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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

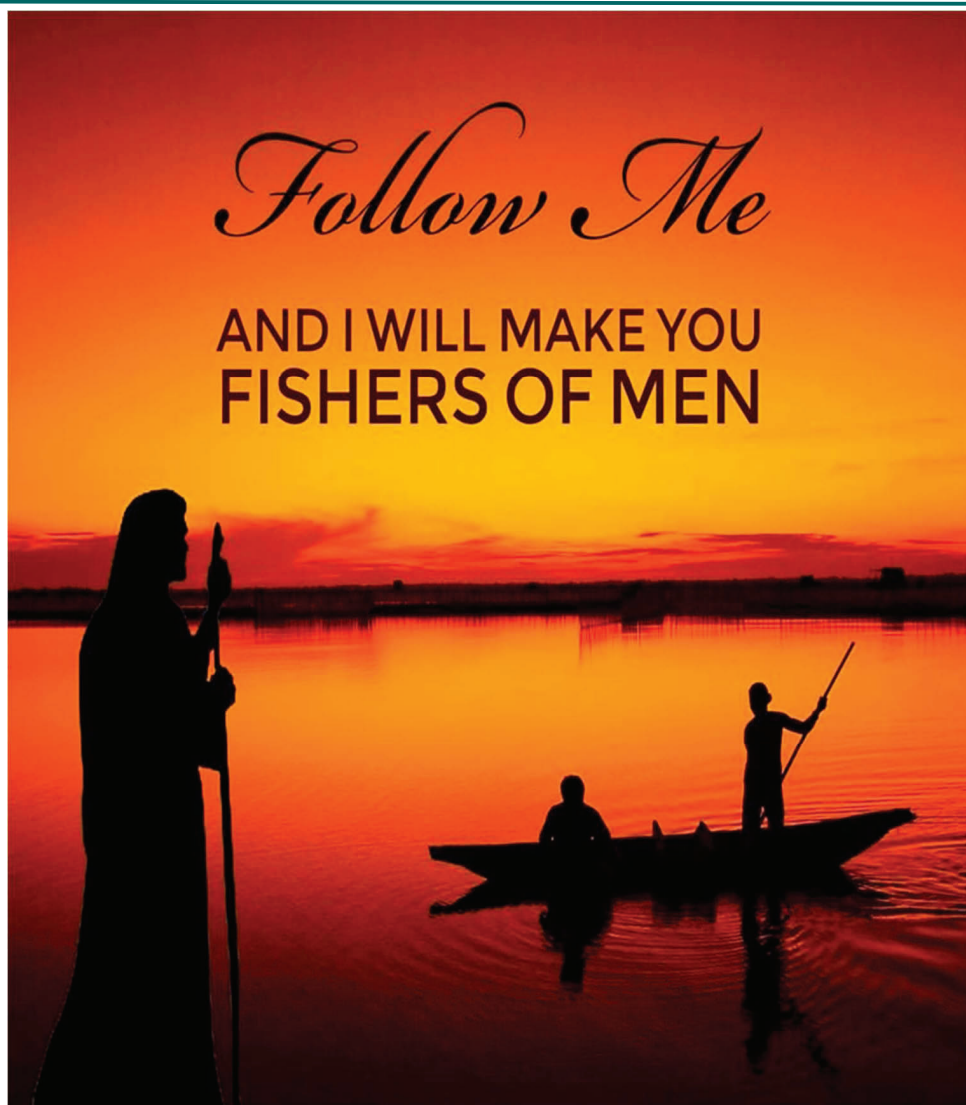
SUNDAY

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 – January 24... St. Francis de Sales**

9:00AM...+ Laraine Collucci, req. Parish Family

5:00PM... + Paula Beleon, req. Family

**Sunday – January 25...Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Marietta DeMair

10:30AM...+ Stefana i Józef Stachowicz, od Córka

12:00 Noon...+ Eloise Dias, req. Mike and Family

1:30 PM ...+ People of The Parish

Monday – January 26...Sts. Timothy and Titus

9:00AM...+ Bill Sullivan, req. Daughter Gayle

Tuesday – January 27...St. Angela Merici

9:00AM...+ Roy Canavesio, req. Family

Wednesday – January 28...St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00AM...+ Health of Jim Rushforth

Thursday – January 29...Weekday9:00AM...Rigoberto Cuartas Duque,
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas**Friday – January 30... Weekday**

9:00AM... People of the Parish

Saturday – January 31... St. John Bosco

9:00AM...+ Maureen Wakins, req. Family

5:00PM... + Sr. Margaret Murphy,
req. Mary Ellen Chanda**Sunday – February 1...Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

