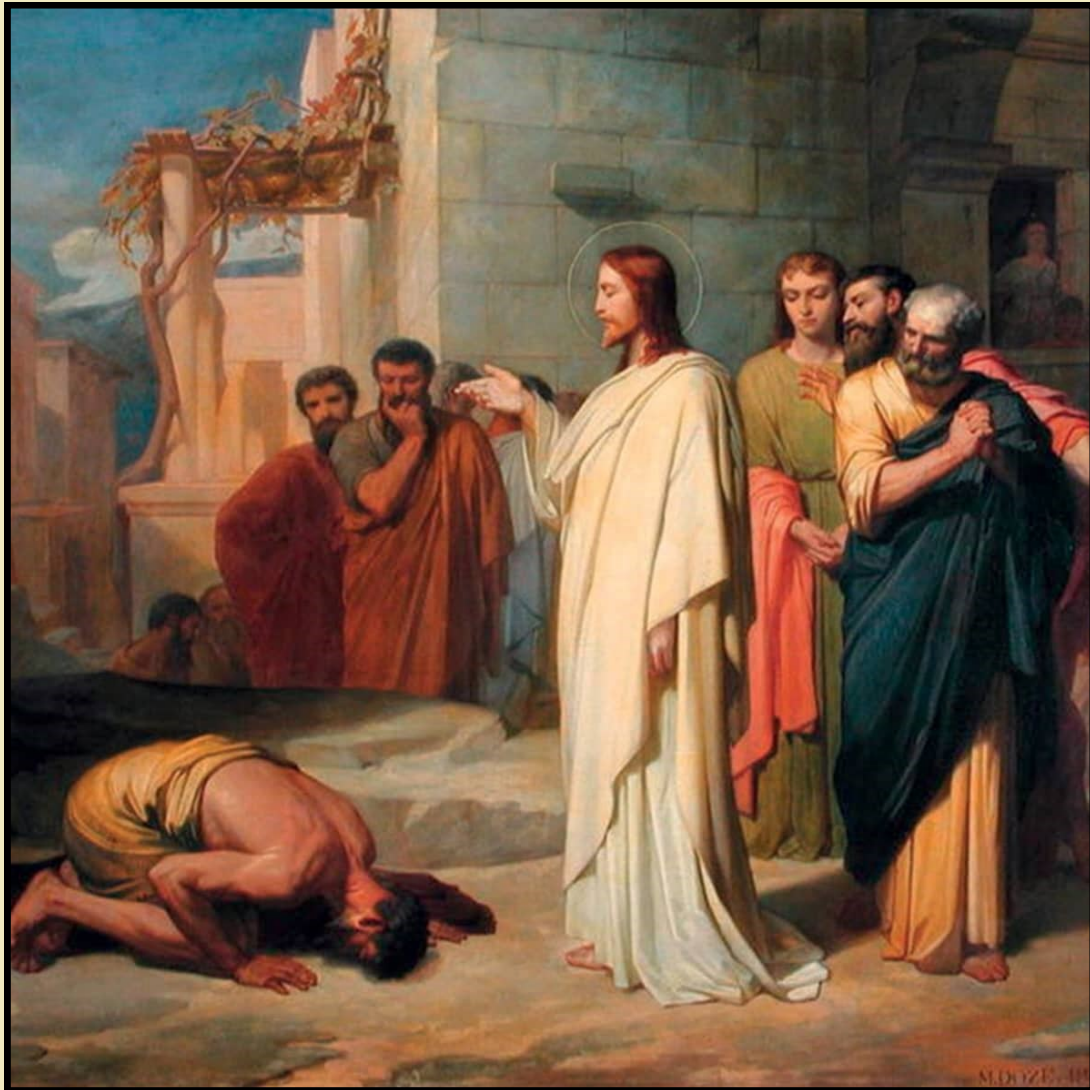


# THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## October 9, 2022



### *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)

**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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**Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM**  
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## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



**October 9, 2022**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

#### **Readings for the week of October 9, 2022**

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 [28th Sunday]  
Monday: Gal 4:22-31-5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41-48/Lk 11:37-41 [St. John XXIII]  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7 [St. Callistus]  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12 [St. Theresa of Jesus]  
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8 [29th Sunday]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

# *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 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., Oct. 10th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Oct. 11th - Lena Suizzo (Eugene & Laura Tomczak)  
 Wed., Oct. 12th - Thaddeus Mielnik (Irene Mielnik)  
 Thurs., Oct. 13th - Stanley Widomski (Joann Vodraska)  
 Fri., Oct. 14th - Eugene Tomczak (Elaine & Family)  
 Sat., Oct. 15th, 4:00PM - Richard Dombrowski (Wife & Family)  
 Sun., Oct. 16th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JOSEPHINE & GEORGE MIELNIK**, as gifted by the Sulecki Family.



