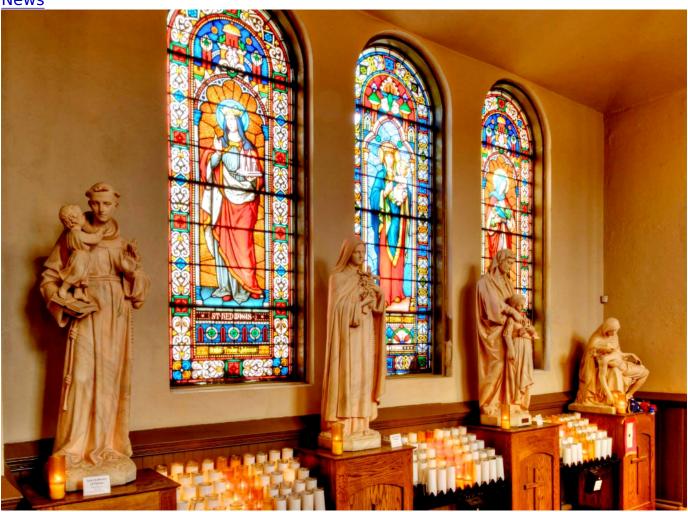
## News



Statuary and stained-glass windows at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Pittsburgh: An evening Mass on the first Friday of every month has been attracting young people to the church. (Wikimedia Commons/Bestbudbrian)



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More closures and consolidations: this time, schools and parishes in the <u>Archdiocese</u> of <u>Chicago</u> and schools in the <u>Diocese</u> of <u>Rockford</u>, <u>Illinois</u>.

<u>Catholics in Pennsylvania</u> forgo the sign of peace and the eucharistic cup in response to the flu epidemic. Similar steps have been taken in other dioceses as well, including in Maine.

Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, Illinois, <u>visits a parish and describes</u> what it's like to be racially profiled.	

Braxton also <u>communicates with three parishes</u> whose pastor was recently arrested for child pornography and possession of illegal drugs. The priest denies the charges.

Despite a concerted effort at evangelization, Mass attendance in the <u>Cincinnati</u> Archdiocese continues to decline.

A <u>Pittsburgh parish</u> makes a connection with young adults.

In Florida, a parish marks 20 years of perpetual adoration.

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