

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023



Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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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**

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

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/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: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

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 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. 13th - Private Intention
Tues., Nov. 14th - Doleski Family (Family)
Wed., Nov. 15th - Betty Koper (Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson, Sr.)
Thurs., Nov. 16th - Ray Przybyszewski (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Widomski)
Fri., Nov. 17th - Carrie Jarosiewicz (Care & Concern Committee)
Sat., Nov. 18th, 4:00PM - Helen & Edward Maciejewski (Family)
Sun., Nov. 19th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in **THANKSGIVING**, as gifted by the Helen Zimmerman.



For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2023

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$78,964.00
Amount Received	\$2,579.00	\$42,772.00
Net over/under	(\$1,577.00)	(\$36,192.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 59; 9:00AM = 70

Envelopes: 52/168



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!

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society will meet Sunday, November 12th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

OPLATKI

Oplatki is available for your holiday needs. They can be picked up in the Parish Office during the week, or following weekend Masses. Donations for the Christmas wafers are appreciated.

POLISH COOKBOOKS

We have, once again, sold out of our Polish Cookbooks. More are being printed as of this publication. We will inform you when more are available.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Women's Society Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons from noon-3PM. Members, parishioners, and guests are welcome to attend. The cost for the meal is \$15 per person. Call Sharon or Tom at 814-790-1226 for reservations. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 28th. We hope you can join us for this splendid afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship!

THANK YOU

A special word of thanks for all who volunteered at this past week's Bingo held at the 3rd Street Falcons, especially members of the Women's Society who hosted the event. It was a huge success! Thanks, also, for those who contributed items for the auction and the lottery tree. Finally, gratitude for all who attended the event. In the end, the Women's Society netted nearly \$3,000!

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week for the **HEALTH OF SARAH CHERMACK** as gifted by Ray, Edie, and Roman.



11/16 - Nora Sebastian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 13th - Special Intention (Dee Madura)
 Tues., Nov. 14th - All Souls
 Wed., Nov. 15th - Kulig, Lasczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Thurs., Nov. 16th - All Deceased Fathers
 Fri., Nov. 17th - Mark Nitkiewicz (Barbara & Lloyd)
 Sat., Nov. 18th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Nov. 19th, 10:30AM - Charles & Theresa Brasington (Family)

IN OUR MIDST

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$3,934.00 (45/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$76,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$43,200.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,934.00	\$50,936.00
Net (over/under):	\$1,534.00	\$7,736.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 44; 10:30AM = 68

FOOD COLLECTION

Throughout the remainder of this month and into December, a box will be in the vestibule of the church to collect food donations for the small food pantries located on our church property. This is typically a difficult time of year for many families in need. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)
 Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



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 O B M P K S M I D N I G H T A
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FOOLISH MIDNIGHT BRIDEGROOM DOOR	MEET WEDDING LAMPS ASLEEP	DROWSY TRIMMED WISE HEAVEN	VIRGINS RANG WATCH OIL	BANQUET KINGDOM COME WOKE
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"... stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- Matthew 25:13

News for Our Partnership

For some time now, Parish Council has discussed hosting a viewing of "The Chosen" series, a very popular and contemporary television series about the life of Christ. The Women's Society of Saint Stanislaus has purchased a large-screen television mounted in the Parish Hall for this purpose. In preparation to hosting this viewing, Fr. Jason is going to offer an Adult Faith Formation series focused on the Gospels. This series will mimic our annual Lenten Soup & Salad series. The sessions will be held at Saint Stanislaus Parish Hall on **December 6, 13, and 20. They will resume after the holidays on January 10 and 17.** More details will be provided in next week's bulletin.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I am proud to announce that both Holy Trinity and Saint Stanislaus have greatly exceeded our 2023 CSA goals! This has been the case for each of my four years with you. There are no words to express my gratitude for your ongoing generosity, which has enabled both parishes to undertake significant projects on your behalf.

The CSA goals for 2024 have been released. I am pleased to say that both parishes are showing a reduction in our goals. Holy Trinity's goal was reduced from \$12,909 to \$11,776 (a difference of -\$1,133). Saint Stanislaus's goal was reduced from \$23,269 to \$17,935 (a difference of -\$5,334).

The 2024 CSA campaign does not "kick off" until February, but I wanted to share this encouraging information with you now. Both parishes have a list of projects we are considering for the upcoming campaign. Over the next two months, parish leadership will specify what our 2024 CSA will fund. This information will be forthcoming as soon as these decisions are made.

Again, many thanks for your ongoing support!

- Fr. Jason

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 12th
St Benedict Alumnae Bingo
Polish Falcons Club
431 East 3rd St.

Doors open at Noon; Bingo starts at 1PM
Kitchen/bar open

Get a free bingo packet with a paid admission; just bring gloves, or hat or toy or scarf for a child that will be donated to the Saint Benedict day care center.

Packets \$ 25/9 cards. 50/50, \$100 lottery wreath, tips/instant
CASH GAMES !

