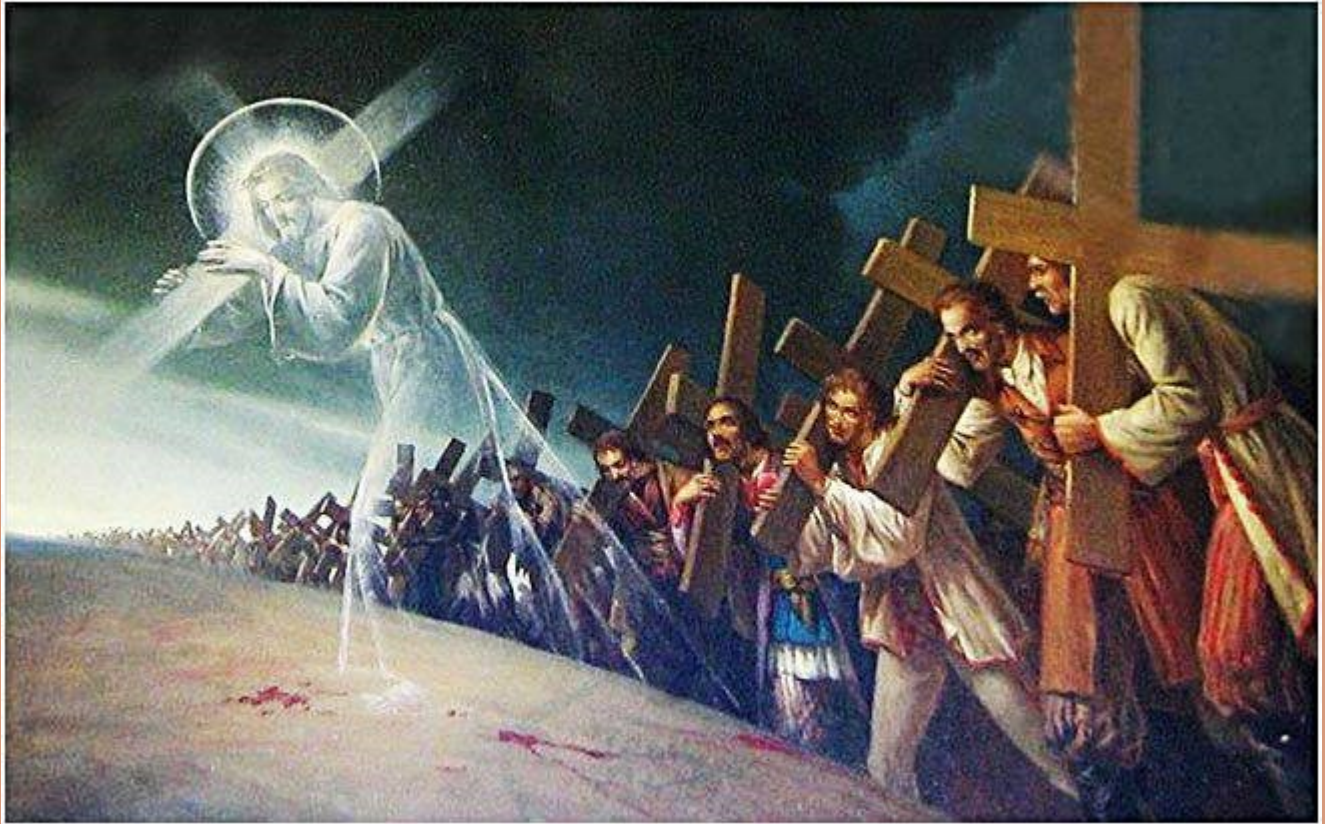


THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022



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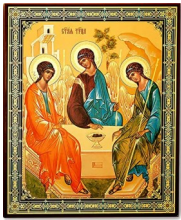
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

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, 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 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., Sept. 5th - Private Intention
 Tues., Sept. 6th - Helen Dubowski (M/M. Dvorznak & M/M French)
 Wed., Sept. 7th - William "Bill" Post (Jan & Jim Gorney)
 Thurs., Sept. 8th - John Oldenski (Ray Przybyszewski & Family)
 Fri., Sept. 9th - Brent Renaud (H. Angeloff)
 Sat., Sept. 10th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Sept. 11th, 9:00AM - Ed Czulewicz (Janet & Rick York)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MARY & CHESTER RADOMSKI**, as gifted by the Family.



WHERE'S THE SACRIFICE

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it." If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee. The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me? When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord. The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other? God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society will meet on Sunday, September 11, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 28TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$37,404.00
Amount Received	\$1,671.00	\$20,638.00
Net over/under	(\$2,485.00)	(\$16,766.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 45; 9:00AM = 47
 Envelopes: 46/168



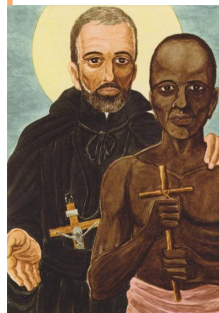
SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **SEPTEMBER 19TH**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, September 20th.

