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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



## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6b

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*Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego  
Trzech Króli*

January 6, 2019 • The Epiphany of the Lord



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday and all God's blessings to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays this week (January 6 - January 13): Beata Brechlin, Mark Sanchez, Damian Domyslawski, Elizabeth Gaessler, Apolonia Lemiesz.

Od wtorku rozpoczynamy błogosławieństwo i odwiedzin kolędowe rodzin z naszej parafii. Rodziny, które życzą sobie odwiedzin kapłana mogą zapisać się w biurze parafialnym.



Tuesday, we will start our annual pastoral visits of families of our parish. If you wish to have your home blessed you may call the parish to schedule a visit.



Prosimy o pomoc w rozbieraniu dekoracji świątecznych w przyszłą niedzielę, 13 stycznia bezpośrednio po polskiej Mszy świętej. Zapraszamy szczególnie młodzież z klasy bierzmowania i Grupę młodzieżową.

Please come and help us to take down all the Christmas decoration on Sunday, January 13th at 12:00 pm. Youth Group and Confirmation class is ask to help with this project.



Spotkanie Towarzystwa Miłosierdzia Bożego odbędzie się we wtorek 8 stycznia o godzinie 5:30 wieczorem w Sali o. Kolbego. Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej modlitwy.

Society of Mercy will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 5:30 pm in Kolbe Hall. We invite you to pray the Chaplet with us.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the soul of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please pray for the soul of:

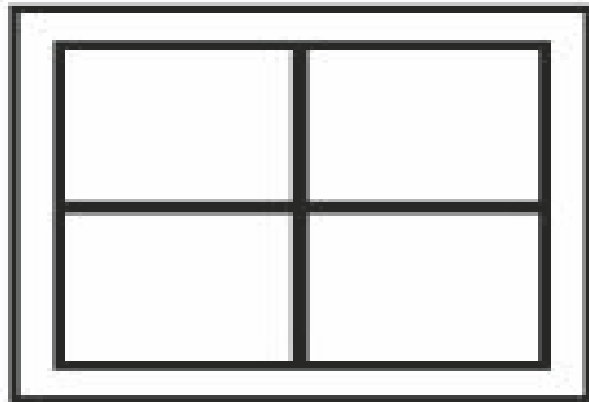
**Teresa Grochocka** - (mother of Margaret Borowski and sister of Celina Krysztopa) who died in Poland on Sunday, December 23rd.

Give the gift of time and yourselves to your spouse. Join us on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Jan 25-27 in Brookfield, WI; Feb 15-17 in Geneva, IL or March 15-17 in Madison, WI. Visit our website at - [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



Para un fin de semana en Espanol por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250. Las fechas son Feb. 8-10, April 26-28 and August 9-11.

# 20+C+M+B+19



## The Epiphany HOUSE BLESSING

Lord God of Heaven and Earth,  
Who has revealed Your  
only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill it with the light of Christ,  
that our love for others may truly  
reflect Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Thank you for all the financial support all year long. In the next two weeks we will be working on the end of the year contribution statements for our parishioners. It is very important that you inform the parish office of any changes you may have: address, phone number, etc...



Please help us in keeping our records current. **We also reminding you that you will receive a contribution statement directly from the Diocese of Rockford - Office of Charitable Giving for all the Diocesan Appeals and the Stewardship Appeal.**

Serdecznie Bóg zapłać za wszelkie ofiary złożone na kościół w minionym roku. W następnym dwóch tygodniach biuro parafialne będzie przygotowywać rozliczenia finansowe za rok 2018. Prosimy poinformować biuro o zmianach adresu zamieszkania oraz o innych zmianach personalnych.

Dziękujemy za współpracę.

