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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:

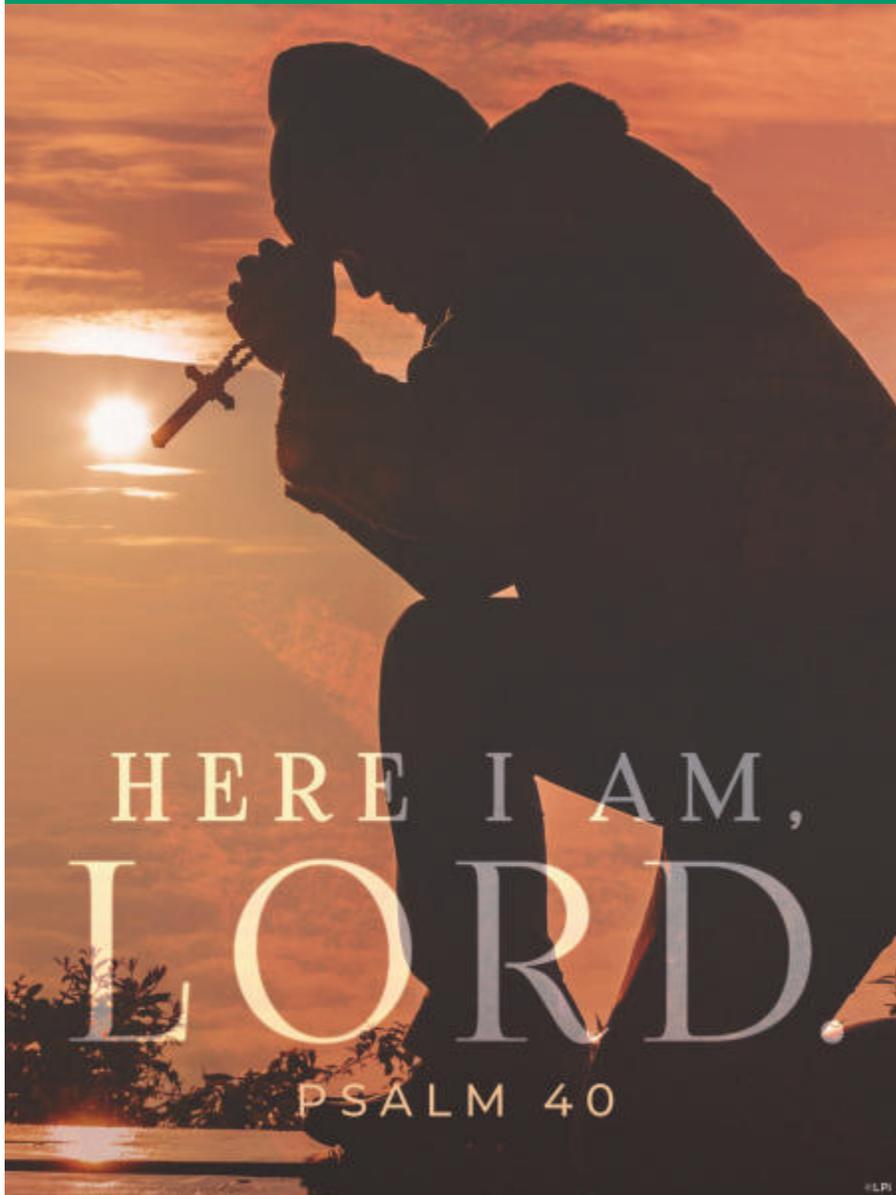
- 7:30 am (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
- 12:00 pm Wednesday
- 6:00 pm Friday (Polish)
- (No AM Mass on Monday & Saturday)

Novena to St. Anthony:

Tuesday after 7:30 am Mass

Chaplet to Divine Mercy:

Friday after 7:30 am Mass



Druga Niedziela w okresie zwykłym

January 17, 2021 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

January 17 - Sunday, January 24): Anna Banka, John Leombruni, Peter Pielak, Patrick Bushaw, Anthony Borowski, Barbara Gresse, Timothy Mahorski, Zofia Masny, Jacob Rudawski, Shawna Mrowiec, Brian Muchowicz.

Seven-day Sanctuary Candles

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

In memory of **Marian Kuchta**
offered by *Maria McKillip*

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

In memory of **Marian Kuchta**
offered by *Maria McKillip*

These candles will burn beginning Sunday, January 17th.



