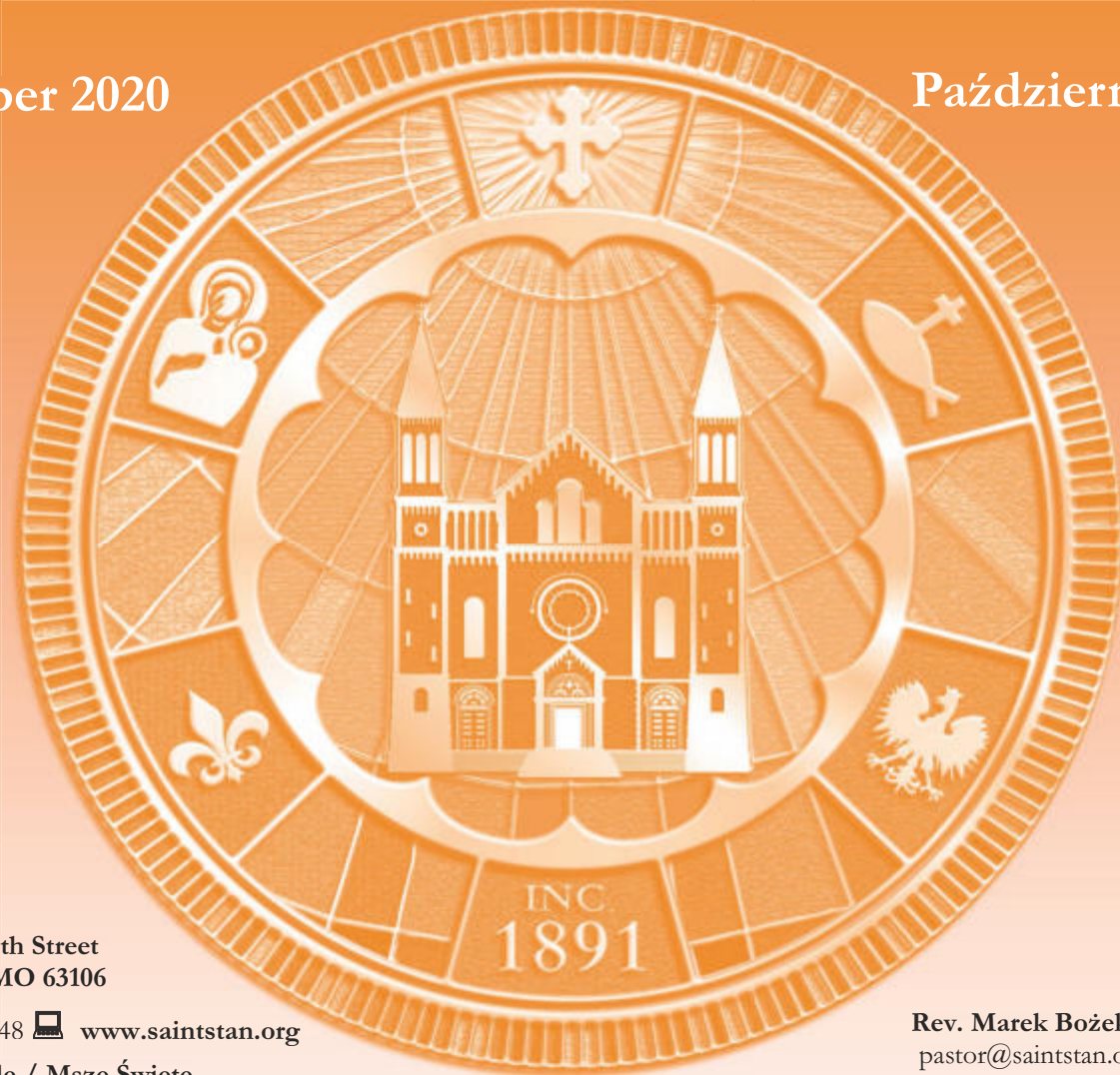


# Saint Stanislaus

Kostka Polish Catholic Parish

October 2020

Październik 2020



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Saint Louis, MO 63106

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### Mass Schedule / Msze Święte

Sunday 9:00 am Mass is streamed live on [facebook.com/stanstl](https://www.facebook.com/stanstl)

Saturday - Sobota: 4:00 p.m. English (Drive-In)

Sunday - Niedziela: 9:00 a.m. English

11:00 a.m. Polish

Wednesday - Środa: 11:30 a.m. Latin

### Office Building Is Closed / Biuro Parafialne Jest Nieczynne

*We are open on the phone and via e-mail*

**Morning Prayer (Lauds)** is streamed live on [facebook.com/stanstl](https://www.facebook.com/stanstl)

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet / Koronka do Bożego Miłosierdzia

Friday - Piątek: 3:00 p.m.

