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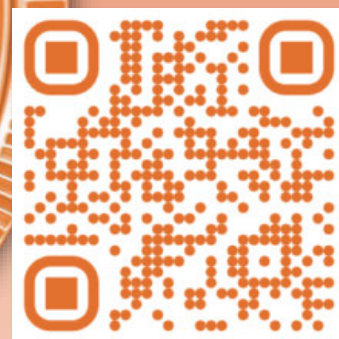
Kostka Polish Catholic Parish

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Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. Latin

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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).



- October 4** **Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**
>Blessing of Animals<
 4:00 p.m. † Judy K. Ingold for her 72nd heavenly birthday
Intention of Dcn. Chad & Ryan
- October 5** **27th Sunday in Ord. Time | 27 Niedziela**
Ok. Zwykłego | XXVII Domingo Ordinario
>Blessing of Animals<
 10:00 a.m. †† Franciszek Pieleśiak & Wincenty Brzeźnicki
Intention of Ela & Piotr
 *11:15 a.m. * Rosary | Różaniec | Rosario *
- October 11** **Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. † Bob Hamilton & for Carol Hamilton
Intention of Kevin & Vicky
- October 12** **28th Sunday in Ord. Time | 28 Niedziela**
Ok. Zwykłego | XXVIII Domingo Ord.
 10:00 a.m. For Margarita & Edward Kos for their birthdays
Intention of Sam
 *11:15 a.m. * Rosary | Różaniec | Rosario *
- October 18** **Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist**
 4:00 p.m. For James & Natte Sann for health
Intention of Kevin & Vicky
- October 19** **29th Sunday in Ord. Time | 29 Niedziela**
Ok. Zwykłego | XXIX Domingo Ordinario
 10:00 a.m. † Teresa Włodarczyk for her heavenly birthday
Intention of Sam
 *11:15 a.m. * Rosary | Różaniec | Rosario *
- October 25** **Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 p.m. For Dcn. Lori & Kylie Fremder for their birthdays
Intention of parishioners
- October 26** **30th Sunday in Ord. Time | 30 Niedziela**
Ok. Zwykłego | XXX Domingo Ordinario
 10:00 a.m. For Dominika Fidala for her birthday
Intention of parishioners
 *11:15 a.m. * Rosary | Różaniec | Rosario *
>Trunk or Treat<

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

A long, long time ago, there lived a people who existed in accordance with nature and its rhythms. They were a just people, welcoming to strangers, and one that loved freedom, one to whom the idea of power was completely alien..." This is not a fairy tale but a short description of the ancient Slavs, according to Leszek Matela, as quoted in his book "Tajemnice Słowian" ("The Secrets of the Slavs"). At the peak of their expansion around the 6th and 7th century A.D., they inhabited an area between the Oder, Elbe and Saale rivers all the way up to the Jutland Peninsula in the west, and stretching down to the Balkans, as well as present-day Czech Republic, Moravia, Hungary, the Dniπρο basin and the upper Volga in the south. In spite of their diverse languages and regional differences, they all shared similar customs, rites and beliefs.

Slavic fall customs revolved around the autumn harvest and remembrance of the dead, featuring celebrations like the harvest festival **Dożynki** with offerings and the "last sheaf" custom, and the **Dziady observance**, an ancestor veneration festival involving leaving offerings for spirits, setting fires on graves, and prohibiting certain activities to respect the dead. Weddings and other rites, such as community gatherings and pagan celebrations like the Radogost ceremony, also occurred during the fall months.

The first day of fall was the **Święto Plonów** harvest holiday, for which preparations started as early as August. After the harvest was finished, a couple of uncut stalks were left in the field. They were known as the "beard (broda)" and were left so that the soil would not be entirely deprived of grain. A part of the crops was also stored in a shrine. A few days before the main celebrations a glass of honey liquor—a sacred Slavic drink which underwent fermentation much like wine—was placed in front of a statue of Świętowit, the god of war and fertility. If some of the drink disappeared, it was taken as a bad oracle, but a glass left full to the brim was thought to foretell a bountiful harvest. The pagan gods were thanked for the harvest during this holiday, with prayers for better gatherings the following year. Huge wreaths were made and **special cakes called "kołacz"** were baked for the occasion. Traditionally, a priest placed the magnificent kołacz between himself and the people, asking if he could be seen from behind it. If he was able to hide, it was surely a sign of prosperity.