Church cleaning Group III January 23, 2021



I would like to thank Marian Saprón for all his hard work and dedication to our Parish. He has been very involved in a life of this parish. He helps with Polish

Fest, WWI, WWII, and other events. He drives to Chicago to bring the supplies for Polish Fest and other events. He is always ready and available to help when is needed.

Together with Marzena they took upon themselves preparing pierogi for Polish Fest. He spends numerous hours helping with cooking, preparing stuffing and rolling the dough for pierogi. Marian will be truly missed when he moves, and again we wish him all the best. Thank you.

Fr. Mieczyslaw Wit

On behalf of St. Stanislaus Church, I would like to take this opportunity and thank Marzena Steigerwald. As many of you know, Marzena Steigerwald decided to leave cold Rockford and move to a warmer area.

This is her last week here at our parish and I want to thank her for all her hard work over the years and her dedication to our parish. From the moment

Marzena came to our parish in 2006, she started to get involved in the parish life. At first she joined the Polish Fest committee and was in charge of Bingo. Then, Marzena stepped in and took charge of ethnic food booth (pierogi). She did not only take care of the booth at the Fest, but she spend countless hours preparing for that day. Marzena took upon herself the responsibility of organizing and making pierogi for the Polish Fest and other pierogi sales for the parish. When Marzena started to make pierogi for the fest, we were making about 8,000. Last year under Marzena's supervisions we made 19,000.

She also helped to organize parish dances and banquets. She used her strong organizational skills to coordinate fundraising events that not only benefit our parish, like V.I.P. cards, Pierogi sale, WWI and WWII events at Midway Village Museum, but other events as well, such as the Applebee Restaurant breakfast that benefited the Franciscan Missions in Uganda.

When she was not coordinating events or making pierogi, she could be found cleaning the church and helping to better organize our buildings. Marzena was a Parish Council Chair for many, years, after this position, she took the responsibility as a Finance Council Chair.

Marzena is a very talented person. She sings in the Polish Choir, cantors, takes part in artistic church performances and is a member of the adult parish theater group „Korab”. She works for our parish with a positive attitude and her warm smile and greeting always warms one's heart.

Again, Marzena is truly a blessing to our parish. Her work for God and His Church shows her true faith and is a great inspiration to us all. We all going to miss her when she moves, but we wish her all the best in her many new adventures.

Thank you Marzena, may God bless you always.

Fr. Mieczyslaw Wit



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: 5:30 pm. For other times contact the parish office.

All copy for the bulletin must be submitted by MONDAY 4:00 pm.

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

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican on Monday (December 20) declared that it is “morally acceptable” for Roman Catholics to receive COVID-19 vaccines based on research that used fetal tissue from abortions.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican’s watchdog office for doctrinal orthodoxy, said it addressed the question after receiving several requests for “guidance” during recent months. The doctrine office noted that bishops, Catholic groups and experts have offered “diverse and sometimes conflicting pronouncements” on the matter.

Drawing on Vatican pronouncements in past years about developing vaccines prepared from cells derived from aborted fetuses, the watchdog office issued a statement it said Pope Francis had examined last week and ordered to be made public.

The Vatican concluded that “it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses” in the research and production process when “ethically irreproachable” vaccines aren’t available to the public. But it stressed that the “licit” uses of such vaccines “does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses.”

The most essential or most vulnerable: Who should get the coronavirus vaccine first?

In its statement, the Vatican explained that obtaining vaccines that do not pose an ethical dilemma is not always possible. It cited circumstances in countries “where vaccines without ethical problems are not made available to physicians and patients” or where special storage or transport conditions make their distribution more difficult.

In reassuring faithful Catholics that getting a COVID-19 vaccine would not violate religious doctrine, the Vatican also noted that while various vaccines might be distributed in a country, “health authorities do not allow citizens to choose the vaccine with which to be inoculated.” In those cases, it is morally acceptable to receive vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses, the Vatican said.

The Vatican said the vaccines used cell lines “drawn from tissue obtained from two abortions that occurred in the last century.”

The Vatican hasn’t said if and when Francis would be vaccinated nor which vaccine he might receive.

