

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021



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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" This is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 [29th Sunday]
Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-18/Lk 10:1-9 [St. Luke]
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38 [St. John Brebeuf]
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48 [St. Paul of the Cross]
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59 [St. John Paul II]
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 13:1-9 [St. John of Capistrano]
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 [30th Sunday]

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 18th - Private Intention
 Tues., Oct. 19th - Joseph Macioch (Family)
 Wed., Oct. 20th - Ed Czulewicz (Jackie Vargo)
 Thurs., Oct. 21st - The Vargo Family (Family)
 Fri., Oct. 22nd - William Post (Jennifer Filipowski)
 Sat., Oct. 23rd, 4:00PM - Jean & Stanley Markiewicz (Family)
 Sun., Oct. 24th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

We welcome to our community **KAREN VILLA-SCHEINFORTH**, who recently registered to become a member of our parish.



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MR. & MRS. J. ROY ZIMMERMAN** as gifted by the Family.

IN MEMORIUM

A funeral home prayer service was held for **LINDA GIDOS** on October 6th. Please keep Linda and her family and loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The next regular meeting of the Women's Society will be held on Sunday, November 14th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are warmly invited to attend.

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Baked Goods are needed for the SSJ Soup Kitchen for Monday, October 18th. They are asking for individually wrapped treats like "Hostess Twinkies" or "Little Debbie's" snack cakes. All donated goods can be dropped off at the church vestibule Sunday, October 17th, between 9:00AM-Noon, or brought to the Nazareth Center on Monday, October 18th, between 2:00-3:00PM.

PARISH DAY: "A TASTE OF POLAND"

A very special thank you to all who volunteered to make our parish day a big success! Thanks, also, to those who donated gift basket items or baked goods. The final tally of our profit has not yet been finalized, but we will report it in a future bulletin.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

We will resume our annual pro-life holy hour this year, sponsored by our Pro-Life Committee. It will take place on Sunday, October 24th, beginning at 2:00PM. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time for prayer, and public prayers of behalf of those whose lives are unjustly endangered. Consider joining us for as we uphold the sanctity of all human life.

LEFTOVERS

We do have several quarts of frozen czarnina left over from parish day. If you would like some, we will be selling it at the discounted price of \$8/quart. Please see Father after mass, or stop by the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to our parish day raffle winners:

3rd prize (\$250): Stan Lesniewski

2nd prize (\$500): Patricia Mielnik

1st prize (\$1,250): Mike Post

50/50 Winner (\$236.50): Brenda Vargo

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 11, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$62,340.00
Amount Received	\$3,039.00	\$43,137.00
Net over/under	(\$1,117.00)	(\$19,203.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 64; 9:00AM = 49

Envelopes: 63/168



I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?" Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship. In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us. But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it. We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives. Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **THADDEUS BRUDZ**, as gifted by Edwina Brudz.



10/21 - Mark Lacy
10/22 - Tim Wiley

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 18th - Private Intention
Tues., Oct. 19th - Nancy Slubowski (Mary Beth Fiorelli)
Wed., Oct. 20th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
Thurs., Oct. 21st - John Figurski (John Folga & Family)
Fri., Oct. 22nd - The Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Oct. 23rd, 5:15PM - Thaddeus Brudz (Edwina Brudz)
Sun., Oct. 24th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service. We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ. James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus quickly reminded them, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life. Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us. So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me? It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." (Mark 10:43) Certainly in marriage couples serve each other in various ways, and that is good. Why not mix it up this week? Do your partner's usual job or an extra task. Enjoy the change of pace.

BAKERS NEEDED

In preparation of our first golabki dinner, we are inviting parishioners to donate some baked goods. They can be dropped off at the Social Hall on Saturday, October 23rd. Refrigeration is available, if needed.

THE HOLY TRINITY USHERS' SOCIETY

... will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00PM in the Gathering Space. Primary on the agenda is finalizing details for our annual "Pre-Election Party."

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021

Regular Offering: \$1,235.00 (25/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$42,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$33,681.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,235.00	\$34,854.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,130.00)	\$1,173.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 34; 10:30AM = 47

GOLABKI DINNER!

Holy Trinity will be hosting our first ever Golabki Dinner on **Sunday, October 24th**, from Noon - 5:00PM. The dinner will be served in our Social Hall, although a take-out option is available. The price of the dinner is \$10 and includes golabki, haluski, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a dinner roll. Baked goods will also be for sale.

To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



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"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be the slave of all."

- Mark 10:44

News for Our Partnership



Holy Trinity Ushers' Society Guys & Gals Pre-Election Get-Together

To Benefit Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday, October 31, 2021

4:00pm - 7:00pm

6:00pm Introduction of Candidates

\$15.00 Admission Includes:

Ox Roast, Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Chicken Wings, Beverages

★ **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND** ★



**Holy Trinity Social Center
East 23rd & Reed St.**

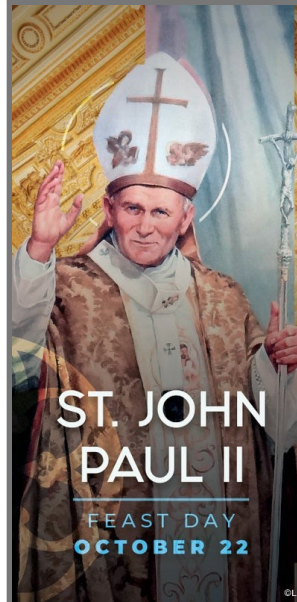


REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

All Souls' Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died, which is observed by Latin Catholics and other Christian denominations annually on November 2nd. Return your sheet for inclusion in the flyer.