10:30AM...+

12:00 Noon...+ Joanne Jennings, req. Parish Family

1:30 PM ...+ Ismael Cuartas, req Alba Ledy Cuartas,

STEWARDSHIP**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for **Uncle Clemens Gunther at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Paul King**

The Bread and Wine for the Month of January is in Memory of **The Parish Deceased Members.**

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all our Faithful Departed.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

3^{er} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"El los llamó e inmediatamente dejaron su barca y a su padre y lo siguieron" MATEO 4:22

Así como Jesús llamó a los primeros apóstoles, también nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a seguirlo. No todo el mundo es llamado a dejar atrás a su familia o a sus negocios, pero se espera de nosotros que pongamos a Dios en primer lugar en todo. En agradecimiento a Dios, debemos darle lo primero y lo mejor de todo: nuestro tiempo en la oración diaria, nuestro talento para participar en uno de nuestros ministerios parroquiales y nuestros tesoros para apoyar las necesidades financieras de la misión de nuestra parroquia.

Roof Donation

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as I mentioned during the Parish Financial Report, we need to fix the roof of the school building. The work would have to happen sometime during the summer, but we need to begin to collect money for that project. If you want to help, you can write on your check's memo line: Restricted – Roof. Thank you for your generosity!!!

PARISH GIVING



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IT IS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATE YOUR FAITH GIVING TO "PARISH GIVING." SIMPLY GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Religious Classes

Classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:45pm. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45PM.

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 Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM. Next Rosary Meeting is Sunday March 1st after the 9AM. Mass in the Parish Office.

CHOIR

Practice is in the church on **Thursday evenings 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. **Many thanks to our new and returning members, you make a difference.**



Best Church Seniors

Seniors are on a winter break. Our next meeting is **March 19th at 12:30PM**, celebrating St. Patrick and St. Joseph.



Knights Of Columbus

Any man 18 years or older who wishes to be a Knight can go to kofc.org and click on sign up, or contact jabeckman111@gmail.com

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith Ministry at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka warmly invites all women of the parish to gather with us this Lent for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal. Whether you're new to the parish, returning to your faith, or simply seeking fellowship, you are welcome. Mothers, grandmothers, students, professionals—there is a place here for you.

Why Join a Women's Lenten Reflection Group?

Lenten invites us to slow down, turn our hearts toward God, and prepare for the joy of Easter. A women's Lenten group helps us enter this sacred season with intention. Together, we reflect on Scripture, walk with Christ toward the Cross, and support one another in our Lenten practices.

In the company of other women, we find encouragement, clarity, and a sense of shared purpose. This is a space to pause, pray, and listen for God's voice, so our hearts may be renewed and strengthened for the journey ahead.

Lenten Gathering Dates

Join us on the following Fridays after the Stations of the Cross:

- **February 20, 2026**
- **March 6, 2026** — Women of Faith will lead the Stations of the Cross
- **March 27, 2026**

We will meet in the Parish Center.

Bring a friend!

For more information or to help with planning, please contact:

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ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

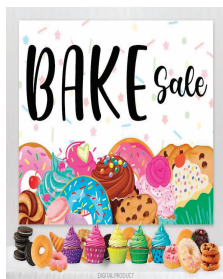
The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is

\$29,654.60. Please make a gift online today by visiting

can.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.





25 stycznia This Sunday wyprzedaż ciast

Po Mszy o godzinie 10:30AM zapraszamy na akademie Babci i Dziadka w Kosciele!!



W niedzielę 18 stycznia 2026 roku w Konsulacie Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej w Nowym Jorku odbyła się uroczystość wręczenia Medali Komisji Edukacji Narodowej.

Z ogromną dumą informujemy, że nasi nauczyciele – Pani **Iwona Radecki** oraz Pan **Cezary Jastrzębski** – zostali uhonorowani tym prestiżowym odznaczeniem.

