

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 15, 2020



"Living Water," Simon Dewey (1997)

### *Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church*

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

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM



## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



March 15th, 2020  
3rd Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 [Third Sunday of Lent]

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35 [St. Patrick]

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-20/Mt 5:17-19 [St. Cyril of Jerusalem]

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-16/Ps 89:2-5, 27-29/Rom 4:13, 16-22/Mt 1:16-24 [St. Joseph]

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 [Fourth Sunday of Lent]

**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.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"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 16th, 8:00AM - The Ergist Family  
Tues., March 17th, 8:00AM - The Kinsel & Winslow Family (Family)  
Wed., March 18th, 8:00AM - Betty Koper (Kevin & Laurie Mikielski)  
Thurs., March 19th, 8:00AM - Michael Abramczyk (Irene Mielnik)  
Fri., March 20th, 8:00AM - Ray & Doris Pomorski (Kathy, Doug, & Jane)  
Sat., March 21st, 4:00PM - The People of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)  
Sun., March 22nd, 9:30AM - Deacon Bob Walker (Kay Stankiewicz)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JOHN & HELEN CIECIERSKI** as gifted by Jack & Kathy.

Please remember **RICHARD RZODKIEWICZ** who died this past week and was buried on Friday, March 13th. Please keep Richard and his loved ones in your prayers.

## **LENTEN & EASTER MARKETS**

Our Partner Parish, Holy Trinity, will be holding their annual Easter Market again this year. Order forms will be available throughout Lent. The Market will be held on April 3rd and April 4th.

**CLEANING TEAM B** will meet at 9:30AM this Tuesday, March 17. Thank you for serving our community!

Lottery Winner: March 1st—**Ray Przybyszewski** (#275)

## **WOMEN'S SOCIETY: SPECIAL RAFFLE**

Our Women's Society is offering a new raffle opportunity. For only \$5, you can purchase a ticket and be entered into a drawing that will take place at our parish picnic on July 12th. The winner will have the choice between \$1,000 cash, or \$1,000 worth of scratch-off PA Lottery tickets. Tickets will be sold at our Lenten dinners, at the Parish Office, or from a member of our Women's Society.

**THE SSJ SOUP KITCHEN** will be in need of desserts for Monday, March 16th. Please bring your donations on next weekend, or to the Nazareth Center on Monday between 2:00-3:00PM.

## **WEEKLY OFFERING (MARCH 1, 2020)**

| This Week             | July 1 to date     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Amount we need .....  | \$4,156.00 .....   |
| Amount Received ..... | \$149,616.00 ..... |
| Amount Received ..... | \$5,220.00 .....   |
| Net over/under.....   | \$110,731.00 ..... |
|                       | (\$38,885.00)      |

Mass Attendance:  
4:00PM = 82  
9:30AM = 64



## **LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 14th  
Server: Jack Ciecierski  
Lector: Mary Jo Sulecki  
Gifts: The Pedersen Family  
Sunday, March 15th  
Server: Gabrille Widomski  
Lector: Diane Valahovic  
Gifts: The Widomski Family  
Saturday, March 21st  
Server: Marlene Shaba  
Lector: Marie Przepierski  
Gifts: The Lombard Family  
Sunday, March 22nd  
Server: Shane Green  
Lector: Tom Widomski  
Gifts: The Brocious Family

## **SOUL CHOIR**

The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30PM, in the church. This is an opportunity to restore a vestige of Immaculate Conception that was the lost with the merger. All are welcome to join. The choir will debut on March 22nd at the 9:30AM Mass and will feature two selections: "The Lord is My Light" and "Thank You Lord." Please contact Bill Rabbitt (868-9486 or billzajac@aol.com) for further information.

## **FISH & PIEROGI DINNERS**

Our final Fish & Pierogi dinner will be on March 27th. Thank you to all who helped make our second dinner a raging success! Though busy, everyone had a wonderful time. Special thanks to the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi at Gannon University for their help. Worker forms for our next dinner will be available next week.

P.S. We will be accepting donations of baked goods to sell during the dinner. Please consider supporting our efforts by contributing your favorite sweets!

