Featuring

Karolina Weagle
Attorney at Shatz,
Schwartz and Fentin P.C.



Date: 09/18/2025

Time: 7pm

Location: St. Stanislaus School
534 Front St. Chicopee, MA

Tom Waters

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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.



Saturday, September 13

4:00 p.m. +Konstanty Maciaszek from family
ST.HYACINTH +Roman Boryczka from Ewa Goncalves

Sunday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 a.m. - Birthday blessings & graces for Aggie Zielinski from family
9:00 a.m. (Polish) +Franciszka & Antoni Rakowski and Bernadetta Rakowski from family
11:00 a.m. +Jan, Anna & Izabela Tarka from Karas Family
ST.HYACINTH +Stefania & Rudolf Rajpold from Rajpold Family

Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 a.m. +Pula Family from Kathy & Gayle
12:00 p.m. +Stanley Krupa from Helen Hartnett
ST.HYACINTH +Jozefa & Mieczyslaw Slonka and Czeslaw Les from Jan Slonka

Tuesday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:30 a.m. +Michael Feckowsky from family
12:00 p.m. +Theresa Borek from parents
ST.HYACINTH +Repose of the souls of the priests from Mary

Wednesday, September 17 - Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis

6:30 a.m. +Frances Bajek from grandson, Dennis
8:45 a.m. (School) +Henryka, Jan & Roman Pienkos from Janina Kalisz & family
12:00 p.m. +Roman Boryczka from John & Joanne Boryczka
7:00 p.m. (Polish) +Zofia, Eugenia & Boleslaw Mielnicki from family
ST.HYACINTH +Matthew Gola birthday remembrance from parents & family

Thursday, September 18 - Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino

6:30 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
12:00 p.m. +Roman Boryczka from Ken, Halina, Monika & Joanna Krupa
ST.HYACINTH +Repose of the souls of the priests from Mary

Friday, September 19 - St. Januarius

6:30 a.m. +Katarzyna & John Lopata from grandson, Jan Karas
12:00 p.m. +Edward & Antoinette Kostek from Kostek Family
ST.HYACINTH - Birthday blessings & all needed graces for Kelly Kiltonic from Agnes & family

Saturday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang and Companions

7:00 a.m. +Souls in Purgatory from Agnes
4:00 p.m. +Ann Marie Laskowski from Rodney, Wiesia, Cathy & Babcia Zosia
ST.HYACINTH +Fr. Michael Kolodziej, OFM Conv., on anniversary of his passing from Tesia

Sunday, September 21 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - Birthday blessings & graces for J.J. Wozniak from Babci & Dziadziu
9:00 a.m. (Polish) +Maria & Czeslaw Ankiewicz from daughters
11:00 a.m. +Thaddeus & Barbara Presnal from family
ST.HYACINTH +Stephanie (Chmiel) Bak from children & grandchildren



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEM-

BER all the faithful departed parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish. In particular, our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of those who have gone recently to their eternal reward. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning in memory of +**Urszula Kowalska** from family.

CANDLE BEFORE THE BLESSED MOTHER this week is burning in loving memory of +**Maria Wrzosek** from Ela & family.



CANDLE BEFORE THE STATUE OF ST. ANTHONY this week is burning for **graces & birthday blessings** for Aggie from Mom.

CANDLE BEFORE THE STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH this week is burning in loving memory of +**Jan Karas** from goddaughter.

END OF LIFE PRESENTATION - Blessed Sacrament Parish of Holyoke will host a presentation on "End of Life Issues" with a panel of speakers consisting of a funeral director, an attorney, a hospice worker, and a cemetery employee. They will each give a short presentation and then answer questions. This free presentation is open to everyone and will take place at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 15**, at Blessed Sacrament Church, Holyoke.



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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.

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