

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020



“The Raising of Lazarus,” Pieter Lastman (1622)

Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 5:00PM;
Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED



Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



March 29th, 2020
5th Sunday of Lent

There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 [5th Sunday of Lent]

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-6262/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59 [St. Francis of Paola]

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56 [St. Isidore]

Next Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 27:11-54 [Palm 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 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., March 30th, 8:00AM - Dec. Mem. of Immaculate Conception (Gambill)
 Tues., March 31st, 8:00AM - Scott Anthony Ciecierski (K & J Ciecierski)
 Wed., April 1st, 8:00AM - Deacon Bob Walker (Prayer Shawl Group)
 Thurs., April 2nd, 8:00AM - Joseph Zawistowski (Stan & Betty Bialomizy)
 Fri., April 3rd, 8:00AM - Carl, Francis, and Charles Trochowski (Family)
 Sat., April 4th, 4:00PM - Paul & Mary Konkol & Sons (Tom Konkol)
 Sun., April 5th, 9:30AM - The People of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION

Our Parish Office is operating under limited hours. The Office will be open from 9:30AM - Noon. If you need to stop by, we ask that you call in advance. We are attempting to minimize interpersonal contact, as advised by the CDC. We prefer to conduct most business by phone, or by using the mailbox for pick-up or drop-off.



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ALBERT CLEMENT** as gifted by Helen Z.

LOTTERY NOTICE

The Holy Name Society tickets for the "1st Day of the Month" lottery will no longer be available. Many thanks to those who supported this fundraising endeavor over the years. The Holy Name Society has decided, instead, to continue the "31 Day Lottery," as they did in January. The next lottery will take place in May. Tickets are now available for \$5. See a member of the Holy Name Society to purchase yours, or pick one up at the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PROCEDURES

Eucharistic Adoration will be made available during this time of fasting from the public celebration of the Mass. The church will be opened at 10:00AM-3:00PM. We need to track visitors, so sign-in sheets will be located at the church entrances. Please print you name, phone number, and time of visitation. This information will be tremendously useful if, God forbid, a visitor were to come down with the virus. Medical authorities would then be able contact others who were present in the church at the same time and provide them with medically useful information. We ask that you sanitize as you enter the church and maintain appropriate social distancing, which the CDC recommends 6 feet of separation.



**Whoever owes you
money
Go to their house now
They should be home.**

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Channel 3 - Sunday at 10:00AM
Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM
Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM
Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM, 12:00PM, & 7:00PM
 Or visit www.TheSundayMass.org

WEEKLY OFFERING (MARCH 15, 2020)

This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00
Amount Received	\$488.00
Net over/under.....	(\$3,668.00)

Mass Attendance:
 4:00PM = 0
 9:30AM = 0



"Tonight before falling asleep
 think about
 when we will return to the street.
 When we hug again,
 when all the shopping together
 will seem like a party.

Let's think about
 when the coffees
 will return to the bar,
 the small talk,
 the photos close to each other.

We think about
 when it will be all a memory
 but normalcy will seem
 an unexpected and beautiful gift.

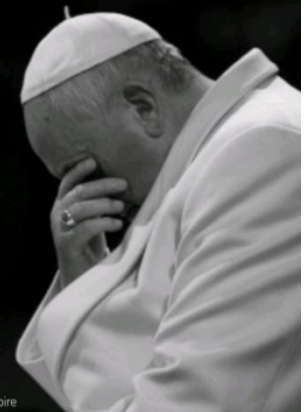
We will love everything
 that has so far seemed futile to us.
 Every second will be precious.
 Swims at the sea,
 the sun until late,
 sunsets, toasts, laughter.

We will go back
 to laughing together.

Strength and courage."

- Pope Francis -

#IgnitedToInspire



CSA COMMITMENT SUNDAY UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00
 Pledges to Date: \$23,780.00
 Amount Collected: \$14,630.00

Thank you for the 70 families who have committed!
 Together, let us reach our goal so we can move forward on our improvement projects. If you haven't yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so.

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 Tues., March 31st, 8:00AM - Basil Ronzitti (Patty, Ed, & Anna Czulewicz)
 Wed., April 1st, 8:00AM - Intention of the Priest
 Thurs., April 2nd, 8:00AM - Mary Lanuha (Daughter, L. Maciulewicz, & Fam.)
 Fri., April 3rd, 8:00AM - Carl Milewski (Soldiers & Sailors Home)
 Sat., April 4th, 4:00PM - Living & Deceased Members Holy Trinity Choir
 Sun., April 5th, 10:00AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)



The sanctuary candle burns in memory of **DIANNE BERNARD** (gifted by Pearl & Kathy Wisniewski).

