

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
86th ANNUAL  
Homecoming/Harvest Festival  
and Dozynki Mass Planning Committee

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**Harvest Procession Song:**

*Plon niesiemy, plon W jegomości dom.  
Bodaj zdrowo plonowała,  
Po sto korcy kopa dala.  
Plon niesiemy, plon.*

*Carry harvest's yield, to squire from the field.  
May the harvest give its bounty  
Biggest crop yields in the county,  
Carry harvest's yield.*

**‘Święto dziękczynienia’**

*“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received.  
Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling.  
Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”  
-- Henry Van Dyke*



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**ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS  
September 3, 2023**

*This joyful celebration, which dates to the middle ages, is the Polish equivalent of America's Thanksgiving holiday. In Poland, this event marks the end of the wheat harvest. At St. Stanislaus, Dożynki is an opportunity to give thanks for all manner of blessings.*

*The heart of the Polish Harvest Festival is to bring people together in a spirit of gratitude and appreciation to God for all we have been given.*

*The uniqueness of this celebration is expressed during the offertory procession when a specially baked bread is presented, along with a wreath made of grains and wildflowers among other fruits of the land.*

# Program

8:30 a.m. Present Dozynki programs on the steps of the church

8:30 a.m. The Holy Rosary lead by Dorothy Bielski

9:00 a.m. Mass procession led by Father Thaddeus Tabak, SDS and accompanied by Altar Servers and attendants in Polish Folk Dress carrying a picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Dozynki bread & salt, wheat basket, vegetables, flowers and farm harvesting tools

9:05 a.m.

- \* Mass Celebrant: Father Thaddeus Tabak, SDS Pastor of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
- \* Mass Attendant: Bryon Potter
- \* Ringing of church bell: James Mazurkiewicz
- \* Pre-procession Song: Pieśń Poranna “Morning Song”
- \* Entrance Procession Song: Serdeczna Matko “Stainless Mother”
- \* Organist: Dr. Linda Zientek, St. Stanislaus Church Organist
  - Soloist: Elli Kline , from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Houston
  - Violinist: Hubert Pralitz, International Violinist from Dallas
- \* Scripture readings: Bryon Potter
- \* Offertory collection: James Mazurkiewicz and John Zientek
- \* Offertory Song: Barka “Lord You Have Come”
- \* Communion: Song: Bądźże Pozdrowiona “Be Blessed”
- \* Blessing of the Bread & Salt, Dozynki /Baskets: Father Thaddeus Tabak
- \* Remarks—Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Fafara
- \* The Tradition of “Dozynki” by Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
- \* Closing of Mass by Father Thaddeus Tabak, SDS
- \* Exit Procession Song: Czarna Madonna “Black Madonna”
- \* Ringing of church bell after Mass: James Mazurkiewicz
- \* Group photo of everyone outside after mass



*This Mass is dedicated to the “Farmers and Ranchers” as we celebrate “Dozynki” during the Harvest Season*

10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served in the St. Stanislaus Parish Hall & “to go”

10:30 a.m. Music by: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and “Polska Kapela” in the St. Stanislaus Parish Hall (Leonard, Bernard, CJ, James, Charlie, Fabian and Dr. Jim)

1:00 p.m. Live Auction after lunch

After Auction: Raffle Drawing & 50/50

Festival Photographer: Stan Aponiuk

Baked the Dozynki Bread: Krysia Aponiuk

Flags for procession: Dr. Piotr Przybylski

