

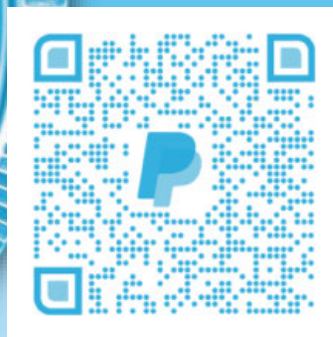
Saint Stanislaus

Kostka Polish Catholic Parish

Open Doors * Open Minds * Open Communion

August
Sierpień
Agosto

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule/Msze Święte/Horario de Misas

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. English, Polish, Spanish
Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. Latin

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Katecheza/Clases de Catecismo

Sunday: 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (September-June)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Spowiedź/Confesión

By appointment/Po wcześniejszym umówieniu

Polish Heritage Library/Biblioteka parafialna

By appointment/Po wcześniejszym umówieniu

Food Bank/Bank Żywności/Dispensa de alimentos

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St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish Welcomes You!

All baptized Christians **are welcome** to share in the Eucharist and to join us in receiving Holy Communion. Please come forward in the central aisle and receive the bread in the palm of your outstretched hand. **If there is a communion cup, please receive the wine by INTINCTION (dip the bread in the wine).**



MASS INTENTIONS

- August 3**
4:00 p.m. **Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Anthony Kaminski
Intention of parishioners
- August 4**
10:00 a.m. **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 Niedziela Okresu Zwykłego - XVIII Domingo Ordinario**
For Milo M. Hoppe on the day of his baptism
Intention of parishioners
- August 10**
4:00 p.m. **Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
† Lee Olszewski
Intention of parishioners
- August 11**
10:00 a.m. **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 Niedziela Okresu Zwykłego - XIX Domingo Ordinario ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING**
For all St. Stanislaus parishioners and friends
Intention of Fr. Przemek
† Anthony Kaminski
Intention of parishioners
- August 17**
4:00 p.m. **Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Francis Poettker on his heavenly birthday
Intention of Alan & Family
- August 18**
10:00 a.m. **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 Niedziela Okresu Zwykłego - XX Domingo Ordinario**
† Kazimierz Stolarz on his 5th anniversary of death
Intention of his wife Stanisława
- August 24**
4:00 p.m. **Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
† Sterling & Nellie Murr
Intention of Pam
- August 25**
10:00 a.m. **Feast of Our Lady of Częstochowa**
† Krystyna Dukowska
Intention of Jola
† Lee Olszewski
Intention of parishioners
- August 31**
4:00 p.m. **Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
For the Reinhardt, Neusel & Bandel Families
Intention of Kevin & Vicki

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

8 2 years ago, on August 9th, 1942, a German Jewish Discalced Carmelite nun, together with many more Jewish people, was killed in a gas chamber at Birkenau, in occupied by the Nazis Poland. Earlier that year, the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a public statement read in all churches across the nation condemning Nazi racism. In a retaliatory response the Reichskommissar of the Netherlands ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts who had previously been spared. Along with two hundred and forty-three baptized Jews living in the Netherlands the nun was arrested by the SS. She and her sister Rosa were imprisoned at the concentration camps of Amersfoort and Westerbork before being deported to Auschwitz. Her name was **Edith Stein**, religious name: **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**.

She was born into an observant Jewish family, but had become an agnostic by her teenage years. Moved by the tragedies of World War I, she took lessons to become a nursing assistant and worked in an infectious diseases hospital. After completing her doctoral thesis at the University of Freiburg in 1916, she obtained an assistantship there to Edmund Husserl.

From reading the life of the reformer of the Carmelites, Teresa of Ávila, Edith Stein was drawn to the Christian faith. She was baptized in 1922 into the Catholic Church. At that point, she wanted to become a Discalced Carmelite nun but was dissuaded by her spiritual mentor. She then taught at a Catholic school in Speyer. As a result of the requirement of an "Aryan certificate" for civil servants promulgated by the government in April 1933 she had to quit her teaching position.

