

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021



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

Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
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* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-8, 11/Jn 11:19-27
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37/Ps 81:3-11/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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 Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"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 Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

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 Linda at 814.864.8476.

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 Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

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

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., July 26th- Private Intention
 Tues., July 27th - Stanley Widomski (Marlene Figurski)
 Wed., July 28st - Chester & Gertrude Przepierski (Family)
 Thurs., July 29th - Leo & Jean Wiertel (Leo)
 Fri., July 30th - Edward Czulewicz & Family
 Sat., July 31st, 4:00PM - Robert & Dorothy Sulecki (Sulecki Family)
 Sun., Aug. 1st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **RICHARD ANUSZKIEWICZ** as gifted by the Andrews & Zill Families.



ERIE GIVES 2021

The 2021 Erie Gives Day is slated for August 10th. The Holy Name Society, on behalf of our parish, has registered Saint Stanislaus as a recipient of charitable donations. Any donations received will be matched on a pro-rated basis.

Online giving extends from 8AM-8PM on August 10th and can be made at <https://www.eriegives.org/organizations/st-stanislaus>. The minimum donation is \$25, along with a nominal credit card fee. Donations to Saint Stanislaus can also be mailed to Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507), but they must be accompanied by a "Check Donation Form," which can be found at www.eriegives/about. Checks will be accepted August 9th and 10th.

Recently, the Holy Name Society was undertaken several projects around our campus: cementing our parking lot entrance, upgrading our security system, re-stringing our flag pole, painting, and more. Any support for their ongoing efforts would be greatly appreciated. Consider donating on August 10th!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simply live?

IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope. I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!" In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand. God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MULTI-PARISH RAFFLE

This is the final weekend to purchase the "multi-parish" raffle tickets. See John Villa, or stop in the sacristy. Ticket are \$25, and the top prize is a \$30,000 gift card.

WEEKLY OFFERING (JULY 18, 2021)

| | This Week | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Amount we need | \$4,156.00 | \$12,468.00 |
| Amount Received | \$2,228.00 | \$9,300.00 |
| Net over/under | (\$1,928.00) | (\$3,168.00) |


Mass Attendance:
 4:00PM = 50; 9:00AM = 57
 Envelopes: 65/168



damn near a foot of sun out here... I'm not goin to work in this mess.. y'all be safe



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week for **CHRISTINE MOLES** as gifted by Jack & Sandy Kempisty.

**25 Days until
ZABAWA 2021**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 26th - For All Living & Deceased Grandparents
 Tues., July 27th - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)
 Wed., July 28th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
 Thurs., July 29th - Msgr. John Daniszewski (Estate)
 Fri., July 30th - Nancy Slubowski (Family)
 Sat., July 31st, 5:15PM - Earl Brieger (Family)
 Sun., Aug. 1st, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)


Happy Birthday

7/25 - GARY KAMINSKI, JIM KERN & STANLEY KNIOWSKI
 7/28 - ARMANI MOORE
 7/30 - EDWARD CZULEWICZ
 7/31 - BENJAMIN OTTO


VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ZABAWA

Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the summer and be involved in one of the Erie Diocese's most well attended events? Then Holy Trinity's Zabawa is the place for you! Ten to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) are needed for each shift to serve food. Shifts are Aug. 27 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 5:30 to 9 p.m.; and Aug. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah Chermack at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. Note that this is an ideal way for high school students to get service hours.

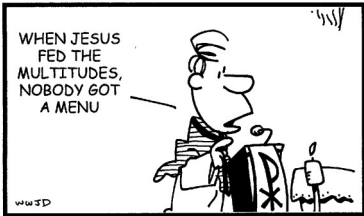
FINAL CHRUSCIKI MAKING SESSION!
This Monday, July 26th
 If you would like to help our bakers, please come to the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00PM.



GOLABKI MAKING SESSIONS!
 Wednesday, August 4th, noon-9pm
 Thursday, August 5th, 9am-9pm
 Friday, August 6th, 9am-9pm
 No experience necessary.
 Any help is appreciated!



PACZKI MAKING SESSION
 Saturday August 14th 9am-?
 No experience necessary.
 Any help will be appreciated!



