

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5th, 2020

**Come to me,
all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

- Matthew 11:28



Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM
Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM
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



July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-14/Rom 8:9-13/Mt 11:25-30 [14th Sunday]
 Monday: Hos 2:16-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26 [St. Maria Goretti]
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15 [St. Augustine Zhao Rong]
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-5/Mt 10:24-33 [St. Benedict]
 Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 [15th 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., July 6th, 8:00AM - Betty Romecki (Ray Przybyszewski)
Tues., July 7th, 8:00AM - Robert Kaczinski (Jack & Cathy Ciecierski)
Wed., July 8th, 8:00AM - Theresa Ignasiak (Bob & Beth Dzurko)
Thurs., July 9th, 8:00AM - Chester & Richard Radomski (Family)
Fri., July 10th, 8:00AM - Zeigfried & Danuta Kendra (Family)
Sat., July 11th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)
Sun., July 12th, 10:00AM - Carl, Frances, & Charles Trochowski (Family)

RETURN TO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **STEVE VARGO** as gifted by his wife and family.

LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Women's Society at Saint Stanislaus is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win **either \$1,000 in cash or \$1,000 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets**. Tickets are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased by calling Diane Valahovic at 825.5748. Originally, the winner was going to be drawn at our parish picnic on July 12th.

SSJ Bakery

There will be no need for baked items for the SSJ Bakery in July. Thanks, nonetheless, for those who continue to support this ministry!

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Bobby Sulecki continues to catalogue peoples' memories and photographs from people who grew up at Saint Stan's or any of the other east side parishes. If you are wondering what to do with all of your extra time, peruse through some of your memory boxes and see if you may have something to contribute to Bobby's collection.

ANNUAL FUEL BILL

Our annual fuel bill was down significantly in late winter and early spring, and now into the summer, as Masses are closed to the public; we have refrained from using the heat and air conditioning...

June '19	\$150.01
July '19	\$195.69
August '19	\$174.60
September '19	\$197.93
October '19	\$1,072.06
November '19	\$3,233.75
December '19	\$3,509.24
January '20	\$4,248.14
February '20	\$3,795.90
March '20	\$2,767.29
April '20	\$2,373.51
May '20	\$2,082.58



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 Tues., July 7th, 8:00AM - Tommy Wojslaw (P., E., & A. Czulewicz)
 Wed., July 8th, 8:00AM - Living & Deceased Fathers of our Parishioners
 Thurs., July 9th, 8:00AM - The Souls in Purgatory
 Fri., July 10th, 8:00AM - Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parishioners
 Sat., July 11th, 5:00PM - Harry & Bernice Schultz (Shirley & Nancy Schultz)
 Sun., July 12th, 10:00AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

HAPPY



7/6 Joanne Majchrzak;
 7/7 Victoria Simora & Maria Wawrzyniak;
 7/11 Tori Lyn Koszegi;



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **JOHN & MILLIE GORAL** as gifted by Shirley & Nancy Schultz.



Help with a Heavy Load

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:28-30



Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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U G J H S N I N G G E N T L E
P N N G E O D Z M F H E T B W
J Q Y C N A U F F Q G W W Q A
K B R R Z L R L J N K S T L O
A U A H A F M T S K H D L B E
I E G I C W Z T Q R E S T E W
L G S Y U Y G W E A R Y L V V
G Q D Q F O L J C L X B L Q A
J M J W Z K I Z N R M E E A K
N S C O M E G A U U R T A L B
J E A S Y F H Z H Q P B R I M
H L Y Y E X T F G Z J E N G N
K T Y H P R U V D L P L S H I
J N L B S B U R D E N X I T K
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LIGHT	BURDEN	EASY	COME	LEARN
HEART	GENTLE	LIGHT	WEARY	WEARY
LEARN	REST	YOKE	HUMBLE	SOULS



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy,
 we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained
 priesthood.

You have called these men to be set apart
 and to shepherd your people,
 as you shepherd your entire church.

We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace,
 so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand.

Lead them not into temptation
 and protect them from the grasp of the evil one.

It is through the sacraments they confer
 that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these,
 your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ,
 never fail to cherish the gift of their lives,
 which they have freely given to you and your holy church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.



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“... My yoke is easy and my burden light”

- Matthew 11:30

News for Our Partnership

ALL PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.

This past Wednesday, July 1st, marked the one year anniversary of Fr. Jason being assigned as our pastor. What an interesting and eventful year to have taken on your first pastorate! Blessings for many more to come.

RESUMPTION OF OFFICE HOURS

Now that Erie County is in the "green phase," our parishes' office hours will return to normal:

St. Stan's: 9:00 AM - 3:00PM (closed for lunch hour)

Holy Trinity: 9:00AM - 4:00PM (closed for lunch hour)

WEEKLY HOMILY

If any parishioner would like a copy of the weekend homily e-mailed to them during this time of Pandemic, please call or email St. Stan's office with your email address and we will be sure to include you on our distribution list.

Covid-Zabawa 2020

We have decided to host an alternative Zabawa on August 21st and 22nd. While there will be no street entertainment and no socializing, we will be offering our typical Polish fare (with a reduced menu), our bakery, and our traditional Polish beer — all on a "take out" basis. More details will follow, but we want to *invite and encourage* anyone to assist us by preparing traditional Polish baked goods items to sell in our bakery. Again, more details will follow as we finalize our plans.