### Holy Communion at Home / Komunia w Domu

Contact Fr. Marek if you would like to receive communion at your home

Skontaktuj się z Ks. Markiem aby otrzymać komunię w domu

### Food Bank / Bank Żywności

Friday - Piątek: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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## St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Welcomes You!

The St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Parish is closely following the developments of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and prayerfully responding to the advice of local, state and national health experts. Our priority is the health and safety of everyone in our church family, city, and region. Father Marek Bożek and the Board of Directors are working together to deal with the many ways this crisis impacts our parish. In accordance with the City of St. Louis' Health Commissioner's Orders, public Masses have now resumed at St. Stanislaus church.

Both Bishop Wiktor Wysoczanski of the Polish Catholic Church (Old Catholic Church of the Union of Utrecht) and Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis) have dispensed all the faithful from the obligation of Sunday Mass until further notice. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, it is advised that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions should continue to physically isolate themselves. For this reason, each 9:00 am Sunday Mass is streamed live on St. Stanislaus' Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/stanstl](http://www.facebook.com/stanstl)). Moreover, we continue to "gather" on Facebook Live for Morning Prayers at 9:00am, Monday through Saturday. We are also streaming live Latin Mass at the side altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Wednesdays at 11:30am), and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Benediction (Fridays at 3:00pm).

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Mass. Anyone over 65 years of age and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to join us on Saturdays for 4:00pm "Drive-In" outdoor Mass (while remaining in their vehicle) or to participate in 9:00 am Sunday Mass via live-stream.

**Everyone attending Mass at St. Stanislaus is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering.** The only exception during Mass is when placing Holy Communion in your mouth. When at church, please follow the instructions provided regarding where to sit. Be sure to keep at least six feet between you (or your family) and others while in the church. Lectors and acolytes (altar servers) are obligated to wear masks and maintain the physical distance of six feet as much as possible. You will notice there is no entrance or offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket. You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to donate online at [www.saintstan.org/donate](http://www.saintstan.org/donate)

**May God continue to bless and protect us all!**



## MASS INTENTIONS

- October 3** **Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. For The Tinnes Family  
*Intention of Lou Ann Tinnes*
- October 4** **The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. †† Jane & Luke Comerio  
*Intention of Felicia Schmittker*  
11:00 a.m. † Franciszek Pielesiak  
(Polish) *Intencja Elżbiety Świetlickiej*
- October 10** **Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. † Wanda Wejzgrowicz  
*Intention of Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Sodality*
- October 11** **The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. † Boniface Comia  
*Intention of Sandy & Debbie*  
11:00 a.m. † Kazimierz Stolarz  
(Polish) *Intencja Przyjaciół z Parafii*
- October 17** **Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. Karen Marie Taylor  
*Intention of Petrice Cabalan*
- October 18** **The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. Rockne & John Daniel Luke  
*Intention on the occasion of their marriage.*  
11:00 a.m. † Henry & Shirley Marganski & Janice Southard  
(Polish) *Intencja Sue Kaminski*
- October 24** **Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the PROSD  
*Intention of Cynthia and Stan Piekarski*
- October 25** **The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:00 a.m. † Wanda Wejzgrowicz  
*Intention of Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Sodality*  
11:00 a.m. Małgorzata Świerczyńska, z okazji urodzin  
(Polish) *Intencja ks. Marka*
- October 31** **Vigil of All Saints Day**  
4:00 p.m. † Rob Rogger  
*Intention of The Family*
- November 1** **All Saints Day - Wszystkich Świętych**  
9:00 a.m. ††† November Mass for Deceased  
*Intention of the Donors*  
11:00 a.m. ††† Listopadowa Msza Wypominkowa  
(Polish) *Intencja Ofiarodawców*

### MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCJE MSZALNE

Please call, or visit the rectory to schedule a Mass for your loved ones, living or deceased.

