

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024



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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

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

*** Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform a greeter)**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “Quiet! Come out of him!” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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 Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at 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, music minister, or usher/greeter, 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 Sue (450-2987).

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 (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.

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., Jan. 29th - Private Intention
 Tues., Jan. 30th - Adam Konopka (B. Andric & M. Vargo)
 Wed., Jan. 31st - Ray Przybyszewski (John Abate)
 Thur., Feb. 1st - Florence Plonski (D. & E. Sznajder)
 Fri., Feb. 2nd - Eleanore Przybyszewski (Family)
 Sat., Feb. 3rd, 4:00PM - Eugene Tomczak (Family)
 Sun., Feb. 4th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MARY & BERNARD BAGNISZEWSKI**, as gifted by Family.



WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 at 1:00PM
 in the Parish Hall
 All are welcome to attend!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Parish is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Start your Super Bowl Sunday off by celebrating the 9:00AM Mass with us and then enjoying a hot breakfast in our Parish Hall!

EMBRACING CHANGE IN CHRIST

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PARDON OUR DUST

We have started to do some work in the "chapel sacristy." We are doing some plaster repairs now, in preparation for repainting the room soon. We will eventually have to empty out the space for painting and, some of the contents of the room may temporarily "clutter" the main part of the church in the process. Please be patient during this process, especially those attending Eucharistic Adoration.

CALENDAR CORRECTION

In the list of "Church Events" calendar that was inserted in the bulletin recently, there is some confusion. During the season of Lent, weekend Masses remain Saturday at 4:00PM and Sunday at 9:00AM. On the Wednesdays of Lent (February 21st & 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th), Stations of the Cross will take place at 5:30PM followed by a viewing of The Chosen in the Parish Hall (accompanied by a "Pot Luck Soup & Bread dinner). We apologize for the confusion.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"Give great care to the preparation of engaged couples and be close to the young married couples, so that they will be...an eloquent testimony of God's love." (Pope John Paul II, 2001) Pray today for volunteers who guide couples through marriage programs.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$124,680.00
Amount Received	\$2,517.00	\$70,758.00
Net over/under	(\$1,639.00)	(\$53,922.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 38; 9:00AM = 52
 Envelopes: 53/168



PARENTING POINTERS

Have a Book Night. Everyone chooses their favorite book. If it's a short children's book, read it together. If it's a longer or adult book, tell the family why it's your favorite. Perhaps read a paragraph you particularly like, or just read quietly together.



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in **FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS.**



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 29th - All Souls in Purgatory
 Tues., Jan. 30th - Stanley Kniewski (Family)
 Wed., Jan. 31st - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Thurs., Feb. 1st - All Living & Deceased Fathers
 Fri., Feb. 2nd - All Living & Deceased Mothers
 Sat., Feb. 3rd, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Feb. 4th, 10:30AM - Max & Flo Kaminski (Daughter & Family)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 21, 2024

Regular Offering: \$2,510.00 (25/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$116,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$67,200.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,510.00	\$77,280.00
Net (over/under):	\$110.00	\$10,080.00

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

USHERS' MEETING

The Holy Trinity Ushers' will meet this Tuesday, January 30th, at 7:00PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special word of gratitude to our friends at the Holy Trinity Club for a generous \$500 gift to help off-set our utility bills. Again, many thanks!

LENTEN DINNERS

This year, the PCEP families will **NOT** be hosting Lenten fish dinners. Please consider supporting our partners at Saint Stanislaus as they continue to host their traditional "Fish & Pierogi" meals.

30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION ZABAWA COOKBOOKS

...are still available at the Holy Trinity Parish Office. The cost is \$20.00 each, \$25.00 each if mailed.



Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

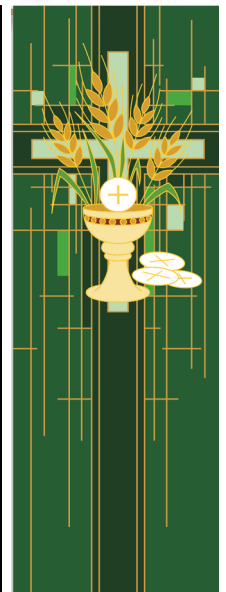
Based on Mark 1:21-28



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REGION	SPREAD	JESUS	PEOPLE	NEWS
SHRIEK	SYNAGOGUE	SHOOK	DESTROY	AMAZED
QUIET	HOLY	GALILEE	ORDERS	SABBATH
AUTHORITY	OBEY	EVIL	TEACH	SPIRIT



"The people were astonished at his teaching..."

