

Welcome to

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday Obligation:  
4:30 pm (Saturday)  
9:00 am (English)  
11:00 am (Polish)

### Holy Days:

6:00 pm (English) - Vigil Mass  
12:00 noon (English)  
6:00 pm (Polish)

### Weekdays:

7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)  
12:00 pm Wednesday  
6:00 pm Friday (Polish)  
(No AM Mass on Monday & Saturday)

### Novena to St. Anthony:

Tuesday after 7:00 am Mass

### Chaplet to Divine Mercy:

Friday after 7:00 am Mass



**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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November 4, 2018 • Thirty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## PARISH NEWS



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday and all God's blessings to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this week (Monday, November 5 - Sunday, November 11): Alicia Goral, Chloe Gustafson, Corbin Gustafson, Monika Mazela, Jerry Schindler, Aleksander Wlodarz, Linda Hunt, Vanessa Kosinski, David Mrowiec, Sadie Zabinski, Kelsey Cooling, Bridget Krysztopa.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

October 27/28

Envelopes.....	\$1884.00
Loose.....	\$103.20
School Support.....	\$293.30

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

<b>Nov 10/11</b>	tomato and ragu sauces
<b>Nov 17/18</b>	prepared canned foods (ravioli, spaghetti, tuna)
<b>Nov 24/25</b>	bar soap
<b>Dec 1/2</b>	non-perishable juices (tomato, orange, Hi-C, fruit juice)
<b>Dec 8/9</b>	ketchup, mustard

## Seven—Day Sancturay Candle

**Right Candle** (From the Blessed Mary altar side)  
**Left Candle** (From the Divine Mercy altar side)

### Right Red Candle is offered for:

In memory of Zofia Borowiec

*Offered by Sarat family*

### Left Red Candle is offered for:

In memory of Jan Borowiec

*Offered by Sarat family*

These candles will burn beginning Sunday, November 4th.

## Sacramental Life

**Sacrament of Baptism** Arrangements should be made with the pastor in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners.

At least one parent and godparent must be practicing Catholics, and receive sacramental instructions beforehand.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** One of those being married must be a registered parishioner and a practicing Catholic.

A six-month preparation period is required by diocesan law. Couples must be at least 19 years of age. Please contact the pastor before setting a date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday: 4:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am; First Friday: after 7:00 am Mass and at 5:30 pm. For other times contact the parish office.

**All copy for the bulletin must be submitted by MONDAY 6:00 pm.**

**Office Hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Closed Wednesday & Legal Holidays

## Reports for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018

In this weeks bulletin please find the insert with Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Margaret Borowski at the parish office or Marzena Steigerwald, the chair of the Finance Council.

W dzisiejszym biuletynie załączamy raport finansowy z tegoż rocznego roku fiskalnego, który zakończyliśmy 30 czerwca 2018. Wszystkie pytania prosimy kierować do biura parafialnego lub Marzeny Steigerwald, przewodniczącej Rady Finansowej.

### SARAMENTAL AND STATISTICAL DATA

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Infant Baptisms	8
First Communion	1
Confirmation	0
Marriages	0
Deaths	5
Number of Families	367

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors for participating in the life of St. Stanislaus parish and supporting our parish by donating their time, talent and financial support. May God bless you and your family.

## Special Event at the Ethnic Heritage Museum

Sunday, November 11, 2018, 2-4 p.m.

in honor of the

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice of WWI



"A Rockford Man's WWI Journey:  
Camp Grant to the Meuse-Argonne  
Offensive"

Free illustrated talk by Lynell Cannell  
telling of her Great Uncle Harry Morris,  
drafted in WWI, trained at Camp Grant,  
and killed in action in the greatest battle  
fought by the American Expeditionary  
Force

2:15 p.m., Sunday, November 11  
Ethnic Heritage Museum



Camp Grant and World War I expert Terry Dyer will give a brief presentation about Camp Grant following Lynell's talk. Then join Terry to view and learn about his display of Camp Grant memorabilia and of WWI uniforms and equipment.

In addition to the above special activities highlighting Rockford's role in WWI, the Polish Gallery has an ongoing World War I exhibit.