Intencje Mszalne można zamawiać przez telefon w biurze parafialnym, lub po niedzielnej Mszy Świętej.





**Henry Sokolowski** passed away on September 16 at the age of 94. He went to St. Stanislaus School and served in the World War II. He is survived by Francine, his wife of 65 years, and three children. Henry's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Stanislaus on September 21 with interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.



**ARAH ANDERSON & TONY FISHER**  
WERE MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

**IRIS MOORE & CHAPELLE NORISE**  
WERE MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

**DAVONNA CORMIER & TERENCE KING**  
WERE MARRIED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



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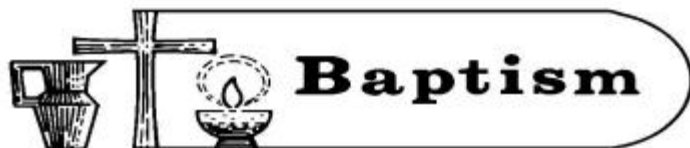
**CHAD INGOLD AND BRYAN BRAKHANE**  
ON NOVEMBER 7, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

**CHRISTINA PLOCICA AND JAY GATRELL**  
ON NOVEMBER 24, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:**

SIMON & MONIKA LEE,  
JENNIFER KIST, MARTHA PRUITT, DOUG HAFLEY



**ARIANA VICTORIA LOPEZ**

**Born:** November 26, 2019  
**Baptized:** September 12, 2020  
**Parents:** Victor Lopez & Gabriela Moreno  
**Godparents:** Jorge & Yesenia Moreno

**BRANDON CORONA**

**Born:** May 4, 2012  
**Baptized:** September 13, 2020  
**Parents:** Fabian Medieta & Lilliona Corona  
**Godparents:** Oscar & Sonia Solis

**NATASHA MEDIETA CORONA**

**Born:** November 28, 2016  
**Baptized:** September 13, 2020  
**Parents:** Fabian Medieta & Lilliona Corona  
**Godparents:** Modesto & Maria Flores



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Growing for the future

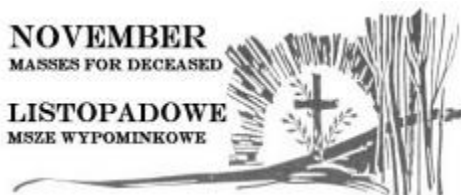
Zakorzeni w przeszłości  
Rosnący ku przyszłości

### WEDNESDAYS OF NOVEMBER: MASSES FOR DECEASED

The month of November is a special time when we remember our deceased family members and friends. One of the ways to express our love for them is to offer a Holy Mass for his or her intention.

In our Parish there will be a series of six Masses in November offered for the souls of those departed whose names you wish to provide us: two Masses on November 1st, and then every Wednesday in November. If you would like to add the names of the deceased, please pick up a special envelope at the side entrance to the church and return it with the names of your beloved departed. Alternatively, you can mail us the list of the deceased with a check marked "November Masses" on the Memo line.

**NOVEMBER**  
MASSES FOR DECEASED  
**LISTOPADOWE**  
MSZE WYPOMINKOWE



### ŚRODY LISTOPADA:

#### WYPOMINKOWE MSZE ZA ZMARŁYCH

Listopad to czas szczególnej pamięci o drogich zmarłych z naszych rodzin oraz przyjaciół. Wielu z nas pragnie w tym czasie ofiarować Msze Świętą za dusze zmarłych bliskich nam osób.

W naszej Parafii zostanie odprawiona seria pięciu Mszy Wypominkowych: 1 listopada, oraz w każdą środę listopada o godz. 11:30 w intencji tych zmarłych, których imiona zechcą nam Państwo podać. Osoby zainteresowane ofiarowaniem tych 5 wypominkowych

