



ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

DECEMBER 3, 2017

BAPTISM: Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling
PENANCE: Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment
MARRIAGE: Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.

Worship times: www.masstimes.org - when traveling

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 4TH-10TH

Monday: 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention: Rosie Reinsch—Ladies Sodality

Tuesday: 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention: Frank Dickneite / Georgia Hagenhoff, Joseph & Agnes Hagenhoff

Wednesday: 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention: C.J. Armstrong

Thursday: 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention: Jack Van Loo , Michael Watson, Wilbert & Clara Idel / Living & Deceased Members of the Jerome Buschjost Family

Thursday: 5:30p.m.

Mass Intention: Clete Van Loo

Friday : 6:30a.m.

Mass Intention: Catherine Siebeneck

Friday: 8:00a.m.

Mass Intention: Margie Adrian / Lucy Kolb

Saturday: 5:30p.m.

Mass Intention: Living & Deceased Members of the Bisges & Fitzpatrick Families / Dick & Carol Wilbers

Sunday: 7:30a.m.

Mass Intention: Doug Hurley, Susan Pringer

Sunday: 10:30a.m.

Mass Intention: Joseph Taube / Living & Deceased Members of the Jerome Buschjost Family / Dale Rowles

Christmas Flowers: An offering of remembrance to a loved one at Christmas may be given in memory of that individual/ family. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Please use your envelope in your packet with names listed. Please return envelope by December 10th for names to appear on list. Thank you

Seminary & Priestly Retirement Christmas Collection: Our assessment is \$13,675.00. Please be generous and make your offering using your envelope in this month's packet. Thank you for your support and generosity.

2017 Year End Contributions: St Stanislaus Parish thanks you for your financial generosity this past year. All 2017 contributions must be at the parish office by December 31st. Any contributions received after that date will be counted for 2018. If you would like a record of your financial support please call Ann after **January 3, 2018** at the parish office between 8:30am and 3pm Monday thru Friday and your record will be available at that time.

Advent Letter December 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Welcome to the beginning of a new Year of Grace! If it seems to you that this year's Advent season is unusually short, you are correct. This Advent is as brief as it could possibly be, a mere three weeks and then one day, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is a good reminder that we must always be preparing for the coming of Christ with a sense of urgency. The Gospel readings for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent provide us with the familiar, motivating message of John the Baptist: prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths. We can open wide the doors of our hearts to receive Christ by the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can provide Christ a warm welcome into our hearts by beautifully decorating them with acts of charity for the poor and the lonely. These are things we normally do during Advent, and should continue to do throughout the entire year, in order to remain ever watchful for our Savior's coming in glory. Then our very lives will be an expression of our longing for God's Kingdom. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

With my best wishes and personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop Emeritus of Jefferson City
Apostolic Administrator

Feast of the Immaculate Conception our National feast day and holy day of obligation. Mass schedule is as follows:

Thursday December 7th: 5:30pm —St. Stanislaus
Thursday December 7th: 7:00pm—St. Margaret
Friday December 8th: 6:30am—St. Stanislaus
Friday December 8th: 8:00am—St. Stanislaus

LITURGICAL ROLES DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH

<u>Reader</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5:30p.m. Alice Bartlett	Cadie Buschjost Sam Hentges	Suzette Mertens	Randy Boeckman Eugene Boessen Jeff Boessen Randy Bruemmer	Loretta Fitzpatrick Family	Leon & Hilda Eichholz
7:30a.m. Peggy Luebbert	Clara Howard Marta Howard	Mike Rackers	Doug Moeller Mike Niekamp Jeff Rackers Peyton Rackers	Pringer / Hurley Family	Betty Kever
10:30a.m. Nancy Gratz	Miranda Kolb Lainie Mantle	Christy Bolzenius	Chuck Bailey Henry Bauer Dan Bax Joey Bexten	Irma McFadden Geri Rackers Charlene Rowles	Rich & Theresa Villmer Family

CHURCH CLEANERS

Ashley Mehmert, CHR.

Peggy Mebruer

Matt Mehmert

Julie Mertens

Suzette Mertens

**Please clean Church before the weekend
of December 9th & 10th—Thank You

ORGANISTS & SONG LEADERS

5:30p.m. Donna Halbrook & Adult Choir

7:30a.m. Dianne Bisges & Group

10:30a.m. Helen Campbell & Pam Stonner

ROSARY LEADERS

5:30p.m. Paul Rodeman

7:30a.m. Alice Kampeter

10:30a.m. Donna Bernskoetter

Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30 mass the Ladies Sodality will collect items for donations to local Nursing Homes and Assisted Living residents for Christmas. Items suggested are scarves, lotions, hand pump soaps, small stuffed animals, and socks. Thank you

Santa Claus is Coming to Mid America Bank: just in time for Christmas! Santa's sleigh will be landing at the Wardsville branch on Thursday, December 21st from 12:30 – 3:30 PM. All parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children or grandchildren to visit Santa in the Wardsville Branch lobby. For more information, please call 573-635-0019.

