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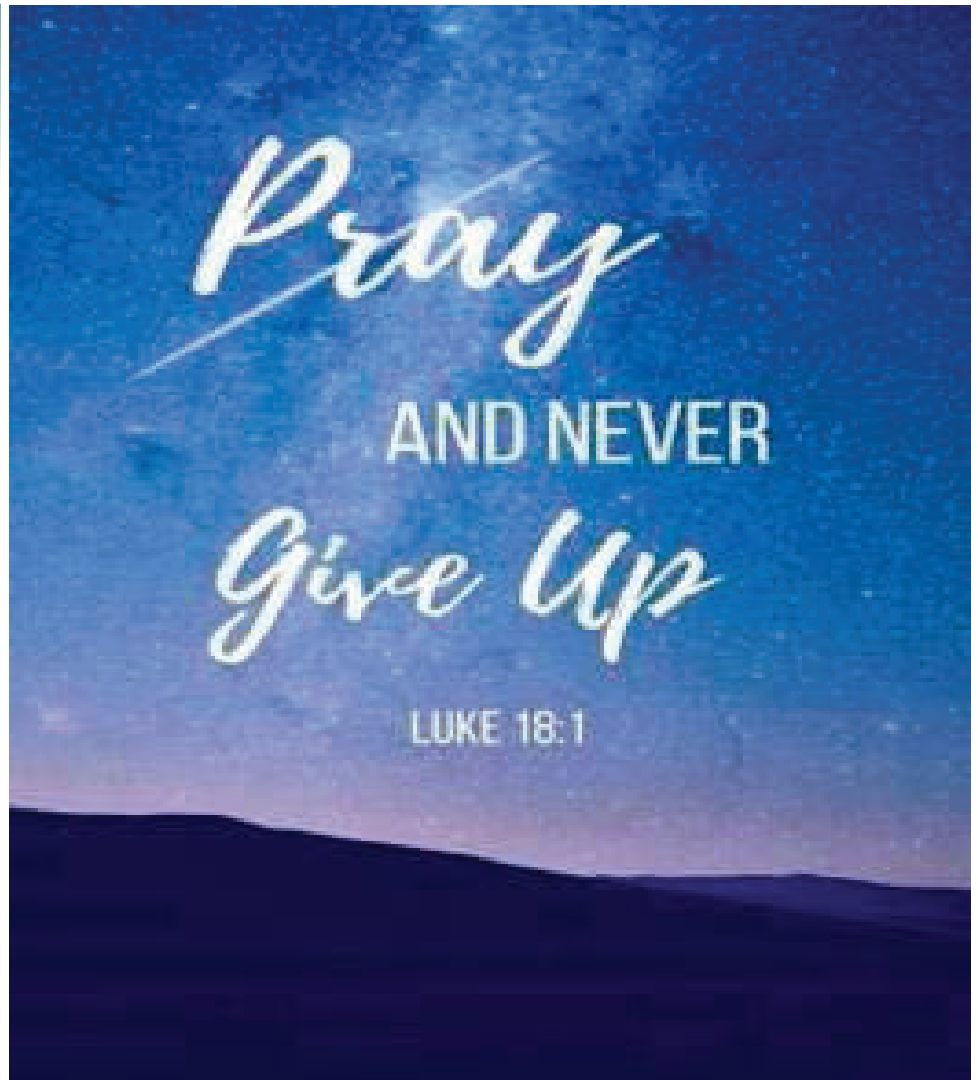
NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English
10:30AM – Polish
12:00PM – English
1:30PM – Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment
Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm
By request: After Mass
Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

**Saturday – October 18...St. Luke**

9:00AM... + Giovanni and Antonietta Mone, req. Angela Negri
 5:00PM... + GERALYN Anne Boccher, req. Family

Sunday – October 19...29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + Nell Payne, req. Parish Family
 10:30AM... + Franciszek Kopolka, od Brata i Rodziny
 12:00 Noon... People of the Parish
 1:30PM... Health of Paula Gutierrez Martinez,
 req. Martinez Family

