

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

November 22, 2020



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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

*** Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ez 34:11-17/Ps 23:1-6/1 Cor 15:20-28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3-8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16-19; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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

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

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

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

Sacrament of the Sick: 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 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 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.

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., Nov. 23rd - Stephen & Helen Pawlak (Richard & Patricia Mielnik)
 Tues., Nov. 24th - Irene Chrzanowski (Mark Lacy & Maria Wawrzyniak)
 Wed., Nov. 25th - Ed Czulewicz (Bob & Betty Nowakowski)
 Thurs., Nov. 26th - Inter, Mojzesz, & Dudenhoeffer Families
 Fri., Nov. 27th - James Speice (Mary Lou & Family)
 Sat., Nov. 28th, 4:00PM - Joe Wiczorek (Family)
 Sun., Nov. 19th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

CHRISTMAS PIEROGI AND CZARNINA SALE

Stock up on your Polish favorites in time for your Christmas celebrations! Czarnina with noodles is \$10 per quart. Pierogi are \$10 for a half dozen; \$20 for a dozen. Pre-order only. **Order deadline is December 5th.** Phone-In Pre-Orders:



Alice: 814-825-0724
 John: 814-572-0755
 Jackie: 814-881-9862
 Becky: 814-823-4506

Orders can be picked up in the Social Hall the weekend of **December 19th-20th.**



Our sanctuary candle burns for **HEALTH CARE WORKERS CARING FOR COVID PATIENTS** as gifted by Janet & Jim Piotrowski.



OPLATKI...

... will be available for a monetary donation in the vestibule following Masses beginning November 28-29. They can also be picked up in the Parish Office M-F, 9AM-3PM.

MONTHLY SCRIP ORDER SCHEDULE

Christmas is fast approaching. Consider the gift of Scrip cards! They work just like gift cards, except that the parish receives a "kick back" for each one purchased. Order forms are available in the Parish Office or in the back of the church. The following is the order/pick up schedule:

ORDER ON	AVAILABLE BY
November 28-29.....	December 5-6
December 12-13.....	December 19-20
December 26-27.....	January 2-3



Looks like I'm going to be fine, after all!
 - Fr. Jason
 [Anyone whose been around the sport knows how true this could be!]

CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00
 Pledges: \$36,195.00
 Paid To Date: \$33,975.00

Thank you for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 15, 2020)

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Due to an earlier publication deadline because of the Thanksgiving holiday, our financial information could not be published this week.

A NEW BEGINNING

We would like to restore our liturgical ministries (except for the service of Eucharistic Ministers during Mass). If you are a lector or altar server, or would like to become one, **please call the parish office** to let Debbie know that you are comfortable returning to your ministry. If you are not yet comfortable ministering, that's OK, too. We will be ready to welcome you back when you are ready to return! It is my intent to have a schedule for liturgical ministers compiled before the beginning of Advent.

RECTORY RELOCATION

In last week's bulletin, I announced that the Parish Offices were being relocated to the Nazareth Center. There were several reasons that led to this decision. The initial consideration occurred at the beginning of the pandemic. While we tried to continue normal office operations, the number of people stopping by for various and legitimate reasons increased the chances of Debbie or I becoming infected. As well as the parish office, the rectory is also my home. Had I been exposed and needed to quarantine, we would essentially have to close the offices for 14 days; that did not seem reasonable. Secondly, with my almost-daily exposure to Gannon students, fraternity brothers, and hockey players, I am at high risk to exposure. Again, contracting the virus would warrant the closure of the offices for the duration of my quarantine. Additionally, as my grandfather always said, the worst thing you can do to a house is leave it empty. The Nazareth Center is a wonderful, and underutilized, facility - and it perfectly suits the needs of our parish office and our operations. Not only does it allow Debbie and I to work in private offices, it also provides a meeting space (the kitchenette area) and allows for chapel visits from parishioners during our office hours. For these, and other reasons besides, I made the decision to relocate. Thank you for your patience during this transition, and for understanding the rationale behind the decision.

- Fr. Jason

Holy Trinity Parish Community

A NEW BEGINNING

Advent always marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. It will also mark the transitioning of our liturgical celebrations back into the church building.