The folk tradition of the harvest holiday withstood the test of time in the form of the **Christian dożynki holiday** which is still celebrated today, usually on one of the Sundays in September, after all the crops have been gathered.

Modern celebrations of dożynki can have a religious or secular character, but they always involve observing traditional customs associated with the end of the harvest season. In the case of a harvest festival of a religious nature, **thanks for the crops are usually given to God and the Mother of God.**

Fr. Przemek, Pastor



OD NASZEGO PROBOSZCZA

Dawno, dawno temu istniał lud, który żył w zgodzie z naturą i jej rytmem. Był to lud sprawiedliwy, gościnny i kochający wolność, któremu idea władzy była zupełnie obca..." To nie fragment bajki, ale krótki opis starożytnych Słowian, według Leszka Mateli, zaczerpnięty z jego książki „Tajemnice Słowian”. U szczytu swojej ekspansji około VI i VII wieku n.e. Słowianie zamieszkiwali obszar między Odrą, Łabą i Solawą aż do Półwyspu Jutlandzkiego na zachodzie, a także Balkanów, dzisiejszych Czech, Moraw, Węgier, dorzecza Dniepru i górnej Wolgi na południu. Pomimo różnorodnych języków i różnic regionalnych, wszyscy dzielili podobne zwyczaje, obrzędy i wierzenia.

Słowiańskie tradycje jesienne skupiały się wokół zbioru plonów i pamięci o zmarłych, obejmując uroczystości takie jak **święto plonów Dożynki** z ofiarami i zwyczajem „ostatniego snopa” i **obchody Dziadów**, święto ku czci przodków, polegające na składaniu ofiar duchom, paleniu ognisk na grobach i unikaniu pewnych czynności związanych ze zmarłymi. Śluby i inne obrzędy, takie jak spotkania społeczności i pogańskie uroczystości, jak święto Radogosta, odbywały się również w miesiącach jesiennych.

Pierwszy dzień jesieni był świętem żniw, świętem plonów, do którego przygotowania rozpoczynały się już w sierpniu. Po zakończeniu żniw pozostawiano na polu kilka nieskoszonych wiązek zboża. Zwano je „brodą” i pozostawiano, aby gleba nie została całkowicie pozbawiona ziarna. Część plonów przechowywano również w świątyni. Kilka dni przed głównymi obchodami stawiano przed posągami Świętowita, boga wojny i płodności, kielich z miodem pitnym — świętym słowiańskim napojem, który ulegał fermentacji podobnie jak wino. Jeśli część napoju zniknęła, uznawano to za złą wyrocznię, ale kielich pełny po brzegi miał zwiastować obfite plony. Podczas tego święta dziękowano pogańskim bogom za plony, modląc się o lepsze zbiory w następnym roku. Z tej okazji robiono ogromne wieniec i **wypiekano specjalne ciasta zwane „kołaczami”**. Tradycyjnie kapłan umieszczał wspaniałe kołacz między sobą a ludźmi, pytając, czy można go zza niego zobaczyć. Jeśli udało mu się ukryć, z pewnością był to znak dobrobytu.

Ludowa tradycja dożynek przetrwała próbę czasu w postaci **chrześcijańskiego święta dożynek**, które obchodzone jest do dziś, zazwyczaj w jedną z wrześniowych niedziel, po zebraniu wszystkich plonów.

Współczesne obchody dożynek mogą mieć charakter religijny lub świecki, ale zawsze wiążą się z obchodzeniem tradycyjnych zwyczajów związanych z końcem okresu żniw. W przypadku dożynek o charakterze religijnym, **podziękowania za plony składa się zazwyczaj Bogu i Matce Bożej**.

