

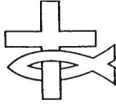
**SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

— 1 John 3:2a

Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week



**Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 31st**

**Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. † Cecelia Moldenhauer  
*Int. Son*

**Wednesday, January 1st**

**Christmas**

7:00 a.m. For the Parish  
10:00 a.m. ††Donald & Theresa Meer  
*Int. Family*

**Thursday, January 2nd**

**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
**No Mass**

**Friday, January 3rd**

**Christmas Weekday**

8:00 a.m. †Father Stanley Dominik  
*Int. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Matz*

**Saturday, January 4th**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

4:00 p.m. †Antoinette Ruhe  
*Int. Glenn & Nancy Moldenhauer*

**Sunday, January 5th**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. †Lucille Wojasinski  
*Int. Connie Gambil,  
Julia Perring & Nancy Adrian*  
10:00 a.m. †Kazimierz Picur  
*Int. Linda Ruschak*

**Welcome New Members**  
Thomas & Karen Marvinac  
John & Lynn Higginbotham  
David Hullinger  
Theresa Wojkovich  
Stanley Kniola  
Becca Povlock  
Welcome to our Saint Stanislaus Family!

**Schedules**

**New Years**

**December 31st & January 1st**

**Celebrant**– (Subject to change)

4:00 pm Fr. Rakoczy  
7:00am Fr. Ciesla  
10:00am Fr. Ciesla

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm Natalie Herbert  
7:00am Mary Amm  
10:00am Deb Wozniak

**Lectors**

4:00pm Nick Gonzalez  
7:00am Brother Shaun  
10:00am Robby Smith

**Ushers**

4:00pm M. Duszynski, W. Yackus,  
S. Sebert, D. Pishkur  
7:00am J. Gallas, T. Pawlik,  
F. Adrian, J. Lippens  
10:00am S. Poplawski, D. Przybylinski,  
B. Gabrunas, W. Johns

**January 4th & 5th**

**Celebrant**– (Subject to change)

4:00 pm Fr. Ciesla  
7:00am Fr. Ciesla  
10:00am Fr. Rakoczy

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 pm Louise Pawloski  
7:00am Brother Shaun  
10:00am Mike Eisele

**Lectors**

4:00pm Abby Knoll  
7:00am Janice Plamowski  
10:00am Jane Eisele

**Ushers**

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D. Pishkur, S. Sebert  
7:00am J. Lippens, J. Gallas,  
F. Adrian, J. Yackus  
10:00am S. Poplawski, T. Poplawski,  
B. Gabrunas, J. Gardner

**December Money Counters:** Ruth Mokrycki,  
Bill Pier, Jackie Kravetz, Betty Hoffmaster



## Upcoming Events In Our Parish

Tuesday Nights 6:00pm—Bingo; doors open at 4:00pm  
 Resale Shop—Open Fridays & Saturdays 9:30am-3:30pm

## Parish Census Forms

In order to update our records properly, we need your help! Please fill out a Parish Census Form and drop it in the collection basket. Forms may be found in the vestibule of the Church. Please provide us with your current information and if your child/ren are adults now, please have them fill out their own form. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Christmas Break

Both the School and Church Offices will be closed for the holidays beginning Monday, December 23rd. We will reopen on Monday, January 6th.



### Our Stewardship

#### December 7th & December 8th

Regular Collection .....	\$4,093.24
Renovation .....	1,224.00
CSA.....	1,000.00
Immaculate Conc.....	165.00
Flowers.....	70.00
School Support.....	260.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,812.24</b>

**Thank You!**

**Thank you**

Thank you to all who made our Christmas Market a success! Thank you as always to the Holy Stuffers for making the Sausage. Also to the Rosary Sodality ladies for making the Pierogi. A special thanks to Diann Gonsorek and Theresa Bildhauser for donating door award items and to Natalie Kroening for her crafts items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Raffle Night**

**APRIL 25, 2025 • 5:00 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE**

St. Stanislaus Church

## Newly Baptized



- Zachery Schoopman, Grandson of David DeRousse
  - George Michael Biciunas, Son of John Michael & Krystle Biciunas
  - Maddox Aaron Knoll, Son of Brian & Abby Knoll
  - Matilda Alice Edson, Daughter of Eric & Kristen Edson
  - Owen Aloysius Povlock, Son of Anthony & Becca Povlack
  - Isela Serrano, Daughter of Rosendo & Rubi Serrano
  - Roman James Grossglass, Son of Brant & Valerie Grossglass
  - Ivy Jean Kightlinger, Daughter of Aaron & Claudia Kightlinger
  - Timothy David Hill, Son of Julian and Jasmine
  - Charles Howard Riehm, Son of Charles & Theresa Riehm
  - Madilyn Marie McIntosh, Daughter of Nicholas & Marie McIntosh
- May God bless and protect these little angels!

**WIN-WIN RAFFLE**  
 Benefiting Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish  
 License # 002616

The rest of our December winners will be listed in a future bulletin! We announce the winner on the day of the drawing via email. If you'd like to sign up for email notifications, please complete the form found in the vestibule of the church.

