## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



## Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30AM - 3:00 PM (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

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. These radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

#### Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7/Ps 146:7-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-9/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6-10/Mt 1:18-23 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2, 5-11/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9/Ps 116:1-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**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 worshiping 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.

#### **"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.

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| Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact<br>Welcome to our Parish Family |                           |

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 6th - Private Intention Tues., Sept. 7th - Carl Klan (Bobby & Mary Jo Sulecki) Wed., Sept. 8th - Jean Wiertel (Family) Thurs., Sept. 9th - Chester & Richard Radomski (Family) Fri., Sept. 10th - Sophie Tatara (Carol & Richard Wiler) Sat., Sept. 11th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*) Sun., Sept. 12th, 9:00AM - Edward Czulewicz Family

## **OCTOBER LOTTERY RAFFLE**

Our Holy Name Society is currently selling lottery raffle tickets for the month of October. See any member of the Society, or stop in the Parish Office, to purchase your chance to win!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Anyone interested in helping us make pierogi for our annual "A Taste of Poland" (Parish Day), we will be meeting on **September 13th and 14th at 9:00AM** in the Parish Hall. Experience is not needed; all volunteers are welcome!

## RANDOM REFLECTION

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 29, 2021)

|                 | This Week    | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Amount we need  | \$4,156.00   | \$37,404.00    |
| Amount Received | \$1,859.00   | \$24,512.00    |
| Net over/under  | (\$2,297.00) | (\$12,892.00)  |
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Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 40; 9:00AM = 62 Envelopes: 49/168

ASSESSMENT: \$30,237.00 PLEDGES: \$36,180.00 (87 Families) PAID: \$31,680.00 PARISH PROFIT: \$5,943.00





Our sanctuary candle burns in thanksgiving for the **50th wedding anniversary of JANET & JIM PIOTROWSKI**.



## WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

The Women's Society will resume their regular meetings on Wednesday, **September 8th at 6:00PM** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend and to become involved in their ministries.

#### **CHOOSING DEAFNESS**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound. I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strongwilled one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it! And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness. But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me. What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **IRENE NIEWOLAK**, as gifted by Connie, Pearl, & Kathy.



Mon., Sept, 6th - Special Intention (Msgr. Dan) Tues., Sept. 7th - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate) Wed., Sept. 8th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased Thurs., Sept. 9th - Msgr. John Daniszewski (Estate)\_ Fri., Sept. 10th - Irene Niewolak (Connie, Pearl, & Kathy) Sat., Sept. 11th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo) Sun., Sept. 12th, 10:30AM - In Thanksgiving Rosalie Silciliano (Maxwells)

He does all things well!

"Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf

MASS INTENTIONS



- Sept. 5 Asher Bayhurst & Shirley Dudzinski Sept. 6 – Richard Korytowski & Msgr. Dan Magraw Sept. 7 – Cameron Zbrzeznj Sept. 8 – Michele Koszegi
- Sept. 9 Connor Simora

## HOLY TRINITY USHERS

... will resume their normal meetings starting **Tuesday**, **September 14th at 7PM** in the Gathering Place. We look forward to planning something of a "normal" return to our activities.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

#### prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

**IN MEMORIUM** 

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated for Marion

keep Marion and her family and loved ones in your

(Lanuha) Pennock on Saturday, September 4th. Please

#### MANY THANKS!

Mere words of gratitude are not enough to thank our many volunteers who gave so much time to our Zabawa weekend, especially considering the tremendous heat and humidity. Our initial impression is that it was an incredibly successful event. We will publish detailed information as it becomes available. Once again, many thanks!

#### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 29, 2021

Regular Offering: \$1,798.00 (14/134)

|                   | THIS WEEK  | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal:       | \$3,000.00 | \$27,000.00    |
| Budgeted:         | \$2,365.00 | \$21,852.00    |
| Total Offertory:  | \$1,798.00 | \$20,908.00    |
| Net (over/under): | (\$567.00) | (\$944.00)     |

Attendance: 5:15PM = 378; 10:30AM = 113

#### CSA UPDATE

ASSESSMENT: \$13,285.00 PLEDGES: \$26,610.00 (70 Families) PAID: \$24,395.00 PARISH PROFIT: \$13,325.00

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"Ephphatha' - that is, 'Be Opened!"

- Mark 7:34

# News for Our Partnership

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day

## LABOR DAY 2021

Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 6. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

#### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

#### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: Rerum Novarum (1891) by Leo XIII, Quadragesimo Anno (1931) by Pius XI, Laborem Exercens (1981), and Centesimus Annus (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: PARISH PICNIC

Many have asked and the answer is "yes," we will resume hosting our annual parish picnic after the pandemic forced the cancellation of last year's picnic. Many places, like our traditional venue at Camp Glinodo, are still not accepting reservations. For those that are, the reservation fee is too steep to justify. So, it was decided that our picnic will take place at Saint Stanislaus Rectory & Courtyard on **Sunday, September 12th, starting at 11AM**. More details will follow.

## FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a Fish & Pierogi dinner on Friday, September 17th, from 4-7PM. They are offering both a "dine-in" and "take-out" option. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. All meals are served with two sides (potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni cheese, green beans, or French fries), a roll, and ice cream. The Fish Dinner consists of 3 pieces of fish; the Pierogi dinner comes with 2 pieces; and the Combo dinner includes 2 fish and 1 pierogi.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth: "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski; 9/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 9/8) Steve Rimpa, & Stephanie & Bill Wycech 9/9) Marcia Nitczynski & Rose Marie Radomski; 9/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 9/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 9/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/6) Fr. Bob Susa; 9/7) Fr. Ed Walk; 9/8) Fr. Vince Cieslewicz; 9/9) Fr. Jason Glover; 9/10) Fr. Leo Gallina; 9/11) Fr. John Walsh; 9/12) Msgr. Bob Malene

#### Sunday, Sep 05, 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Shopping made simple Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be... heirs of the kingdom that he promised?"

What do you give to the saint who has everything? Mother Teresa of Calcutta was among the spiritually richest people on the planet throughout her productive life caring for the poor. The date of her death, September 5, was quickly recognized in Hungary as an occasion to be perpetually honored. In 2012, the United Nations declared this date as an International Day of Charity in her memory. As Mother Teresa demonstrated, simple acts of charity reach across divisions and make communities more resilient. Contribute to the healing of society today by charitable giving, locally or globally.

#### Monday, Sep 06, 2021 Labor of love

Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11 "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

This Labor Day, as we enjoy food at picnics and barbecues, let's remember who harvested this food—many of them Spanish-speaking migrant workers, many of them fellow Catholics. Consider what your parish can do for migrant workers in your area. Catholic Charities helped nearly 400,000 migrants, immigrants, and refugees this past year with all kinds of assistance—learn more about their work and how you can pitch in.

#### Tuesday, Sep 07, 2021 Creation needs your caring prayer Colossians 2:6-15: Luke 6:12-19

"Jesus departed to the mountain to pray."

Jewish believers celebrate Rosh Hashanah today, marking the birthday of the universe—recalling how God placed Adam and Eve at the center of creation as faithful stewards. For many Christians, it's also Day 7 in the Season of Creation. When the Catholic Church joined this observance in 2019, Pope Francis wrote: "In the silence of prayer, we can hear the symphony of creation calling us to abandon our self-centeredness in order to feel embraced by the tender love of the Father and to share with joy the gifts we have received." Pray to become a more selfless steward of creation.

#### Wednesday, Sep 08, 2021 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY The birth of our salvation

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 "From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."

In 431, bishops at the Council of Ephesus decreed Mary as Theotokos, a Greek word that means "God-bearer"—or, more commonly, "Mother of God." Her birthday was celebrated at the beginning of the year—in Constantinople, the calendar began on September 1—because Mary's birth is also the beginning of our salvation, through her son. "Be of good cheer," wrote Saint Andrew of Crete, "this is the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin and of the renewal of the human race!" Honor Mary today by praying the Magnificat, also known as the "Ode of the Theotokos."

#### Thursday, Sep 09, 2021 MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

**Call it out** Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Jesuit priest dedicated to baptizing and serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major slave-trade port. While Claver was ahead of many of his peers in at least recognizing the humanity of Africans and poured out his life to alleviate the great suffering he encountered, we need to acknowledge that the colonial system that enslaved Africans was allowed to continue unabated for centuries without much church resistance. How can we and our communities of faith challenge the enduring legacy of racism today, inspired by

## Friday, Sep 10, 2021

Because of you . . .

Claver's witness of service and the gospel mandate to love?

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42 "When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

A 2014 study found that "young people with mentors, especially at-risk youth, have more positive visions of themselves and their futures, and they also achieve more positive outcomes in school, the workplace, and their communities." The value of mentoring is nothing new. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." Whether you are teaching a practical or spiritual skill or a new technique or way of thinking, your instruction will have an impact. Take time to be a good mentor for the sake of the next generation and the greater glory of God.

## Saturday, Sep 11, 2021 Heaven help us all

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon happened 20 years ago today. We still carry the memory of that awful day, and we continue to remember in our prayers the victims of the attack and their families and loved ones who continue to mourn their great loss. We remember the passengers and crew of the aircraft destroyed in the attack as well as the victims on the ground. We remember especially the brave first responders who ran toward danger rather than away, many of whom gave away their health and lives to save others. And we pray for the terrorists as well, because we believe in the redemptive power of prayer and because hatred and vengeance have no place in our hearts. May all of humanity be redeemed.

