



MISSION STATEMENT

*A Christian Community founded on the faith of Polish immigrants,
Welcoming and accepting all as brothers and sisters in Christ,
Working together to create one family bound by Christ's love*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Mass: 8:30 A.M.

St. Katharine Drexel Sunday Mass: 10:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. in Church

Tuesday, Thursday
The Rosary is recited after daily Mass
First Friday: Rosary at 9 AM followed by Mass and Adoration

St. Katharine Drexel: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS: As announced

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

MARRIAGE: Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Pastor at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Visit our parish website – www.saintjohnkanty.com



REMINDER THAT ONLY THOSE WITH HANDICAP PERMITS MAY PARK IN THE DESIGNATED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 – ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER, PRIEST
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 –SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**
8:30 AM +Gino Grasso,(Janice, Richard, Caroline)
+Helen Kolodziejski, (Janice)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 –ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM Communion Service at
St. Katharine Drexel

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6- ADVENT WEEKDAY
(IN CHURCH)**
8:30 AM +Kathy Pieczynski, (Walter & Terrie)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7- ST. AMBROSE,
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel
4:00 PM Vigil for Immaculate Conception at
St. Katharine Drexel

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 –THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY (IN CHURCH)**
8:30 AM +Mary Ann & Stephan Maciejewski,
(Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 – ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 – ADVENT
WEEKDAY
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 –THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**
8:30 AM +Henry Dabrowski, (Family)

The Mass book for 2022 is open.

Weekend and week day Masses are available. The Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass. Please contact the rectory to schedule your intentions. You may also place your intentions, with the stipend amount, in the collection basket or mail in your intentions.

December 4	
Lectors	Caroline Easton Richard Janas
Minister	Janice Staufenberg

PLEASE NOTE SUNDAY MASS IS AT 8:30AM

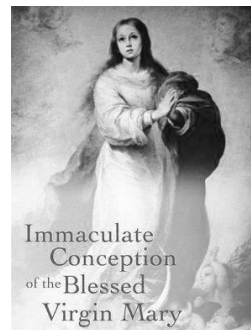
Journey with Grief Support Group
On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month anyone is welcome who may be experiencing difficulty in their life due to loss. Meeting will take place at St. Katharine Drexel Main Church from 4-5 PM All are invited.

Also every Tuesday from 10 – 10:20 AM we come together for Centering Prayer. Twenty minutes of quiet time in the church. Just bring 1 special word with you, (ex. Love, Jesus) This is held at St. Katharine Drexel

The Renewal Prayer

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church. In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you. Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care. Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Nietopski, Barbara Koza, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Alice Walek, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Dolores Ruda, Holly Ackerman and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**



**December 7th
4 PM Vigil at St. Katharine Drexel
December 8th
8:30 AM Mass at St. John Kanty**

OFFERTORY: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

We have been given many blessings. How will we share our treasure with others? All of the parish financial resources depend on the donations of the parishioners.

November 26/27 \$1277.00/Monthly \$65.00

Christmas Flowers--\$167.00

Human Development \$58.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Stay Where the Pain Is

Jesus on the cross and Mary standing near him are powerful witnesses to transformative spirituality. They return no hostility, hatred, accusations, or malice directed at them. They hold the suffering until it becomes resurrection! That's the core mystery of Christianity. It often takes our whole lives to begin to comprehend this.

Unfortunately, our natural instinct is trying to fix pain, to control it, or even, foolishly, attempting to understand it. The ego insists on understanding. That's why Jesus praises a certain quality even more than love, and he calls it *faith*. It's the ability to stand in liminal space, to stand on the threshold, to hold contraries, until we are moved by grace to a much deeper level and a much larger frame. Our private pain does not take center stage, but is a mystery shared with every act of bloodshed and every tear wept since the beginning of time. Our pain is not just our own. The normal mind can't deal with that. That's why mature religion always teaches some form of contemplation—to break our addiction to this egoic, disconnected thinking. [1]

Once, mourning the toughness of 2020—a year marked with political upheaval, racial violence, the isolation and death from a pandemic, raging environmental fires, and the fire that took my sanctuary—I was feeling very low and frankly so weighed down with grief, I didn't really know how to move forward. I kept throwing myself into work, running fast to do something about the pain. But, ever wise, [my friend] Lyn said: "Wait, stay right there. Stay where the pain is, where the suffering is, where the struggle is. Stay there. That's where it's going to come. The insight. The knowing. The wisdom. Right there, Jacqui. It's not here yet, but it's coming. And when it comes, I'll midwife it with you. It will come, we will do it together. Just wait for it. It will come."