Edith Stein was admitted as a postulant to the Discalced Carmelite monastery in Cologne on 14 October, on the first vespers of the feast of Saint Teresa of Ávila, and received the religious habit as a novice in April 1934, taking the religious name Teresia Benedicta a Cruce (Teresia in remembrance of Teresa of Ávila, Benedicta in honour of Benedict of Nursia). She made her temporary vows in April 1935, and her perpetual vows in April 1938.

She is canonized as a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church; she is also one of six patron saints of Europe. In a letter to Pope Pius XI, she denounced the Nazi regime and asked the Pope to openly denounce the regime **"to put a stop to this abuse of Christ's name."** "For weeks we have seen deeds perpetrated in Germany which mock any sense of justice and humanity, not to mention love of neighbor. For years the leaders of National Socialism have been preaching hatred of the Jews... But the responsibility must fall, after all, on those who brought them to this point and it also falls on those **who keep silent in the face of such happenings.** Everything that happened and continues to happen on a daily basis originates with a government that calls itself 'Christian.'" In one of her works she wrote: **"The innermost essence of love is self-offering. The entryway to all things is the Cross".**

Fr. Przemek, Pastor



OD NASZEGO PROBOSZCZA

8 2 lata temu, 9 sierpnia 1942 roku, niemiecka żydowska karmelitanka bosa, wraz z wieloma innymi Żydami, została zamordowana w komorze gazowej w Birkenau, w okupowanej przez nazistów Polsce. Na początku tego roku Konferencja Episkopatu Holandii odczytała publiczne oświadczenie we wszystkich kościołach w całym kraju potępiające nazistowski rasizm. W odwecie Reichskommissar Holandii nakazał aresztowanie wszystkich żydowskich konwertytów, których wcześniej oszczędzono. Wraz z dwustu czterdziestoma trzema ochrzczonymi Żydami mieszkającymi w Holandii zakonnica została aresztowana przez SS. Ona i jej siostra Rosa zostały uwięzione w obozach koncentracyjnych Amersfoort i Westerbork, zanim zostały deportowane do Auschwitz. Zakonnica ta miała na imię **Edyta Stein**, jako imię zakonne przybrała **Teresa Benedykta od Krzyża**.

Urodziła się w pobożnej rodzinie żydowskiej, ale w wieku nastoletnim stała się agnostyczką. Poruszona tragediami I wojny światowej, zrobiła kurs, aby asystować pielęgniarkom i pracowała w szpitalu zakaźnym. Po ukończeniu doktoratu na Uniwersytecie we Fryburgu w 1916 r. uzyskiwała asystenturę u Edmunda Husserla.

Po lekturze biografii Teresy z Ávila, reformatorki karmelitanek, Edyta Stein nawróciła się na chrześcijaństwo. Została ochrzczona w 1922 r. Zaraz po chrzcie chciała zostać karmelitanką bosą, ale jej duchowy mentor jej to odradził. Następnie uczyła w katolickiej szkole w Spirze. Musiała zrezygnować ze stanowiska nauczyciela na skutek ogłoszonego przez rząd nazistowski w kwietniu 1933 r. wymogu aryjskiego pochodzenia dla urzędników państwowych.

Edyta Stein została przyjęta jako postulanka do klasztoru karmelitanek bosych w Kolonii 14 października, w pierwsze nieszpory święta św. Teresy z Ávila, habit zakonne jako nowicjuszka przyjęła w kwietniu 1934 r., przybierając imię zakonne Teresa Benedykta od Krzyża (Teresa na pamiątkę Teresy z Ávila, Benedykta na cześć Benedykta z Nursji). Złożyła śluby czasowe w kwietniu 1935 r., z kolei śluby wieczyste w kwietniu 1938 r.

Edyta Stein jest męczennicą i świętą Kościoła katolickiego; jest również jedną z sześciu świętych patronek Europy. W liście do papieża Piusa XI potępiła reżim nazistowski i poprosiła papieża o otwarte potępienie nazizmu, „**aby położyć kres temu nadużywaniu imienia Chrystusa**”. „Od wielu tygodni jesteśmy świadkami czynów popełnianych w Niemczech, które za nic mają wszelkie poczucie sprawiedliwości i człowieczeństwa, nie wspominając o miłości bliźniego. Przez lata przywódcy narodowego socjalizmu głosili nienawiść do Żydów... Ale odpowiedzialność musi spaść, ostatecznie, na tych, którzy doprowadzili ich do tego punktu, a także na tych, **którzy milczą w obliczu takich wydarzeń**. Wszystko, co się wydarzyło i nadal dzieje się każdego dnia, ma swoje źródło we władzy, która nazywa siebie ‘chrześcijańska’”. W jednym ze swoich dzieł napisała: „**Najgłębszą istotą miłości jest ofiarowanie siebie. Kluczem do wszystkiego jest Krzyż**”.