**Przypominamy także, że za złożone donacje na diecezjalne kolektki wraz z kolektką na Stewardship, parafialnie otrzymają listy z podziękowaniem do rozliczeń podatkowych bezpośrednio z Diecezji Rockford - Office of Charitable Giving. Bóg zapłać.**



This season is full of wonderful happenings for me. Few weeks ago, December 8th, I celebrated 25th anniversary of my Solemn Vows. Just few days ago, on January 1st I celebrated my 50 Birthday. God has been very good to me and blessed me with such a great life. I have been serving God in Franciscan Order for all those year, and in 2016 was granted to be your Pastor. Those two years have been challenging, but I have learn so many new things, made new friendships and been blessed with such a wonderful parishioners. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of you for all the prayers, for your friendship, dedication to the parish and for everything you do for me and the parish. On a personal note, I thank you for the Birthday party last Sunday, for many gifts I have received and of course most important, for all the prayers. I assure you that you are always in my daily prayers. I hope to work with you for many more years and I will do my best to be a good shepherd.

May the Lord bless you and protect you always.

With Franciscan greeting of Peace and Goodness.

Fr. Mieczysław

Ten sezon jest dla mnie pełen wspaniałych wydarzeń. Kilka tygodni temu, 8 grudnia, świętowałem 25 tą rocznicę moich ślubów wieczystych. Zaledwie kilka dni temu, 1 stycznia obchodziłem swoje 50 urodziny. Pan Bóg jest dla mnie bardzo dobry i błogosławi mnie tak wspaniałym życiem. Posługę kapłańską sprawuję w Zakonie Franciszkańskim przez cały czas w różnych placówkach. W 2016 roku zostałem proboszczem tej parafii. Te dwa lata były dla mnie wyzwaniem, ale też przez to nauczyłem się wielu nowych rzeczy, nawiązałem nowe przyjaźnie i jestem proboszczem dla tak wspaniałych parafian. Pragnę skorzystać z tej okazji i podziękować Wam wszystkim za modlitwy, za waszą przyjaźń, poświęcenie dla parafii i za wszystko, co robicie dla mnie i dla parafii. Serdecznie dziękuję za przyjęcie urodzinowe w ubiegłą niedzielę, za prezenty, które otrzymałem i oczywiście za to co najważniejsze - za Wasze modlitwy. Zapewniam Was wszystkich, że zawsze jesteś w moich codziennych modlitwach. Mam nadzieję, że będzie mi dane współpracować z Wami przez wiele lat i dołożę wszelkich starań, aby być dobrym pasterzem. Niech Pan was błogosławi i ma Was w swojej opiece.  
Z franciszkańskim pozdrowieniem „Pokój i Dobro”.

O. Mieczysław

## The Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany, marking the end of the 12 Days of Christmas and the new season of Epiphany, is observed on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Epiphany - which is variously known as Theophany, Three Kings Day and El Dia de los Tres Reyes - is a Christian celebration of the revelation of the birth of Jesus to the wider world. This is embodied most in the story of three wise men visiting a newborn Jesus with gifts, found in the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12.

In this story, Magi (wise men) from the east follow a star to Jerusalem, where they ask the presiding king, Herod, what he knows about a newly born “King of the Jews.”

This sounds like a challenge to Herod, who gathers his priests to learn where and who is this king. They relay a prophecy that Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, and Herod sends the Magi there, saying: “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” The wise men — Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar — eventually find Mary and her son, Jesus, to whom they bow and worship. The Magi give Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and then return home, for a dream told them to bypass Herod. While Roman Catholic and Protestant Christianity focuses on the story of the Magi, Eastern Christians, like the Greek Orthodox, celebrate the baptism of Jesus on Epiphany and consider the day to be more important than Christmas.

Traditionally, Epiphany is observed by blessing the home (recalling the Magi’s visit to Jesus’ family), blessing water (especially the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized), exchanging gifts, performing “Magi plays” (to tell the story of Jesus’ childhood) and feasting, most notably on a “King Cake.”

But celebrations vary around the world. In Spain, “El Dia de los Tres Reyes” (“Three Kings’ Day”) is observed with parades, and children leave shoes out to receive gifts from the Magi.