## Welcome to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Are you looking for a Parish to join? We welcome you to ours!! Become a member of the St. Stanislaus family. Do you need to update your information? Simply fill out the form below and place in the collection basket, or call the Parish Office at 219-879-9281.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner  Address Change  New Phone Number  Moving, please remove from membership list

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# Capital Campaign

## WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A LOT OF BRICKS!

Ever since we started planning our capital campaign, we just can't seem to stop talking about bricks! The bell towers, the entire exterior of the building, they're everywhere, and unfortunately, in dire need of repair. As our capital campaign moves forward, we are absolutely aware of the challenges we face, but we are also very confident we can do this. More than 100 years ago, a congregation of Polish immigrants had hopes and dreams of building this magnificent church. We are really not much different, as we are determined to continue this legacy just as they did – brick by brick.

### THE PLAN

#### Phase 1 – The Bell Towers

The pre-cast columns near the top of our twin bell towers are showing significant deterioration, with exposed rebar and wall cracks. To address these issues, the proposed restoration work includes:

- \*Removing the damaged columns and installing new ones
- \*Replacing over 800 spalled bricks
- \*Tuck-pointing each of the towers

These repairs are essential to preserve the structural integrity and historical beauty of our bell towers.

#### Phase 2 – Masonry Work

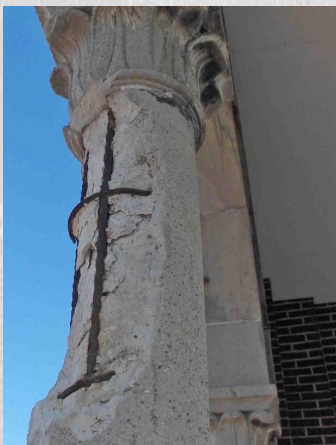
The masonry walls, constructed using composite materials, have deteriorated over time due to the use of improper mortar. Our restoration plan includes repairing the damage and returning the mortar to its original, darker color, preserving the building's historic character.



Corner of Bell Tower

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Economic Halo Effect Study was prepared by Partners for Sacred Places. This Study determined that Saint Stanislaus has an economic impact of over 4.6 million in a typical year on the Michigan City community. This is not money given to the community but financial impact resulting from providing education, the value of community-serving programming (from the volunteer time to the donated goods that fuel these programs), activities that generate economic activity in the area (such as hosting events of all kinds), and local spending.



Column's Exposed Rebar

### INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY

We are extremely grateful to The Sacred Places Indiana Fund, a program of Indiana Landmarks, funded by the Lilly Endowment, for awarding St. Stanislaus Kostka a **\$400,000** matching grant for the Phase 1 bell tower project, and for their non-matching planning grant in the amount of **\$25,000**.

We also extend our gratitude to The National Fund for Sacred Places, a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for awarding St. Stanislaus Kostka the very prestigious National Fund grant. This is a 2:1 matching grant in the amount of **\$250,000**.

We have additionally received very generous pledges and cash donations from our parish leadership, including our parish council members and campaign steering committee.

**In early 2025, we will be reaching out to all parish families regarding a pledge or donation to the capital campaign. Please give serious consideration to the amount you are willing to contribute over three years.** Together we will accomplish the task of repairing our church back to its original beauty, brick by brick.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:** How many bricks are estimated to make up the exterior of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church? Please email your answer to [ststansbricks@gmail.com](mailto:ststansbricks@gmail.com) before January 6th. The closest answer without going over will win a \$25 gift card donated by Scrip!

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## School Christmas Concert

Our School children blessed us all with their beautiful voices for the Annual Christmas Concert. Special thank you to Darlene Murphy who was our pianist and to Music Teacher Theresa Riehm and the teachers for organizing the program. It was a magical evening filled with love and praise for Baby Jesus!



## Box Tops

Join us in earning cash for our School by using the Box Tops App. It's an easy way to make a difference. Just download the Box Top App and use referral code: **RO394XD4**

Each time you buy a qualifying product, go to your app and scan in the receipt. Each Box Top is worth \$0.10 each and they add up quickly!

## Donations Needed



Last October, our School adopted the Women's Care Center as a school-wide service project. The Women's Care Center is a Pro-Life organization recognized and supported by the Diocese of Gary. You can find more information about the Center on the Diocese of Gary website under Catholic Charities. They provide free support, counseling and education to pregnant women in our community. This January, our next project to support the Center will be a Diaper Drive. We will be collecting diapers sizes Newborn through size 6 as well as pullups sizes 2T-5T. Donations of gift cards to Meijer or Walmart will be accepted as well. We will then purchase the diapers for the Center. Please consider helping our School children with this important service project. Remember, Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me."

## School Calendar

January 6th—School Resumes  
January 20th—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School  
Jan. 27– 31—Catholic Schools Week



## School Enrolling

Don't miss your chance to enroll your student for the second half of the School Year. Call or stop by the Office by January 10th for your opportunity to access Choice Funding if you are qualified. Limited number of seats available. Let St. Stanislaus School lay the foundation for your child's education!



## A Word From Our Principal

As we approach the joyful seasons of Christmas and the New Year, I want to extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you. This time of year reminds us of the great gift of love and hope that Christ brought to the world, a gift we are called to share with one another.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes, and may the New Year bring new blessings, opportunities, and growth in faith for all of us. Let us continue to work together in nurturing a spirit of kindness, unity, and compassion within our community, just as we strive to do in our school.

I am deeply grateful for the partnership and support of the parish, and I look forward to the year ahead, trusting that with God's guidance, we will continue to grow together in faith and service.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you all!

With warm regards and blessings,

Denise Delaney

Principal

