



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

<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:00 PM	<i>St. Stanislaus</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 AM	<i>St. John Gualbert (Polish)</i>	
	9:15 AM	<i>Corpus Christi</i>	
	10:15 AM	<i>St. John Kanty</i>	
	10:30 AM	<i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>	
	11:45 AM	<i>St. John Gualbert</i>	
	12:00 PM	<i>St. Stanislaus (Polish)</i>	

WEEKDAY MASSES

<i>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus 8:00 AM</i>	<i>St. Katharine Drexel 8:30 AM</i>
<i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 8:45 AM</i>	
<i>Tuesday, Thursday</i>	<i>St. John Gualbert 8:00 AM</i>	<i>St. John Kanty 8:30 AM</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 12:15 PM</i>	
<i>First Saturday</i>	<i>Corpus Christi 8:45 AM</i>	

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS: As announced

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

Phone: 716-893-0412 **Fax:** 716-893-9864 **Internet address:** <http://www.saintjohnkanty.com/>
On Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnkanty

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



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23-LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15 AM +Valentina & Edward Budny, (Family)
ST. ADALBERT

4:00 PM +Rev. Michael Burzynski, (Parishioners & Friends)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25-THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:15 AM +Irene Morgan, (Family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26-ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:30 AM Blessings for Joe & Jill Stachyra

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27-ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:30 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28-THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYR

8:30 AM +Maxwell Cywinski, (Walter & Terrie Domino)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29-FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 AM NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30-SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE LORD

NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31-THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

10:15 AM +Genevieve Wojtusiak, (Family)

The Mass book for 2024 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.

OFFERTORY: WEEK OF December 17, 2023

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.

Regular \$705.00/Monthly \$5.00

Rel. Ret. \$20.00

Thank You!



Celebrate Christmas with us. . .

The East Buffalo Parish Family

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 pm at St. John Gualbert
NO Vigil at St. Stanislaus

Sunday, December 24th
9:00 am St. John Gualbert (Polish)
9:15 am Corpus Christi
10:15 am St. John Kanty
10:30 am St. Katharine Drexel
NO 11:45 am at St. John Gualbert
12:00 pm St. Stanislaus (Polish)



Corpus Christi, 152 Clark St.



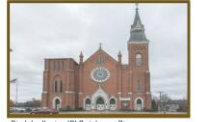
St. Stanislaus, 123 Townsend St.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday - Continued

4:00 pm - St. Adalbert
4:00 pm - St. Katharine Drexel
6:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
10:00 pm - St. John Gualbert
11:00 pm - Corpus Christi
Midnight - St. Stanislaus



St. Adalbert, 212 Stanislaus St.



St. John Kanty, 101 Swinburne St.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday

9:00 am - St. John Gualbert (Polish)
10:15 am - St. John Kanty
10:30 am - St. Katharine Drexel
11 am - Corpus Christi
12:00 pm Stanislaus (Polish)



St. John Gualbert, 83 Gualbert Ave.



St. Katharine Drexel, 135 North Degen St.

**Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes
Winter Weather Policy**



The winter weather is on its way. We want our parishioners, friends, staff and our clergy to be safe this winter season. Our family has decided on the following in case of inclement weather. We will follow the guidelines set by the City of Buffalo for winter weather, (driving ban etc.)

If there is a **driving ban** in the City of Buffalo there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

We will also follow the Buffalo Schools winter weather closures.

If **Buffalo schools** are closed due to winter weather, there will be **no services and parish offices will be closed**, including St. John Gualbert in Cheektowaga.

Closings will be listed on Channel 4 -WIVB.com as "Greater East Buffalo Family of Parishes." Please be assured, the Mass intentions during driving bans and school closures will be fulfilled by our priests in their residence chapels.

Any questions please call the parish office.
Stay safe and warm!



HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, 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, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Marcia P, Corazon Bocalan, Kaitlyn Dubik, Dina Szymanski and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

Diocese of Buffalo Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:30AM

St. Joseph Cathedral

For couples observing 25, 50, 60, 70 years of Marriage.

Registration is required by January 12

Please call the parish office to register.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human

history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

Christmas

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word" in the opening verse. This expression (*logos* in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. Jews used this phrase to describe God's action in the Creation story, for example, and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the *logos* was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the Trinitarian faith of Christians, the Word came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, we also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

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By Connie Zulawski

Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski
Families
By Phyllis Drozd

Edward Sunday
By Wife, Marcia

John & Julie Jamot
By Family

Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families
By Family

Charlotte Fyda
Gloria & Ralph Snyder
By Jennifer Snyder-Haas

Husband & Father Robert
Felski, Sr. By Dolores &
Family

Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy
Pawlak
By Julie Pawlak

Irene Szalda
By Dombek Family

Stanley & Patricia Bystrak
By Family

Maciorowski & Peplowski Families
By Norman Maciorowski

Michael Streicher
By Wife Cindy

Eugene & Florence Baranowski
By Children

Henry & Marian Kucinski
By Children

Wagner, Brzycky & Siejak
Families
By Sally & Family

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By Chet, Ella, Dave & Ryan

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By Mary Domino

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By Family

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By Michael Kucinski

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Niemczal
By Debbie & Randy & Family

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By Gert Marciniak

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Marcia, Norman Makolinski
By Daughter, Sue O'Neill

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By Family

Marie & Stanley Szeluga
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By Family

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By Koza Family

Sikorski & Jerszewski Families
By Grace

Jennie Showalter
By Daughter Janice

Helen & Walter Rembacz,
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By Kwandrans Family

Ulicki & Jaworski Families
Parents of Harry & Pat
Jaworski

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By Helen & Joe Ziembiec

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By Children/Grandchildren

Francis & Theresa Jablonski
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Walenty-Anna Kochul Family
Valerie Mincel & Family
By Sigmund & Christine Mincel

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By Family

Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski
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By Dorothy

Edward & Harriet Niedzielski
By Sunday Family

Dear Husband & Father
Gene Siejak
By Sally & Family

Wieszczecinski & Wozniak Families
By Family

Natalie R. Palmowski
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By Gert

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By Family

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By Family

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Muscato

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Grzywa & Majcher Families
By Wally & Terrie Domino

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By Family

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By Family

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By Sunday Family

Gorny & Trawinski Families
By Family

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By Children, Cheryl, Ron,
Janice, Karen & Sister, Millie

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By Diane Baron

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By Daughter, Millie

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