Ks. Przemek, Proboszcz

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Over the past year, the Board has been carefully evaluating how the PHC is managed. **We are now excited to announce the beginning of a new management model: a team-based structure consisting of six dedicated groups—Customer Care Team, Event Coordinator & Staff, Promotions, Set-Up & Cleaning Staff, Maintenance & Supplies, and Administration Team**—who will share responsibilities in running the PHC. This new structure means that the PHC will no longer depend on one person, but instead **will benefit from the skills, energy, and commitment of many**. It also allows for new initiatives that will strengthen the PHC, including: **more Directors involved in daily operations, customer service offered in English, Polish, and Spanish, improved client communication through additional phone lines, stronger partnerships with vendors and businesses, proactive marketing and promotion, quarterly budget planning, training and development, and continuous performance reviews**. We believe this transition represents not only stability, but also growth and opportunity. The PHC has already shown what it can achieve when run effectively, and this new chapter will only build on that success. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to help during this transition period, and to all who will continue to bring their talents and energy to ensure a thriving future for our Corporation. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to the Board!

More excitement is coming! Our **St. Stanislaus Day 2025 Fall Celebration** is November 9th, 2025, from 11:30 am till 4:00 pm. Currently we have 7 Vendors joining us and LIVE MUSIC by the “Rendition” Band. **We are in need of donations for the wine booth and raffle prizes!** Tell your friends, neighbors, and all those you see to join us on November 9th, 2025. **We are still looking for more volunteers**. If you want to help, please reach out to Pam or Lisa.

A contract to **repair the roof of the Old Rectory** was approved by the Board at a **cost of \$16,152.88**. Work will begin in the next 6-8 weeks. **We would appreciate any extra donations to help us cover that cost**. Repairs to the east air conditioning unit of the PHC were approved at a cost of \$2,200. Arborist work to address invading tree branches over the PHC was also approved.

St. Stanislaus was represented at **the Alton Pride Festival and the Tower Grove Pride** in September. Thank you to our **Pride Team—Mich Sinclair, Dcn. Chad Ingold, and Ryan Brakhne** who continue to bring their talents and energy to ensure a thriving future for our Church—and **thank you to all who attended the festivals** and keep our Doors, Minds and Communion wide open.

| **PL Rada Dyrektorów wdraża nowy model zarządzania PHC** oparty na zespołowej pracy sześciu grup. Zapraszamy wolontariuszy do pomocy przy festiwalu jesiennym. Rada podpisała szereg umów na prace remontowe. Gorąco prosimy o dodatkowe ofiary na rzecz remontu dachu nad starą plebanią, którego koszt wyniesie **\$16,152.88**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/STO LAT

Raymond Malter | October 2
 Ramona Kaminski | October 4
 Dominika Fidala | October 23
 Kylie Fremder | October 24
 Dcn. Lori Fremder | October 29

NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to our newest parishioners:

Sam & Alex Sharp

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the church office if you become sick or hospitalized. Prosimy zgłaszać do biura parafialnego imiona osób chorych potrzebujących modlitwy.

*Gary Booth, Stephenie Boardley, Theda Brabec, Gianna Deidrick,
 Raymond Dienberg, Wayne Gettinger, Elizabeth Groenweghe,
 Carol Klein, Richard Mazurek, Julie Stichnote,
 Elena Schulte, Evelyn Vetz, Betty Wood, Dan Metz,
 Kevin Kohm, Linda Garcia-Otero, Ryan Brakhane*

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY!



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called “**Mary’s Psalter**.” There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a **substitute for the 150 psalms** for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus “**Mary’s Psalter**” is a shortened, simplified “breviary”—alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. **Let’s pray together the Holy Rosary (one decade) after every Sunday Mass in October.**

NEW MINISTRY OF CARE!