RCIA class will be held on Thursday, December 14 at 6pm in Room 307.

Toys for Tots The Spirit of Christmas lives in the heart of a Child. Collection Dates November 24 - December 11. St. Stanislaus Parish is proud to partner with the Marine Corps Reserve to collect new unwrapped toys to be distributed to needy children in the community during the holiday season. All toys should be unwrapped and have a minimum value of \$20. Please join us this Christmas to bring the joy of Christmas to needy and underprivileged children in our area.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) class, and **OMG** Middle & High School youth groups will be held on December 6th beginning with community prayer at 6:20pm in the gym.

“Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:25

Advent and Christmas

The school celebrates this special season of preparation in many ways. Different classes have taken the leadership on planning worthwhile activities. The second grade class will once again act out Los Posadas. The sixth grade class has organized the materials and scripture references for creating a Jesse Tree and is sharing their skills with the whole school. The Leadership Council will be leading classes in daily prayer and “building” the nativity scene one character at a time. Students had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. In addition to all this, classes are also working on different service projects during this season of giving.

All are invited to the **2017 Christmas Program**. The first performance will be **Friday, Dec. 8 at 1:00 in the school gym**. The second performance will be on **Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4:00 in the gym**. School will not be in session from Dec. 22, 2017 to Jan. 2, 2018. Classes resume again on Wed. Jan. 3.

Testing. Iowa Basic Tests were given to students in Grades 3-8 during the week of Oct. 2 – 6. It measures student progress and the strength of the schools instructional process. Again this year, the test results indicate that St. Stanislaus School students score above the national norms and above the diocesan norms. This is a result of supportive parents and teachers dedicated to effective instruction. As a parish, you can be proud of the academic progress our students are making.

Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week, promoted by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) will be celebrated Jan. 28 – Feb. 3. A committee of teachers and parents are putting the plans together for this year. This year NCEA is sponsoring a nationwide event called Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. Each school will have its own independent donation page online. Donors will be able to search for schools by name or location to make a monetary gift directly to the school. It will be available one day only, Jan. 30, 2018. In this way, those who want to honor St. Stanislaus School but do not live in the area can make a contribution. More about this day and other activities regarding Catholic Schools Week will be made available in January.

St. Stanislaus Self Study The self-study process is well underway. School staff and parents met in November to begin work on reviewing the twelve standards. Small committees are currently working to find the strengths and areas of improvement for each of these standards. A final report will be created by the end of January and a Visiting Team will come to St. Stanislaus School in late February to affirm the report.

Important dates:

Fri. Dec. 8	Christmas Program 1:00 p.m. in the gym
Sun. Dec. 10	Christmas Program 4:00 p.m. in the gym
Tues. Dec. 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Special Mass at 2:00pm
Thurs. Dec. 21	Christmas Vacation begins at the 1:00 dismissal
Jan. 3, 2018	Classes resume

The school joyfully works towards its mission of providing a quality Catholic education. Once again, I thank you, the parish, for your support of the school both spiritually and financially.



DECEMBER 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 <u>Ladies Sodality Meeting</u> at 8:30am in Room 307 <u>Scripture Sharing</u> at 8:30am in Room 302	4 <u>Advent by Candlelight</u> at 6:30pm in Room 307	5	6 <u>PSR & OMG</u> at 6:20pm in the Gym	7 <u>Choir Practice</u> at 6pm in Church	8 <u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> <u>St. Stanislaus School Advent Concert</u> at 1pm in the Gym	9
10 <u>Scripture Sharing</u> at 8:30am in Room <u>St. Stanislaus School Advent Concert</u> at 4pm in the Gym <u>Parish Advent Penance Service</u> at 6:30pm in Church	11 <u>K of C Meeting</u> in the Cafeteria	12	13	14 <u>Choir Practice</u> at 6pm in Church <u>RCIA</u> at 6pm in Room 301	15	16
17 <u>Scripture Sharing</u> at 8:30am in Room	18	19	20	21 <u>Choir Practice</u> at 6pm in Church	22 <u>Parish Office Closed</u>	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

Perpetual Adoration: The Lord has given us 168 hours in the week. Can we give one hour back to Him by spending that time in our Perpetual Adoration chapel? Open hours include: Thursday 3:00-4:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00-9:00 p.m. (2nd and 4th) Please contact Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in taking an hour.

Prayer Hotline: Contact Lillian Veit at 636-3937 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Adult Envelopes	\$10,348
Youth Envelopes	\$
Loose	\$213
Electronic Contributions	\$
Total Collection	\$10,561
<u>Diocesan Collections</u>	
Human Development	\$390
<u>Other Collections</u>	
Samaritan Center	\$876
Capital Improvements	\$400
Flowers & Decorations	\$35
November Collection Goal	\$107,692
November Collections to Date	\$103,123
Year to Date Collection	\$517,128
Year to Date Goal	\$574,383

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