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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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:

7:30 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 7:30 am Mass

Chaplet to Divine Mercy:

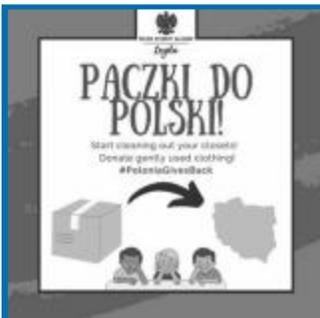
Friday after 7:30 am Mass

January 3, 2021 • Epiphany of the Lord

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA 2020 CALENDAR RAFFLE

December 27	#4873	ANNE M. HUDZINSKI	\$100
December 28	#2167	ERIN MOBERG	\$25
December 29	#0944	DAVE WAGAMAN	\$50
December 30	#0895	TOM HOWARD	\$25
December 31	#1264	MALGORZATA CZAJKOWSKI	\$50

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OSTATNIE PRZYPOMNIENIE

Drodzy Parafianie,

Missy McKillip, nasza parafianka, studentka Loyla University, jest członkiem studenckiej organizacji na uniwersytecie – Loyla University Chicago Polish Students Alliance. Organizacja ta postanowiła zrobić w czasie adwentu akcję pomocy dla potrzebujących w Polsce. Missy włączyła się w tę akcję z wielkim zapałem i dlatego też będzie zbierała ubrania, które później zostaną wysłane do Polski do domów dziecka, zastępczych rodzin lub placówek opiekuńczych.

Zbiórka ubrań będzie trwała do 10 stycznia 2021r. W naszym kościele znajduje się pojemnik przy wejściu do kościoła, do którego będzie można składać przyniesione rzeczy. Jeżeli

macie **dziecięce ubrania**, których już nie używacie, nie lubicie albo chcecie się podzielić z tymi, którzy są w potrzebie - prosimy o donacje. Jeżeli ktoś nie może przynieść rzeczy z jakichkolwiek powodów - możemy się umówić na bezpieczny odbiór z waszych domów. Najbardziej potrzebne są: bielizna osobista dla dziewcząt i chłopców, bokserki, skarpetki, piżamki, buty damskie, sneakersy, dresy dla chłopców, spodnie dresowe, buty męskie, śniegowce, getry, legginsy, bluzki – krótki i długi rękaw, bluzy z kapturem, sukieneczki, spodnie jeansy dla nastolatków. Dziękujemy za wszelkie donacje.

LAST REMINDER

Dear Parishioners,

Missy McKillip, our parishioner, and a student of Loyla University, is a member of the student organization at the university - Loyla University Chicago Polish Students Alliance. This organization decided to organize an aid campaign for the needy in Poland during Advent. Missy joined this action with great enthusiasm and therefore she will collect clothes that will later be sent to Poland to orphanages, foster families or long term care institutions. **The clothing drive will be till January 10, 2021.** She put out container at the entrance to the church, where you can put your donations. If you have **children's clothes** that you don't use anymore, don't like them anymore, or just want to share with those in need - please donate. If someone is unable to bring donations to church for any reason - we can arrange a safe collection from your homes. Looking at the list they received from the organization, the most needed items are: girls' underwear, boys' underwear, boxers, socks, pajamas, panties, shoes, athletic sneakers, jogging suits for boys and girls, sweatpants, snow boots, leggings, blouses - short and long sleeves, sweatshirts with hoodies, girls dresses, pants jeans for teenagers. Thank you for any donations.



Lighter Side - Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

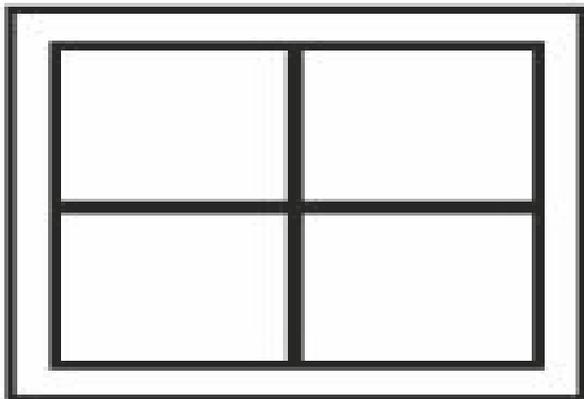
The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

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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.

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 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 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 the Solemnity of Pentecost, is written thus:

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The House Blessing (provided above) may be prayed as the inscription is chalked on the lintel. You may also mark other doors in the house, such as bedrooms, kitchen, living room or other entry ways.

TAX
TIME

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, email, etc...

Please help us in keeping our records current.

We are 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.

Serdeczne Bóg zapłać za wszelkie ofiary złożone na kościół w minionym roku. W następnym dwóch tygodniach biuro parafialne będzie przygotowywać rozliczenia finansowe za rok 2020. Prosimy poinformować biuro o zmianach adresu zamieszkania, telefonu, adresu emailowego lub innych zmianach personalnych.

Dziękujemy za współpracę.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4, 2021

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

12:00 pm †Zygmunt Bratko - *offered by Mazela family*

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 8, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm †Elżbieta Majchrowicz - *offered by Jadwiga Sadowski*

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:30 pm †Theresa Blaszczyk - *offered by Carol Holden*

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:00 am For Parishioners

11:00 am †Natalia Kowałko - *offered by Apolonia Lemiesz*

†Janina Szostak - *offered by Urszula Freda*

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

January 9/10	cake mix, muffin mix
January 16/17	tooth brushes, tooth paste
January 23/24	canned soup
January 30/31	canned vegetables

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 19/20

Envelopes.....	\$1,010.00
Loose.....	\$133.00
Fuel.....	\$461.00
On line giving.....	\$125.00

Reminder Church cleaning January 9, 2021 Group II

St. Elizabeth Pantry is very grateful for all the donations of food received from St. Stanislaus Kostka church parishioners during the year 2020. 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 9, 2021

4:30 pm Dr. Mike Michalik

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:00 am Anyone Available

11:00 am Renata Romanowski



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday and all God's blessings to the following parishioners celebrating their birthdays

this week (Sunday, January 3 - Sunday, January 10): Maria McKillip, Czeslaw Bugdal, Noel Pycior, Justyna Sanchez, Jan Stachel, Beata Brechlin, Mark Sanchez, Ella Stackowicz, Damian Domyslowski.

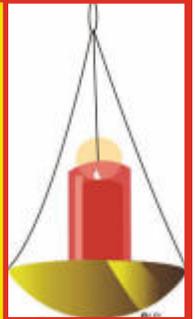
Seven-day Sanctuary Candles

Red Candle on the right side
of the altar is offered for:

In memory of Steve Ostrowski
offered by family

Red Candle on the left side
of the altar is offered for:

In memory of Dorothy Hubeny
offered by sister



These candles will burn beginning Sunday, January 3rd.



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