## THE ZEAL OF THE CONVERT

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.” Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming. It’s not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It’s simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants. Let’s ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God’s grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don’t despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed. So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE | OCTOBER 11

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God’s plan for the saint. Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War. Saint John XXIII’s kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

## 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 **OCTOBER 19**. They can be left in the church vestibule, or brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on October 19th.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 2ND, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$58,184.00
Amount Received	\$3,566.00	\$33,295.00
Net over/under	(\$590.00)	(\$24,889.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 60; 9:00AM = 58  
 Envelopes: 70/168



## THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to all who contributed to making our annual Parish Day/A Taste of Poland such a huge success! After a couple of year’s hosting a “toned down” version, it was nice to be back in full action. Not all of the final numbers are in yet, but we will share them with you in the very near future. Again, whether cooking or serving, selling tickets or contributing to the bake sale, and all else that went into Parish Day, please know that your parish community is grateful!



# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **EUGENUSZ & JANINA SZCZEPURA**, as gifted by Dorota, Jozef, & Adrianna Scibor.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 10th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
 Tues., Oct. 11th - Robert & Shirley Kempisty (Loeffler Family)  
 Wed., Oct. 12th - All Deceased Mothers  
 Thurs., Oct. 13th - Terry Hiney (Family & Friends)  
 Fri., Oct. 14th - All Deceased Fathers  
 Sat., Oct. 15th, 5:15PM - Don Benczkowski (Mary Downing)  
 Sun., Oct. 16th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)



10/10 - Cindy Pelkowski  
 10/11 - Skip Ignaczak  
 10/12 - Shirley Schultz  
 10/13 - Micah Chernicky  
 10/14 - Julie Slomski  
 10/15 - Laura Rawa



## GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" LUKE 17:18 Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around for Christian Stewards? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

## MARRIAGE MOMENT

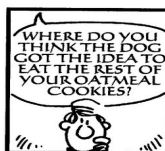
"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:19) Don't be a stranger to your spouse. Say one new thing to thank each other for today?

You thought smoking at the pump was risky 😊😊😊😊😊



THE ROSARY  
 IS A TREASURE  
 OF GRACES.

POPE PAUL V



## ZABAWA "THANK YOU" DINNER

Holy Trinity will host its annual "Thank You" dinner on Wednesday, October 19th, with snacks served at 6PM and a catered dinner by Serafin's at 6:30PM. All who volunteered are cordially invited to attend at no cost. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 2, 2022

Regular Offering: \$3,320.00 (26/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$50,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$28,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,320.00	\$31,006.00
Net (over/under):	\$920.00	\$2,206.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 44; 10:30AM = 56

## Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV)  
 The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



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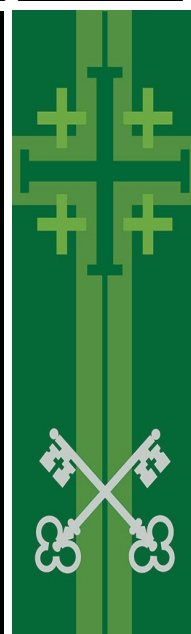
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"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

- Luke 17:13



## News for Our Partnership

### FROM THE PASTOR: PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

Fr. Dan and I try to be consistent in alternating our schedule between Holy Trinity and St. Stan's. However, sometimes circumstances cause us to change up our schedule a bit. Most commonly, this is due to weddings and hockey games. What!? Hockey games? Yes. When I was assigned to our parishes, I found a gentleman to replace me as the head coach of Gannon's hockey team. He had to step down before the start of this season due to his own professional obligations. Having exhausted my efforts to find a replacement for him, I was faced with the decision to fold the team or return to the bench. So, I dusted off my whistle, sharpened my skates, and stepped back onto the bench. Fortunately, I had enough notice to plan our season schedule so as to minimize any changes to our presider's schedule. There will be a couple of occasions, however, when Fr. Dan and I will have to switch things up, or when a guest presider may be brought in. I trust your understanding and thank Fr. Dan for his flexibility. If nothing else, it will keep all of our on your toes and guessing "Who is having mass this weekend?"

I am still actively looking for a replacement for myself and hope to find someone in the next few months, and certainly before next season.

-Fr. Jason

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

October 15 and 16 marks the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Erie. The Parishes of the Erie East Deanery invite you to come together to spend some quiet, reflective time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be three sites and times available for Eucharistic Adoration. They are as follows:

Saturday, October 15 St. Mark Lawrence Park 3:15 – 4:15  
 Sunday, October 16 St. Casimir Church 12:30 – 2:00  
 Sunday, October 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel 5:30 – 7:00

Please plan to join the Erie East Deanery as we pray for and with one another the weekend of October 15 and 16.