Monday – October 20...St. Paul of the Cross

9:00AM... + Angelina Spalluto, req. Parish Family

Tuesday – October 21...Weekday

9:00AM... + People of the Parish

Wednesday – October 22... St. John Paul II

9:00AM... + Marcelina Martinez, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Thursday – October 23...St. John of Capistrano

9:00AM... John and Bridget, 2nd Wedding Anniversary
 req., Mom & Dad

Friday – October 24... St. Anthony Mary Claret

9:00AM... + Magnolia Pershay, req. Parish Family

Saturday – October 25...Weekday

9:00AM... + Marie and Stan Stanley, req. Family
 5:00PM... + GERALYN and Edward Boccher, req. Family

Sunday – October 26...30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + Robert Merkle (8th Anniv.), req. Wife Johanna
 10:30AM... + Tadeusz Deręgowski, od żony i dzieci
 + Edmund Grzymala, od Rodzina
 12:00 Noon... + Frank and Anita Meeks, req. Family
 1:30PM... People of the Parish

**STEWARDSHIP****29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for the **Deceased Members of the Parish.**

The Bread and Wine for the **Month of October** is in **Memory of Jerry Signorelli at the request of Peter and Beverly Cirino.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky and Jim Rushforth.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed** especially **Angelina Spalluto..**

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13**

Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.

Domingo 29° del Tiempo Ordinario

"¿No hubo ninguno que regresara a dar gloria a Dios, excepto "...Predica la palabra; insiste a tiempo y fuera de tiempo; argumenta, reprende, anima con mucha paciencia e instrucción..." 2 TIMOTEO 4:2

No siempre es conveniente ser un buen administrador, especialmente cuando se interponen en nuestro camino todas las tentaciones de nuestro mundo ajetreado y materialista. Si además añadimos nuestro orgullo y ego a la ecuación, ¡vivir un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad debe ser muy incómodo! Recuerde, Dios no nos llamó a la comodidad. Él nunca dijo que tendríamos una vida fácil. ¡Mas bien, nos llamó a ser fieles!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Classes

Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Classes are in the school building.
Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45.

All Religious Education children are required to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.



Calling all Women of Faith!

We are excited to share the Fall meeting schedule for the re-launch of the Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka. **If you have not attended our first meeting you are still invited to join. The next meeting is Thursday, October 23rd from 5:30–7:00 PM in the Parish Center,** with additional fall meetings on **November 20, and December 11 at the same time.**

Each evening will include prayer, Scripture reflection, faith-sharing, and fellowship, with a light dinner served. All women are warmly invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and service. Bring a friend and be part of this vibrant community.

Please call the Parish to RSVP, so we can plan for food.

PRE-CANA Preparation

For all the engaged couples who are planning to get married or those who are married civilly and would like to receive the sacrament of matrimony, we offer a course of Pre-Cana on Thursday nights in the Office Starting: October 23rd, at 8:00PM.

If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.

ALTAR SERVERS

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

There will be a meeting for all altar servers and those who want to join! **October 25th**, Saturday at **12:00PM** in the church.

Thank you to our new altar servers, you really make a difference!

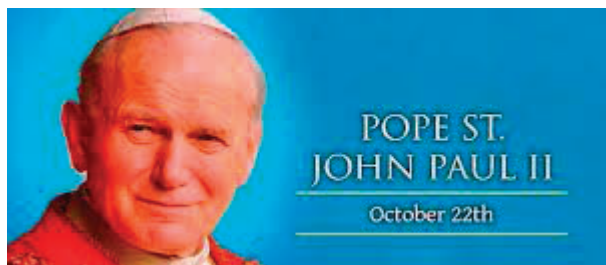


Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

For those Catholics who did not complete their full initiation (Catholics who may have been baptized but who were never confirmed or received First Communion), or are non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, we offer the next time of preparation on

**Mondays at 7:00PM
in the parish office.**

If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, or about becoming Catholic, please contact: **Fr. Bernardo, at** vicar@bestchurch.net.

