

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24, 2021



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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



October 24, 2021 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 [30th Sunday]
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2-7, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16 [Sts. Simon & Jude]
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-4, 47-51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28-34 [31st 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. 25th - Private Intention
 Tues., Oct. 26th - Stanley Widomski (Janice Grande)
 Wed., Oct. 27th - Mary Radomski (Family)
 Thurs., Oct. 28th - Ed Przepierski (Marie)
 Fri., Oct. 29th - Bronislaw Grelewicz (Family)
 Sat., Oct. 30th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Oct. 31st, 9:00AM - Richard Jenks, Jr. (Marcia)

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.

Trick-or-Treat hours for the City of Erie are on **October 31st from 6PM-8PM**. Use caution/watch for children, if out driving.



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ED PRZEPIERSKI** as gifted by Marie.

GIVING AS GOD GIVES

Giving as God does Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed. Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God. Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want. Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for. When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Traditionally, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of November as a time to remember our deceased loved ones. As we have in the past, memorial forms are available in the church if you care to include your loved ones in our memorial.

"A TASTE OF POLAND" FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Grand Raffle	\$5,474.00
Dinner Sales	\$6,758.00
Czarnina & Frozen Pierogi Sales	\$2,521.00
Parish Day Envelopes	\$729.00
Bake Sale	\$1,623.95
Theme Baskets	\$2,204.00
Chinese Auction	\$1,195.00
Pop/Beverage Sales.....	\$145.00
50/50 Raffle.....	\$236.50
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<i>Income Total</i>	<i>\$20,886.45</i>

EXPENSES

Cash Prizes	\$2,000.00
Printing Tickets.....	\$280.00
Postage	\$138.75
Dinner Expenses.....	\$1,058.57
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<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>\$3,477.32</i>
<i>Total Parish Profit</i>	<i>\$17,409.13</i>

**Again, MANY THANKS for all who volunteered, attended, and supported this VERY SUCCESSFUL event! **

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 17, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$66,496.00
Amount Received	\$1,602.00	\$44,739.00
Net over/under	(\$2,554.00)	(\$21,757.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 50; 9:00AM = 49
 Envelopes: 71/168



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **ROBERT & CHRISTINE (KEMPISTY) MOLES**, as gifted by their Family.



10/26 Adam Nitkiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 25th - Private Intention
 Tues., Oct. 26th - Private Intention
 Wed., Oct. 27th - Msgr. Richard Stack
 Thurs., Oct. 28th - Don Benczkowski (Maire Leszek)
 Fri., Oct. 29th - The Souls in Purgatory
 Sat., Oct. 30th, 5:15PM - R. & S. Kempisty & Christine (Kempisty) Moles (Family)
 Sun., Oct. 31st, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus. We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us? Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts. Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ. There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith. Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

ZABAWA WRAP-UP

On October 13th, a "thank you" dinner was held for all those who volunteered to work our Zabawa festival. At that time, it was publicly announced that our festival netted our parish **\$109,550.86!** *Simply amazing!* Sincere thanks to all who supported Zabawa 2021, whether as volunteers or attendees. None of this would be possible without you!

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021

Regular Offering: \$3,139.00 (33/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$45,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$33,681.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,139.00	\$37,993.00
Net (over/under):	\$774.00	\$4,312.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 55; 10:30AM = 52

Blind Bartimaeus



"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).

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Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed

"What do you want me to do for you?"

- Mark 10:51

News for Our Partnership

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep Monsignor Dan in your prayers as he undergoes a cardiac procedure on Monday, October 25th.

**It's finally October!
Which means, all of
the cobwebs and
dust in my house just
became Halloween
decorations.**

**I came, I saw, I forgot
what I was doing, retraced
my steps, got lost on the
way back, now I have no
idea what's going on.**

CATHEDRAL PREP 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

ALL SAINTS DAY

While All Saints Day will be observed as a holy day, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply this year. Nevertheless, Mass will be celebrated on November 1st, as follows:

**5:15PM at Holy Trinity
9:00AM at Saint Stan's**

MERCYHURST PREP OPEN HOUSE

Mercyhurst Prep will host an open house on Sunday, November 7th, from Noon - 3PM. Guided tour of the school, including visits to the innovative classrooms, renovated performing arts center, and the expansive athletic wing. Information will be provided about Mercyhurst's three levels of academic concentration: College Prep, Honors, and International Baccalaureate (IB). Save time at the Open House by registering at m脾slakers.com/openhouse. Apply to Mercyhurst Prep online at m脾slakers.com/admissions on or before November 7 to become eligible to win one of five \$1,000 tuition vouchers for the 2022-2023 school year!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses. WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR YOUR MISSION SOLIDARITY!