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last Saturday, March 21st, for **WANDA RESZKOWSKI**. Also, remember **RITA SLOMSKI** who passed away last weekend. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers.

Kinda feeling like the
 Earth just sent us all to
 our rooms to think about
 what we've done.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to remember living or deceased family members this Easter with a donation toward the flowers and plants please return your envelope with the names by Monday, April 6th.

WEEKLY OFFERING (MARCH 22, 2020)

Regular Offertory..... \$838.00 (11/146 mailed)
 Loose Cash.....\$0.00
 Total Offertory.....\$838.00
 Mass Attendance: 5:00PM = 0 / 10:00AM = 0

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal	\$3,000.00
Amount we need	\$2,365.00
Amount Received	\$838.00
Net over/under	(\$1,527.00)

2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment: \$12,425.00
Pledges: \$19,677.00
Paid: \$16,742.00
Balance Due: \$2,935.00

* 52 Families have contributed thus far to the 2019 CSA

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And the people stayed home.
 And read books, and listened, and rested,
 and exercised, and made art,
 and played games, and learned
 new ways of being, and were still.
 And listened more deeply.
 Some meditated, some prayed,
 some danced. Some met their shadows.
 And the people began to think differently.
 And the people healed.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
 John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



L A Z A R U S E S L E E P M P
 Q E N T R A N C E B D F L Y U
 L J O A S O W D Y L I F E V L
 F N I K T W E I X L G T O M B
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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEeping	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

“I am the resurrection and the life...”

- John 11:25

News for Our Partnership

WEEKEND COLLECTION

We are entirely dependent upon you to help us meet our financial obligations. Please continue to make your weekly offertory gifts either by mail, in the mail slot at the rectory, or placing it in the collection basket during Sunday Adoration. We truly appreciate your support during these trying times!

YOUNG AT HEART: TENTATIVE

Tentative plans are to gather at 2:00PM on Monday, April 6th, in Holy Trinity Social Center to share a casserole dinner and listen to a presentation by Msgr. Dan on Holy Week and the beautiful Triduum that leads to Easter. We will keep you posted...

THE VAL JASKIEWICZ & RON BUKOSKI "SPRING FLING"

... is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19th at 5:00PM in the Parish Social Hall. Have a chance to win \$2,500 in prizes! Cost is \$25.00 for to admissions, and includes food and refreshments. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, or by calling Chris at 835-4235.

LENTEN & EASTER MARKETS

Holy Trinity will honor orders placed for their Easter Market. A limited Market consisting only of pierogi and potato pancakes will be held on April 3rd and April 4th. Other goodies ordered (e.g., breads, cookies, etc.) will be refunded.

What a year this week has been.

TRUST
GOD
AND
WASH YOUR
HANDS



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. You have joined together with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Erie to share of your blessings to help advance the mission of the church. We are grateful. If you have not yet made a commitment, it is not too late. Just drop your pledge envelope marked 'CSA' in the collection basket or turn it in at the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated and will make a difference for our diocese and parish to complete our parish improvement projects.



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Practise
social
distancing



Self-isolate
with cough
or fever



Wash hands
regularly

During this time of social isolation and the non-public celebration of the Eucharist, I want to reiterate the encouragement of Bishop Persico to "keep holy the Sabbath." To that end, even a casual on-line search will result in hundreds of website, YouTube channels, and Facebook pages, that are streaming or uploading videos of daily and weekend Masses. Additionally, many sites offer videos of the Stations of the Cross, and other spiritual exercises. I will record a similar video of the weekend Masses that I am celebrating and post it to our Facebook pages on Sunday morning. In time, more and more spiritual resources will be published in our bulletin and on our website. As in previous bulletins, I am publishing information where you can watch a televised celebration of Mass. Avail yourself to the Eucharistic Adoration time that is being offered at both of our parishes (Holy Trinity from 10AM-Noon; St. Stan's from 10AM-3PM) for private prayer and spiritual communion. I remain spiritually connected with you in my prayer.

