



Holy Cross Newsletter

Holy Cross
Polish National Catholic
Church

January 2026



Thank you!

My family and I say "Thank you"
to the Parish Committee and all the people
for everything that you did last year and still are doing
so that we could say that our Parish is our Family and home.
Thank you to all of you for your warm Christmas greetings and gifts.
We wish that God will bless you in this New Year, 2026,
and give you all graces which you need.
Fr. Jarek, Jola, Simon, Jakub & Katy with Łukasz.

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do you have the same feeling as I have, that time ran away so fast? It seems to me that last year passed as quickly as a day, and now we are already in 2026. Yes, it's the truth that we are in January 2026. Thank you to all of you for your participation in our activities. First of all, I say thank you for your presence at the church during our services, for your prayers, and indeed for your support. I appreciate your dedication to our Parish and your hard work during fundraisers and all projects from the past year. Without your presence and support, this Parish could not exist.

We should also remember that it was God's protection that allowed us to go safely through last year. Let us pray and ask our God for His blessings in the New Year 2026. Let us commit ourselves to participation in the Holy Mass every Sunday this year. I invite you to continue working in the New Year.

Thank you again for everything you are doing for our Parish. May God bless you all in this New Year. May Almighty God fill your homes and lives with His blessings.

Fr. Sr. J. Nowak

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- **January 10**
- **January 11**
- **January 12**
- **January 13**
- **January 18**
- **February 1**

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Prayer List

The Holy Mass for people from the "Prayer List" will be celebrated on

Tuesday, January 13th at 7 pm.

Please tell me if you know of people who can not attend our Sunday Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at their home. Rectory: **313-365-0218**

This Month we specially pray for:

Matthew & Amanda Word, Savannah Breeze Schall, Michaelene Ward, Margaret Telek, Kalyn McLaughlin, Mary Schultz, Very Rev. Augustin Sicard, Arnita Reed, John Freiburg, Joseph McDonald, Karen Reed, Joseph Srodek, Kurt Philips, Donna Collyer, David Bollerud, Priscilla Hogness, Paul

Jedynak, Nancy Jedynak, Ken Jedynak, Pat Frick, Marcia Sisman, MaryAnn Olson, Thomas Churilla, Kathy Sakowski, Roberta Ward, Joan McFeaters, Katherine Banicki, Brian Stachowicz, Lorraine Kolodziej, Frank Zacharias, Lucy Deloniskaye, Charisse Kolcz, Mary Lou Stevens, Robert Williams,

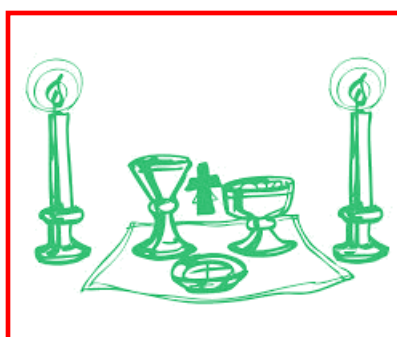
Keith Hoffmann, Adam Magiera, Sony Jurushaj, Evan Slezak, Ewa Szczypka, John A. Teltek, Christine Filipowicz, Elaine Wois, Harber Family, Raynish Family, Sheryl Schumacher, Meghan Cremean, Stephanie Marsh, Edith Malburg, Jane Bruder.



Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side .

(Psalm 23:4)

If you would like to add the person's name to our "Prayer List," please call me at 313-505-0218 or email me at Fr.J.Nowak@gmail.com Thank you. Fr. J. Nowak



Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday and Weekday Masses for 2026 are available for intentions, if you so wish.

Please remember that we need to pray not only for those who passed away but also for our beloved who still are among us. Please contact me to schedule Holy Mass times. (313) 365-0218

Special Collection for January 2026

In our Newsletter, as a response to your request, I will list the monthly special collection, which we collect at the door after the Holy Mass on Sundays.

