

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA CATHOLIC CHURCH

A personal parish of the Diocese of Manchester entrusted to the Institute of the Good Shepherd



"In obedience all is secure; out of it all is to be suspected." Saint Francis de Sales

Sundays

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. • High Mass at 10:30 a.m. • Vespers at 1:00 p.m.

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Rectory hours: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday
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Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday 9:00 a.m., Tuesday 7:15 a.m. Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

October 18, 2026 • XXI after Pentecost

Mass Calendar & Intentions

Sunday, Oct. 18: XXI after Pent.

8:30 a.m. Low Mass, Intention of the Donor
10:30 a.m. High Mass, pro populo
1:00 p.m. Vespers & Benediction

Monday, Oct. 19: Saint Peter Alcantara

9:00 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

Tuesday, Oct. 20: Saint John Cantius

7:15 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

Wednesday, Oct. 21: Feria

11:30 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

Thursday, Oct. 22: Feria

8:30 a.m. Pontifical High Mass

Friday, Oct. 23: Saint Anthony Mary Claret

6:30 p.m. Low, Intention of the Donor, Benediction

Saturday, Oct. 24: Saint Rafael

9:00 a.m. Low Mass, Intention of the Donor

Sunday, Oct. 25: Feast of Christ the King

8:30 a.m. Low Mass, Intention of the Donor
10:30 a.m. High Mass, pro populo
1:00 p.m. Vespers & Benediction

Sacristy

Sacristy is a place of silence where the priests need to recollect before Mass and liturgy.

In the Morning, priests are not available to talk before 9:00 a.m. as they do thanksgiving & Meditation. Thank you for understanding!

Parish Announcements

The church doors open 30 minutes before Mass begins, allowing time for quiet prayer, reflection, or preparation. For any Mass scheduled later than 7:15 AM, the doors will open in the morning. Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass. The church remains open after these services conclude until the 5:00 PM closing time.

Sanctuary Lamp: offered by the Rita Skiffington up to October 26th, 2026. Thank you very much!

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<https://saintstanislaus.flocknote.com/give>

NHCA 2026 goal: 20,350.00

**Up to date: \$20771.46; above goal: \$421.46
90% above the goal wil come back to the Parish.**

**Volunteers: we need Ushers and Collection counters.
Thank you.**

Our Lady of the Rosary, we entrust our entire home to you during this month dedicated to your honor. Guard our family against divisions, worries, and the distractions of this world. Grant us the grace to faithfully meditate on the life of your Son, Jesus, so that our home may always remain united in peace, love, and daily prayer. Amen.

WEEKLY NOTE

For Saint Peter of Alcantara, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was not merely a pious duty but the true beating heart of his mystical life, an experience he viewed as an ardent, face à face encounter with Christ. It was from this silent dialogue, often sustained deep into the night, that he drew the strength to lead a life of superhuman austerity. He was the confessor and spiritual director of Saint Teresa. Thus, he reformed the franciscans similar to the one of the Carmelites. Called also discaled, going back to a strict reformation of the Franciscans life.

A famous anecdote from his life vividly illustrates the fervor that consumed him during these moments of contemplation. One day, while praying before the tabernacle in the chapel of one of his friaries, his spirit was so intensely rapt in God that his body began to rise above the ground. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the saint was suddenly seized by such a surge of ecstatic love that he let out a piercing cry, a sound akin to a groan of mingled pain and joy. Overcome by a holy spiritual intoxication, he ran toward the altar's large crucifix, seized it, and clasped it to his chest with such chaste yet fierce intensity that the friars present feared he might collapse. This moment of levitation and mystical transport was far from a mere spectacle; it bore witness to the reality of his prayer. For him, the Eucharist was no a living, captivating presence capable of instantly setting both soul and body ablaze.

Saint Peter's method of Meditation

Saint Peter of Alcantara's method of meditation, detailed in his spiritual masterpiece *Treatise on Prayer and Meditation*, is a practical guide to mental prayer that prioritizes the devotion of the heart over intellectual analysis.

His approach is structured into six progressive steps, designed to move the soul from worldly distraction into deep, intimate communion with God.

The journey begins with Preparation, where the soul places itself humbly in the presence of God, followed by Reading, which involves selecting a brief spiritual passage (often focusing on Christ's Passion) to provide material for thought. Next comes Meditation itself, which is not a rigid theological study, but a deeply personal reflection meant to awaken faith and love. This moves naturally into Thanksgiving, where the person praises God for His endless blessings, and Offering, a step of total surrender where one gives their entire life and will back to the Creator. Finally, the prayer concludes with Petition, asking with confidence for specific virtues, the needs of the Church, and the salvation of souls.

The absolute core of the Alcantarian method, however, lies in its flexibility and its ultimate goal of divine union. Saint Peter famously compared intellectual reflection to rubbing two pieces of wood together to start a campfire. He strictly advised that if the fire of divine love or a deep sense of peace is ignited early on, whether during the reading or the meditation, the person should immediately stop following the steps. For Saint Peter, the structure is merely a tool to warm the heart; once the soul feels captivated by God's presence, it must cease all mental efforts and simply rest in silent, loving adoration.

Parish activities:

Men's group, Women's group, Youth group Conference on Wednesdays every other week, St. Joseph Men's group work, Saint Ann's meal group, Catechism, Altar boys, Homeschool Co-op, Adoration. Volunteering: Not yet in, talk to a priest!

Saint Stanislaus Homeschool Co-op:

Coordinators: Michelle Filipi, Christine Bryan

- Safe Environment Coordinator
Daniel Berger • Bookkeeper

Confessions: Are heard before each Mass and on demand.

Baptism:

Registered and active parishioners should call well ahead of the baptism to get the form. A class will be provided. The form should be submitted before the ceremony.

Holy Matrimony:

Catholics must be married in the Catholic Church to have a valid marriage in the eyes of God and the Catholic Church. There is a six-month preparation prior the desired date of wedding. It is available for registered and active parishioners.

First Confession, First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Preparation for the reception of sacraments is available for families registered and active at the parish. The preparation is announced before the beginning of the academic year.

"It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey." St. Ignatius

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

THE WEEKLY GOAL IS \$3215.00

OCT. 11TH COLLECTION: \$1270.30

ONLINE GIVING: \$873.62

TOTAL: \$2143.92

**FUEL: \$15.00 FLOWERS: \$0.00 BUILDING FUND:
\$158.32**

LITURGICAL NEEDS: \$10.00

Prayer in adopting a dying Soul.

Heavenly Father, through the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I humbly offer my prayer today by adopting a dying soul, known or unknown to me. May they be reconciled with You through an act of perfect contrition and be strengthened by the Sacraments of the Church, with the assistance of their loved ones. Amen.

One Our Father, One Hail Mary, and One Glory Be.