Mszy Świętych w intencji swoich bliskich zmarłych proszone są o zrobienie tego w specjalnej kopercie, którą można znaleźć na kaloryferze przy bocznym wejściu do kościoła.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Fifteen years ago, in October of 2005, I was on the cusp of making a decision that would forever change the trajectory of my life. Long months of unsuccessful negotiations between the Archdiocese of St. Louis and St. Stanislaus' Board of Directors had brought me to acceptance of the call to be your priest and the Tenth Pastor of this parish. As a thirty year old priest I firmly believed that, in the face of unjust treatment and abandonment by Archbishop Burke, this was the right and Godly thing to do. Fifteen years later, even though I have paid the high price of excommunication and laicization by the Roman Catholic administrative structures, I have no doubts in the righteousness of that epochal decision. Together we have kept this parish alive and growing. Moreover, we have made it a proud example of the new, inclusive way of being Catholic. We have kept our doors opened, but we have widened our horizons beyond the collapsing borders of the nineteenth century Catholicism. Unlike any other Catholic building in Missouri, we can proudly say that "all are truly welcome in this place."

It is, therefore, with a whirlwind of emotions, that I write this letter, for there is nothing else I loved more than serving as your priest and pastor. Even so, fifteen years after accepting this amazing "job", the time has come for me to set in motion a process for selecting and calling the next pastor of this parish. After many months of intense prayer and reflection, I informed the Board of Directors at their September meeting that I will not seek to extend my employment contract with St. Stanislaus beyond its currently set expiration date of November 1, 2022. While it is awkward for someone at my age to call it a "retirement", for all intents and purposes we should think of it as such. It is my intention to move back to Poland, spend more time with my family, and continue my priestly ministry in the land of my ancestors.

With this transition scheduled over a period of 25 months, we have an opportunity to face the future from a position of stability. While I am still relatively young and healthy, we have two years to select and train a capable and charismatic leader for this parish. Once such a priest takes charge on November 1, 2022, I will be readily available to offer them - and you all - my advice, guidance, and prayerful support.

I humbly ask that you consider this announcement not as a sad occasion, but rather as an opportunity to grow and develop in new and emerging ways. During my tenure, which by the time of my "retirement" will have lasted 17 years, we have accomplished much: we are healthy spiritually and financially, we have made our mark on the map of Catholic St. Louis and, dare I say, worldwide Catholicism. I pray that God will bless you with wisdom and courage, and that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead you in discerning the role our parish is called to play in the lives of our members, our community, and the wider Church.

The calling to be your priest and pastor has been, and continues to be, a blessing and joy that I never expected to have in my life. Let us make sure that the next two years are at least as blessed and as fun, as the time we have had so far.

*Fr. Marek*

## OD PROBOSZCZA

Piętnaście lat temu, w październiku 2005 roku, byłem w trakcie podejmowania decyzji, która na zawsze zmieniła kurs mojego życia. Wiele miesięcy nieudanych negocjacji między Archidiecezją St. Louis a Radą Dyrektorów Św. Stanisława doprowadziły mnie do pozytywnej odpowiedzi na prośby o zostanie waszym kapłanem i dziesiątym proboszczem tej parafii. Jako trzydziestoletni ksiądz wierzyłem bowiem, że w obliczu niesprawiedliwego traktowania i opuszczenia was przez arcybiskupa Burke, była to właściwa i moralnie słuszna decyzja. Piętnaście lat później, mimo że zapłaciłem za tamten wybór wysoką cenę ekskomuniki i laicyzacji przez władze Kościoła Rzymsko-katolickiego, nie mam ani cienia wątpliwości co do prawości owej decyzji. Razem udało nam się utrzymać tę parafię przy życiu. Co więcej, nasza wspólnota stała się pięknym przykładem nowego, inkluzywnego sposobu na bycie katolikiem w XXI wieku. Nasze drzwi pozostają otwarte, a nasze horyzonty się poszerzyły poza kruszące się już mury dziewiętnastowiecznego katolicyzmu. Jak żadna inna katolicka świątynia w Missouri, możemy z dumą głosić, że nasze drzwi są prawdziwie otwarte dla wszystkich bez wyjątku.

Dlatego też z wielkim wzruszeniem piszę te słowa, bo bycie waszym kapłanem i proboszczem jest tak ważną i piękną częścią mojego życia. Piętnaście lat po przyjęciu tego „stanowiska” nadszedł bowiem czas, abym zachęcił was do rozpoczęcia procesu poszukiwania mojego następcy. Po miesiącach intensywnej refleksji i modlitwy poinformowałem Radę Dyrektorów – podczas ich wrześnieowego spotkania – że nie będę się ubiegał o przedłużenie mojego kontraktu poza jego obecnie ustaloną datę wygaśnięcia 1 listopada 2022 roku. Po zakończeniu mojej pracy tutaj planuję powrót do Polski, spędzania więcej czasu z moją rodziną, oraz kontynuowanie posługi kapłańskiej w kraju moich przodków.