- Fr. Jason

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

3/30) Edie Luniewski & Ed Czulewicz; 3/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki; 4/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 4/2) Patty Czulewicz & John Oldenski; 4/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo; 4/4) Ed Czulewicz, Evelyn & Ed Selleny; 4/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter

PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

3/29) Fr. John Malthaner; 3/30) Fr. Brian Vossler; 3/31) Fr. Alex Amico; 4/1) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 4/2) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak; 4/3) Fr. Jason Glover; 4/4) Bishop Lawrence Persico; 4/5) Bishop Donald Trautman

Sunday, Mar 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The nightmare is over

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
"Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

The moment of waking from a nightmare is suffused with relief. Whoever was chasing you dissolves, and whatever threatened harm has vanished. Grief and loss, however, can be living nightmares from which we're unable to shake ourselves awake. Yet as the Scrutiny prayers for our Elect this Sunday affirm, the "horror of sin, which distorts life" is indeed an evil from which we can escape. Death has an end, and love will have its victory. We pray with our Elect for freedom from all paths that lead to death and a greater attraction to the ways that restore life.

Monday, Mar 30, 2020

Get into the Spirit

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11
"Neither do I condemn you."

On this day in 1990, Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. died but the voice that nurtured countless thousands was not silenced. Before Sister Thea, black Catholics were expected to give up their music, dance, and spiritual testifying because these were suspiciously "Protestant" customs. She restored their identity, shaped it through the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, and shared it with those of other backgrounds. Shortly before her death, Thea spoke to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from her wheelchair. In the last five minutes of that talk, Thea leads the visibly moved bishops in singing "We Shall Overcome." Thea called the spirituals she grew up with "bonfires to warm chilly nights." Such songs of hope warm a few hearts as well. Sing a spirit-filled song, today, in honor of Sister Thea.

Tuesday, Mar 31, 2020

I am vs. I AM

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
"When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM."

John's gospel uses the term "I AM" to identify Jesus. That's a reference to the Exodus story when God revealed the divine presence to Moses using the name "I AM." So the presence of Christ in us, in our humanity, is the "I AM" who is with us. Of course there's another "I am" who is the self, our ego. That's the conflict. Just as John the Baptist said, "He must increase and I must decrease," the best thing we can do is surrender the "I am" in us to the "I AM" who is Christ.

Wednesday, Apr 01, 2020

Freedom's not just another word

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
"... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"Truth will set you free" and other heady thoughts about freedom are abundant in today's gospel. Across the centuries, the Catholic Church has had a lot to say about freedom (though, admittedly, it also has remained silent at times when it should have spoken out). A foundation for much of that thought springs from the concept that God has granted human beings freedom to choose between good and evil, and the "more one does what is good, the freer one becomes," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it

(1733). In a world that often glorifies power and money, it is hard to believe that truth and goodness are the keys to freedom. But have a little faith and see where it gets you.

Thursday, Apr 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

Vegan before vegan was a thing

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
"They picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area."

The movement toward organic farming and more humane animal husbandry has helped raise our awareness of the impact of our food production on the vast chain of creation. Saint Francis of Paola intuited all this more than 500 years ago, when he founded the religious order of Minims, "the least," in the spirit of the "Lesser Brothers" of Saint Francis of Assisi. In addition to the usual monastic vows, Minims take a fourth vow to abstain from meat, eggs, and all dairy products, not only to practice a "Lenten way of life," but also in an effort to "do no harm" to other living beings. Bring a bit of the spirit of the Minims to your dining table and daily life.

Friday, Apr 03, 2020

Banish the bullying

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
"For which of these are you trying to stone me?"

Growing up, it seemed that every school, every playground had that kid—you know the one, the bully. That child taunted, picked on, and terrorized others. Unfortunately, as adults, we see bullies too in our workplaces, our relationships, on social media, in political life, and so on. As Catholics, we have a religious duty to take a stand against bullies. "Life, especially human life, belongs to God; whoever attacks human life attacks God's very self" (*Evangelium vitae* §9). The church calls us to stop bullying in all its forms, including the ways we might bully others. Pope Francis challenges us: "What is it within us that pushes us to mock and mistreat others weaker than we are?" Be especially conscious today of the way you treat others.

Saturday, Apr 04, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Go down in history

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
"What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs."

It is amazing the impact one learned person can have on the course of history. Because sixth-century Isidore of Seville was a dedicated scholar and shared his erudition with others in dictionaries, encyclopedias, and great histories, much of the ancient world's wisdom was preserved during the chaotic Middle Ages. He was sometimes called the "Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because his writings were used as textbooks for nine centuries! Perhaps more remarkable, he combined this great learning with an equal sense of compassion and charity toward those less fortunate. Be wise and kind and you will earn your place in salvation history.