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LADIES' GUILD

... will once again hold a Christmas Bake Sale. You can order and pay online at www.olmc-erie.org, call your order in to the parish office at 814-825-7313, or drop off/mail your order. Order sheets can be printed from the website. All orders must be pre-paid. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 pm and pick-up will be in Scheffner Hall on Saturday, December 9 from 3-5 pm and Sunday, December 10 from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Questions? Call Diane at 814-456-1183 after 4 pm.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/13) Mary Brocious & Shirley Widomski; 11/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski;
11/15) Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 11/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Richard Valahovic;
11/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszyński; 11/18) Pearl Wisniewski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11/13) Fr. Joe Dougherty; 11/14) Fr. Scott Detisch; 11/15) Fr. Tom Brown; 11/16) Fr. Mike DeMartinis;
11/17) Msgr. Joe Bobal; 11/18) Fr. Dennis Martin

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Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

Last things

November's a good time to consider our responsibilities to those who depend on us and may be nearing the end of life. We know our social obligations: Write a will, make our medical preferences known to doctors and family members. But Catholics have other duties too. Offering forgiveness and being forgiven are vital issues at the end of life. We have to ensure the sacraments are available to the elderly and the sick. How vigils, funerals, and burials are conducted matters to us.

Monday, Nov 13, 2023

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

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

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed..."

The underestimated shall be esteemed

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was born Maria Francesca in Italy in 1850, the youngest of 13 children. She was small and had poor health. Because of her frailty, she was rejected by the religious community she wanted to join. She founded her own order and dreamed of becoming a missionary to the Far East like the saint whose name she took. But the pope sent her west instead, to the United States - and she founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor. Don't underestimate the power of God or yourself!

Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

"Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love."

Put your hope in order

As we inch toward Advent, it's good to revisit the theme of hope. Consider this from Pope Francis for the World Day of the Poor: "The hope born of the Gospel has nothing to do with a passive expectation that things may be better tomorrow, but with making God's promise of salvation concrete today.... Christian hope is not the naïve, even adolescent, optimism of those who hope that things may change [and] in the meantime go on with life; it has to do with building daily, by concrete gestures, the kingdom of love, justice, and fraternity that Jesus inaugurated." How will you hope today?

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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

"For those who keep the holy precepts hallowed shall be found holy..."

Live a life of great service

The great Dominican friar Albertus Magnus died on this day in 1280, after a long life of dedication to the church as a scholar, scientist, and briefly the bishop of Regensburg. He shunned excess and was known as a mediator—which, in his day, was a complicated matter, given the ongoing Crusades. We, too, live in an age of war, economic inequality, and general spiritual laxity. We owe it to ourselves to look to the German Dominican for inspiration to live a more rigorous life of spiritual seeking, so as to find lasting solutions to the problems of our day.

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

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

Extraordinary sacrifice in ordinary clothing

It's easy to think that martyrs were people completely different from us, but Christian courage doesn't always have a cinematic face. Father Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J., five other Jesuits, and their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in El Salvador. Ellacuría and his fellow Jesuits had publicly defended human rights and ministered to poor people in spite of intense government repression. May their dedication to justice inspire us to do our part in creating a more just world order that protects those who speak truth to power.

Friday, Nov 17, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

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

"For from the greatness and the beauty of created things
their original author, by analogy, is seen."

A delicate matter

The Catholic Church identifies well over a dozen saints as patrons of lacemaking, lace workers, and related textile workers. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is among these patrons who possibly became associated with lacemaking as it is a craft often seen as "immaculate" and virtuous, much like the saints themselves. But lacemakers and other artisan workers also often sat on the edge of poverty. These were the people who benefitted from the kind deeds of the likes of Saint Elizabeth, who roamed the streets near her castle passing out alms for the poor and tending to the sick. Take a moment to consider the artisans and craftspeople of our own time who could benefit from your patronage.

Saturday, Nov 18, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, RELIGIOUS

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

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?"

Let freedom ring

In 1818, when Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne came from France to the United States, she was dismayed that slavery still operated "in the land of the free." Yet, when she opened foundations in Louisiana, the sisters were given slaves along with their households. In 1830 she accepted a slave in lieu of a tuition payment. She insisted that slaves in the household be treated well, arguing, "They have the same soul as we; they have been redeemed by the same blood and received into the same Church," but, like all of us, she was clearly enmeshed in social structures in need of redemption. Work for a society that truly is free at last.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL & GAZA

**LORD, WE ENTRUST THE HOLY LAND INTO
YOUR HANDS AND SEEK YOUR INTERVENTION
IN THE MIDST OF THE ONGOING CONFLICT.**

**TURN YOUR MERCIFUL GAZE UPON THE
INNOCENT VICTIMS OF WAR.**

**GRANT REPOSE TO THE SOULS OF THOSE
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, HEAL THE
INJURED AND COMFORT THE AFFLICTED.**