We are thrilled to announce that **in late August** we launched a new ministry to the sick and homebound:

The Ministry of Care

As an extension of the compassionate ministry of Jesus, ministers of care (both **lay and ordained**) go forth from the Eucharistic celebration so that they may **share the Word of God and Holy Communion** with those who are sick, homebound, isolated, suffering, and cannot attend Mass.

If you know anyone in our parish or outside of it who cannot attend mass but wishes to receive Holy Communion, please notify us at: office@saintstan.org

2025 PARISH MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Free Food Fridays

Friday, 9:30 am

Polish Class

Thursday, 7:00 pm (September-June)

Online Morning Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 am

Latin Mass

Wednesday, 11:30 am

Rosary

All Sundays in October, 11:15 am

Garden Committee

Saturday, 9:00 am (March-November)

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, 11:15 am

Kids’ Ministry

15 min. before & after every mass

Liturgical Ministers Meeting

Third Sunday of the Month, 11:30 am

Potluck/Tailgate Party

Last Saturday of the Month, 5:00 pm



WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

Online donations can be made via **PayPal, Venmo, or CashApp** on our website (www.saintstan.org/donate), or on St. Stanislaus **Facebook Page** (www.facebook.com/stanstl) during/after live streamed masses.

COMING SOON

All Sundays in October: Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a scriptural prayer that helps people meditate on the mysteries of salvation. Please join us **every Sunday in October** right **after the 10 am mass** for a time of prayer, meditation, and spiritual nourishment.

OCTOBER 4 & 5: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We invite all animals with their human friends to join us for a **special blessing** right after both masses on **Saturday, October 4th, and Sunday, October 5th.**

—HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION—

October 26: TRUNK OR TREAT & CHILI DINNER

On **Sunday, October 26th, from 11:30 am** we invite all our young people to join us for a joyful **“Trunk or Treat”** celebration. We encourage our adult parishioners to “treat” our kids with sweet generosity! Don’t forget your costumes! In addition, please join us for the **Klimaszewski Sisters Chili Dinner** from 11:30 am to celebrate fall in good company and with good food!

November 2: HAUNTED TOUR WITH DCN. CHAD

On Sunday, November 2nd, join us for the ghost tour! The bus departs St. Stan’s at 5 pm. Registration and more information: **Dcn. Chad Ingold (618.223.4603).**

NOVEMBER 9: ST. STANISLAUS DAY 2025 FALL CELEBRATION

Please join us on **November 9th** (Polish Independence Day weekend), from 10 am, for an **Ecumenical Eucharist & Fall Celebration**. Bring friends and family to the Polish Heritage Center for a celebration of Polish heritage, art, culture, music, and food! **LIVE MUSIC BY “RENDITION”** Band from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

December 14: Handel’s “Messiah”

Among the grandest of oratorios and the most cherished of holiday traditions, Handel’s “Messiah” returns to Powell Hall. Join us **Sunday, December 14th, at 3 pm** for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra’s performance of “Messiah”. We currently have a block of 20 tickets with the possibility of adding more. **Cost per ticket is \$23.50 each.** Please email Carolyn at carolyn.kramkowski@gmail.com or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/uQ8ZA3jAC5q6dZff9> for tickets **by October 31st.**

W NAJBLIŻSZYM CZASIE

Niedziele w październiku: Miesiąc różańca

Październik to miesiąc różańca świętego – modlitwy opartej na Piśmie Świętym, pomagającej rozważać tajemnice zbawienia. Dołącz do nas **w każdą niedzielę października po mszy o godz. 10 rano** na czas modlitwy, medytacji i duchowego wzrostu.

4 & 5 PAŹDZIERNIKA: BŁOGOSŁAW. ZWIERZĄT

Zapraszamy wszystkie zwierzątka wraz z opiekunami na specjalne błogosławieństwo zwierząt, które odbędzie się po obu mszach w **sobotę i niedzielę (4 i 5 października).**

—OBCHODY HALLOWEEN—

26 października: TRUNK OR TREAT & OBIAD CHILI

W niedzielę, 26 października, od godz. 11:30 rano organizujemy zabawę Halloween dla dzieci i młodzieży! Dorosłych prosimy o wypełnienie koszyków dzieci słodyczami! Nie zapomnijcie o kostiumach! Tego samego dnia od godz. 11:30 rano zapraszamy na **Obiad Chili Sióstr Klimaszewskich**. Świętuj jesień z nami – w dobrym towarzystwie i z dobrym jedzeniem!

