TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 27, 2019)

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM (Vigil) & 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30PM (or by appointment)



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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partners in Faith & Mission



30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else! The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner." Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why? The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude God can work with! This is how a good steward prays ---with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads. The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays ---with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads. The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16 (Sts. Simon & Jude) 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: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-31/Lk 13:31-35 (All Hallow's Eve) Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (All Saints Day) Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40 (All Souls Day) Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10 (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 John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

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, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

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: Communial 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 incumbent upon family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs 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.

Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partners in Faith & Mission

"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.

"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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 28th — Walter Florence & Joan Rzodkiewicz (Family) Tuesday, October 29th — Marie Mangold (Family) Wednesday, October 30th — William "Bill" Post (John Swierczeski) Thursday, October 31th — Ed Prezepierski (Marie) Friday, November 1st — Bronislaw Grelewicz (Family) Saturday, November 2nd — Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo) Sunday, November 3rd — The Kinsel & Winslow Families (Family)

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally set aside as a month when we remember those who have died. As is customary at St. Stan's, a memorial garden will be set up in the sanctuary and a list of our deceased loved ones will be placed there. Forms are available for you to complete so that we can place their names in the memorial garden.

MANY THANKS TO GO AROUND!

FLOWER FUND

Our sincere thank you to those who made contributions to the "Church Flower Fund." Included in this bulletin is a list of names who gave donations as gifts or memorials. Such gifts and memorials are accepted anytime by simply marking an envelope "Flower Fund" and placing it in the collection or dropping it off at the church office. You can also use the envelope included in your box (marked for November 3rd). As the fund's name indicates, this money is used to decorate our church for special events. Again, thank you for your generosity!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL

Thanks to those who donated to the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood meal last week. The Sisters and the diners are very grateful!

PARISH DAY

Yet another word of gratitude for the tremendous support given to our annual Parish Day. This very important fundraising event netted our parish over \$21,000! A detailed financial report is provided in this bulletin.

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

On November 18th, a bakery will be needed for the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Soup Kitchen. There will not be a need for a bakery in December. Many thanks to all who donate their time and supplies!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 2nd Servers: K. & K. Danowski Lector: K. Krainski Gifts: Jay & Lisa Ciecierski Sunday, November 3rd Server: Shane Green Lector: I. Smerick Gifts: Tony Mazzone

POLONIA PRESENTATION

Parishioner Bobby Sulecki will be offering a presentation about the churches and neighborhoods that make up Erie's Polonia. The presentation will take place at the 3rd Street Falcon's Club on October 30th, beginning at 6:00PM. The event is free and open to the public. Come out to support Bobby and learn about Erie's Polish heritage.

THE 2020 LECTOR WORKBOOKS are available in the sacristy. Feel free to take the book that is labeled with your name after mass.

<u>CLEANING TEAM A</u> will clean the church this Tuesday, October 29th, at 9:00AM. Please find a replacement if necessary.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you know of any parishioners who are in care facilities but not listed, please call the parish office, Fr. Jason, or Rose Marie Radomski of the "Prayer, Care, and Concern Committee."

FUEL COST

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\$195.69	
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March, 2019 \$4,016.66
Feb., 2019 \$4,280.48
Jan., 2019 \$4,851.51
Dec., 2018 \$4,219.74
Nov., 2018 \$3,268.42
Oct., 2018 \$1,563.29

July 1 to date

\$66,496.00

\$47,673.00

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 20, 2019)

This Week	
Amount we need\$4,156.00	
Amount Received\$3,153.00	
Net over/under (\$1,003.00)	

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 83 9:30AM = 80



Holy Trinity Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

5:30PM - November 1st: All Saints Day Lector: Sue Carpenter Servers: Mia & Nina Mangini EM: K. Smith & D. Carlson

5:00PM - November 2nd Lector: Elizabeth Beres Server: Christopher Beres **EM:** D. Theimann & S. Trochowski

10:00 AM - November 3rd Lector: Edward Korvtowski Servers: Marcus & Lauren Brieger EM: E. Korytowski, E. Simora, & M. Nitczynski



Our <u>Parish</u> <u>Catholic</u> <u>Education</u> <u>Program</u> families are already busy making pierogi on Monday evenings in preparation for our Christmas market, which will be held on December 20th & 21st. Pre-orders will be taken from November 9th -December 8th. Please support PCEP and the children who benefit from this Catholic School tuition assistance program.

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THE 2020 LECTOR WORKBOOKS are available in the back of the church. Lectors are invited to take a copy home with them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 28th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus Tuesday, October 29th - All Souls Wednesday, October 30th - Mass at Saint Stanisalus Thursday, October 31st - All Souls Friday, November 1st - For the People of Holy Trinity Parish Saturday, November 2nd - All Souls Sunday, November 3rd - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 20, 2019)

Regular Offertory .	\$2,211.00	(57/146 mailed)
Loose Cash		
Total Offertory	\$2,296.00	
Church Heat Env	\$50.00	
Votive Candles	\$40.00	
Mass Attendance:	5:00PM = 52 / 1	0:00AM = 89

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal \$3,000.00	\$48,000.00
Amount we need \$2,365.00	\$38,405.00
Amount Received \$2,296.00	\$35,793.00
Net over/under <mark>(\$69.00)</mark>	(\$2,612.00)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (2019) AS OF OCTOBER 21:

Pledges:	\$26,185.00
Paid:	\$24,030.00
Due:	\$2,155.00
Assessment	t:\$12,421.00
*8	0 Families have contributed to the CSA

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/27) Sr. Maxine; 10/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson; 10/29) Msgr. Urbaniak; 10/30) Edie Luniewski; 10/31) Sr. Anita; 11/1) Kathy Smith & Debbie Majewski; 11/2) Pattty Czulewicz

PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

10/27: Fr. Glenn Whitman 10/28: Fr. Rick Tomasone 10/29: Fr. David Whiteford 10/30: Fr. Andrew Boyd 10/31: Pray for All Vocations

The Usher's Society will meet on October 29th at 7:00PM in the gathering space.

