

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 7, 2021



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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



November 7, 2021 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt.... And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22-8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

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 Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

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. 8th - Private Intention
 Tues., Nov. 9th - Deceased Members of the Ewiak Family
 Wed., Nov. 10th - Edward Czulewicz (JR & Becky Flahart)
 Thurs., Nov. 11th - Stanley Widomski (Margaret Lengyel)
 Fri., Nov. 12th - Helen Kaliszewski (Family)
 Sat., Nov. 13th, 4:00PM - Ed & Helen Maciejewski (Family)
 Sun., Nov. 14th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The next regular meeting of the Women's Society will be held on Sunday, November 14th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are warmly invited to attend.



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

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Traditionally, the Catholic Church has set aside the month of November as a time to remember our deceased loved ones. As we have in the past, memorial forms are available in the church if you care to include your loved ones in our memorial.

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Baked Goods are needed for the SSJ Soup Kitchen for Monday, November 15th. They are asking for individually wrapped treats like "Hostess Twinkies" or "Little Debbie's" snack cakes. All donated goods can be dropped off at the church vestibule Sunday, November 14th, between 9:00AM - Noon, or brought to the Nazareth Center on Monday, November 15th, between 2:00-3:00PM. *No deserts will be needed in September.*

CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY

If you know of a relative or friend who is a parishioner and is currently in a nursing home or assisted care facility, could you please inform the Parish Office (814-452-6606), Fr. Jason, or Rose Marie Radomski. We want to make sure that they remain connected to our parish, and we would like to update our current information. A list of parishioners in such facilities can be found on the bulletin boards in the vestibule.

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar. We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before. Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty. See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving, of serving, hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation. Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BLESSED CHIARA LUCE BADANO



A happy child, Blessed Chiara enjoyed tennis, swimming, singing and dancing. She had started contemplating religious life as a missionary when, at 16, she was diagnosed with cancer in her shoulder. The cancer spread to her spine and left her paralyzed. She dedicated the remainder of her life to prayer. Of her condition, she said, "I suffer greatly physically, but my soul sings." Toward the end of her life, she wrote, "I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love." She died just shy of 19 years old, on October 7, 1990. She was declared "Blessed" on July 3, 2008.

WEEKLY OFFERING (OCTOBER 31, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$74,808.00
Amount Received	\$2,072.00	\$48,722.00
Net over/under	(\$2,084.00)	(\$26,086.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = N/A; 9:00AM = 49
 Envelopes: 57/168



So bills are washed, the laundry is paid, the clothes are in the oven and the last load of dinner is in the dryer... who says I can't multitask?



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **KATHYLEEN BENES**, as gifted by Kathy & Pearl.



11/08 - Christopher Beres

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 8th - Patricia Stuczynski (Lillian & Family)
 Tues., Nov. 9th - Don Benczkowski (Rose Marie Bargielski)
 Wed., Nov. 10th - Msgr. Richard Stack, on his birthday
 Thurs., Nov. 11th - Christine Kempisty Moles (J. & J. Waldemarson)
 Fri., Nov. 12th - Kathyleen Benes (Kathy & Pearl)
 Sat., Nov. 13th, 5:15PM - Helen Matusiak (Deacon Tom)
 Sun., Nov. 14th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift of time by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course, it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him. The use of material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both the love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many **LITTLE MOMENTS** which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.



What do you call a deer with no eyes? "No-i-deer." What do you call a deer with no eyes and no legs? "Still-no-i-deer."

The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42
 Based on Mark 12:38-44



G F O E A E L L L A M S B L D
 E K N R E V D T X A N O S Y T
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PENNY	PLACE	TRUTH	DISCIPLES	TEMPLE
JESUS	TREASURY	MONEY	POVERTY	AMOUNT
MORE	WIDOW	COINS	RICH	OFFERING
LARGE	WEALTH	EVERYTHING	COPPER	POOR

HELLO NOVEMBER

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021

Regular Offering: \$1,149.00 (23/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$48,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$38,411.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,149.00	\$41,520.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,216.00)	\$3,109.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 27; 10:30AM = 42

"[Christ] will appear a second time... to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him."

- Hebrews 27:28

News for Our Partnership

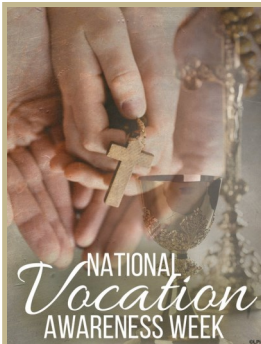
UPDATE

Again, many thanks for you concern. The doctor I'm currently seeing seems to think that my hip pain is more of a muscle issue than a bone problem. He is treating me with an anti-inflammatory and recommending physical therapy. It surely seems to be working. Thankfully, he suggests that any talk of a replacement is well down the road.

- Fr. Jason

#GIVECATHOLIC

Both of our parishes will, once again, be participating in the #GIVECATHOLIC fundraising campaign. The goal of #iGiveCatholic is to rally our Catholic community in support of our parishes and ministries. Secure, tax-deductible donations to eligible Catholic organizations located in participating dioceses are given at www.iGiveCatholic.org during a 24-hour period on #GivingTuesday, November 30, and during the Advanced Giving Day phase beginning at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 15 through 11:59 PM on Monday, November 29. Offline gifts of cash and checks are encouraged and given directly to our parishes during this same period.