2 listopada: NAWIEDZONE ZWIEDZANIE

W niedzielę, 2 listopada, zapraszamy na zwiedzanie z duchami! Autobus wyjedzie z parkingu kościelnego o godz. 5 wieczorem. Zapisy przyjmuje **dk. Chad Ingold (618.223.4603).**

9 LISTOPADA: JESIENNE OBCHODY DNIA ŚW. STANISŁAWA KOSTKI 2025

9 listopada (weekend święta Niepodległości Polski), od godz. 10 rano, zapraszamy na **ekumeniczną liturgię Eucharystii oraz Festiwal Jesienny**, aby razem świętować w Domu Dziedzictwa Polskiego polskie dziedzictwo, sztukę, kulturę, jedzenie i muzykę! **MUZYKĘ NA ŻYWO** od godz. 1:00 do 4:00 po południu zapewni zespół “RENDITION”!

14 grudnia: “Mesjasz” Haendla

“Mesjasz” Haendla — najsłynniejsze oratorium i jedna z najpiękniejszych tradycji świątecznych — wraca do Powell Hall. Dołącz do nas **w niedzielę, 14 grudnia, o godz. 3 po południu**, na wyjątkowe wykonanie oratorium przez St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Mamy obecnie pulę 20 biletów. **Koszt biletów to \$23.50 od osoby.** Zainteresowane biletami osoby prosimy o kontakt z Carolyn: carolyn.kramkowski@gmail.com lub o wypełnienie formularza: <https://forms.gle/uQ8ZA3jAC5q6dZff9> **najpóźniej do 31 października.**

Masses for Deceased / Wypominkowe msze za zmarłych / Día de Muertos

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: one mass on **Nov. 1st (4:00 pm, All Saints’ Day)**, one mass on **Nov. 2nd (10:00 am, All Souls’ Day)** and then **every Wednesday in Nov. (at 11:30 am)**. Please pick up a special envelope at the side entrance, and put it into the donation basket, or email us: office@saintstan.org. There will also be a special **Día de Muertos altar** commemorating our deceased ones.

W naszej parafii zostanie odprawiona seria sześciu mszy wypominkowych: **jedna 1 listopada (godz. 4:00 pm), jedna 2 listopada (godz. 10:00 am)** oraz **w każdą środę listopada o godz. 11:30 am**, w intencji tych zmarłych, których imiona zechcecie nam podać. Imiona zmarłych można zgłaszać w specjalnej kopercie z napisem “Listopadowe msze wypominkowe”, którą można znaleźć przy bocznym wejściu do kościoła. Można także wysłać e-mail z nazwiskami na adres office@saintstan.org.

LITURGICAL ABC

What Does My Guardian Angel Look Like?

Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life”, St. Basil once wrote. **Guardian Angel Day comes around once a year on October 2nd.** It is a day that seeks to recognize the protective roles that guardian angels have in our lives. There is a lot to celebrate on a day like this. If you'd like to grow closer to your angel, **you can start with friendship:** A greeting during our morning prayers or when we go to Mass. And don't hesitate to ask more often for their help.

Carlo Acutis nurtured a great devotion to angels. Here's some advice this “millennial saint” could give today to help us deepen our relationship with these spiritual creatures: 1) Like many saints, he was also in the habit of asking his guardian angel for help in his day-to-day life, particularly in combating his own shortcomings. He would also tell the children to whom he taught catechism, “Ask for help from your guardian angel, who must become your best friend.” 2) Many saints dedicated texts to the invisible world and its angels, and some even received the grace of having apparitions, including St. Gemma Galgani, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina Kowalska, and St. Catherine Labouré. The mystical experiences of these saints left a deep impression on young Carlo. He was so moved by this that he even planned to create a virtual exhibition on this theme. Sadly, he was unable to carry out this plan due to his premature death at the age of 15 from leukemia. 3) Carlo Acutis' relationship with angels was also strengthened after a family pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Michael the Archangel on Mount Gargano in southern Italy. According to tradition, the Archangel Michael appeared several times to St. Lorenzo Maiorano in the 5th century. In fact, Padre Pio himself used to send people who were particularly tormented by evil to this shrine.