BOILER UPDATE

The reserve tank for the boiler was delivered on Monday. The 600 pound tank will be installed throughout this week and, probably, next week. This work is being done "in house," so as to save on costs. The final phase of our repairs in the installation of the 4 inch pipe that connects the boiler to the school building. The Scobell Company will undertake this work, which should begin any day now. Again, many thanks for all the support so many have demonstrated as we continue these significant repairs!

CELEBRATING ST. PETER CLAVER



"Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' answer to this question was the parable of the Good Samaritan. In short, the person you least expect. Peter Claver was born in 16th century Spain. Peter became a Jesuit and was deeply influenced by the missionary call. At age 30, he set out for modern-day Colombia. At the time, Cartagena was one of the largest slave markets in the New World. As a priest,

Peter knew his role was spiritual service. He quickly dedicated his ministry to these "neighbors" whom the world rejected. When a slave ship entered the harbor, Peter would rush on board with food, water, and a human touch. He introduced some slaves to Christ in a more formal way. As these new converts were moved to plantations, he would visit them, stay in their quarters, and advocate with the masters to act humanely. St. Peter Claver called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." May we, too, have a powerful sense of our neighbor.

**"WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM
 WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING,
 BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK
 TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."**

St. Peter Claver



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DELPHINE GORNIK**, as gifted by Jack & Sandy Kempisty.



9/05 - Shirley Dudzinski
9/06 - Msgr. Daniel Magraw
9/11- Skip Ignaczak

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 5th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Sept. 6th - For the Special Intentions of Msgr. Magraw
Wed., Sept. 7th - All Deceased Fathers
Thurs., Sept. 8th - All Deceased Mothers
Fri., Sept. 9th - Msgr. Gerry Ritchie
Sat., Sept. 10th, 5:15PM - Delphine Gornik (Jack & Sandy Kempisty)
Sun., Sept. 11th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

ZABAWA 2022 THEME BASKET WINNERS

Kitchen – Sandra Chludzinski	Girl's toys – James Cairnes
Lottery/gas cards –Chris Ernst	Golf – Madison Maurice
Card making – Joseph DiBello	Spa – Diane Coroner
Smith's gift card – Patty Bullman	Beer – Sue Aho
Winter – Marlene Meyer	Bath – Jeanne Bartos
Kirkland items – Alex Jenson	Boy's toys – Winnie McGuire
Wreaths – Brian Yeager	Camping – Kayla Spiegel
Garden –Thomas Majczyk	Christmas – Erica Maxumczyk
Zabawa items – Sue Aho	Wine – Al & Josie Lubazewski
Vera Bradley – Kathy Wisniewski	Fishy fish – Stephen Jez
Bakery – Paul Markiewicz	Steelers – Sherry I
Liquor – Ma Blevik	Gnomes – Timothy Gostomski
Halloween – Rebecca Wilcox	Door prize – Carol Panighetti

ZABAWA 2022 GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

\$3,000 Grand Prize: Patti Mattis
\$2,000 Winner: Tony Noble
\$1,000 Winner: Cheryl Chiota

DZIĘKUJE

There are not enough words of thanks to offer to all those who volunteered their time and energy to make this year's Zabawa perhaps the most successful to date. By all accounts, our attendance was greater than that of any previous year! The weather was perfect, the food was extraordinary (and completely sold out!), the entertainment was first class. Although it may be a while before the final numbers are calculated, we believe that they, too, will affirm the success of Zabawa. Again, *many, many*, thanks to all who helped. An additional, special "thank you" to Ray and Eddie who so efficiently chaired the event. Our parish is deeply indebted to you.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE 9-4-2022

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 28th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,599.00 (17/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$36,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$19,200.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,599.00	\$20,129.00
Net (over/under):	\$199.00	\$929.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 30; 10:30AM = 63

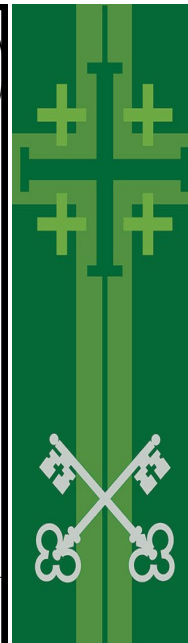
The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 14:25-33 (NIV).



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"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

- Luke 14:28

News for Our Partnership

MEN'S CURSILLO: OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

All men of the parish who would like to make Cursillo for a spiritual experience you won't forget. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact someone who has made one to sponsor you.

All are welcome for a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that is filled with Praise and Worship Music, Scripture, and Silence every Thursday (except for the First Thursday of the Month) at St. Francis Xavier (8880 Main St., McKean Pa). This is a great way to grow in Eucharistic Revival! Please Join us!

ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY

All men and women parishioners of the Diocese of Erie are welcome to join the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, an organization established in 1945 to provide spiritual support to young men who have chosen a life of sacred service. The first meeting of the auxiliary this year is Sept. 13th beginning with a Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, followed by a brief meeting. Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month. Participation in the auxiliary is not demanding, but the mission is fulfilling. For information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406.