Przed nami jest więc 25 miesięcy, by mądrze i ze stabilnej pozycji planować przyszłość tej parafii. Jako że jestem jeszcze w miarę młody i zdrowy, mamy dwa pełne lata by wybrać i przygotować do posługi zdolnego i charymatycznego następnego lidera tej parafii. Gdy ten nowy ksiądz obejmie urząd proboszcza 1 listopada 2022 roku, z chęcią będą służył jemu – oraz wam wszystkim – moją radą, wskazówkami, i modlitewnym wsparciem.

Proszę was, abyście traktowali tę informację nie jako coś smutnego, ale jako okazję do wzrostu i rozwoju. Podczas mojej kadencji, która będzie trwała 17 lat, udało nam się bardzo wiele osiągnąć: mamy zdrową sytuację finansową i silnego ducha, a na mapie lokalnego i globalnego katolicyzmu wyciesneliśmy swoje wyraźne piętno. Modlę się by Pan Bóg dał wam dar mądrości i odwagi, oraz by Duch Święty pomagał wam w rozeznawaniu roli do której wzywa tę parafię w życiu swoich członków, w życiu tego miasta, oraz w życiu Kościoła.

Powołanie do bycia waszym kapłanem i proboszczem było i jest niezwykłym błogosławieństwem i radością mojego życia. Głęboko wierzę, że nasze kolejne dwa lata będą równie błogosławione i pełne radości jak te piętnaście lat dotąd.

*Ks. Marek*

## COMING SOON

### October 3: Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of animals is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all God's creatures. We invite all the animals with their human friends to join us for a special Mass on Saturday, October 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

### November 1: "Trunk or Treat"

On the Sunday of "All Hallows" (All Saints) we invite all our young friends, ages 17 and younger, to join us for a joyful "Trunk or Treat" celebration from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. (between the Masses). Our adult members and friends are encouraged to come with trunks full of goodies and treat our youngsters with sweet generosity!



### Wednesdays in November: Masses for Deceased

Every Wednesday in November, at 11:30 am we are offering a special Mass for our deceased family members, parishioners, and friends. These Masses are celebrated in Latin, at the side altar or Our Lady of Czestochowa.

### November 21: Ordination to the Diaconate

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God we joyfully invite all our parishioners and friends for the Diaconal Ordination of Jonathan Batchelor. This happy and solemn ceremony of ordaining Jonathan to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church will take place on Saturday, November 21st at 4:00 p.m. Let us express our support of his journey toward priesthood by our continued prayers. God willing, Jonathan will be ordained a priest in the summer next year.



## W NAJBLIŻSZYM CZASIE

### 3 października: Błogosławieństwo zwierząt

Na pamiątkę Św. Franciszka z Asyżu, który kochał nie tylko ludzi ale wszystkie Boże stworzenia, w sobotę 3 października odbędzie się błogosławieństwo zwierząt na Mszy o godzinie 4:00pm.

### 1 listopada: Halloween na parkingu

W niedzielę Wszystkich Świętych organizujemy zabawę Halloween na przykościelnym parkingu od 10:00 do 10:45 rano! Dzieci i młodzież poniżej 17 roku życia prosimy o przybycie w Halloween'owych kostiumach! Dorosłych zaś prosimy o wypełnienie bagażników swoich samochodów słodyczami - przebrane dzieci zamiast chodzić od domu do domu będą wędrowały od samochodu do samochodu oczekując na słodki poczęstunek.

### Środy listopada: Msze Wypominkowe

W każdą środę listopada, o godzinie 11:30 rano odprawiana jest specjalna Msza Wypominkowa w intencji naszych bliskich zmarłych. Msze te są sprawowane po łacinie przy ołtarzu Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej.