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.**

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 10/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 10/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 10/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 10/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 10/30) Edie Luniewski; 10/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/25) Fr. Jeff Noble; 10/26) Fr. Kyle Seyler; 10/27) Fr. Larry Richards; 10/28) Fr. David Carter; 10/29) Fr. Jason Feigh; 10/30) Bishop Trautman; 10/31) All in Consecrated Life

Sunday, Oct 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adopt an attitude of gratitude

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

"[The blind man] received his sight, and followed Jesus on the way."

Here's an intriguing take on a familiar commission: Thankful people become missionaries. "To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude," Pope Francis declares on this World Mission Sunday. Yet this "state of mission" belongs to the whole church, not just to those brave souls who pack up and go off to foreign lands. Jesus commissions his friends to take the Good News wherever we go. Grateful folks do this cheerfully. Pray the Rosary's Glorious Mysteries and live the mission of gratitude.

Monday, Oct 25, 2021

Good for what ails you

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

"Woman, you are set free of your infirmity."

Research suggests that regular meditation may help reduce blood pressure, digestive problems, anxiety and depression, and insomnia, among other ailments. Prayerful meditation also heals your soul. Catholics have a lot of help at their disposal here—from the Rosary to Lectio Divina. "There are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly," says the catechism. "But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus." Take the best medicine of all!

Tuesday, Oct 26, 2021

Care for the caregivers, too

Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

"Sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

In November 2017 European members of the World Medical Association convened at the Vatican for a conversation on ethical issues surrounding palliative care. Nearby, the International Confederation of Catholic Health Care Institutions was meeting to discuss inequalities in health care. Pope Francis addressed them all: "The categorical imperative is to never abandon the sick." No matter the graveness of the medical condition, "we are called to show love and closeness." Recognizing that "visit the sick" is one of the seven corporal works of mercy, how can you show or send care today?

Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021

Gentle reminder: Pray today

Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness..."

Benedictine monk Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B. tells the story of picking watercress one day on his monastery's grounds and landing in a swamp. Try as he might he couldn't extricate himself. He was eventually rescued by his fellow monks. He wrote of the incident: "What now bothers me is that during the entire ordeal of about 25 minutes I didn't have a single pious thought! What does that say of my more than 50 years of monastic life? Do I have to start all over again?" Forgetting to pray happens to the best of us. But it is never too late to start. A simple prayer of blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, or praise will suffice. Better yet, start with Veni, Sancte Spiritus!, "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Thursday, Oct 28, 2021

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Strive for decreasing returns

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

"Jesus... spent the night in prayer to God."

Saints Simon and Jude have countless images and namesakes, yet we know almost nothing about these apostles whose feast day is today. They were among the 12 apostles, and tradition has it they spread the Good News in Persia. We honor their memory anyway, knowing that for the faithful, "He must increase, and I must decrease," as John the Baptist put it. To be remembered after death as a faithful apostle is not a bad legacy for any Christian! Do one small act today that makes you recognizable as a faithful apostle.

Friday, Oct 29, 2021

Tender mercies

Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

"I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."

Depression, anxiety, profound sadness, or grief—these can sometimes make us feel like we're no good or God has abandoned us. But it is at these times especially when God tenderly draws close to us. Though it may be difficult to lift our hearts in prayer when we are suffering, we can pray this prayer for ourselves and one another (attributed to Saint Augustine): "Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And all for love's sake." Amen!

Saturday, Oct 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Room to grow

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

We've all heard that the "humble will be exalted." Sounds nice, but where can we look for examples, for a role model? Look no further than Mary, Mother of God. Saturday is the traditional day of the week to recall Mary's example of exalted humility. Mary was humble enough to "make room" for God—literally, in her womb. She was willing to trust God with everything—her reputation, her envisioned marriage, her very body. Do you trust enough to make room so that God can be born in you?