Ks. Przemek, Proboszcz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

This year's **Annual Meeting** will take place on Sunday, August 11th in the PHC, starting promptly at 11:30 a.m. Voting for new Board members will conclude at 11:30 a.m. Per the Bylaws, the meeting attendance will be **limited to St. Stanislaus members**. Please be prepared to show appropriate identification for access into the PHC. This check-in at the entrance to the Hall will allow for an accurate representation of our Parish. The meeting will consist of the Pastor's report, Chairman of the Board report, Treasurer's report PHC report, and the announcement of the election of the Board of Directors. The meeting will conclude with some time following for socializing.

OD RADY DYREKTORÓW

Walne Zebranie Parafian odbędzie się w niedzielę, 11 sierpnia w PHC, rozpoczynając się punktualnie o godzinie 11:30. Głosowanie na nowych członków Rady Dyrektorów zakończy się o godz. 11:30. Zgodnie ze Statutem udział w spotkaniu będzie **ograniczony do członków parafii**. Przy wejściu będziemy prosić o okazanie odpowiedniego dokumentu tożsamości. W trakcie zebrania przedstawione zostaną raporty: proboszcza, Przewodniczącego Rady, Skarbnika oraz raport PHC. Nastąpi również ogłoszenie wyników wyborów do Rady Dyrektorów. Spotkanie zakończy się czasem na integrację.



BACK TO SCHOOL

This year St. Stanislaus will be once again collecting

Kleenex for the school children in our neighborhood

This will be in place of collecting backpacks and school supplies which will be provided by the School District this year. Please consider helping with this worthy cause by picking up a box or two of tissues and bringing them to church with you anytime **until the end of August**. Thank you in advance for your support!

This year we will also be writing

words of encouragement and support

for the students and teachers at **Jefferson Elementary** in our neighborhood. Special printed cards will be waiting at the Welcome Desk for all who would like to show their support. Please keep all the kids and teachers in your prayers as the school year starts!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/STO LAT

Greg Lynch | Aug 2 Jolanta Królikiewicz | Aug 12
 Rosalie Seiler | Aug 5 V'Anne Mydler | Aug 17
 Leona Kaminski | Aug 10 Theresa Warren | Aug 17
 Madeline Devine | Aug 12 Carolyn Baras | Aug 21

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest parishioners:

Alan Poettker

BAPTISMS

Lia Victoria Armenta Gaxiola
 & *Santiago de Jesus Armenta Gaxiola*
 were baptized on **July 13, 2024**

Reyna Rojas
 was baptized on **July 14, 2024**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the rectory if you become sick or hospitalized. Prosimy zgłaszać na plebanię imiona osób chorych potrzebujących modlitwy.

Gary Booth, Stephenie Boardley, Theda Brabec,
Gianna Deidrick, Raymond Dienberg,
Wayne Gettinger, Elizabeth Groenweghe,
Cathy Guzdiał, Sandy Hall, Carol Klein,
Richard Mazurek, Julie Stichnote, Elena Schulte,
Evelyn Vetz, Betty Wood,
Dan Metz, Kevin Kohm

REST IN PEACE

Anthony Piotr Kaminski

passed away on **June 29th, 2024** at the age of **82 years**.

His funeral service was held
 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on July 9th, 2024;
 burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Cześć jego pamięci! Please keep his family in your prayers.

Leon M. Olszewski

passed away on **July 5th, 2024** at the age of **88 years**.