Sunday, January 4, 2026

For the Mission Fund

Sunday, January 11, 2026

For the Church Utility

Sunday, January 18, 2026

For the Church Utility

Sunday, January 25, 2026

For the Music Scholarship

Sunday, February 1, 2026

For the Mission Fund

Mass & Devotions Schedule

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

(Mt 2:11)



The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

(Mk 9:7)

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Circumcision of our Lord

10 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Fr. Edward & Frances Sobolewski, requested by Sally & Sue Sobolewski.

Friday, January 2, 2026

Solemnity of Holy Name of Jesus

7 pm Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Albert Urban & Sophie Durda.
(Perpetual Mass Fund)

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Solemnity of the Holy Family

9 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Mildred Kaminski, requested by Gerald Kaminski.

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Solemnity of Epiphany of our Lord

7 pm Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: For God's blessing for Jakub Nowak, requested by the Nowak Family.

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord

9 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Zygmunt Nowak, requested by the Nowak Family.
In memory of Józefa Matysiak. (Perpetual Mass Fund)

Monday, January 12, 2026

9 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Zygmunt Nowak, requested by the Nowak Family.

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

7 pm Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: For people from "Prayer List."

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Joan Barrios, requested by Larry & Kathy Chockley.

Monday, January 19, 2026

Feast of the Chair of Peter at Antioch

7 pm Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Alberta Urban & Stella Kochanowski.
(Perpetual Mass Fund)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9 am Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Stephan Makarewicz. (Perpetual Mass Fund)

Thursday, January 22, 2026

7 pm Holy Mass. *(YouTube streaming)*

Intention: In memory of Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak.

Now, Master,
you may let
your servant
go in peace,
according to
your word,
for my eyes
have seen
your
salvation,
which you
prepared in
the sight of
all the
peoples:
a light for
revelation to
the Gentiles,
and glory for
your people
Israel.

(Lk 2:29-32)

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Youth and children private confession.

8:45 am General confession for adults.

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Marge Zacharias, requested by Larry & Kathy Chockley.

Monday, January 26, 2026

Feast of Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: For God's blessing for Teresa Nowak, requested by the Nowak Family.

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Rev. Edward & Frances Sobolewski.

(Perpetual Mass Fund)

Saturday, January 31, 2026

10 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Delphine Zaborowski-Zielaskot,
requested by Nancy Hames.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Septuagesima Sunday in Pre-Lent Season

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Stanisław Matysiak.

(Perpetual Mass Fund)

Monday, February 2, 2026

Solemnity of the Presentation of our Lord - Blessing of Candles

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Emil Kaczor.

(Perpetual Mass Fund)

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Observance of Saint Blaise of Sebastea, Bishop Martyr - Blessing of throats

7 pm Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Ks. Kazimierz Nowak,
requested by the Nowak Family.

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sexagesima Sunday in Pre-Lent Season

9 am Holy Mass. (YouTube streaming)

Intention: In memory of Antoni Nowak, Anna & Jakub Nowak,
requested by the Nowak Family.



Pastoral Visitation and blessing of Homes (Kolęda)



It is a Polish custom that during the time between January 6th and February 2nd the pastor visits and blesses homes. If you wish to invite your Pastor to bless your home, please call to make an appointment. Rectory phone: (313) 365-0218

Children's Christmas Bowling Party



On Dec. 7, 2025, The Polish National Alliance Council 307/PNU District 7 hosted its annual Children's Christmas Bowling Party at 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Hts. We enjoyed two games of glow bowling, pizza and cookies. The kids went home with goodie bags. Cost of admission were granola bars that were donated to the Hamtramck Public Schools unhoused student program. Ms. Corlis runs the program and attended the party. We collected 2242 granola bars. Twenty kids and nineteen adults all had a good time and provided help for these students in need.

Unhoused students in Hamtramck can take a granola bar home if they don't know if they will have dinner that night. It's just one way we help our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support.



Thank You!



Thank you to those who donated items, cooked for and served 42 people at Soup Kitchen on December 13th: Mike Myroniuk, Jola Nowak, Mary Ann Stasik, John Stasik, Nancy Wisbiski, Roger Janas, Kathy Chockley (donated toothbrushes and toothpaste).