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us

to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

<p>SAVE THE DATE Sunday December 4th and 11th 10 AM – 1 PM Parish Center (Convent)</p> <p>Pierogi \$12 for 6 Placek \$7</p> <p>Candy Sale</p> <p>We will also have a Theme Basket Raffle.</p>
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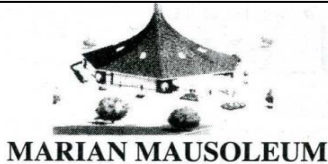
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Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families By Family	Charlotte Fyda Gloria & Ralph Snyder By Jennifer Snyder-Haas	Parents, Brothers, Sisters & In-laws By Esther Lukaszewska	Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy Pawlak By Julie Pawlak	Irene Szalda By Dombek Family
Stanley & Patricia Bystrak By Family	Maciorowski & Peplowski Families By Norman Maciorowski	Husband & Father Robert Felski, Sr. By Dolores & Family	Eugene & Florence Baranowski By Children	Henry & Marian Kucinski By Children
Wagner, Brzycky & Siejak Families By Sally & Family	Bosiacki & Januchowski Families By Edward & Christine Bosiacki	Michael Streicher By Wife Cindy	Chmielewski & Konwinski Families By Family	Millie & Ray Cegielski By Michael Kucinski
Frank & Gerry & Mary Niemczal By Debbie & Randy & Family	Januchowski/Smigielski Family By Jerry & Family	Domino & Michalek Families By Mary Domino	Geryak & Sestak Families By Family	Marie & Stanley Szeluga By Donna
Richard Slazak Mieczyslaw & Leocadia Pajakowski By Dolores	John & Stella Wrobel By Chet, Ella, Dave & Ryan	Stephen, Julia, Leonard, Marcia, Norman Makolinski By Daughter, Sue O'Neill	Jenny & Teddy Imbierowski By Ed, Diane, Elizabeth & Paul Czajka	Richard Laskowski By Maryann & Jim Kajdasz
Walter Koza By Koza Family	Dziatkowski & Marciniak Families By Gert Marciniak	Walek Family By Alice Walek	Helen & Walter Rembacz, Lucy Majchrzycki	Barbara Miller By Terejko & Thornton Family
Michael & Mark Jakubiak By Aunt Sally	Franciszek & Honorata Stanczewski & Frank & Mary & Jim & Rita By Family	Jennie Showalter By Daughter Janice	Frank & Regina & Paul Ziembiec By Helen & Joe Ziembiec	Stanley & Mildred Glowny By Children/Grandchildren
Francis & Theresa Jablonski By Roy & Karen Baer	Sikorski & Jerszewski Families By Grace	Ulicki & Jaworski Families Parents of Harry & Pat Jaworski	Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski Families By Dorothy	Edward & Harriet Niedzielski By Sunday Family
Dear Husband & Father Gene Siejak By Sally & Family	Kwandrans & Szyndel Families By Kwandrans Family	Anthony & Katherine Rogowski By Family	Husband Edwin Marciniak By Gert	Peter & Regina Stelmach By Family
Adam Michalek By Family	Chester & Anne Seweryniak By Family	Natalie R. Palmowski By Nancy R. Floyd	Henry 'Skippy' & Alicia Spychaj By Children & Grandchildren	Grzywa & Majcher Families By Wally & Terrie Domino
Sovinski & Tarabula Family By Family	Walenty-Anna Kochul Family Valerie Mincel & Family By Sigmund & Christine Mincel	Adrian & Marian Borowicz By Daughter Mary & Mike Muscato	Sr. Mary Hortense By Family	Gorny & Trawinski Families By Family
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