What does my guardian angel look like? Strictly speaking angels do not possess a physical body; this is the reason why we usually never notice them. **They are pure spirits, but can take on a physical appearance when necessary.** The visible form that is often reported in Scripture or popular news stories is a facade, a mask they put on so that we can see them with our eyes. Otherwise they are naturally invisible creatures. A more common way that our Guardian Angel will “reveal” themselves to us is through an invisible action or “voice.” On the other hand, Guardian Angels have been known to appear in various forms, either as an adult or as a child.

If we are ever graced with an opportunity to notice our Guardian Angel, it is likely that they will appear to us in a form that brings along with it feelings of peace and security. Our Guardian Angel knows us better than we know ourselves and so expertly chooses a form that is specific to us, not wishing to frighten us, but to comfort us in our hour of need. Even if we never see them in this life, our Christian faith gives us confidence that **our Guardian Angel is always at our side**, ready to help us when we need them the most.

LITURGICZNE ABC

Jak wygląda mój Anioł Stróż?

Uboku każdego wierzącego stoi anioł jako opiekun i pasterz, który prowadzi go ku życiu” – napisał kiedyś św. Bazyli. **Dzień Anioła Stróża przypada raz w roku, 2 października.** Jest to dzień, który ma nam uświadomić rolę, jaką aniołowie ci pełnią w naszym życiu. Taki dzień to wiele powodów do świętowania. Jeśli chcesz być bliżej swojego anioła stróża, **zaczynij od przyjaźni:** pozdrów go podczas porannej modlitwy lub na mszy. I nie wahaj się częściej prosić o pomoc.

Carlo Acutis pielęgnował głębokie nabożeństwo do aniołów. Oto kilka rad, których ten „święty milenials” mógłby nam udzielić dzisiaj, aby pomóc nam pogłębić naszą relację z tymi duchowymi istotami: 1) Jak wielu świętych, miał on zwyczaj prosić anioła stróża o pomoc w życiu codziennym, szczególnie w walce z własnymi słabościami. Dzieciom, których uczył katechizmu, mówił: „Proście o pomoc swojego anioła stróża, który powinien stać się waszym najlepszym przyjacielem”. 2) Wielu świętych poświęciło swoje prace aniołom, a niektórzy nawet otrzymali łaskę ich oglądania, w tym św. Gemma Galgani, św. Franciszek z Asyżu, św. Faustyna Kowalska i św. Katarzyna Labouré. Mistyczne doświadczenia tych świętych wywarły głębokie wrażenie na młodym Carlo. Był tym tak poruszony, że planował nawet stworzenie wirtualnej wystawy na ten temat. Niestety, nie zdążył zrealizować swojego planu z powodu przedwczesnej śmierci w wieku 15 lat na białaczkę. 3) Relacja Carla Acutisa z aniołami została również wzmocniona po rodzinnej pielgrzymce do sanktuarium św. Michała Archaniola na Górze Gargano w południowych Włoszech. Według tradycji, Archanioł Michał ukazał się tam kilkakrotnie św. Wawrzyńcowi Maiorano w V wieku. W rzeczywistości sam Ojciec Pio zwykł wysyłać do tego sanktuarium osoby szczególnie dręczone przez zło.

