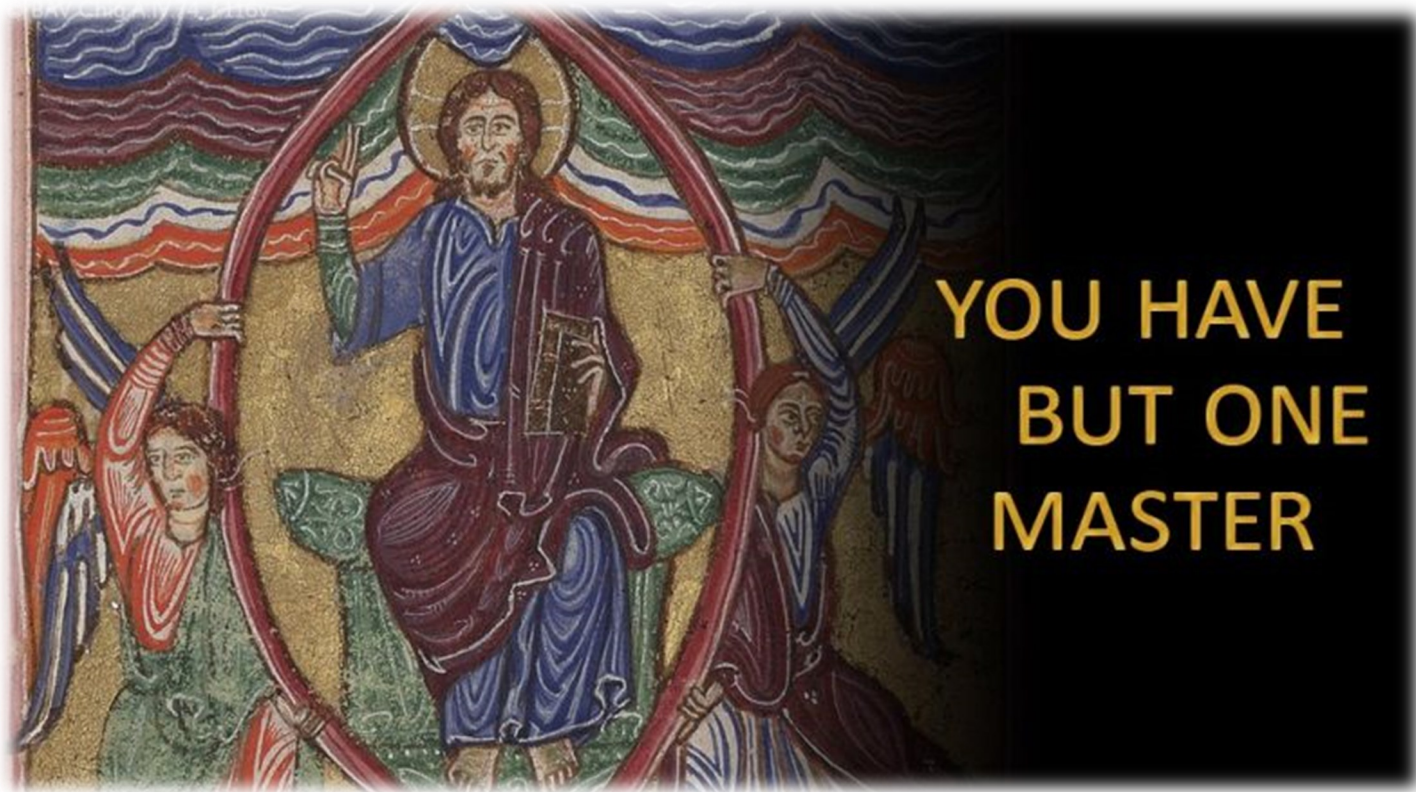


THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5, 2023



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**

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

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

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

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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., Nov. 6th - Private Intention
 Tues., Nov. 7th - Tom & Sue Ruffley (Tom & Sharon Zielinski)
 Wed., Nov. 8th - Natalie Jean Hesse (Sr. Madeleine)
 Thurs., Nov. 9th - Joseph Macioch (Family)
 Fri., Nov. 10th - Richard Dombrowski (Mikielski Family)
 Sat., Nov. 11th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Nov. 12th, 9:00AM - Helen Kaliszewski (Family)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **DUDEHOFER FAMILY**, as gifted by the Family.



IN MEMORIUM

A Memorial Mass was celebrated for **Dorothy Fearn** on Saturday, October 28th. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Jeremy Lamp** on Monday, October 30th. Please keep them and their families and loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

St. Stanislaus Women's Society will host its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd. They will also hold the drawing for their Christmas Raffle (two \$500 winners). Tickets are now being sold for the raffle. They can be purchased from any Women's Society member, in the sacristy, or in the Parish Office. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Liturgical minister schedules are available in the sacristy. If you have a special request for future schedules (e.g., certain weekends off, Saturday Mass only, etc.), please contact Michelle Inter.

POLISH COOKBOOKS

We have replenished our supply of Polish Cookbooks. They are located in the vestibule of the church. Please leave a \$20 donation. They can also be shipped to your loved ones for and additional postage fee of \$5.

ALTAR LIGHTING

New replacement spotlights for the altar have been ordered. We decided to spend a little more money to purchase LED lights in order to save on energy costs and to extending their life-span. Thank you to the Holy Name Society for funding their purchase. We are still exploring safer ways to replace them. We'll keep you posted...