- Mark 1:22

News for Our Partnership

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man. Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere. Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

The Second Harvest Food Bank is inviting us to participate in their "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the weekend of February 10-11. Those interested are asked to bring one or more cans of soup to donate. Donations boxes will be available in the back of our churches. All donations will help to serve the 80,350 clients of the food bank.



POLISH COOKBOOKS

We have replenished our supply of Polish Cookbooks. They are available from the both Parish Offices or after weekend Masses. The cost is \$20 (for an additional \$5, they can be mailed). Thanks for all your support of this project!



ASHES

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. If you have palms from last year, feel free to bring them to the church and we will burn them to use for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

An open letter to Catholic School Students:

Do you know why you are going to a Catholic school? Permit me to give you a little bit of background.

Your parents and grandparents are the ones who built the Catholic school educational system in your city, state, and nation. Your parents and grandparents saw the importance of a great education and saw the connection between their faith in God and his Church and education to assist the greater community in becoming more than just an average citizen of society and believer in Christ.

A Catholic school education is now more expensive than it used to be. In previous decades, religious sisters and brothers who worked for next to nothing staffed our Catholic schools. They spent long hours to make sure the teachings of the Church and the education of the next generation was excellent. Now our teachers are mostly laywomen and men. And they deserve a living wage and to provide for their own families.

As Catholic Schools Week 2016 approaches, let us remember where our Catholic schools were, and where they are going.

Let us pray...

God of knowledge and faith, thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school. When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important. Thank you for my parents and grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years. Help me to be a good student

and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country. Please bless all those men and women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools. Please bless my friends and teachers I learn with every day. I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus.

Amen.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson; 1/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 1/30) Edward Korytowski;
1/31) Bobby Sulecki; 2/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 2/2) Kay Stankiewicz;
2/3) Jeannie McGinley, Judy Tucceri, & Jackie Vargo; 2/4) Patty & Ed Czulewicz & Marie Przepierski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/28) Fr. Ray Gramata; 1/29) Fr. Scott Detisch; 1/30) Fr. Frank Dicristina; 1/31) Fr. Joe Dougherty;
2/1) Fr. James Campbell; 2/2) Fr. Captain Joseph Campbell; 2/3) Fr. Richard Toohey; 2/4) Fr. David Renne



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH EASTER MARKET

- ✠Homemade Pierogi and Potato Pancake Batter
- ✠Holy Trinity Polish Sweet Bread
- ✠Holy Trinity Blessing Loaves ✠Cookies
- ✠Butter Lambs

ORDERS February 10th until March 4th, 2024
Payment Due with Order

*** CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT**
CALL Liz 814-722-0015



The Easter Market and order pick up will be held:
Friday, March 22nd 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
Saturday, March 23rd 9:00a.m. – Noon

Holy Trinity Social Hall, 23rd and Reed St.
Thank you for your continued support of Holy Trinity
and the Parish Catholic Education Program



HOLY TRINITY BINGO All CASH prizes!!!

* Instants * 50/50 Game

- **Sunday, March 5th 1:00pm**, (Doors Open at Noon)
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each additional package
- Kitchen Food Available
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program

NEXT BINGOs: March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Lenten Orders

January 20th until February 5th, 2024

PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER

PIEROGI

\$20.00/Dozen OR \$11.00/Half Dozen

POTATO PANCAKE BATTER

\$5.00/Pint

\$8.00/Quart

\$15.00/2 Quarts

CALL orders Liz 814-722-0015
Credit Cards Accepted

MAIL orders to: Holy Trinity Parish 2220 Reed Street Erie, PA 16503

Order pick up dates:

Wednesday **February 14th**
(5:00p.m. until 7:00p.m.)

OR

Saturday, **February 17th**
(Between 10:00-11:00am)

HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER
23rd and Reed Streets

Saint Stanislaus LENTEN DINNERS



4:00 - 7:00 PM (or until sold out)

- ➔ **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 1st**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 15th**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 29th (* TAKE OUT ONLY)**

Saint Stanislaus
513 East 13th Street
Fish, Pierogi, Fries, Potato Salad,
Coleslaw, Mac-n-Cheese
\$15.00 for adults
\$6.00 for children 6-12
Free for children under 5



Enjoy your meal!

The
CHOSEN

"Get used to different."



In lieu of our
traditional
"Soup & Salad"
Lenten Series,
Saint Stanislaus
will be hosting a
"watch party"
of the series
The Chosen.

The Chosen is an American Christian historical
drama television series. It is the first multi-season series
about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily
set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series
centers on Jesus and the different people who met and
followed or otherwise interacted with him.

COME AND JOIN US!

February 21st & 28th; March 6th, 13th, & 20th
5:30PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Church)
6:00PM - THE CHOSEN WATCH PARTY (Parish Hall)
*Bring a dish to share