## Essay for the Independence of Poland contest

Is it worth it to let one's own past fade away?



“A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people” (Mahatma Gandhi)

The culture and history of one's background plays an enormous role in the growth and development of their identity and lifestyle. The power of knowing one's true roots yields an array of opportunities and experiences, both for the social world that surrounds the individual and the internal lens responsible for seeing and making sense of that world. It breathes energy into one's life, along with a sense of true knowledge of identity. Such a feeling of cultural competence can be enhanced through learning and living through one's original heritage as if still in one's own country - even if it is 7,588 kilometers away. However, not all people of foreign ethnicity decide to continue the lineage as they immigrate to other countries. For some, the culture and history of their heritage slowly leaves their remembrance as they leave their country, thus raising the question: Is it worth it to let one's own past fade away?

A young girl of full-blooded Polish heritage is born in the bustling Polish mixed city of Chicago. Should she learn the Polish language and culture, or should she learn the American way of living and being, by which she is surrounded? Two seemingly simple options, yet both will bear opportunities and a lifestyle greatly contrasting its opposing side. However, only one of these paths can be beneficial in developing her diverse cultural identity. This option is the first; a life learning the ways of her ancestors, who have founded the traditions she will be taught. She will spend a lifetime of cultural enrichment learning the different dances, foods, holiday traditions, and history of her Polish heritage. A life of culture is a life of variety, and a number of interesting experiences that will help her grow culturally and will help her confidence in her Polish identity grow.

Continuing the metaphor of this Polish-American girl, we venture onto another part of her life that will be benefitted by her biculturalism. Human beings, as a general group, often struggle with identity throughout their lives, and attempt to find a fitting answer to the question, "Who am I?" to which the answer of a name will not suffice. People of unsure heritage or those identifying as Americans, who have been living in the U.S.A. generation after generation following their ancestors' arrival, employ the help of modern day technology, which promises to show people exactly from what places of the globe they genetically come from, and how those places have played important roles in the history of the world. They hope for an answer to their questions, a boost in confidence, and security of self in their existence. Not knowing who one truly is does not give one rest, or any pride in being who you are, as you do not truly know who you are. With no culture to learn about, no traditions of ancestors to follow, and no legacy to continue, one hungers to seek a deeper understanding of their origin. Knowing where one comes from gives one an idea of who one is, and the ways one's people have influenced the world.

Eager to tie themselves to the history of human life, one feels connected to one's ancestors and the feats they have accomplished, in turn, heightening their self-esteem and pride in their origins. It is evident that the human being is naturally curious of their heritage, as well as the accomplishments and obstacles of the people they are culturally tied to. And what an invigorating experience! To be able to tie one's own origins to that of the history of humans known and told worldwide. People enjoy being a part of the big picture, and knowing that humans of their very culture played an important role gives them even more pride and desire to defend and tell of the colorful history of their people, while simultaneously discovering how they fit into this big picture.

What is the ultimate decision our metaphorical girl will reach at the close of the day? Or, rather from a more worldly perspective, what will the masses of people born in a country of a second culture choose? While deciding, it is noteworthy to keep in mind that the importance of such a choice cannot be reduced to a simple choice of ease, because it is far more complex than that. Simply because it requires less effort not to uphold one's culture with pride does not mean it is the most beneficial choice. Each individual that decides to forget about their Polish heritage is another piece of Poland that is blown away by the wind, and only hope can keep the idea alive that they will someday journey back to their home country. Forgetting one's home means forgetting a part of oneself, a piece that is hidden away and gnaws at the subconscious mind to be rediscovered and blossom again. So then, once again, is it entirely worth it to let one's own past fade away? Perhaps to very few, but to the vast majority, simply the idea itself induces enough heartache to deter one from the act. It is detrimental to the soul, the ancestors, and the future ancestors, to forget, or relinquish one's own heritage. It is entirely because of those that remembered, all the grandparents, parents, and children that held the stories of their accomplished nation in their hearts and passed them on, so that 100 years later, we, Polacy, can continue to celebrate the unforgotten country, heritage, and persistence, of Polska.