### ANNUAL PROLIFE ADORATION/ROSARY

Our Annual Pro-life Adoration and Rosary will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00PM at Saint Stanislaus Church. All are welcome to attend!



St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, the Mother Church of Erie's Polonia, was established in October of 1884 with the blessing of the cornerstone; however, the first Church was not formally dedicated until October of 1885.

Polish immigrants named the area where they lived after their Parish, "Stanisławowo." From St. Stanislaus Parish, the following Parishes were founded: Holy Trinity established in 1903, with the neighborhood called "Trójcowo." St. Hedwig established in 1911, with the neighborhood called "Jadwigowo." St. Casimir established in 1914, with the neighborhood called "Kazmierzowo."

Almost all Polish Parishes instituted in the Erie Diocese can be traced back to Msgr. Andrew Ignasiak, the first Pastor of St. Stanislaus. In 1907, Msgr. Ignasiak also helped institute the only Slovak Parish in Erie, Holy Family Church.

-Bobby J. Sulecki, *Erie Polonia History*

**SAINT JUDE the APOSTLE**

Pasta Dinner featuring "Ginny's Sauce"

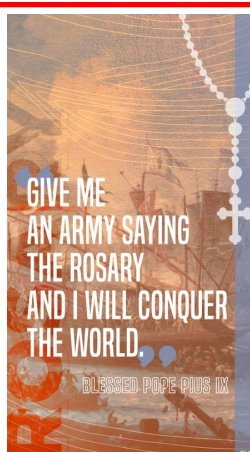
Sunday, October 23rd 11am-6pm

\$12 Pasta Dinner (2 Meatballs)  
 \$15 Chicken Parm Dinner

Special Early Bird Takeout Option  
 Saturday, Oct 22nd 4-7pm

Live Music with Dean Martin!  
 Basket Drawings, Winawette Tickets, and More!

606 Lowell Ave St. Jude School Gym



**PARENTING POINTERS:** Jesus healed 10 lepers but only 1 returned and thanked Him. (Luke 17:11-19) Although few people see lepers today, it's always worth thanking our family members and God for an act of kindness. Do it today.

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 10/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 10/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski; 10/13) Mary Brocius & Shirley Widomski; 10/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 10/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark, 10/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz, Richard Valahovic

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/10) Fr. Bill Barron; 10/11) All Vocations; 10/12) Msgr. Ed Lohse; 10/13) Fr. Scott Jabo; 10/14) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 10/15) Fr. David Perry; 10/16) Fr. David Baetzold

## Sunday, Oct 09, 2022

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

"But the word of God is not chained."

### The price we're willing to pay

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

## Monday, Oct 10, 2022

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32

"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."

### Help foster sound minds

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill. Visit the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers at catholicmhm.org.

## Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

"In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."

### Happy birthday, Vatican II

Sixty years ago today, Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council - that watershed gathering that gave us Mass celebrated in our own languages, a deeper respect for other religions, and the epiphany that laypeople are as vital to the church as its most lauded saints and clerics. In the words of Saint John XXIII, the church "allow[s] all who are enlightened by the light of Christ to understand well" their "lofty dignity and their purpose." Ask Saint John's intercession for our church, still in the midst of growing pains.

## Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

"For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."

### Always move on faith

On this day in 1932, Xavier University of Louisiana—founded seven years prior as the nation's first black Catholic university by Saint Katharine Drexel—moved to its current location in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Facing similar racist scrutiny as when she and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament originally established the school, Saint Katharine purchased the new property through an agent to avoid detection. Today the campus boasts a main building, convent, and library complex listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and an administration building that is a city of New Orleans landmark. May we all display such holy boldness in our work for justice.

## Thursday, Oct 13, 2022

Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

"You have taken away the key of knowledge."

### Forgive us our trespasses

It has now been a few months since Pope Francis apologized in Canada for the church's role in running boarding schools that profoundly hurt indigenous people. His message was both embraced for its acknowledgement of wrong and criticized for not being enough. Papal apologies are relatively new, beginning with Pope John Paul II apologizing in the 1980s for the church's role in the slave trade. Since then, popes have asked forgiveness for sexual abuse, treatment of Jews, and inaction during the Holocaust. An apology is a first step toward repairing a wrong. Reflecting on your own life, have you taken that step when needed?

## Friday, Oct 14, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

"Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

### Hints of heaven

On crisp fall days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at a bright blue sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

## Saturday, Oct 15, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

"... everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."

### Two saints for two centuries

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