The Saint of the Week

Karol Józef Wojtyła, the future Saint John Paul II, was born in the Polish town of Wadowice, the youngest of three children, just two years after Poland regained its independence. Though Poland was free as he grew up, Karol suffered many hardships. He never knew his older sister who died just hours after she was born. When Karol was eight, his mother died, and when he was twelve, his older brother died, leaving only Karol and his father. Despite these tragedies, Karol's father had a profound impact upon his life. He would later say that "his example for me was in some way the first seminary, a sort of domestic seminary." Karol Sr. taught his son to pray, trust in God, be devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and love his Polish culture. Karol Jr. often saw his father on his knees in their small home, praying his rosary.

In 1938, Karol and his father moved to Kraków where he attended the Jagiellonian University, focusing his studies on philosophy and languages. He eventually became fluent in at least eight languages and had a competency in several others. After Karol attended the university for a year, Nazi Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, marking the beginning of World War II. On November 6, 1939, the Gestapo gathered 180 professors and staff of the university and arrested them, sending them to concentration camps in an attempt to suppress Polish culture and intellectual life. Jagiellonian University was closed, and all young men were required to work. In response, Karol Wojtyła, along with hundreds of other students, continued their education underground, risking their lives. In addition to his underground studies, Karol worked in a quarry and a chemical factory to avoid deportation by the Nazis.

In 1940, a friend introduced Karol to Carmelite spirituality, and his prayer life began to blossom. On February 18, 1941, Karol's father died, leaving him without any immediate family members. Though devastated by the numerous hardships he had endured by the age of twenty-one, his prayer life continued to flourish, and he sensed a new calling to the priesthood, and was invited to begin studies in a clandestine underground seminary run by the archbishop.

On November 1, 1946, Karol was ordained a priest, and then sent to Rome where he received his doctorate in theology from the Angelicum. His thesis was titled, "The Doctrine of Faith in Saint John of the Cross." During his time in Rome, Father Wojtyła traveled to the Capuchin monastery located in the city of San Giovanni Rotondo, where the famous mystic Padre Pio resided. A close friend of Father Wojtyła later related that during that visit, Father Wojtyła went to Padre Pio for confession, and Padre Pio informed Father Wojtyła that he would one day "ascend to the highest office in the Church."

After returning to Poland the following year, Father Wojtyła spent the next ten years engaging in pastoral ministry in parishes, taught ethics at the Jagiellonian University and Catholic University of Lublin, received a second doctorate in philosophy, and wrote poems, plays, and contemporary faith-based articles. During this period, Father Wojtyła also worked as a university chaplain. He soon began to gather groups of students together for prayer and discussions. His gatherings grew, and soon they turned into kayaking and camping trips.

In 1958, while on a two-week camping trip with his friends he was named an auxiliary bishop in Krakow, at the age of thirty-eight. As a new bishop, Bishop Wojtyła continued to live simply, maintained his friendships, and lived out his ministry—just as he had for the previous ten years.

In 1962, Bishop Wojtyła became the temporary administrator of the Archdiocese of Kraków after the archbishop died. He also took part in the Second Vatican Council, making important contributions. In 1964, Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of Kraków and made him a cardinal in 1967.

After Pope Paul VI died on August 6, 1978, Cardinal Wojtyła joined the other cardinals in electing John Paul I. However, the new pope only lived for thirty-three days. After the funeral and much disagreement in the next conclave over two Italian choices, the cardinals turned their eyes to a new choice, the fifty-eight-year-old cardinal of Kraków. He was elected on October 16, 1978, taking the name Pope John Paul II, the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. Padre Pio's prophecy had come true.

When Pope John Paul II first appeared to the people gathered at Saint Peter's Basilica, he said to the largely Italian crowd, "...the cardinals have called for a new bishop of Rome. They called him from a faraway land—far and yet always close because of our communion in faith and Christian traditions." In his inaugural homily, Pope John Paul II spoke words that would echo throughout his papacy, "Do not be

afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power, open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development..." This young, energetic, prayerful, charismatic, and brilliant theologian, philosopher, linguist, pastor, and friend was about to make an indelible mark on the Church and world.