Thank you to people who worked on Friday, December 5, 2025 to make the filling for pierogi. A special thanks to Nancy Wisbiski, Sue Davis and Larry Chockley.

Thank you to all who made pierogi on Saturday, December 6, 2025, A special thanks to Nancy Wisbiski, Mary Ann Stasik, Linda Czartoryski, Larry Chockley, Sue Davis. Elizabeth Kowalczyk, Mike Myroniuk, Jola Nowak.

Thank you to all who decorated the Church for Christmas. A special thanks to Cathy and Chuck Bilinski, Lauren Bilinski, Jake Bilinski, Chris and Bo Bilinski, John Stasik, Elizabeth Kowalczyk, Jakub Nowak, Jola Nowak, Alexandra Wisbiski, Mike Wisbiski, Sue Davis, Brianna Davis, Michael Harris, Harmony Roberts, Nancy Wisbiski, Mary Ann Stasik. You did great job! The Church looks wonderful.



The Annual Toy Drive

The Holy Cross Mission Committee held its annual Toy Drive for Detroit Friendship House. This year over 300 toys were collected and delivered to Friendship House. They were very grateful for all the toys we delivered. Their client families were allowed to pick out a toy for their child from their donations. This might be the only gift these children get this Christmas. We are very thankful for your donations to this annual outreach project.

Holy Cross Mission Committee

ATTENTION: ALL HOLY CROSS ORGANIZATIONS

You must submit, at the February 1st, 2026 Annual Parish Meeting, a written copy of your elected officers and the names of the signers of your bank accounts. This request is required by the Parish Committee. Also, give a brief report of your 2025 activities at this meeting along with a written copy.

THE PARISH COMMITTEE

2026 Parish Committee

On Sunday, December 7, 2025 at the Parish Election Meeting of the Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church membership, the following persons were elected to serve as the Parish Committee.

Chairperson	Nancy C. Wisbiski
Vice- Chairperson	Christine Filipowicz
Recording Secretary	Jakub Nowak
Financial Secretary	Greg Filipowicz
Assistant Financial Secretary	JoHanna Banicki
Treasurer	Cathy Bilinski
Directors:	Katherine Banicki, Charles Bilinski, Robert Bilinski, Lawrence Chockley, Brianna Davis (Youth Rep.), Elizabeth Kowalczyk, Katy Nowak, John S. Stasik, Mary Ann Stasik.
Auditors:	Christine Bilinski, Katherine Banicki, Susan Davis, Jolanta Nowak, Michael Wisbiski.
Parish Tribunal:	

JoHanna Banicki (2026-2027), Susan Davis (2025-2026),

General Synod Delegate: Charles Bilinski **Alternate:** JoHanna Banicki

Congratulations to all new officers. May God bless you that you could work hard for our Parish using your talents and dedication.

Fr. Sr. J. Nowak.

January's Birthdays:

Amber Williamson	Shawne Wisbiski	Bob Hill	Robert Bilinski
Ann Gadzinski	Gregory Filipowicz	Jean Kurczynski	Michael Hoffman
Ken Samp	JoHanna Banicki	Samuel Jamil	Donna Dawn
Michael Wisbiski	Pat Frick	Carol Homa	Aurelia Środek

***Happy Birthday - Sto Lat!*****January's Wedding Anniversaries:**

Joseph & Kelly Welch

Happy Anniversary - Sto Lat!



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Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 4	The Oath of the Elected 2026 Parish Committee during 9 am Holy Mass.
Saturday, January 10	Soup Kitchen from 2 pm to 4 pm. (Take outs only)
Sunday, January 11	Christmas Dinner following 9 am Holy Mass
Monday, January 12	Parish Committee meeting at 7 pm. (online meeting)
Tuesday, January 13	Mass for people from "Prayer List" at 7 pm.
Sunday, January 18	We will take down Christmas decorations at church after 9 am Holy Mass.
Sunday, February 1	Annual Parish Meeting following 9 am Holy Mass.

Next Parish Committee meeting will be held on **Monday, January 12th at 7 pm. (Zoom)**
 All Committee Members please notify our Chairperson or Pastor if you can not attend the meeting.

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