Contestant #6

### Next Sunday, November 11, Poland celebrates very important day in history

Poland regained its independence on November 11, 1918, after 123 years of partitions by Austria-Hungary, Germany, and Russia. On November 11, 1918, the Polish Military Organization's secret departments, demobilized soldiers, and legionnaires disarmed the Germans in Warsaw and other Polish towns.

Zapraszamy na uroczystą Mszę świętą za Ojczyznę z okazji święta Niepodległości w niedzielę 11 listopada o godzinie 11:00 rano. Podczas Mszy świętej młodzież ze Szkoły Języka Polskiego zaprezentuje krótki program artystyczny. Po Mszy zostaną rozdane nagrody dla uczestników konkursu 100-lecia Niepodległości.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, November 5, 2018

NO MASS

## Tuesday, November 6, 2018

7:00 am †Joseph A. Schafer - *offered by Dr. Novella Schafer*

## Wednesday, November 7, 2018

12:00 pm †Leander H. Schafer - *offered by Dr. Novella Schafer*

## Thursday, November 8, 2018

7:00 am †Waldemar Korzun - *offered by Jadwiga Sadowski*

## Friday, November 9, 2018

7:00 am †Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory

## Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:30 pm †Rozalia & Mateusz Sroczyński - *offered by Kazimiera Kulacz*

## Sunday, November 11, 2018

9:00 am - For Parishioners

11:00 am - Msza ofiarowana za Ojczyznę z okazji 100-lecia odzyskania Niepodległości

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## LECTORS

### Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:30 pm Ranae Cussen

### Sunday, November 11, 2018

9:00 am Randee Hansen

11:00 am Józef Gal

## SPECIAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:30 pm Anyone Available

### Sunday, November 11, 2018

9:00 am Anyone Available

11:00 am Irena Drozd & Agata Gibala

## MASS SERVERS

### Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:30 pm Anyone Available

### Sunday, November 11, 2018

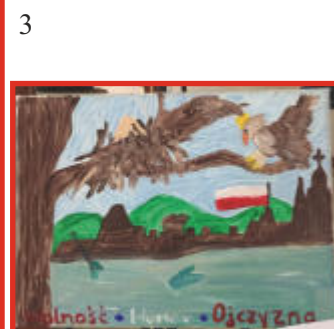
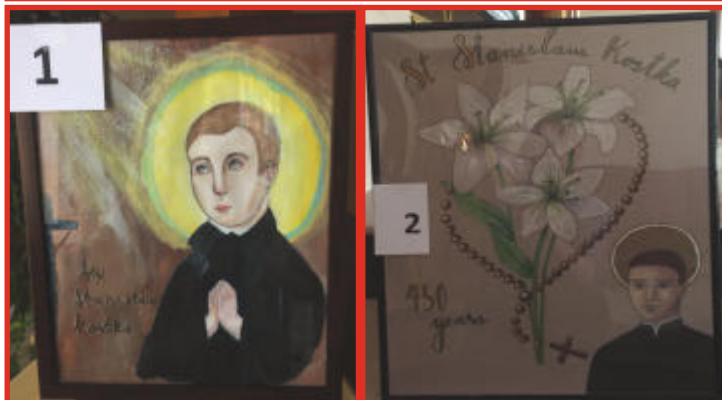
9:00 am Fernanda Sanchez and anyone available

11:00 am Olga Zasadny, Gabrysia Banka, Sandra Wilczynski



Congratulations to all the young people for their art work for the Independence of Poland contest. Winners of the contest will be announced next Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the 11:00 am Mass.

Gratulujemy wszystkim młodym parafianom, którzy wzięli udział w konkursie 100 lecia Niepodległości Polski. Nagrody zostaną rozdane w przyszłą niedzielę podczas Mszy świętej o godzinie 11:00 rano.



Please see the essay contest entry in the pages of the bulletin. Congratulations and good luck to all contestants.

Wypracowanie napisane na konkurs podane jest w biuletynie. Dziękujemy wszystkim za udział w konkursie i życzymy powodzenia.

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