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JULY 18, 2021

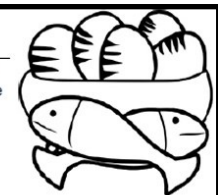
Regular Offering: \$3,266.00 (42/134)

| | THIS WEEK | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal: | \$3,000.00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Budgeted: | \$2,365.00 | \$7,095.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$3,266.00 | \$8,552.00 |
| Net (over/under): | \$901.00 | \$1,457.00 |

Attendance: 5:15PM = 55; 10:30AM = N/A

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on John 6:1-14



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 V B B O A T T B K X A Y C D D
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| JESUS | BASKETFULS | SATISFIED | CROWDS | LOAVES |
| THANKS | LEFT | FOLLOWED | PEOPLE | TOWNS |
| TWELVE | HEALED | FISH | BOAT | SICK |

“Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received...”

- Ephesians 4:2

News for Our Partnership

VACATION

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

At long last, Germany is finally letting me into their country! If you recall, it was over a year ago now that I was supposed to go to Germany and preside over my buddy's father's funeral, but Covid would not allow it. Germany finally re-opened their borders to vaccinated Americans about a month ago. Consequently, I made arrangements to fly over, celebrate a memorial Mass, and spend some time with my friend and his family.

I will be flying out on August 6th and returning on August 21st. I am grateful to Father Dan for agreeing to cover any funerals or emergency calls. I am also grateful to Father Ed Lohse and Father Jason Mitchell for covering some of our weekend Masses. Finally, I am grateful to so many of you who have encouraged me to take this vacation, my first in nearly three years.

While I am very excited for my trip, I know that I will be thinking of all of you while I am away. I will be taking my Mass intentions with me and will keep all of you in my prayers. Please pray for my safe travels and a relaxing time away. I will look forward to seeing all of you upon my return.

- Fr. Jason



ZABAWA KICK OFF BINGO!!

Sunday, August 15th

Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.

1:00pm, Doors Open at Noon

All CASH PRIZES!!!

***Instants**

***50/50 Game**

*\$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.

*Pierogi, Polish Sausage along with other kitchen food available.

*Door Prizes & Giveaways

*Basket Raffle

*Zabawa food/beverage tickets available for purchase, beat the crowd!!

CALL 814-456-5300 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

IT'S WEIRD BEING THE SAME
AGE AS OLD PEOPLE.



DID YOU KNOW?

THAT THERE IS A CATHOLIC ORDER OF NUNS WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING NON-STOP FOR OVER 100 YEARS?

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, a Roman Catholic religious congregation for women, have been praying non-stop for hundreds of thousands of people, for 141 years to be precise, since 11 A.M. on 1st August, 1878. The convent is based in the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA which claimed to have been praying night and day for the sick, suffering, and the needy. Flooding, snowstorms, a flu outbreak, even a fire—none of these have been enough to keep this group of nuns in several generations from their prayers.

Source: thejournal.ie

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

7/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 7/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner;
7/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 7/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy;
7/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 7/30) Edie Luniewski; 7/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

7/26) Msgr. Gerald Ritchie; 7/27) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 7/28) Fr. George Strohmeier; 7/29) Msgr. John Swogger;
7/30) Fr. Howard King; 7/31) All in Consecrated Life; 8/1) Fr. Jim Gutting

Sunday, Jul 25, 2021

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Celebrate mom-and-pop operations

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their tribe. Support your local parents!

Monday, Jul 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Family ties

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35

"The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds.

Tuesday, Jul 27, 2021

Parables of trying and trust

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Jesus favored parables to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act?

Wednesday, Jul 28, 2021

Stay the course

Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'ujujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost.

Thursday, Jul 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA

Lesson learned

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others.

Friday, Jul 30, 2021

Open the door to your own ministry

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58

"Is he not the carpenter's son?"

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine?

Saturday, Jul 31, 2021

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Book your biblical excursion

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

"This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."

Never underestimate the power of a book to change lives or history. Ignatius of Loyola was a young Spanish soldier from a prominent military family. While recovering from a serious war injury, he came upon Vita Christi, a spiritual biography of the life of Christ by 14th-century German Catholic monk Ludolph of Saxony. In the book he found the meditative technique of immersing oneself in a biblical scene from the life of Jesus. The book changed Ignatius' life, and the technique became foundational to the development of Ignatian spirituality and the famed Spiritual Exercises. Try the technique: Open a gospel, read a story, and place yourself at the scene. Really be there. See what happens.

O God, by whose grace
your servant Ignatius,
enkindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light
in your Church:
Grant that we also may be aflame
with the spirit of love and discipline,
and may ever walk before you
as children of light.