Jak zatem wygląda mój anioł stróż? Ściśle mówiąc, aniołowie nie posiadają fizycznego ciała; dlatego też zazwyczaj ich nie zauważamy. **Są czystymi duchami, ale mogą przybrać fizyczną postać, gdy jest to konieczne.** Widzialna forma, o której słyszymy często w Piśmie Świętym lub opowieściach, to fasada, maska, którą zakładają, abyśmy mogli ich zobaczyć naszymi oczami. W przeciwnym razie są z natury niewidzialnymi stworzeniami. Bardziej powszechne jest “ujawnianie się” aniołów poprzez ich działanie lub „głos”. Z drugiej strony, Aniołowie Stróża znani są z pojawiania się w różnych postaciach, zarówno jako dorośli, jak i dzieci.

Jeśli kiedykolwiek będziemy mieć okazję oglądać naszego Anioła Stróża, prawdopodobnie ukaże się nam w postaci, która przyniesie ze sobą poczucie spokoju i bezpieczeństwa. On zna nas lepiej niż my sami i dlatego umiejętnie wybiera postać, która jest specyficzna dla nas, nie chcąc nas przestraszyć, lecz pocieszyć w godzinie potrzeby. Nawet jeśli nigdy ich nie zobaczymy w tym życiu, nasza wiara chrześcijańska daje nam pewność, że **nasz Anioł Stróż jest zawsze u naszego boku**, gotowy pomóc nam, gdy najbardziej go potrzebujemy.

THOUGHTS FROM DN. CHAD

A Rewarding Bountiful Harvest

As we enter my favorite season of the year, fall—the warm days, cool nights, bonfires, and the beautiful show of color in the trees—my thoughts turn to all the up coming events: Sweet corn festival, haunts with a side of history, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. In my mind, I am planning for each holiday. Specifically Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family and friends. To celebrate the bountiful harvest. To reflect on the wonders of the year and to enjoy each others company. For me, Thanksgiving is when I get to cook and try to show off that talent like I am on Food Network! I cook so much that I could host dinner nightly all week. Knowing who I am cooking for and trying to cook their favorite dishes, is a pleasure that I enjoy. An evening of food, games and fellowship is a rewarding “bountiful harvest” for me!

Outside of family and friends, who else will be sitting at the table? In Luke 14:12-14, we’re instructed to “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind”. Friends come in many forms and disabilities. My friend Melissa suffered from an illness where she lost the function of her fingers. I learned from her to cook some of her favorite side dishes; candied carrots, sweet potatoes and coleslaw. It was an honor to make these dishes each year for her. This brought joy to Melissa.



Think about who will be at your table. Invite a neighbor who maybe alone and down on their luck. Invite that friend who you haven’t seen in awhile. Enjoy their company and share in the “bountiful harvest” of love, caring, compassion and giving!

“Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Have a happy fall season!

Dcn. Chad Ingold



FROM FR. JONATHAN'S DESK

The Race Is On!

For those that know me, know I am not discussing the Nascar Racing Season. Not a fan but everyone must have their passion. The race I am talking about begins in October and ends sometime after the end of the new calendar year. We create and do this to ourselves. It begins with decorating for Halloween for some or fall décor for others. Halloween events at church. Halloween itself; passing candy to all the children that are brought down your street by the hundreds. This season fills your calendar quickly and you often lose yourself in the costume parties and then are shot straight into November. Then come the Thanksgiving dinners with family, friends, fellow parishioners. While all of these are beautiful events with huge platters of food and time for fellowship, these events pass just as quickly. I have yet to speak of Advent and Christmas seasons which we can use as a measure to be discussed later.



I would like to give you a simple task. Stop! Not everything but give yourself time to observe the things around that are going on. You might now be asking what this has to do with church. The Bible often refers to silence, intentional stillness and purposeful prayer just to name a few. During these hectic few months of the secular periods of Halloween and Thanksgiving. Take a moment, put away your phone, turn off the TV, sit in silence for a moment knowing you are surrounded by the loving embrace of God, our almighty Father. Psalm 46:11: “Be still and know that I am God.” This will not only remind you of the ever presence of God but will nurture you, both physically and spiritually. Practice this and Advent and Christmas may be more memorable than you ever thought.

Fr. Jonathan Batchelor





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