In Poland, celebrations include blessing a piece of chalk and mark their doors with the year and the letters “K+M+B,” which are based on Latin and signify “May Christ bless this house.”

### ***IT'S TIME TO ASK GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES***

Epiphany means „**Christ Shown Forth To The World**”. It is a wonderful time to proclaim that our homes and families are under the protection of God. Join us in an ancient Christian tradition of the blessing of chalk and the marking of our doorways in honor of Christ and of the Three Kings. At mass today we will bless the chalk that we can use in the blessing of our homes.

On the Epiphany, the lintel over the entrance door of the homes is marked (*usually with chalk*) with the year and the letters CMB, which stands for ***Christus Mansionem Benedicat***, (Christ, bless this home). These are also the initials of Casper, Melchior and Balthasar, the names of the three wise men, according to legend. The inscription, which remains above the doorway until Pentecost, is written thus: **20+C+M+B+19**. ***The House Blessing*** (*provided in the prior page of this bulletin*) may be prayed as the inscription is chalked on the lintel. You may also mark other doors in the house, such as bedrooms, other entry ways.

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, January 7, 2019

7:00 am †NO MASS

## Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:00 am †Souls in Purgatory

## Wednesday, January 9, 2019

12:00 pm Special blessing for John Drozd -  
offered by family

## Thursday, January 10, 2019

7:00 am †Souls in Purgatory

## Friday, January 11, 2019

7:00 am †Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm †Ella Wojewodzki - *offered by Janina  
Kuzmicki*

## Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:30 pm †Matthew Blaszczyk - *Dennis & Jean  
Harezlak*

## Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 am †William Pielak - *offered by wife*

11:00 am For Parishioners

## *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 Hanna Walas**

*offered by Elzbieta Czerska*

### *Left Red Candle is offered for:*

**In memory of deceased of Walas and Czerska  
family**

*offered by Elzbieta Czerska*

These candles will burn beginning Sunday,  
January 6th.

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

<b>Jan 12/13</b>	pancake and muffin mix
<b>Jan 19/20</b>	cake mix
<b>Jan 26/27</b>	tooth brushes, tooth paste
<b>Feb 2/3</b>	canned soup
<b>Feb 9/10</b>	canned vegetables

St. Elizabeth Pantry is very grateful for all the donations received from St. Stanislaus Church parishioners during the year 2018. Because of your generosity, the Pantry helped many people in need providing them with food and other everyday items. God bless.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

## LECTORS

### Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:30 pm Ed Portilo

### Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 am Randee Hansen

11:00 am Irena Drozd

## SPECIAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:30 pm Jo Caiozzo

### Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 am Stephanie Mrowiec

11:00 am Anna Moskalis

## MASS SERVERS

### Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:30 pm Anyone Available

### Sunday, January 13, 2019

9:00 am Fernanda Sanchez & Michael Sanchez

11:00 am Veronika Sarat, Zofia Prashar,  
Iza Domyslowski, Juliana Gornicki

# CHURCH SUPPORT

## December 8/9

Envelopes..... \$2,241.00

Loose ..... \$149.00

## December 15/16

Envelopes..... \$1,990.00

Loose ..... \$167.00

Fuel ..... \$740.00

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Sali szkolnej dzisiaj w niedzielę, 6 stycznia 2019  
roku o godzinie 12:00 w południe (bezpośrednio  
po Mszy św.).

Po przedstawieniu zapraszamy na kawę, ciasto i  
gorący bigos.

Children from Polish School invites all to the an-  
nual Nativity Play this Sunday, January 6th at  
noon. After the play, you are invited to coffee,  
sweet treats and hot bigos (hunter's stew).  
Come and join us.

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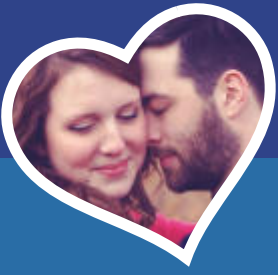
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