### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023



### Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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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



### January 15, 2023 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir





### Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-5, 9-10/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8, 10-14/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

**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.

### "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 worshiping 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.

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### Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Jan. 16th - Private Intention

Tues., Jan. 17th - Richard Dombrowski (The Mikielski Family)

Wed., Jan. 18th - Al Szkoda (Family)

Thurs., Jan. 19th - Christine Miniger (Dr. Hal Angeloff)

Fri., Jan. 20th - Lucy Benek (John Kehl)

Sat., Jan. 21st, 4:00PM - Irene Smerick (Prayer Shawl Group)

Sun., Jan. 22nd, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)



Our sanctuary candle burns for in memory of MARY & BARNEY BAGNISZEWSKI as gifted by the Family.



#### SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The SSJ Soup Kitchen will be open on January 16th. We will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbies and Hostess) on the weekend of **January 14th & 15th**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on January 16th.

**Question:** What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer: Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

### **WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 8th**

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$116,368.00
Amount Received	\$2,449.00	\$69,425.00
Net over/under	(\$1,707.00)	(\$46,943.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 56; 9:00AM = 49

Envelopes: 67/168



#### **PLAY THAT ONE AGAIN**

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing. "Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years. We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for guite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Our "Pierogi Making Team" is looking for volunteer help on January 23rd and 24th starting at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall. Coffee, donuts, and lunch will be provided. No experience necessary. It's always a fun time and good way to socialize with other parishioners!

### **MARRIAGE MOMENT**

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. How are you and your beloved different yet you complement each other. (Perhaps one gives attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, one is a quick thinker vs. thorough planner, an extrovert vs. self-reflective...)

### Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of THE FELICIAN SISTERS & PRIESTS who served Holy Trinity.



1/15) Dorothy Carlson & **Bob Koziel** 1/16) Joshua Chermack, Peter Smith

Tyler Chermack & 1/19) John Kaminski

Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples, and stewards. John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person. His response, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love, and mercy. Therefore, He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

#### **WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 8, 2023**

Regular Offering: \$1,533.00 (29/130)

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
\$4,000.00	\$105,000.00
\$2,400.00	\$62,400.00
\$1,533.00	\$62,986.00
(\$867.00)	\$586.00
	\$4,000.00 \$2,400.00 \$1,533.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 35; 10:30AM = 61

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Jan. 16th - John Figurski (Harry & Joanne Figurski)

Tues., Jan. 17th - NO SCHEDULED MASS

Wed., Jan. 18th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)

Thurs., Jan 19th - All Deceased Mothers

Fri., Jan. 20th - All Deceased Fathers

Sat., Jan. 21st, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

Sun., Jan. 22nd, 10:30AM - Homicz & Kempisty Families (Jack & Sandy)

### **IN MEMORIUM**

Prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Donna Whitford who died on December 26th. Donna was a long-time Zabawa volunteer.

Prayers and sympathies are also extended to the family and friends of Sr. Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB. Sister was a native daughter of Holy Trinity and has many relatives in our parish.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

With the "high holidays" behind us, perhaps you have some extra time to chill. Consider using this weekend to declutter your family's clothes. Ask each person to choose one or more usable pieces of clothing to donate to a family in need.

### **HOLY TRINITY USHERS**

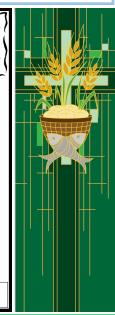
... will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00PM in the gathering place. Men and Women are welcome to serve our parish in this ministry.

### God's Eyewitness News

I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

The puzzle is based on John 1:29-34 (NIV)





### News for Our Partnership



### CHURCH TO BEATIFY POLISH FAMILY

An entire Polish family, Józef and Wiktoria Ulma and their seven children, were killed by the Nazis in 1944 for sheltering eight Jews. After Hitler's decision to implement the heinous "final solution," the Ulma family, aware of the risk to themselves and despite their financial straits, and

moved by the commandment of love and the example of the Good Samaritan, hid a Jewish family for a year and a half before they were betrayed to the police. After killing the Jews they found, the agents of the Nazi regime executed the family sheltering them as a warning to others. The children shared in the operative faith of their parents, while the unborn child in Wiktoria's womb received a baptism of blood.

### **CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

Many have returned our recently distributed **Census Form**. Thank you for taking the time to complete it. If you haven't done so already, please take a form and complete it before the end of the month. The price of mailing them to those who are registered, but haven't yet completed them, is over a dollar per form.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

If you need an accounting of your offertory donations for tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office during normal business hours and a form will be mailed to you.

Next Week we will have **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection** – it finances our Monthly

Faith Magazine and our Diocesan Communications Office.