His funeral service was held
 at Houston Rural Cemetery on July 9th, 2024.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

150 CLUB

St. Stanislaus "150 Club"

May, June, July and August winners:

John & Ellen Gieniec (May),
Carol Czerniewski (June), *Theresa Jordan* (July & August)

BOD ELECTIONS

In accordance with our Bylaws, we plan to hold **the annual meeting of all parishioners** on the second Sunday of August:

August 11th, in the Polish Heritage Center,
starting promptly at 11:30 am

Please mark your calendars, so that you can exercise your right of a Parishioner to shape the future of our faith community!

Every year **we elect at this time two** out of our seven member Board of Directors. Six members of the Board are elected, while the pastor is always the President of the Board ex-officio.

According to our Bylaws, **"in order to qualify for election as a Director, an individual must be a duly registered member of the church over the age of eighteen who on a regular basis attends Masses at the church and contributes to the financial support of the Parish."** All active and donating members of our Parish are encouraged to consider serving in this capacity.

Listed below in alphabetical order are individuals who have submitted their name for election: **Liliana De La Garza, Samantha K. Kos, Gene Koziatek, and Ed Ponieważ.**

This year voting will take place over two weekends:

Saturday, August 3rd from 3:00 until 5:30 pm
& Sunday, August 11th from 9:00 until 11:30 am

WYBORY DO RADY

Zgodnie z naszym Statutem **Doroczne Zebranie Parafian** odbędzie się w drugą niedzielę sierpnia:

11 sierpnia, w Centrum Dziedzictwa Polskiego,
zaczynając się o godz. 11:30 rano

Zaznaczcie prosimy ten dzień w swoich kalendarzach, abyście mogli skorzystać z prawa wyborczego i wypowiedzieć się co do przyszłości naszej wspólnoty wyznaniowej!

Co roku **wybijamy dwie osoby** do naszej siedmioosobowej Rady Dyrektorów. Sześciu członków Rady jest wybieranych, przy czym proboszcz jest zawsze Prezydentem Rady z urzędu.

Zgodnie z naszym Statutem, **„aby kwalifikować się do wyboru na Dyrektora, kandydat musi być zarejestrowanym członkiem kościoła powyżej osiemnastu lat, regularnie uczęszczającym na Msze św. w parafii oraz wspierającym parafię finansowo”.** Wszystkich zaangażowanych i opłacających składki parafian zachęcamy do rozważenia posługi w takim charakterze.

Oto imiona osób (w alfabetycznym porządku), które zgłosiły swój udział w wyborach do Rady: **Liliana De La Garza, Samantha K. Kos, Gene Koziatek oraz Ed Ponieważ.**

W tym roku głosowanie odbędzie się w dwa weekendy:

sobota, 3 sierpnia, od 3:00 do 5:30 po południu
i niedziela 11 sierpnia, od 9:00 do 11:30 rano

COMING SOON

August 3 & 11: Board Elections

This year while the voting times are a little different, voting will take place over two weekends: Saturday, **August 3rd from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.** and Sunday, **August 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**

August 4: ROSARY at Our Lady of Czestochowa Altar

Every first Sunday of the month before the 10 am mass we pray the rosary at the side altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Please join us **at 9 am** for a time of prayer, meditation and spiritual nourishment.

AUGUST 11: ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING

In accordance with our by-laws, we plan to hold the annual open meeting of all parishioners on the second **Sunday of August, August 11th**, in the Polish Heritage Center, right **after the 10 am mass**. Every year we elect at this time two out of our seven member Board of Directors.

August 18: Altar Servers & Euchar. Ministers Meeting

On each third Sunday of the month, **after the 10 am mass**, all Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers meet to practice and to spend some time together. If you are a **Eucharistic Minister** or if you're thinking about becoming one, please join us for these meetings.

August 31: Potluck/Tailgate Party/Movie Club

Any event is incomplete without you, dear Parishioner. You are most cordially invited to be our guest at one of our famous Potluck/Tailgate Parties that we celebrate every last Saturday of the month **right after the 4 pm mass**. In August we will celebrate the Potluck on the last Saturday of the month (**August 31st**)! Bring your favorite food to share! It will be great having you among us.

SEPTEMBER 8: FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our first Sunday School class will meet **after the 10 am mass on September 8th**. Thanks to our teachers classes can be in English, Polish and Spanish! Please contact **Stephanie Galloway (815.222.3114, English)** or **Lily de la Garza (309.373.0223, Spanish)** with any questions.