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

A Senior's Prayer

Good and gracious God,
I thank you for the gift of life.
You have given me so many good things over its course:
health of mind and body, friends and family,
strengths and weaknesses, sorrows and joys.
You have ordained that seasons change and time passes.
Help me to surrender graciously
to the changing circumstances of my life.
Help me to accept my weaknesses,
and to see them as opportunities
for others to show the love of Jesus.
Make me strong in Your spirit,
that I may love You all the days of my life.
Amen.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

7/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 7/6) Msgr Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski; 7/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky;
7/8) Steve Rimpa, & Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 7/9) Marcia Nitzczynski & Rose Marie Radomski;
7/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 7/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 7/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

7/5) Fr. Marc Stockton; 7/6) Fr. Nick Rouch; 7/7) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 7/8) Fr. Bill Rice; 7/9) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 7/10) Fr. John Santor;
7/11) Fr. Rocco Tito; 7/12) Fr. Rick Tomasone

Sunday, Jul 05, 2020

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God's here, in the flesh

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30
"... you have revealed them to little ones."

A small boy resisted saying good night. His father told him, "Don't worry, I'm in the next room." The child pleaded, "But I need you here." Taking a religious tactic, the father said, "You're not alone; God is always with you." Placing both hands on his father's cheeks and drawing his face level to his own, his son replied: "But God don't have no skin." The child perceived that a faceless, invisible God is not of much help on those dark nights when we need a friend near. But God does have skin in the game. The divine Presence is as close as our concern for each other.

Monday, Jul 06, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

The power of "I forgive you"

Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

As 11-year-old Maria Goretti lay dying after being stabbed for rebuffing the sexual advances of a 21-year-old man who lived on her farm, she forgave her attacker. That act alone is shocking enough. But her attacker was so affected by her forgiveness that he repented in prison, prayed to her every day, sought the forgiveness of her mother, attended Maria's canonization in 1950, and became a lay brother. Makes it pretty hard for anyone to justify a grudge, much less retribution.

Tuesday, Jul 07, 2020

Wonders never cease

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38

"They made idols for themselves, to their own destruction."

The Seven Modern Wonders of the World were identified on this day in 2007, counterparts to the seven ancient wonders that predate the earthly life of Jesus. Two of these modern monuments—the Colosseum in Rome and Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro—could be the bookends to Christian history. The Colosseum was where early martyrs died while Christianity was outlawed. The colossal Redeemer statue celebrates Christ's ongoing presence in the world. It was used recently to honor pandemic healthcare workers. It proclaims that Christ's love endures now as it did in the time of the Colosseum. Proclaim that love in your own life.

Wednesday, Jul 08, 2020

The cure for what ails us

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7

"Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority . . . to cure sickness and disease of every kind."

In its pre-Vatican II life, the Anointing of the Sick was called Extreme Unction and was reserved for the time of death. Now the church invites all who are seriously sick or experiencing the challenges of advanced age to receive the grace of this sacrament. Celebrated at home, in a church, or in a healthcare facility, often in the presence of loved ones, this sacrament offers those who are sick the peace, strength, and courage of the Lord who himself knew the pain of human suffering. Draw on God's healing powers and encourage others to do so as well. COVID-19 has complicated pastoral visits, especially in medical facilities, so consult with a priest or chaplain about the wisest course of action.

Thursday, Jul 09, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Faithful unto death

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

When Christianity first emerged, members of the early church were often persecuted and even killed. Although the targeting of Christians has waxed and waned over the centuries—depending on the political powers and their attitude toward the faith—Christians continue to suffer at the hands of civil authorities and religious extremists, as did the subjects of today's optional memorial, Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, who were martyred in China over a 300-year period. In honor of these Christian martyrs, take a moment today to learn more about interreligious cooperation, an ongoing effort the Holy Father has championed.

Friday, Jul 10, 2020

Don't get comfortable

Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23

"Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves."

As Christians, we not only face the hardships of daily existence, but also the challenges arising from living out a faith that demands justice. When it comes to justice, there is no comfort zone for Christians to sit back and watch. The gospels and the long tradition of Catholic social teaching call us to more. No matter your gender, race, or ethnicity, you must be willing to act: to challenge the racist or sexist joke, to support minority-owned businesses, to see yourself in the "other." Catholic leaders are calling now especially to stand with people of color who are disproportionately infected with and dying from COVID-19. How are you being called beyond your comfort zone?

Saturday, Jul 11, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

A rule to live by

Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33

"And even the hairs of your head are all counted."

Saint Benedict's wisdom has guided people for centuries. Among the gems of his *Rule*: The search for security, wealth, and salvation is futile. Instead, treat each hour as a gift. See in each day reasons for joy. Reverence the tools of work like the vessels of the altar. Small, daily brush strokes create the stunning canvas. Important decisions should be made with consultation, gaining the richness of different viewpoints. Learn from relationships not to take oneself too seriously. Know the value of silence. Choose one of these guidelines to follow each day for a week. Then start again!

REST

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened."

MATTHEW 11:28