Please be generous in helping to spread the Good News about our Catholic Faith and the Church. Use the envelope in your Monthly packet in put the regular collection.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE: ERIE**

The People for Life of Erie is sponsoring its first "post-Roe v. Wade" March for Life on Saturday, January 28th. Participants are asked to arrive at the Pavilion in Perry Square at 10:45AM. The mile long march will begin at Perry Square at 11:00AM and end back at Perry Square with a brief program where Representative Mike Kelly will offer remarks. The entire event will conclude by 12:30PM.

### MARCH FOR LIFE: WASHINGTON, DC

The People for Life of Erie is sponsoring a bus to Washington, DC, on Saturday, January 20th. The cost of the bus trip is \$65 per person. For more information, visit www.peopleforlife.org.







## HOLY TRINITY BINGO All CASH prizes!!! \* Instants \* 50/50 Game

- Sunday, February 5th 1:00pm, (Doors Open at Noon)
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each add'l pk.
- Kitchen Food Available
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat! Walk Ins Welcome

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic; 1/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszynski; 1/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 1/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 1/20) Ed Korytowski; 1/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 1/22) Suzanne Sundy & Kathy Wisniewski;

#### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

1/16) End of Discrimination; 1/17) Fr. Jamie Power; 1/18) Fr. Vince Cieslewicz; 1/19) Fr. Joe Kalinowski; 1/20) Fr. Scott Jabo; 1/21) All in Consecrated Life; 1/22) Msgr. Dan Magraw

#### Sunday, Jan 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34
"I will make you a light to the nations..."

### **Tend your inner lamp**

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine!

### Monday, Jan 16, 2023

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them."

### Help the dream awaken in all hearts and minds

Many people have today off from school and work in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Why not make it a "day on" instead? Spend at least a little time working for peace and justice today, as King did every day. This is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service. The Catholic Church has embraced King's call for racial equality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Racism and every form of discrimination ... must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design." Lift a hand to help in your community, and pray that love banish hate.

### Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT
Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
"Have you never read what David did
when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?"

### Make space for silence

The Apophthegmata Patrum is a 1,600-year-old collection of writings known as the Sayings of the Desert Fathers. These texts record the teachings of the earliest Christian monks, who congregated in the desert of Egypt. The wisest among these monks was Anthony the Abbot. He wrote: "Just as fish die if they stay too long out of water, so the monks who loiter outside their cells or pass their time with men of the world lose the intensity of inner peace." In the desert, Anthony found silence and solitude. Seek God in silence today.

### Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

"He said to the man with the withered hand, 'Come up here before us.'"

### There's room in this big tent

Every camper knows that it's a stretch of the imagination to think that a four-person tent can really fit four people! You're lucky if two people and a backpack fit! In Catholic circles, however, tents have a different meaning. Instead of being short on space, this tent is expandable, able to include everyone, not just one or two. This image is core to the church's "Synod on Synodality" in which all Catholics, including the marginalized, give voice to their experience and together discern God's call. If you want more specs on this big tent, have a look at the USCCB website.

#### Thursday, Jan 19, 2023

Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
"He had cured many and, as a result,
those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."

### Come in from the cold

Christmas is over and Epiphany has faded. In much of the Northern Hemisphere, the days are cold and dark. This is when the warmth of the Christian tradition is more important than ever. Pope Francis has often encouraged Christians to practice their faith in warmth and kindness: "Let us light fires of fraternity around which people can warm themselves," he said at a 2022 meeting with migrants in Malta. That's advice we can all take to heart—and to hearth. Can you find a word or gesture today to add positive warmth to a wintery world?

### Friday, Jan 20, 2023

Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 "He appointed Twelve, whom he also named Apostles."

### Twelve is enough

Twelve months of the year. Twelve inches in a foot. Twelve numbers on the face of a watch. We certainly like our twelves. So does the church. The most famous of course is the 12 apostles, often simply called the Twelve. There's also the 12 days of Christmas and 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit. It's not just that 12 is a handy number for grouping things, it also carries symbolic value. It signifies completion or fullness. Twelve eggs, for example, means you have a full carton. And 12 apostles means the church has everything it needs to preach the Good News. Count your spiritual blessings—by the dozen!

### Saturday, Jan 21, 2023

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

"Cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."

### No has always meant no

As a young girl of 13 or 14, Agnes refused all suitors because she had betrothed herself to Christ. As punishment, she was taken to a brothel. One man attempted to violate her, only to be mysteriously struck blind—until Agnes restored his sight. Historical or not, this story reminds us that the scandal of child sex trafficking has always been, and still is, very much with us. Millions of girls and boys are kidnapped, bought and sold, exploited and violated for profit every year. You can help end childhood sex trafficking at the Save the Children and United Nations websites. Act in honor of courageous Agnes.