### 21 listopada: Święcenia diakonatu

Oddając chwałę Bogu za dar powołania do posługi diakańskiej i kapłańskiej, zapraszamy wszystkich na Święcenia Diakonatu Jonathan'a Batchelor. Ta radosna uroczystość odbędzie się w sobotę 21 listopada o godzinie 4:00 pm w naszym kościele. Niech nasze modlitwy tym dniu będą znakiem wsparcia dla Jonathan'a i jego kapłańskiego powołania. Jeśli wszystko pójdzie dobrze, Jonathan będzie wyświęcony na księdza latem przyszłego roku.

## 'ABSOLUTELY ANNIE'

I bring you greetings of peace and love, as we begin to enter the fall season. This is the time of crisp mornings, pumpkin spice lattes, outside fire pits, apple picking and snuggly sweaters! This year we will also be including masks and social distancing to our list of fall items. With no end in sight we must consider doing fall also in a different way so, here is my prayer for us as we face this time of the year together:

Eternal God, we open our collective souls to your presence. We come needing to empty ourselves of the baggage and cares of summer, looking forward to the fall season with gratitude. Some of us have had heavy burdens and some have suffered great disappointment. Some of us have said good-bye to loved ones and some have rejoiced that they have been spared. Some are facing life-changing decisions, and many have private worries of their own, but you God are with us every step of the way. O God be with us in our common cares and empty us of our worries and anxiousness. Free us from the desire and temptation to clutch and hold close our human treasures. Teach us wisdom, help us to cast all our cares upon you, knowing that you love us with an everlasting love. And fill us with your peace.

Make us valiant in the service of our world. May we never be discouraged. Enable us to care for the least of your children. Make us instruments of your peace and grace. Bless our world and let us strive to be gentle and nurturing. Amen.

Peace to you always, *Mother Annie*

## SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Sts. Sergius and Bacchus are ancient Christian martyrs who were tortured to death around 303 in Syria because they refused to attend sacrifices in honor of Jupiter. They were both officers in the Roman army and of high social standing, good enough to have a close personal relationship with the emperor Maximian. This provoked jealousy. They were also Christians, which gave their enemies a useful pretext to denounce them to the Emperor. When they did not enter a temple of Jupiter with the Emperor, he ordered them to do so. When they further refused his order that they sacrifice to pagan gods, they were arrested and paraded through city streets in women's clothing, treatment that was meant to humiliate them as officers in the Roman army. Early accounts say that they responded by chanting that they were dressed as brides of Christ. They told their captors that women's dress never stopped women from worshipping Christ, so it wouldn't stop them, either. Then they were sent to Resapha in Syria, where they were tortured. Bacchus was whipped until his flesh was raw; he died on October 1st, confessing his faith in Jesus Christ as God's only Son. Sergius's faith faltered with the death of his beloved companion, but was reinforced when Bacchus appeared to him in a vision, told him to persevere, that the delights of heaven were greater than any suffering, and that part of their reward would be to be reunited in heaven. Sergius kept the faith; after torture, he was beheaded on October 7th. Like his companion, he died a martyr to the new religion.

The close bond between Sergius and Bacchus has been emphasized since the earliest accounts, and recent scholarship has revealed their homosexuality. The oldest record of their martyrdom describes them as *erastai* (Greek for "lovers"). Scholars believe that they may have been united in the rite of *adelphopoiesis* (brother-making), a kind of early Christian same-sex marriage. Sergius' tomb became a famous shrine, and for nearly 1,000 years the couple was revered as the official patrons of the Byzantine army. The saints are particularly popular throughout the Mediterranean lands and in Latin America. Today they are invoked by LGBT people and anyone persecuted or marginalized by the authorities for daring to follow their heart and conscience.

Their feast day is celebrated on October 7.

## ŚWIĘCI MIESIĄCA

Święci Sergiusz i Bakchus są męczennikami, którzy oddali swe życie za wiarę chrześcijańską ok 303 r. na terenie dzisiejszej Syrii. Obaj byli wysoko urodzonymi oficerami w rzymskiej armii i cieszyli się przyjaźnią cesarza Maksymiana. Ich wiara w Chrystusa stała się wygodnym pretekstem użytym przez ich wrogów do pozbycia się konkurencji. Pewnego razu odmówili wejścia i modlitwy w świątyni Jupitera, nawet mimo wyraźnego rozkazu cesarza. Zostali oni natychmiast aresztowani i w celu upokorzenia przebrano ich w kobiece szaty, poczym prowadzono na pośmiewisko głównymi ulicami miasta. Według antycznych relacji Sergiusz i Bakchus śpiewali w tym czasie pieśni o tym, że są oblubienicą Chrystusa. Oznajmili swoim oprawcom, że kobiece stroje nie przeszkadza kobietom w oddawaniu hołdu Chrystusowi, więc im też nie będzie w tym przeszkadzał. Wysłano ich więc do Resafa w Syrii, gdzie