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

Saint Stanislaus is reaching out to our East-side neighbors and will be offering a free Covid vaccination clinic in our Parish Hall. The tentative dates will be October 20-23. Details are still being finalized, but your help in getting the word out would be greatly appreciated! If you know of someone who needs vaccinated, please share this with them.



St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II. St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an

assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done. St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

OPEN HOUSE

Cathedral Prep will host an open house on Sunday, October 31, from 10AM - 2PM. Guided tours will include interactive classroom demonstrations, hands-on science experiments, information on MedPath, Esports, the new STEM Lab and arts & dance studio. Graduates from Prep can earn a semester or more of college credits. Millions in financial aid is offered every year. For more information, call Tim Dougherty at 814.453.7737 (ext. #3), or email tim.dougherty@prep-villa.com

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 10/19) Bill Dyakon & Fr. Jason Glover; 10/20) Ed Korytowski;
10/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 10/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 10/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman;
10/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/18) Fr. Shane Mathew; 10/19) Fr. Rick Tomason; 10/20) Fr. Andy Boyd; 10/21) Bishop Persico;
10/22) Fr. Rich Toohey; 10/23) Fr. Jason Mitchell; 10/24) Fr. John Miller

Sunday, Oct 17, 2021

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Come face-to-face with Jesus

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-5

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant."

Spiritual truths often sound mysterious and paradoxical. God is a Trinity; Jesus is human and divine; the last will be first. But not everything in the life of faith is a mystery. Take poverty. It's where Jesus said we'd always see him face to face. Poverty's roots are well understood: malnutrition, limited healthcare, unsafe housing, dangerous work conditions, unequal access to justice, and no political voice. In founding today's Poverty Eradication Day, French priest Joseph Wresinski dared us to rewrite these terms of modern civilization. Pray the Rosary's Sorrowful Mysteries and commit to undercutting poverty's roots.

Monday, Oct 18, 2021

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

First in line for Marian devotion

2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few...."

As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke the Evangelist penned over a quarter of the New Testament. The Virgin Mary has a special place in his gospel—it is only here that we find the story of the Annunciation, her visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, and the finding of the child Jesus preaching in the temple. In art, Luke is sometimes depicted painting images of Mary. Revisit the richness of what we know about Mary thanks to Luke by giving his gospel another good read.

Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS

Learn the language of God's love

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38

"Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more."

In 1642, Jesuit missionary John de Brébeuf penned "The Huron Carol." Drawing from the experience of indigenous Americans, it lauds a babe born into modest means—wrapped in a "ragged robe of rabbit skin." Instead of shepherds and Magi, Native American hunters and chiefs arrive to pay homage to "Jesus, your King." While the famous Canadian carol comes under some cultural scrutiny in modern times, it also gets credit for preserving the Huron/Wendat language it was written in. Mostly, it reminds us to speak other people's languages—figuratively, if not literally—when sharing the Good News.

Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

Need some passion in your life?

Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48

"But thanks be to God that... you have become obedient from the heart."

"Passion" is a fiery word with various meanings, from an intense love relationship to an activity that we give our all to. Christians also have a unique understanding of "passion" as the suffering and death of Jesus. Saint Paul of the Cross was so fired up by this that he founded a religious community dedicated to the Passion of Jesus. But wait a minute, how did we get from intense love to suffering? Paul makes the connection for us—the Passion is about Jesus' great love, a love so great that he was willing to suffer and die for us. Take a moment to reflect anew what you live—or would die—passionately for.

Thursday, Oct 21, 2021

God at work

Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53

"I have come to set the earth on fire... how I wish it were already blazing!"

Summer vacations are now a faded memory as workplaces and schools operate at full swing. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of seeing work as more than a necessity and duty. Through work we transform nature—a creative act, just as God's ongoing creation of the world is a creative act. A job that contributes to well-being can also be a path toward personal fulfillment. Whatever your work involves today, offer it up to God and take note of how God is able to work through you.

Friday, Oct 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN PAUL II, POPE

Reasonable faith

Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59

"Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

In this era of "alternative facts," it is challenging to find the truth. Saint John Paul II gave us good counsel on seeking truth. In the encyclical letter *Fides et Ratio* ("Faith and Reason") he wrote, "... believers do not surrender. They can continue on their way to the truth because they are certain that God has created them 'explorers,' whose mission it is to leave no stone unturned, though the temptation to doubt is always there. Leaning on God, they continue to reach out, always and everywhere, for all that is beautiful, good and true." How might you be an "explorer" in situations where truth is difficult to find?

Saturday, Oct 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

You get as good as you give

Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9

"[T]he concern of the spirit is life and peace."

Jesus, his disciples, and the early evangelists were all clear about one thing: "the wages of sin is death." Beyond physical death, the selfishness of sin cuts off our relationship with God and the opportunity for true peace and joy. Paying attention to the needs of others as well as yourself keeps us alive in Christ. Study after study shows that happiness comes from social connectedness and a spirit of generosity. Franciscan Saint John Capistrano says of the faithful: "The brightness of their wisdom must make them like the light of the world that brings light to others." Ponder the ways that you can acquire wisdom to share with others.