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, MSGR. DAN WILL CELEBRATE HIS 73RD BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR PARISHES!

**ZABAWA 2023
August 25, 26, & 27**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

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FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LUKE'S

Our faith formation program is for children in Kindergarten through 10th grade, for children wanting to receive the sacraments, and for adults wanting to join the Catholic Church. For more information or any questions, contact Sr. Carmen Maldonado. She can be reached at 814-825-6020 (ext. 5), or email faithformation@slerie.org. All public school students should register now for their religious education sessions this coming year.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 9/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 9/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky;
9/8) Steve Rimpia, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 9/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski;
9/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 9/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/5) All Who Labor; 9/6) Fr. John Detisch; 9/7) Fr. Joe Dougherty; 9/8) Fr. Bill Laska; 9/9) Fr. Alex Amico;
9/10) Fr. Rich Toohey; 9/11) Msgr. Bruce Allison

Sunday, Sep 04, 2022

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Value life above all

What does it mean to renounce possessions? Monastic tradition recognizes that even owning a spoon is spiritually dangerous if the spoon possesses us back. Most of us own far more than utensils. We might consider the example of Lutheran humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Schweitzer got a lot wrong about his medical mission in Africa. But he got one thing very right: Reverence for life is paramount, and society's resources should serve life as its primary ethical foundation. Place your worldly treasure at the service of life.

Monday, Sep 05, 2022

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Home is where the charity is

Today's commemoration of International Day of Charity got its start in Hungary to memorialize the death of Saint Mother Teresa (who died in 1997); the United Nations took it worldwide in 2012. The Missionaries of Charity, the order Mother Teresa founded continue her legacy by serving the "poorest of the poor." The sisters now run orphanages and homes for those dying of AIDS, and care for refugees, the blind, disabled, aged, alcoholics, the poor and homeless, and victims of floods, epidemics, and famine. Despite the breadth of these efforts, Mother Teresa always said, "Love begins at home." Start your charitable activity there and watch where it takes you.

Tuesday, Sep 06, 2022

1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19

"Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him."

Let the children come

Today is the first day of classes for millions of U.S. schoolchildren. Christian fantasy writer Madeleine L'Engle once made a keen observation, which is helpful as children's faith formation classes begin anew: "No wonder our youth [are] confused and in pain; they long for God, for the transcendent, and they are offered, far too often, either piety or sociology, neither of which meets their needs." They encounter churches "which have become buildings that are a safe place to go to escape the awful [awesome] demands of God." Pray for parish religious ed programs today.

Wednesday, Sep 07, 2022

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man."

Honor those who preserved the treasure

On this day in 1303, Pope Boniface VIII was attacked in his hometown of Anagni, Italy, where he was sought out for his refusal to grant favors to the French monarchy. He briefly escaped with the help of the townsfolk, but died three weeks later in Rome, refusing to back down in the face of the monarch's attempts to control the church. Pray for all those who have faced persecution and even death so that we could worship freely and without fear.

Thursday, Sep 08, 2022

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Born free

Catholics have dozens of ways to honor Mary, and today's celebration of her birth fits into that larger picture of love and reverence. Today's date is nine months after the December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is also meant to celebrate Mary's sinless condition from her very beginning. Today's feast day tends to fly below the radar in the U.S. church, but in Mangalore, India, Catholics hold flower-festooned processions, pray novenas, and prepare festive meals. It's a good day anywhere to consider Mary's radical embrace of her calling and ask her help to do the same in our lives.

Friday, Sep 09, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, JESUIT PRIEST

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

Check for blind spots

Saint Peter Claver, S.J. (1580-1654) spent most of his life in Cartagena, Columbia ministering to enslaved people arriving at the ports. He left a lasting legacy that inspired the formation of the Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African-American Catholic fraternal order in the United States; the Apostles of the Sea, who continue to minister to seafarers around the world; and the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, who serve the poor, particularly in Africa. However, like any of us—even saints—Peter had his blind spots. Though he worked tirelessly to serve those arriving in shackles, he himself enslaved people. Many Catholics at the time spoke out against slavery; Peter did not, nor did the majority of the Catholic hierarchy. Enlightenment takes time. Like Peter Claver, show compassion as you strive for clearer vision.

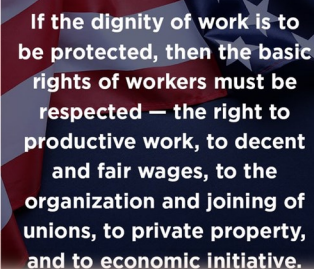
Saturday, Sep 10, 2022

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"

Help the pain

Since 2003, World Suicide Prevention Day has been observed by dozens of countries. Hosted by the International Association for Suicide Prevention, the World Federation for Mental Health, and the World Health Organization, today is marked by activities designed to make people aware of the human cost of suicide and the means of prevention. For instance, by some estimates, 22 American service veterans take their own lives every day. We've got to do everything in our power to help these souls who have been so damaged by the horror of war. Check with your local VA to see how you can help.



If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.