Observer – Vaccines and COVID 19 (By Fr. Ken Wasilewski)

As concerns about the Coronavirus continue, and talk of an imminent vaccine becomes more prevalent, there are a few moral questions about the vaccine which have also arisen. These really come down to two basic areas: first, how a given vaccine is developed, and secondly, the morality of receiving that vaccine (or not receiving it). Generally speaking, the Church has long been a supporter of vaccine development and use. It’s something She sees as connected to the Common Good. Vaccines are seen as an important tool in keeping people safe and healthy. Likewise, they help reduce personal and societal suffering caused by certain illnesses. Hence, they’re something that can contribute positively to human welfare. However, if a given vaccine is developed using immoral means – such as using tissues from an aborted fetus – then this raises serious moral questions. Historically, this has happened sometimes. Understandably, some people have concerns about whether or not it’s morally acceptable to receive such a vaccine. A document from the Pontifical Academy for Life in 2005 addressed these concerns directly, as have other notable theologians (like those at The National Catholic Bioethics Center). Given the forthcoming COVID 19 vaccines, it seems good to revisit the basic guidance the Church has previously offered and which remains especially relevant now. The Church is clear that utilizing fetal tissue from an induced abortion to develop vaccines (or for other uses) is immoral. Likewise, she is clear that Catholics should advocate for moral means in developing vaccines. But when it comes to whether or not a Catholic may, in good conscience, receive a vaccine that has a historical connection to an immoral development, the Church has said it is morally permissible, even if not ideal, to do so. How does She arrive at that conclusion? The answer has to do with the degree of connection (cooperation) the one receiving the vaccine has with the immoral actions involved. The answer is essentially none. The person receiving the vaccine (unless they were one of the developers) had no say, control or participation in those immoral actions that brought about the death of that child. Furthermore, the vaccines actually produced today are not utilizing tissues from abortion. The original actions may have been gravely immoral, but the subsequent actions which are today producing more of that vaccine are not in and of themselves wrong. Therefore, a vaccine received today – even if it was originally developed utilizing tissues from an abortion – has a historical, but not an actual connection to an abortion. Therefore, receiving such a vaccine is morally permissible. However, if there were alternative vaccines that didn’t have even a historical connection to an abortion, those would be preferable.

This is good to keep in mind currently. While many of the companies working on a COVID vaccine haven’t utilized tissue connected to an abortion, sadly, some have. They’re wrong to do so. That being said, even if a COVID vaccine ended up having a historical connection to tissue from an abortion, a Catholic would still be morally permitted to receive it given the Church’s previous guidance. A caveat to this would be that Catholics should continue advocating for vaccines developed in more morally acceptable ways. Not surprisingly, some people would still be uncomfortable with such a scenario and might wish to refuse such a vaccine. The Church would allow for such a refusal so long as there was a very serious reason for doing so. Refusing available vaccines – even if developed utilizing immoral means - can create other moral problems. Especially if that refusal could put other people at risk or hinder public health efforts. Doing so might involve working against the common good instead of contributing to it. Given that possibility, the Church would still encourage vaccine use, even if the only ones available originally involved immoral development. This might be helpful to consider as COVID vaccines begin emerging.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 18, 2021

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:30 am †Zygmunt Bratko - offered by Labuz family

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

12:00 pm †Jerzy & Pawel Czaplicki - offered by Hanna Czaplicki

Thursday, January 21, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 22, 2021

7:30 am †Souls in Purgatory

6:00 pm †Aniela Buczkowska - offered by Golab family

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:30 pm God's blessings for Sachi and Stan Brzazgon - offered by Maria Brzazgon

Sunday, January 24, 2021

9:00 am For Parishioners

11:00 am †Andrzej Pniewski - offered by Teresa Pniewski

O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Toniego Borowskiego z okazji urodzin - Msza ofiarowana przez żonę i dzieci

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

January 16/17	tooth brushes, tooth paste
January 23/24	canned soup
January 30/31	canned vegetables
February 6/7	canned fruit
February 13/14	bathroom tissue
February 20/21	cereal
February 27/28	pasta, noodles

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 9/10

Envelopes.....	\$1,484.00
Loose.....	\$70.00
On-line giving.....	\$245.00

LECTORS

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:30 pm Anyone Available

Sunday, January 24, 2021

9:00 am Anyone Available

11:00 am Irena Drozd



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