Pope John Paul II made trips to 129 countries during his pontificate, gathering some of the largest crowds in human history. He met with heads of state, held massive open-air Masses in stadiums, initiated World Youth Day celebrations, met with religious leaders of other faiths, survived an assassination attempt, and commanded a powerful and endearing presence everywhere he went, almost always speaking in the native language.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to his homeland. When he arrived, a movement was sparked that could not be stopped and led to the downfall of communism in Poland and across Europe within a decade. When he arrived, he kissed the ground and spoke directly to his people. He was a Pole, and they were Poles, and he encouraged them to never forget that. He spoke of solidarity with one another, and what came to be known as the Solidarity Movement began. Over the next year, an underground workers' union called "Solidarity" formed and grew rapidly.

Pope John Paul II was the most prolific writer in the history of the papacy. The Church was still trying to find its way after Vatican II, and Pope John Paul II guided it at every turn. He wrote on morality, dogma, spirituality, Mariology, sexuality, family life, marriage, the dignity of the person, the economy, society as a whole, and much more. He wrote fourteen encyclicals, fourteen apostolic exhortations, forty-five apostolic letters, eleven apostolic constitutions, thirty motu proprio, many catecheses, homilies, plays, and books. He reformed the Church's Code of Canon Law and promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul II was also prolific in his canonizations, canonizing more saints than all of his predecessors combined. He canonized 482 and beatified 1,338. His canonizations were also new in that they sought to honor people of every walk of life.

Pope John Paul II not only lived well, he also died well. After suffering with Parkinson's disease in public view for years, unable to walk and barely able to talk, he died on April 2, 2005, on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.



October is the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed in the church on Tuesdays 1:00PM and Wednesdays 7:00PM.

CHOIR

Our choir is back! Why not join us.

Practice is in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. If you are interested, come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir.

Knights Of Columbus

If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact John Beckman at jabeckman111@gmail.com.

The K of C has many services to offer, and being a member is very rewarding.



CHAIR EXERCISE

Patty Casterline leads the Chair Exercise Classes on Tuesday afternoons 1:30PM in the Parish Center. **Classes will continue for the next 4 weeks. It's not too late to join; you are welcome to just show up.**

ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We offer Chapel on Sundays at the 9AM Mass during the readings and Gospel.



The children leave the congregation with a teacher and discuss the Gospel according to their level of understanding for about 10 minutes. We are in need of assistants for Chapel on Sundays, 9AM Mass. This would only be one Sunday a month during Mass, and a lesson will be planned for you. Please contact Karole or call the office for more information.



Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki

XXVIX Niedziela Zwykła

Z Listu św. Augustyna, biskupa, do Proby
Dlaczego gubimy się w myślach i
zastanawiamy, o co mamy się modlić, w
obawie, że się nie modlimy tak, jak należy?
Dlaczego nie wołamy raczej słowami
psalmu: "O jedno proszę Pana, tego
poszukuję, bym w domu Pańskim
przebywał po wszystkie dni życia mego,
abym zażywał łaskowości Pana, stale się
radował Jego świątynią". Tam wszystkie dni
stają się równocześnie, nie przychodzą ani
odchodzą, ani też nie zaczyna się jeden,
gdy drugi kończy; wszystkie trwają bez
końca równocześnie, a życie, do którego
należą, nie ma końca.

Abysmy zatem mogli osiągnąć ów
życiowy szczęśliwy, Życie, które stało się
ciałem, nauczyło nas modlić się. Nie w
wielu słowach, jak gdyby wysłuchanie
zależało od naszej wymowności. Wszak
modlimy się do Tego, który - jak mówi Pan
- wie, co nam potrzeba, zanim Go
poprosimy.