September 22: 23rd Polish Heritage Open

We are planning to hold the 23rd Polish Heritage Open Golf Tournament on **Sunday, September 22nd at Sugar Creek Golf Course from 1 pm**. The PHO benefits the preservation of historic St. Stanislaus Church and the Polish Heritage Center. For tickets and more information please contact **Ed Poniewaz (314.644.2861)**.

September 28-29: Tower Grove Pride

On September 28th & 29th St. Stanislaus will be joining Tower Grove Pride held in the beautiful Tower Grove Park. Check the family-friendly atmosphere and many colorful booths, including St. Stanislaus Pride Booth. Please contact **Mich Sinclair (314.537.5721)** if you want to help.

W NAJBLIŻSZYM CZASIE

3 i 11 sierpnia: Wybory do Rady Dyrektorów

W tym roku, chociaż godziny głosowania są nieco inne, głosowanie odbędzie się w dwa weekendy: sobota, **3 sierpnia, od 3:00 do 5:30 po południu** i niedziela **11 sierpnia, od 9:00 do 11:30 rano**.

4 sierpnis: RÓŻANIEC przy ołtarzu MB Częstochow.

W każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca przed mszą o godz. 10 rano modlimy się na różańcu przy bocznym ołtarzu MB Częstochowskiej. Dołącz do nas **o godz. 9 rano** na czas modlitwy, medytacji i duchowego wzrostu.

11 SIERPNI: DOROCZNE ZEBRANIE PARAFIAN

Zgodnie ze statutem naszej Parafii coroczne zebranie wszystkich parafian planowane jest na drugą **niedzielę sierpnia, 11 sierpnia**, w Domu Dziedzictwa Polskiego, zaraz **po mszy o godz. 10 rano**. Odbędą się wówczas również wybory dwóch osób do Rady Dyrektorów.

18 sierpnia: Spotkanie ministrantów i akolitów

W każdą trzecią niedzielę miesiąca, **po mszy o godz. 10:00 rano**, wszyscy ministranci i **akolici (osoby udzielające Komunii św.)** spotykają się na próbach oraz aby spędzić trochę czasu razem. Jeśli jesteś akolitą lub myślisz o zostaniu akolitą, dołącz do nas podczas tych spotkań.

31 sierpnia: Potluck/Tailgate Party/Klub filmowy

Żadne wydarzenie nie jest kompletne bez Ciebie, drogi Parafianinie. Serdecznie Cię zapraszamy do udziału w jednej z naszych słynnych imprez typu Potluck/Tailgate Party, które organizujemy w każdą ostatnią sobotę miesiąca **zaraz po mszy o godz. 4**. W lipcu spotykamy się w ostatnią sobotę miesiąca (**31 sierpnia**)! Przyniescie swoje ulubione jedzenie i podzielcie się nim! Będzie wspaniale móc świętować z Wami!

8 WRZEŚNIA: POCZĄTEK ROKU KATECH.

Pierwsze zajęcia katechetyczne odbędą się **po mszy o godz. 10 rano 8 września**. Dzięki naszym nauczycielom zajęcia mogą odbywać się w języku ang., pol. i hiszp. Wszelkie pytania prosimy kierować do **Stephanie Galloway (815.222.3114, ang.)** lub **Lily de la Garza (309.373.0223, hiszp.)**

22 września: 23. Polish Heritage Open

23. Turniej Golfowy Polish Heritage Open odbędzie się w **niedzielę, 22 września na polu golfowym Sugar Creek od godz. 1 po południu**. PHO wspiera historyczne obiekty parafii św. Stanisława oraz Domu Dziedzictwa Polskiego. Wszelkie pytania oraz po zakup biletów prosimy kierować się do: **Eda Poniewaz (314.644.2861)**.

28 i 29 września: Tower Grove Pride

28 i 29 września nasza Pride Team weźmie udział w Tower Grove Pride w pięknym Tower Grove Park. Jeśli chcecie doświadczyć rodzinnej atmosfery i odwiedzić wiele kolorowych stoisk (w tym nasze), lub jeśli chcecie pomóc, prosimy o kontakt z **Mich Sinclair (314.537.5721)**.