We would also like to restore our liturgical ministries, as well (except for the service of Eucharistic Ministers during Mass). If you are a lector or altar server, or would like to become one, **please call the parish office** to let Mary Ann know that you are comfortable returning to your ministry. If you are not yet comfortable ministering, that's OK, too. We will be ready to welcome you back when you are ready to return! It is my intent to have a schedule for liturgical ministers compiled before the beginning of Advent.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 23rd - Frances Conway (Family)
 Tues., Nov. 24th - John Figurski (Marlene Figurski)
 Wed., Nov. 25th - The Souls in Purgatory
 Thurs., Nov. 26th, 9:30AM - Thanksgiving Mass at Saint Stanislaus
 Fri., Nov. 27th - Living & Deceased Fathers of Holy Trinity
 Sat., Nov. 28th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Nov. 29th, 10:30AM - Maria Jarema, Joseph Jarema Sr., & Orest Jarema (Irene Wowk Hawryschuk & Family)



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of the **JOHN & MILLIE GOCAL FAMILY** as gifted by Shirley & Nancy Schultz.



11/22 – Susan Carpenter
 11/25 – Erin McCracken
 11/24 – Daniel Brieger
 11/27 – Frances Macrino,
 Jacquie Orzechowski,
 Theresa Tomczak &
 Keith Zambrzycki

Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

Orders are being taken until December 7th for Holy Trinity's Christmas Market sponsored by our PCEP families. Credit cards are accepted and payment is due at the time of ordering. Stock up for the holidays! Cookies, pierogi, nut rolls, sweet breads, oplatki, and more! Orders can be picked up in the Social Hall on December 18th from 4-7PM, and December 19th from 9AM-Noon. Order forms are available at www.holytrinityrc.org, at the Parish Office, or by calling Edith at 814.456.5300.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

What does it mean to be a King (or Queen)? According to the Gospel it means to feed the hungry & thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the ill and imprisoned. (Mt: 25). Discuss with your beloved how you can do one of these this week. Yes, feed your kids, plus what else?

FAMILY SERVICES: COAT DRIVE

Boxes will be in the Social Center from November 1st - 29th to collect any donations of new or gently used coats.

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CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00
 Pledges: \$24,742.00
 Paid: \$23,732.00
 Families Contributing: 69



Unto the Least of These

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)



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LEAST	BLESSED	THRONE	SICK	EAT
GLORY	LIFE	ANGELS	DRINK	THIRSTY
BROTHERS	FATHER	ETERNAL	PRISON	COME

"Whatever you did for the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40

News for Our Partnership

THANKSGIVING MASS

Monsignor Magraw will celebrate a **9:30AM MASS AT SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH** on Thanksgiving morning. All are invited and welcome to attend.



Warmest Thanksgiving wishes from our rectories to your homes! We are thankful for every one of you! Thank you for all your do for our parishes!

- Fr. Jason & Fr. Dan

Fr. Jason finished his teaching obligations at Gannon University this past Thursday. Fr. Dan will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Day Mass so that Fr. Jason can spend some time this week with his family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Due to a modified Covid academic calendar, Fr. Jason will not resume teaching until January 25th.

#iGiveCatholic 2020

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is facilitating the 2020 #iGiveCatholic Giving Day. With your participation, we look forward to surpassing our 2020 donations. Especially during this year of pandemic, your support of local Catholic organizations is critical.

On December 1st, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day, your gift will help your parish receive extra funds for ongoing projects for the upkeep for our parish maintenance and improvements. **Every gift of \$25 or more will go further with matching funds provided by local matching funds sources!** You can make a difference with your gift.

All gifts you make to your respective parish from November 16th - 30th (advanced giving period), or on December 1 "Giving Day," either online or offline through a gift of cash or check directly to your parish, will increase our impact by allowing us to maintain our facilities. Visit <https://erie.igivecatholic.org> for more information, or to make an online donation.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

St. Stanislaus and Holy Trinity Parish Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th and Friday November 27th so that our staff may enjoy the holiday with their families. We will resume normal hours of operation on Monday, November 30th.

A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives.

What Gifts have You given me?

How have I Received love from others?

How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?

Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?

Where have I missed Your movements?

Have I used my Talents at the service of other?

Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?

How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?

Help me give Everything back to You!