VILLA MARIA OPEN HOUSE

...will be held on Sunday, October 27th from noon until 3:00PM. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. If you have any questions, please call 838-2061, extension 3239.

MERCYHURST PREP OPEN HOUSE

... will be held on Sunday, November 3rd from noon until 3:00PM. If you have any questions, please call 814.824.2210.

THE LIFE OF SISTER FAUSTINA

Tinseltown Movie Theater on Rotunda Drive will be hosting a special screening of "Faustina: Love & Mercy" on Monday, October 28th at 7:00PM. Tickets can be purchased for \$11.50.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "...who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life and "ordinary time" which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime. Try it and you'll see.

ADAM'S RIBS: One weekend at Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and asked him, "Johnny, what is the matter?" "I have pain in my side," Johnny responded. "I think I'm going to have a wife."

Just a reminder that all potted plants, empty pots and containers must be removed from Erie Diocesan cemeteries by **October 31st**.



REMINDER: TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 2:00AM!

(or before you go to bed on Saturday night)

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

October is "Pro-Life Month." All are welcome as we join together to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a greater respect for all human life. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at Saint Stanislaus Church on Sunday, October 27th at 2:00PM. This prayerful event is sponsored by Saint Stanislaus's Pro-Life Community.



I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at **St. Stanislaus** on October 31st at 5:30PM and on November 1st at 8:00AM. Mass will be offered at **Holy Trinity** on November 1st at 5:30PM.



Sunday, Oct 27, 2019 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Judgment is a boomerang

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;Luke 18:9-14 "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity."

Judge not or you'll be judged, as scripture tells us. We're also put on notice that the measure we use against others is the one we're choosing for ourselves. This is why Saint John Climacus insists that to condemn another person is to ruin our own souls. Francis de Sales observes: "If your heart is gentle, your judgment will be gentle"—no surprise from the patron saint of compassionate counsel. Doctor of the church Catherine of Siena put it plainly: "The habit of judging keeps the soul far from Thee." The jury is in: Judgment is out!

Monday, Oct 28, 2019

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES **It helps to have friends in low places** Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 *"Jesus went up to the mountain to pray...."*

Everyone at one time or another has probably felt like a lost cause and a desperate case. Lucky for us, we have a patron saint: Saint Jude the Apostle. He became patron of the lost because he was neglected for a long time when it came to Catholic veneration: Little is known about him and his name is unsettlingly close to that of Judas Iscariot. Eventually it was thought that Jude would seize any opportunity to help and became the saint to turn to when situations become especially dire. When you're at your lowest, he's there to remind you that Christ is there with you too.

Tuesday, Oct 29, 2019 FEAST OF MARCELLUS Forging a difficult peace Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 "Creation waits with eager longing...."

Saint Marcellus, a Roman centurion who cast aside sword and armor to serve Christ and the cause of peace, was killed for his audacity. His last words to his judge, "May God be good to you," indicate he'd also made peace within. Are we at peace with ourselves, abandoning the self-criticism and "shoulds," and with those around us and closest to us, who—let's face it—at times can be so annoying!? Imagine a conversation between Marcellus and the leaders of Pax Christi International (paxchristi.net), a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organizations. What areas in the world might they identify where peace is most at risk?

Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019 Preparing for paradox

Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 "Some are last who will be first; some are first who will be last."

A fundamental principle of God's reign as announced by Jesus is a paradox: The lowly will rise, the high and mighty will fall. It carries over into other familiar gospel images: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother echoes the theme in her Magnificat: "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty." Wisdom, therefore, dictates that we position ourselves advantageously for the coming of the Kingdom. It's like cleaning out your house before a move. What passing worldly value can you get rid of today to better prepare you for the eternal reign of God?

Thursday, Oct 31, 2019 God lights the darkness

Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It's Halloween, the day we spoof evil spirits by dressing up like them. We roam around in the dark to show we are not afraid. Today's gospel, though, reminds us of the fear created by a cruel despot like Herod who stands ready to kill Jesus. Regardless of our Halloween rituals, such fear still lives in the world. Our faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God is what prepares us to cope with it. Today as you don a costume or give a treat to a trickster, recall that core belief of God's abiding presence.

Friday, Nov 01, 2019 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Family reunion—Christian style!

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a "Your reward will be great in heaven."

Everybody loves a big reunion with loved ones—the joy of seeing one another, telling stories, and of course the food and fun! The Solemnity of All Saints is exactly like this, Pope Francis said. "We are united with all the saints: not only the most well-known. . . but also those 'next door,' our family members and acquaintances who are now part of that great multitude. Therefore, today is a family celebration. The saints are close to us, indeed they are our truest brothers and sisters. They understand us, love us, know what is truly good for us, help us and await us." With whom do you celebrate today?

Saturday, Nov 02, 2019

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 *"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God* has been poured out into our hearts."

A variety of cultures and traditions approach this time of year with a special reverence for those who have come before us and passed beyond us. In northern nations, perhaps the reflective mood is prompted by the shortening days and lengthening darkness, as brightly colored autumn leaves wither and brown and fall to the ground. Ancients saw it as a time when the veil between this world and the afterword briefly lifted, the doorway between the worlds cracked opened. Take a moment today to reflect on your ancestors going back generations who passed on their faith, hope, and love to you. Pray for their peaceful repose in the loving embrace of the Timeless One.