Mogłoby nas dziwić, dlaczego
zachęca nas do modlitwy Ten, który zna
nasze prośby, zanim Go poprosimy,
gdybyśmy nie pamiętali, że Pan i Bóg nasz
nie chce w ten sposób dowiedzieć się o
naszych potrzebach, jako że zna je
doskonale, ale poprzez modlitwę ożywić
nasze pragnienie, abyśmy umieli przyjąć to,
co nam dać zamierzył. Dlatego mówi nam
Pismo: "Rozszerzcie wasze serca; nie
wpręgajcie się w jedno jarzmo z
niewierzącymi".

Ten wielki dar, którego "oko nie
widziało", bo nie ma barwy, "ani ucho nie
słyszało", bo nie jest dźwiękiem, "ani w
serce człowieka nie wstąpiło", bo właśnie
serce człowieka ma tam wstąpić,



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- Zajęcia w poniedziałki: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Klasy: Przedszkole - Liceum (klasa maturalna)
- Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele
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- Prawie 25 lat doświadczenia z wykwalifikowaną kadrą pedagogiczną

przyjmujemy tym skuteczniej, im mocniejsza
będzie nasza wiara, silniejsza nasza
nadzieja, gorętsze pragnienie.

W tej przeto wierze, nadziei i miłości
modlimy się nieprzerwanie ustawicznym
pragnieniem. W określonych jednakże
godzinach i okolicznościach również
słowami zwracamy się do Boga, aby za
pośrednictwem tych znaków napomnieć
samych siebie i przypomnieć, o ile
postąpiliśmy w świętym pragnieniu, i
jeszcze goręcej zachęcić się do jego
pomnażania. Im żywsze będzie pragnienie,
tym większy skutek. Dlatego słowa
Apostoła: "Nieustannie się módlcie", coś
innego oznaczają, jeśli nie to: Pragnijcie
nieustannie otrzymać życie szczęśliwe od
Tego, który może je dać. Życiem
szczęśliwym zaś nie może być żadne inne
poza wiecznym.

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Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will learn more about the We Are His Witnesses initiative and your planning area and will see multiple draft model options to consider for the respective planning area. There will be small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

You are encouraged to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending your parish session-they will all be available at:

www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

Parish listening sessions:

**1. Tuesday, October 28th
at 6:30PM**

**2. Thursday October 30th
at 6:30PM**

In the Gym both sessions in English.

From Fr. Marcin's Desk***Dear Brothers and Sisters,***

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable on the need to pray always, never wearying. The main character is a widow whose insistent pleading with a dishonest judge succeeds in obtaining justice from him. Jesus concludes: if the widow succeeded in convincing that judge, do you think that God will not listen to us if we pray to Him with insistence? Jesus' words are very strong: "And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night?"

"Crying day and night" to God! This image of prayer is striking, but let us ask ourselves: Why does God want this? Doesn't He already know what we need? What does it mean to "insist" with God?

This is a good question that makes us examine an important aspect of the faith: God invites us to pray insistently not because He is unaware of our needs or because He is not listening to us. On the contrary, He is always listening and He knows everything about us lovingly. On our daily journey, especially in times of difficulty, in the battle against the evil that is outside and within us, the Lord is not far away; He is by our side. We battle with Him beside us, and our weapon is prayer which makes us feel His presence beside us, His mercy and also His help. But the battle against evil is a long and hard one; it requires patience and endurance, like Moses who had to keep his arms outstretched for the people to prevail. This is how it is: there is a battle to be waged each day, but God is our ally; faith in Him is our strength, and prayer is the expression of this faith. Therefore, Jesus assures us of the victory, but at the end He asks: "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" If faith is snuffed out, prayer is snuffed out, and we walk in the dark. We become lost on the path of life.

Let us learn from the widow of the Gospel to pray always without growing weary. Pray always, but not in order to convince the Lord by dint of words! He knows our needs better than we do! Indeed, persevering prayer is the expression of faith in a God who calls us to fight with Him every day and at every moment in order to conquer evil with good.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday Mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the Sacrament.

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