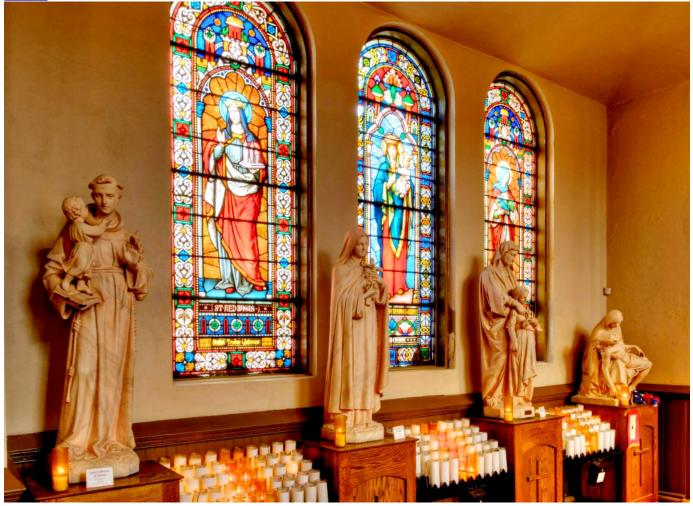
## News



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 of 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, <u>including in Maine</u>.

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> <u>Archdiocese</u> 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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