THANK YOU

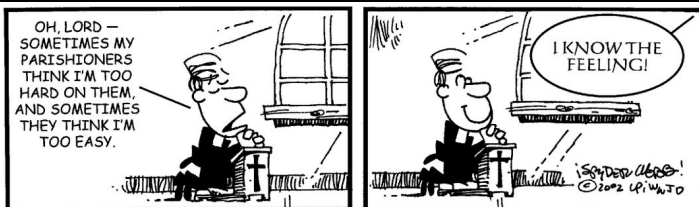
Warm thanks to Bobby Sulecki for displaying his poster boards throughout the month of October, "Polish Heritage Month." We appreciate your work and your research!

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$74,808.00
Amount Received	\$2086.00	\$40,193.00
Net over/under	(\$2,070.00)	(\$34,615.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 68; 9:00AM = 58

Envelopes: 57/168



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DECEASED OF HOLY TRINITY & FAMILIES OF OUR PARISHIONERS.**



11/07 - Pamela Zrbzeznj & James Godzwa
11/08 - Christopher Beres

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 6th - Living & Deceased Mothers
Tues., Nov. 7th - Scott Pohl (Patty, Ed, & Anna)
Wed., Nov. 8th - Kulig, Lasczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Thurs., Nov. 9th - Stanley Kniewski (Family)
Fri., Nov. 10th - Msgr. Richard Stack (Friends)
Sat., Nov. 11th, 5:15PM - John & Veronica Sybyl (Skip & Theresa)
Sun., Nov. 12th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)

A HEAVY BURDEN, HARD TO CARRY

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."
My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my *hard work*.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$1,976.00 (28/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$72,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$40,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,976.00	\$47,002.00
Net (over/under):	(\$424.00)	\$6,502.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 40; 10:30AM = 62

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

We are asking worshippers to bring down the gifts at the offertory. If you would like to do this, please see one of the Ushers when you arrive at Mass or call the Parish Office in advance and we will put you down for the Mass you want. It is always nice to have families participate in the Mass when the intention is for their loved one.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We could use some additional Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Adult and School Age Altar Servers. The New Schedule will begin in January 2024. Training or Mentoring by someone already in the liturgical ministry will be provided. To serve as a Eucharistic, there are some requirements and more training involved. If you are interested in serving your parish in one of these ministries, please call the parish office with your information. If you have questions, please speak to Father Jason or Msgr. Dan. Those already in any of these ministries, if you have special requests, please drop us a note or email the parish office, address on the bulletin cover.

Practice What You Preach

But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. Matthew 23:3b (NIV)
Based on Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)



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BROTHERS	FINGER	IMPORTANT	MOSES	HEAVY
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"The greatest among you must be your servant."

- Matthew 23:11

News for Our Partnership

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical year, which begins on December 3rd, are available in the sacristy. Please take one workbook per household. More can be ordered, if necessary.

BENEFIT

For Sarah Chermack

to help defray medical expenses.

Sunday December 3rd

Holy Trinity Social Hall

2220 Reed St.

Noon until 5pm



Food, refreshments, 50/50, games of chance and raffles.

\$10.00 Donation, tickets available at the door.

For tickets/info, please call:

Liz 814-722-0015 or Edie 814-450-5780



ST. STANISLAUS WOMEN'S SOCIETY BINGO

All CASH prizes!!!

* Instant and 50/50 Raffle

- **Sunday, November 5th 1:00pm**, (Doors Open at Noon)
 - Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
 - \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each additional package
 - Kitchen Food Available
 - Gift Basket Raffle and Lottery Ticket Tree
 - Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!
- Walk Ins Welcome



Holy Trinity
Ushers' Society
Guys & Gals
Pre-Election Get-Together

To Benefit Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday, November 5, 2023

4:00pm - 7:00pm

6:00pm Introduction of Candidates

\$15.00 Admission Includes:

Ox Roast, Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dogs,
Chicken Wings, Beverages

★ **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND** ★



Holy Trinity Social Center
East 23rd & Reed St.



THANK YOU VETERANS!

Lord God,
we are ever
mindful of the
cost paid for
the liberty we
possess, we ask
that you bless
the members of
our armed forces.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 11/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 11/8) Steve Rimpia, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 11/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski; 11/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 11/11) Sandy Kempisty; 11/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski; 11/13) Mary Brocius & Shirley Widomski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11/6) Fr. Ray Hahn; 11/7) Fr. Tom Alexia; 11/8) Fr. Ben Daghir; 11/9) Fr. John Jacquel; 11/10) Fr. Chris Beran; 11/11) Fr. Mark Nowak; 11/12) Fr. Monty Sayers; 11/13) Fr. Joe Dougherty

Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12
“...we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God,
but our very selves as well.”

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to pray for vocations, invite likely candidates to consider them, and educate others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun."

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. No matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24

"We... are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

"Love does no evil to the neighbor; love is the fulfillment of the law."

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
"Zeal for your house will consume me."

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

"I will not dare to speak of anything except
what Christ has accomplished through me."

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

"No servant can serve two masters."

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.



A good Catholic meddles in politics,
offering the best of himself, so that
those who govern can govern. But
what is the best that we can offer to
those who govern? Prayer!

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

ELECTION DAY
IS COMING UP!

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