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

MERCYHURST PREP OPEN HOUSE

Mercyhurst Prep will host an open house on Sunday, November 7th, from Noon - 3PM. Guided tour of the school, including visits to the innovative classrooms, renovated performing arts center, and the expansive athletic wing. Information will be provided about Mercyhurst's three levels of academic concentration: College Prep, Honors, and International Baccalaureate (IB). Save time at the Open House by registering at msslakers.com/openhouse. Apply to Mercyhurst Prep online at msslakers.com/admissions on or before November 7 to become eligible to win one of five \$1,000 tuition vouchers for the 2022-2023 school year!



Veterans Day, originally celebrated as Armistice Day, was first issued on November 11, 1919, by President Woodrow Wilson a year after the end of World War I.

The purpose of Armistice Day was to honor the fallen soldiers of the Great War for their sacrifice and bravery. Seven years later, in 1926, Congress adopted a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations on November 11, making Armistice Day a legal holiday.

HOLIDAY REMINDER: AMAZON SMILES

As the holidays draw near, we just wanted to remind you of our participation in the "Amazon Smile" program. "Amazon Smiles" is a website operated by Amazon that lets 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>

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/8) Steve Rimpa, & Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 11/9) Marcia Nitzczynski & Rose Marie Radomski;
11/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 11/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski;
11/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 11/13) Deacon Tom Matusiak & Shirley Widomski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11/8) Fr. Rick Tomasone; 11/9) Fr. Robert Horgas; 11/10) Fr. Bob Manning; 11/11) Fr. Chris Singer;
11/12) Fr. Henry Andrae; 11/13) Fr. Vince Cieslewicz

Sunday, Nov 07, 2021

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A joyous calling

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

"[This widow], from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

When we hear the word "vocation," the first thing that may come to mind is "sacrifice." Doesn't it imply God is asking us to give up something precious—like the rest of our lives and our freedom? No wonder we run from the idea whenever it surfaces! But if you ask a priest or religious sister or brother about what vocation means to them, words frequently uttered include joy, meaning, and peace. Listen to some who answered their inner longing speak of their joy here, and pray for vocations this National Vocation Awareness Week.

Monday, Nov 08, 2021

Mary, all the way

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

Nuestra Señora de los Treinta y Tres, or Our Lady of the Thirty-Three, also known as the Liberator of Uruguay, is the patron of that country. The image of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary was venerated by a group of 33 revolutionaries whose actions led to the founding of modern Uruguay, and there are still pilgrimages every November to the cathedral where this image is enshrined. Mary helps all of us along the way, on the pilgrimage of life, to the liberation of her son. Honor her on her feast day today by offering prayers of praise to the one who set us free from sin.

Tuesday, Nov 09, 2021

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

We gather together

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

"No one can lay a foundation other than... Jesus Christ."

Saint Paul says we're each a temple of the Holy Spirit. Saint Peter calls us the "living stones" of the church. But having a physical place to gather and worship is of practical importance, too; it's where we forge the bonds of Christian community and celebrate Christ's Incarnation. And so, after Emperor Constantine's edict in 313—allowing persecuted Christians to come out of hiding and be public in their practice—it's significant that he gifted a young church with the Lateran properties. How can you help your own parish maintain Christian community, knowing COVID has kept many from physically gathering?

Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021

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

Follow the good doctor's advice

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

"Authority was given you by the Lord and sovereignty by the Most High, who shall probe your works and scrutinize your counsels."

The Latin word "doctor" means teacher, and so we have a number of them within the church to whom we look for inspiration and guidance on matters of significance of faith and belief. Leo the Great, whose feast we celebrate today, is one of those "doctors" whose teachings have helped form the foundation upon which we stand today as Catholic Christians. In Saint Leo's case, it was his defense of the doctrine of Christ's Incarnation—that Jesus is fully human and fully divine—that won him fame as a stalwart of the faith. Honor Leo by living fully the divine love showered upon you.

Thursday, Nov 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Give us wisdom to confront and ease poverty

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25

"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Saint Martin of Tours, today's saint, is famous for tearing his cloak in two to give half to a beggar. With poverty entrenched in our world, knowing how to overcome it ourselves or how to help those who are afflicted is a constant. Perhaps the Wisdom of God, uplifted in the first reading for today, can give guidance. In the footsteps of Saint Martin, we Christians turn to "Wisdom a spirit intelligent, holy, unique" to respond to the many kinds of pain inflicted by poverty.

Friday, Nov 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Don't let passion trump compassion

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

"If they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?"

Saint Josaphat, Basilian monk and church reformer, born around 1580, worked to consolidate the Eastern and Western Christian Churches and was part of the "uniat" camp in Lithuania that supported union with Rome. Try as he might, Josaphat couldn't persuade all of his compatriots of the value of a unified Catholic Church, and his detractors claimed he had "gone Latin." Those against the union eventually stormed the bishop's residence and murdered him. Passions run deep when it comes to religion and politics, but, like Josaphat, never lose sight of the ultimate commandment for Christians: to love neighbor, friend, and enemy alike.

Saturday, Nov 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, FOUNDER

Celebrate a saint for immigrants

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones..."

As we wrap up National Vocation Awareness Week, we celebrate one of the truly great American vocations of the 20th century, Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be made a saint. She came to the United States from Italy in 1889 to help the flood of immigrants coming to America. Starting with nothing, she founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals to provide support for her fellow immigrants. In her spirit, reach out to immigrants in need—documented or otherwise—they are everywhere to be found these days.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