LITURGICAL ABC

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Why do priests veil their hands when carrying the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance? The question is, since a priest is capable (by the power of God) of consecrating the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ with his/her bare hands, why then must he/she use a veil to lift up the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament? Is it a sign of respect? If yes, why does he/she touch the Sacred Host with his/her hands in the first place? In order to understand this, we have to first understand the essence of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First, we must note that a priest is ordained to bless and consecrate the people of God with his/her hands, that is why one without hands cannot be ordained, he/she is said to have a canonical impediment. Thus, the hands of the priest are consecrated at ordination.

Apart from blessing the people of God, there's a special moment reserved for Christ Himself to bless his people. This moment is called Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, it is not the priest who blesses or acts, neither does he/she act or blesses in the person of Christ. **It is Christ himself (the true Priest) who acts and blesses at that very moment.** Therefore, in order to illustrate that the priest is not blessing the people, he/she covers (hides) his hands (used for blessing) with a humeral veil ("humurus" means "shoulder"). Thus, once the hands of the priests are not seen, it would be understood that he/she is not the one blessing the people but Christ himself.

Therefore, at benediction, adoration, or during the procession of Corpus Christi, the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession with his hands hidden, while the blessings of Christ continue to radiate in all its rays towards the people (as seen in the shape of the monstrance). **It is Christ himself who goes about in procession.**

Dlaczego kapłani zakrywają ręce, niosąc Najświętszy Sakrament w monstrancji? Pytanie brzmi: skoro kapłan jest w stanie (mocą Bożą) konsekrować (przemienić) chleb i wino w Ciało i Krew Chrystusa gołymi rękami, dlaczego więc musi on używać welonu do podnoszenia monstrancji? Czy jest to oznaka szacunku? Jeśli tak, to dlaczego w ogóle kapłan może dotykać Hostii gołymi rękami? Aby odpowiedzieć na te wszystkie pytania i zrozumieć to zagadnienie, musimy najpierw zrozumieć istotę samego błogosławieństwa Najświętszym Sakramentem.

Na początek należy zauważyć, że kapłan jest wyświęcany po to, aby błogosławić i konsekrować lud Boży własnymi rękami, dlatego też osoba bez rąk nie może zostać wyświęcona, gdyż ma ona przeszkodę kanoniczną. Zatem ręce kapłana są konsekrowane podczas święceń.

Jest jednak specjalny moment zarezerwowany wyłącznie dla samego Chrystusa, kiedy to On błogosławi swój lud. Moment ten nazywamy jest błogosławieństwem Najświętszym Sakramentem. Podczas błogosławieństwa Najświętszym Sakramentem to nie kapłan błogosławi, ani nawet nie działa w imieniu Chrystusa. **To sam Chrystus (prawdziwy Kapłan) działa i błogosławi w tym momencie.** Dlatego też, aby zobrazować, że to nie kapłan błogosławi ludu, zakrywa on (chowa) ręce (służące do błogosławieństwa) specjalnym welonem (humeralem, „humurus” oznacza „ramię”). Zatem, gdy nie widać rąk kapłana, oznacza to, że to nie on błogosławi lud, ale sam Chrystus.

Dlatego też podczas błogosławieństwa, adoracji lub w czasie procesji Bożego Ciała kapłan w niesie Najświętszy Sakrament z ukrytymi rękami, podczas gdy błogosławieństwo Chrystusa niczym słońce w dalszym ciągu promieniuje we wszystkich kierunkach na lud (co uwidacznia się w kształcie monstrancji). **To sam Chrystus idzie w procesji.**

FROM FR. JONATHAN'S DESK

Is It the Good In People We Always Remember?

On August 25th, we celebrate the feast day of the city's patron saint, King Louis IX of France. The name of the city chosen by the city's founders, P. Laclede and A. Chouteau. Did they choose a saint or just a king? St. Louis was canonized in 1297 by Boniface VIII long before our fair city ever received its name.