poddano ich bolesnym torturom. Bakchus był biczowany aż do momentu kiedy nie było na nim kawałka zdrowej skóry i umarł on 1 października. Wiara Sergiusza była poddana ciężkiej próbie po śmierci umiłowanego towarzysza, ale Bakchus ukazał mu się w widzeniu, zachęcając do wytrwania wbrew cierpieniom oraz zapewniając o rozkoszach nieba, którymi będą mogli razem się cieszyć. Tak umocniony Sergiusz wytrwał w wierze i po torturach obcięto mu głowę 7 października. Podobnie jak jego towarzysz, on również stał się

męczennikiem nowej wiary.

Już najstarsze przekazy o życiu tych świętych zwracają uwagę na bliskie więzi łączące Sergiusza i Bakchusa, a badania naukowe ostatnich lat wskazują na ich homoseksualizm. Najstarszy zapis historii ich męczeństwa opisuje ich greckim słowem *erestai* (kochankowie). Historycy uważają również, że złączeni oni byli obrzędem *adelphopoiesis* (gr. braterstwa), czyli starożytnym chrześcijańskim odpowiednikiem małżeństwa osób tej samej płci. Grób Sergiusza stał się celem pielgrzymek i przez niespełną tysiąc ta para była patronami bizantyńskiej armii. Święci Sergiusz i Bakchus wciąż cieszą się dużą popularnością w krajach śródziemnomorskich i w Ameryce Południowej. Dziś ich przez ich wstawiennictwo modlą się osoby LGBT i wszyscy prześladowani za wierność swojemu sercu i sumieniu.

Ich wspomnienie liturgiczne obchodzi się 7 października.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY- STO LAT!**



Raymond Malter	Oct. 2	Mary Ann Ricciotti	Oct. 17
Romona Kaminski	Oct. 4	Susan Bielawski	Oct. 19
Leigh Rolnicki	Oct. 4	Judith Mika	Oct. 22
Debbie Campos	Oct. 8	Dominika Fidala	Oct. 23
Paul Mydler	Oct. 11	Kylie Fremder	Oct. 24
Audie Johnson	Oct. 12	Lori Fremder	Oct. 29
Edward Pogorzelski	Oct. 12	Paul Campos	Oct. 30
Kenneth Higgins	Oct. 13		



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MODLITWA ZA CHORYCH**

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**FORMATION OF WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors is forming a Welcoming Committee. Its mission will be to help new members feel welcome, to continue helping existing members feel at home and to inform them about the various ministries and programs available at St. Stanislaus. Committee volunteers will answer questions and assist new parishioners with registration and follow-up with each newly-registered family to answer questions. Once a person/family has joined our parish it is important that they feel a part of our parish family. The Welcoming Committee will try to find out what people's needs are and how they can be active members of our community.



This committee will be headed by Debby Freeman - Gray. Parishioners who are interested in joining this committee may contact Debby either before Masses, or by calling her at 314-961-7353.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**



**AUGUST - SIERPIEŃ 2020**

<b>Income / Dochody:</b>	<b>\$12,798.43</b>
Tithes - Offerings (Envelopes and Loose):	\$8,723.00
'Stole' Fees (Weddings and Funerals):	\$755.00
E-Scrip Rebate:	\$4.32
Online Donations:	\$1,405.87
Other (Sales, Reimbursements, etc):	\$1,908.56
<b>Expenses / Wydatki:</b>	<b>\$12,771.04</b>
Payroll (Priest, Secretary, Sacristan):	\$8,297.15
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water, Phones):	\$2,570.84
Supplies (Liturgical and Office):	\$1,483.10
Travel Expenses	\$34.20
Other (Deposit Refunds, Reimbursements, etc):	\$385.75
<b>Monthly / Miesięczny</b>	profit \$27.39
<b>Fiscal Year to Date / Roczny</b>	profit \$656.90



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