"Amazon Smile" is a website operated by Amazon that let's you enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping as is found on "amazon.com." The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the "Amazon Smile Foundation" will donate a percentage of the purchase price directly to our respective parishes. To start, simply follow the link:

Saint Stan's: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-0967487>

Holy Trinity: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1091810>

TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION

Of the many challenges the pandemic has imposed on us in our parishes' ability to communicate frequently and efficiently with our people. Mass mailings are too cost prohibitive. We would like to begin building a parish e-mail distribution list. To be included on this list, **please send Fr. Jason an email at glover001@gannon.edu.** Indicate who in your household will have access to the email.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 11/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 11/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 11/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman; 11/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 11/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 11/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundry; 11/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11/22) Fr. Dan Hoffman; 11/23) Fr. Dennis Hadberg; 11/24) Bishop Lawrence Persico; 11/25) Msgr. Cas Bogniak; 11/26) Fr. William Fischer, O.S.F.S.; 11/27) Msgr. Edward Lohse; 11/28) Fr. Bill Miller

Sunday, Nov 22, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

You decide

Ezekiel 34:11-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

"These will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The church year ends this week. Along with that we're invited to consider another ending: our mortality. What goes on in eternity, anyway? Thomas Aquinas declares that God and eternity are the same. When we go from here, we go to God. How we experience the Divine Presence depends on whether our lives have become fully compatible with Love. Francis de Sales envisions Jesus saying to us: "Be it done as you desire; and because of what you have done, come, enjoy eternity." The desire of my heart will be answered: Will the choice be a life of love?

Monday, Nov 23, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTÍN PRO, PRIEST, MARTYR

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

"This poor widow put in more than all the rest."

Mexican Jesuit priest Miguel Pro was executed on fabricated charges in 1927 by a fiercely anti-clerical government. Pro had served the persecuted church by secretly celebrating the sacraments. He was killed by firing squad while holding a rosary in one hand and a crucifix in the other, his arms stretched out in imitation of the crucified Christ, shouting "Long live Christ the King!" His death energized the resistance. We may not be called to such dramatic sacrifice, but can we give up some comfort and convenience to fight for the greater good?

Tuesday, Nov 24, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Holiness in high numbers

Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11

"Reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come."

Nine times in the liturgical lineup of feast days we memorialize a canonized person or two "and companions." All were martyrs and many had been foreign missionaries. Today's memorial honors Andrew Dũng-Lạc, a Vietnamese priest beheaded in 1839 for promoting Christianity; he's joined by another 117 killed in Vietnam, tortured and martyred during the 18th and 19th centuries. Just as we began this month with the feast of All Saints - honoring a multitude of holy unknowns—may every instance of "and companions" encourage us to call to mind the "great cloud of witnesses."

Wednesday, Nov 25, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Raise your voice

Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

"They will seize and persecute you... they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Christian tradition holds that Catherine of Alexandria (287-305) was an eloquent young Christian convert who challenged the Emperor Maxentius' persecution of Christians. That faithful courage led to her own martyrdom. The United Nations has declared today the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, asking the world to recognize that "violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent, and devastating human rights violations in our world today."

Thursday, Nov 26, 2020

THANKSGIVING DAY

Give thanks, indeed

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

This Thanksgiving won't be celebrated the way many of us hoped and imagined back when the pandemic started. And yet, we are alive. Most of us reading these words can breathe freely. The virus has reminded us to never again take these simple matters for granted. One of our wisest teachers about prayer, Dominican priest Meister Eckhardt (1260-1329), said: If the only prayer you ever said in your entire life is thank you, that would suffice. Even amid hard times, giving thanks to God is appropriate. Let it be your prayer today.

Friday, Nov 27, 2020

Turn the page

Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33

"Then another scroll was opened, the Book of Life."

The dead were judged according to their deeds."

The "Book of Life" is mentioned several times in the Bible. A bit like the contact list you keep on your phone, the Book of Life is the figurative expression of how God is said to keep track of those heading for heavenly repose united with the Divine. According to Jewish tradition, God opens the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah and leaves it open for 10 days, until Yom Kippur. During those days, believers spend time repenting of their sins and amending their lives in order to be written into the Book of Life. If there's something you need to repent, today is a good day to turn the page.

Saturday, Nov 28, 2020

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Call forth your best self

Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

"These words are trustworthy and true."

Perhaps you've heard that Jesus' life was foreshadowed in passages from the Hebrew scripture that predated him. But were you aware that Mary's life and role in salvation history might have been as well? The prophet Isaiah (7:14) speaks of a young woman (sometimes translated as a "virgin") who will give birth to a son she will name Emmanuel, meaning "God with us." Mary has been "going ahead" of us for generations, a role model beckoning us to live our best lives, regardless of how improbable, even miraculous, that might turn out to be.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.