St. Louis, when canonized had been a part of the Crusades. These crusades were essentially taking back the holy lands from the current rulers of the Islamic faith. Back in France he was known for his Anti-Semitic policies that were oppressive to the Jewish population. None of this would be acceptable of sainthood by our standards but we are looking back on him as a person in today's standards not the standards of his day.

So far, his resume doesn't sound like the best person to name a city after let alone canonize into sainthood. Sometimes, we do not know the entire story. We hear one thing and decide that is all that person is. Louis was a "barbarian" attacking to control foreign lands and was "intolerant" of other faiths. We simply cannot take facts about anyone, not just St. Louis, and decide that is who that person is as the entirety of that person.

What many of his own subjects did not even know about their own king was that Louis was deeply religious, attending mass twice daily. He also founded several religious institutions, including Saint-Chapelle in Paris, which he intended to house relics of the Passion of Christ. Not only did he have deep religious convictions he also had a strong sense of Justice. He often heard his subjects' grievances personally. Louis made major reforms to the legal system, creating a legislative body and a judicial body. This laid the groundwork for the modern French legal system. What most of his own subjects did not even know is he fed his own feasts to 100 peasants a day and then eating the leftovers for as his own meal. Being known for fasting and fervent prayer, this type of act makes more sense. He was deeply committed to helping the poor. He founded hospitals and did a great deal to help the poor beyond a meal. By medieval standards he was considered a model king and a saint in his time. By today's standards he probably would have been deposed or overthrown for his treatment of the Jewish population. To conclude with, St Louis IX was a complex human just as many of us are as well.

When we look at our own lives, we should constantly be examining what we have done for the good of our community and what we haven't done that might mask all the good we do in our lives. I believe that given the reforms he made to government, his charitable works, and his judicial reforms made him a good person, but the complexity of his entire life would bring differing opinions to the minds of others. Yes, he was a sinner, as we all are, but let the good you do whether it be to your neighborhood, your parish community, or your town. Let that good you do be who and what people will remember in you.

Fr. Jonathan Batchelor



DEACON'S REFLECTION

During those first few months of the Pandemic, almost four and a half years ago, when the world was in chaos, I needed something to focus on, to get my mind off of the sickness, death and uncertainty that was surrounding me 24-7. Maybe it was the bare shelves at the grocery store that inspired me, but I began learning how to make bread. Rustic, artisan loaves of bread. I was drawn to creating something that I had never attempted before. I love to bake, but never attempted to make bread like this. Perhaps in my subconscious, I thought if I could make bread, I could feed my family during these uncertain times of empty grocery shelves. Bread also played an important role in the life of Jesus. We will hear about bread in the Gospel over the next few weeks.

Bread continues to be one of the most powerful symbols of our faith. It is mentioned at least 492 times in the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament bread was the basic food that supported life. Bread also represented the relationship between God and the Israelites and Jesus and His followers. People shared bread at meals. Paul even used the analogy of bread to describe the unity of believers as "being many we are one bread." Bread was also used in religious ceremonies. Unleavened bread symbolized purity or a lack of corruption. Bread appears as a life-giving spiritual food and a sign of God's love for humankind.

Have you ever noticed in restaurants we are served bread first? Bread is used as a sign of welcome, of hospitality. We can apply this "hospitality" to relationships in our lives. Relationships develop when we care for one another. Hospitality focused on serving and caring for another person. Even before the Last Supper, Christ speaks of this when He tells a crowd, "I am the bread of life. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." When we consume bread, we have the energy to live on earth. When we partake in the Eucharist, we have the sustenance necessary to transcend the world and live forever with God. Made from two essential ingredients, grain and water, bread has a long and fascinating history. Its earliest form was likely a paste that was thrown on a hot rock to cook.

Jesus' breaking of the bread at the Last Supper is a Jewish tradition. At the start of a meal, the head of household blesses the bread with this prayer: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth." The bread is broken and then shared with all at the table. The next time you are the blessed recipient of bread, by a friend who has thought of you and shared a loaf, or when you sit down at a restaurant, remember how something as simple as bread nourishes us in so many ways. As we gather together at the table of our Lord and Savior to receive the bread, the body of Christ, let us remember the hospitality, the saving grace of the One who is the "living bread" who gives us eternal life.

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