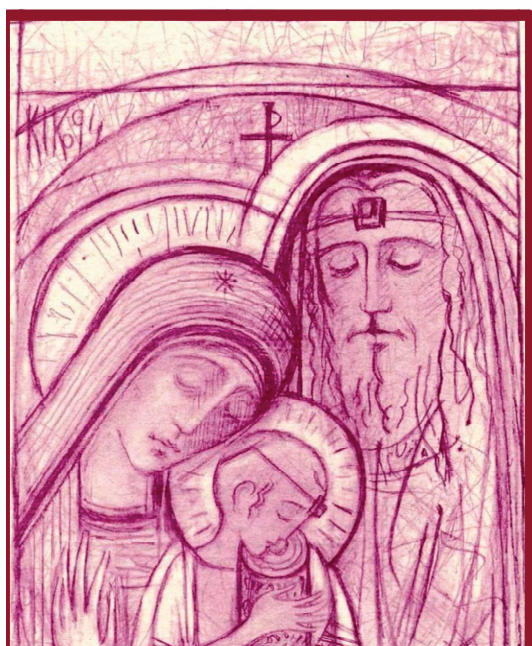
Jest to wyjątkowe wyróżnienie, przyznawane za wieloletnią, pełną zaangażowania działalność na rzecz rozwoju oświaty polonijnej.

Serdecznie gratulujemy!.



United Family and Children's Society

United Family would like to thank you so very much and let you know how grateful they were for your contribution and continued support of \$1700. It was truly a Christmas Blessing. The cards help families not only at Christmas but through the coming weeks and months.



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS HERE COME AND LISTEN

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
AT 8:00PM
STARTING JANUARY 26TH 2026

ST. BERNARD & ST. STANISLAUS
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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

St. John Bosco

The Saint of the Week

(January 31)

John Bosco was born in Becchi, Italy, on August 16, 1815. At the age of two, John lost his father, leaving him and his two older brothers to be raised by his mother, Margherita. Raised primarily by his mother, John attended church and became very devout. When he was not in church, he helped his family grow food and raise sheep. They were very poor.

To be a priest, John required an education, something he lacked because of poverty. However, he found a priest willing to provide him with some teaching and a few books. In 1835, John entered the seminary and following six years of study and preparation, he was ordained a priest in 1841.

His first assignment was to the city of Turin. The city was in the throes of industrialization so it had slums and widespread poverty. It was into these poor neighborhoods that John, now known as Fr. Bosco, went to work with the children of the poor.

While visiting the prisons, Fr. Bosco noticed a large number of boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, inside. The conditions were deplorable, and he felt moved to do more to help other boys from ending up there.

He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the children his message for the day.

When he was not preaching, Fr. Bosco worked tirelessly seeking work for boys who needed it, and searching for lodgings for others. Fr. Bosco also negotiated new rights for boys who were employed as apprentices. A common problem was the abuse of apprentices, with their employers using them to perform manual labor and menial work unrelated to their apprenticeship. Fr. Bosco negotiated contracts which forbade such abuse, a sweeping reform for that time. The boys he hired out were also given feast days off and could no longer be beaten.

Fr. Bosco also identified boys he thought would make good priests and encouraged them to consider a vocation to the priesthood. Then, he helped to prepare those who responded favorably in their path to ordination.

In 1859, Fr. Bosco established the Society of St. Francis de Sales. He organized 15 seminarians and one teenage boy into the group. Their purpose was to carry on his charitable work, helping boys with their faith formation and to stay out of trouble. The organization still exists today and continues to help people, especially children around the world.

Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and he was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

Collection for January 18, 2026

Online...\$ 1,088

in Pew... \$ 2,578

Total.... \$ 3,666

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

This Sunday's Gospel recounts the beginnings of the public life of Jesus in the cities and villages of Galilee. His mission does not begin in Jerusalem, the religious, social and political center, but in an area on the outskirts, an area looked down upon by the most observant Jews because of the presence in that region of various foreign peoples; that is why the Prophet Isaiah calls it "Galilee of the nations."

Today in our parish we are beginning the announcements of the Good News that will prepare us to experience the Kingdom of God. During the Masses, we are joined by the team of young people who are extending an invitation to come and listen on Mondays and Thursdays at 8PM in the Gym of the school. The cycle of the talks for the adults and young people will continue for several weeks!!!

I am very excited; I want to invite all of you to come and listen!!! These talks are amazing and will transform the life of those who will come, and will transform the life of our parish!!!


As a young person, I attended the same talks 25 years ago. At that time, I was a teenager who was in crisis, going to church, but without faith. Those talks changed my life completely and helped me to experience the mercy and love of God! Today, I am here: a priest, thanks to the same talks that you are about to listen to! If you are in some difficulty, searching for the answers, or without faith come and listen!

Dear friends, the Lord is calling today! The Lord passes through the paths of our daily life. He is calling us to go with Him, to work with Him for the Kingdom of God, in the "Galilee" of our times. And if one of you feels that the Lord says to you "follow me," be brave, go with the Lord. The Lord never disappoints. Feel in your heart if the Lord is calling you to follow Him. Let's let His gaze rest on us, hear His voice, and follow Him! "That the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world."

Fr. Marcin

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