



**ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA**  
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Janet Tobolski +

### Tuesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Dean Morehouse +

### Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Geraldine Bukowski +

10:00 p.m. People of Parish

### Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Patricia & William Michalak +

### Friday, December 26

8:00 a.m. No Public Mass

### Saturday, December 27

4:00 p.m. William Konter II +

### Sunday, December 28

8:00 a.m. People of Parish

10:00 a.m. Mary & Edward "Spike" Nowicki +

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - December 22 - 28

### Lectors:

4:00 p.m. Judy Cravalho

8:00 a.m. Carol Marshall

10:00 a.m. Johannes Olind

### Servers:

4:00 p.m. T.B.A.

8:00 a.m. Joe and Henry Sarver

10:00 a.m. Anthony Meyer

### EMHC:

10:00 a.m. Gina DeMeyer

**Counters for December: Renita Jaworski  
Carol/Jim Marshall**

## December Dates for Christmas Masses

During December, the following dates for Masses will be:

**Christmas Eve— 12/24/2025—Mass 4:00 p.m./  
10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day—12/25/2025—Mass 10:00 a.m./**

### Please Pray For:



Leona Doms, Carolyn Tuszynski, Sharon Strieter, Edmund Kaplon, Ann Marie Osgood, Connie DeCocker, Dawn Reid, Linda Maxwell, Haley Huton, Gloria Ferick, Gene Smith, Mark Stone, Alexa Montenaro, Alan Tobolski, Mary Montenaro

## Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21, 2025

Brothers and sisters,

The final week of advent asks us to focus on Love. Specifically, we focus on the love of God for us, which contrary to what Whitney Houston sang, is the greatest love.

One of my Holy Cross College students showed me a Tik-Tok video that is going viral. In this video, a young woman rails on Christians for "gaslighting." She argues that Christians worship a God who claims you will never be worthy of my love no matter what you do.

While it's true that we are not deserving of God's love, this young woman misses the profound point of the Christian Gospel, namely that God loves us, even though we are undeserving. This is good news because it means we do not need to try to earn God's love or to appease God as the pagans often did. We do not need to pretend to be someone other than we are in order to be loved. We are loveable in and of ourselves. We do not need to earn God's love. We are already loved by God. And God loves us for who we are, not for what we have accomplished.

As I reflected upon this, I wonder how many people, especially our young people, do not know they are loved and desired for who they are. How many people have fallen victim to the lie that to be loveable you have to accomplish something. This lie leads us to being manipulated, not loved. When we believe that we have to prove that we are lovable, people can manipulate us by saying, "You are loveable if you do these activities, if you have these possessions, if you join these clubs, if you put \$5 more into the collection." It is these lies that the Gospel corrects.

The Gospel, the good news, that we Christians proclaim is that we are loved by God, not manipulated by him. That God desires a personal and intimate relationship with us, and he does so not because he wants something from us, or because we did something for him. Rather, he loves us for who we are. As we approach Christmas, we celebrate the love of God. For God became man not to manipulate us, but to reveal to us that we are loved.

Fr. Brian



An offering has been made for the Sanctuary Lamp  
in memory of:

**Phyllis & Shelly Lapczynski**

12/21/2025

12/27/2025





*"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6*

### Mass Schedule

- Mon., Dec. 22 - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m./
- Tues., Dec. 23 - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m./
- Wed., Dec. 24 - Mass 4:00 p.m./Mass 10:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 25 - Mass 10:00 a.m./
- Sat., Dec. 27 - Confession 3:00 p.m./Mass 4:00 p.m./
- Sun., Dec. 28 - Mass 8:00 a.m./Mass 10:00 a.m./

**Parish Office is open Monday - Tuesday - hours will vary - please call (574-654-3781) to confirm someone is in the office.**

**Parish Office will be closed Wednesday - Friday, December 24 - 26, 2025.**

### STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

As of December 14th

Weekly Mass Collection.....	\$3,135.00
Actual Month to Date.....	\$8,935.00
Month to Date Budget .....	\$7,000.00
Variance .....	\$1,935.00
YTD Actual .....	\$105,578.51
YTD Budget .....	\$84,000.00
Variance.....	\$21,578.51

### St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish

#### Annual Food Drive

"As you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to me." (Mt 25:40) As a Church we are called to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy. During the month of November our parish participates in a food drive that helps those in our area. Please bring non-perishable items and place them in the boxes in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.



### Annual Bishop's Appeal

The Annual Bishop's Appeal begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Donors who prefer 10 or 12 months of payments are encouraged to enter their pledge online, at <https://diocesefwsb.org/aba/>, or by clicking this QR code, any time after July 1<sup>st</sup>. For donors wanting monthly paper reminder statements, please wait for your parishes' pledge Sunday.



### REMEMBER

**THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**



It is time to renew your family and friends in the monthly mass of remembrance. **Cost is \$30 for enrollment**, which will provide two individual Masses, enrollment in the weekly Memorial Mass intentions, All Souls Day, and a candle for the sanctuary lamp. Please contact Paula in the parish office to enroll your loved ones.

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**December 21 - Winter Break - No School**

**December 28 - Winter Break - No School**



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REMEMBER

those who have gone before us.