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at 7:00PM at the Community Center on 14th & Wallace. All are welcome to attend.

## **CSA COMMITMENT SUNDAY UPDATE**

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
Pledges to Date: \$21,390.00  
Amount Collected: \$12,200.00

Thank you for your commitment! 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.



## *News for Our Partnership*

### **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

The Annual "1:38 Women's Conference: Bee the Attitude" will be held Saturday, March 28th at Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie. The event begins at 9:00AM and concludes at 3:30PM. The cost is \$40/adult, \$35/senior, \$25/college student, \$10 for his school student, and includes a free lunch. The events feature several nationally acclaimed speakers, opportunities for confession and Eucharistic Adoration, and a Mass celebrated by Bishop Persico. These have become very popular among the faithful. Considering participating this year. More information can be found at: [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com), respectively.

**OUR REMAINING FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS** will be held on the following dates:

- \* March 20th at Holy Trinity
- \* March 27th at Saint Stan's

### **ANOINTING MASS**

St. Stan's will host an Anointing of the Sick Mass on March 21st at 4:00PM & March 22nd at 9:30AM.



We know from the scriptures that Jesus spent the greatest amount of his time healing both spiritually and physically. Since we spend most of our time on those things which are most important to us, then healing

must have been a very important value to Jesus. We are a community that lives the values of Jesus Christ. This value of Jesus that deals with physical healing is called the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As a community, we celebrate this Sacrament this Lent at **St. Stanislaus Masses on the weekend of March 21st and 22nd**. Who may celebrate this Sacrament? Those who are suffering any serious physical or mental illness, those who are suffering any chronic illness, those who are about to undergo surgery, and the elderly who cannot get around.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saint Stan's "Spring Fling" will be on Sunday, April 19th from 1:00-5:00PM. \$2,500 in prizes! Cost is \$25 for two admissions and includes dinner and beverages. More details to follow...

### **CASH BINGO**

The Third Street Falcons will host a Cash Bingo on March 22nd. Doors open at noon; Bingo starts at 1:00PM. Cost is \$20/pack; \$5/extra pack. Instant and 50/50 will also be available. Kitchen and Bar will also be open.

### **40 DAY CHALLENGE TO A BETTER YOU!**

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Soup, Salad, and Speaker series! Our next one is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th at Saint Stanislaus Social Hall beginning at 5:30PM. Our featured speaker will be Pat Damon, M.Div., L.P., M.A. He will address the topic of "Resiliency" as part of mental wellness. Future dates are March 26th and April 2nd. Hope you can join us!

### **PASTRIES SALE**

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is selling rolled pastries (walnut, poppy seed, and apricot) for \$10 each. Pre-order by calling Michael at 969-0497. They will be available for pick-up on April 5th at Holy Family School.

### **BAG MAT MINISTRY**

The "Bag Mat" ministry will meet on March 21st in Sacred Heart's Church Auditorium from 11:00AM - 2:00PM. Anyone interested in serving as a "flattener, stacker, cutter, looper, baller or crocheted" is welcome to participate. If you have spare plastic bags that you would like to donate, please bring them to church and receptacles will be at the entrances to collect them. They are also accepting donations of toiletries, socks, and warm weather apparel.



### **TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Saint Stanislaus Church will host a traditional Lenten Tenebrae Service on Sunday, March 22nd at 2:00PM.

This service is a collection of scripture readings and songs that focus our attention on the upcoming Passion and Death of Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this simple, yet solemn, prayer service.

### **THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

3/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki & Kay Stankiewicz; 3/17) Dave Slubowski; 3/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 3/19) Bill Dyakon; 3/20) Michael Skrzypczak; 3/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik

### **PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:**

3/16) Fr. John Santor; 3/17) Fr. Paul Schill; 3/18) Msgr. Richard Stack; 3/19) Fr. Johnathan Schmolt; 3/20) Fr. George Strohmeier; 3/21) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 3/22) Fr. Jerry Priscaro



### Sunday, Mar 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

#### Great expectations

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."*

The view from today is limited. From here, some things may look irreparably broken, from personal relationships to global ones. Yet Jesus promises a future of hope available to anyone who reaches out for it. A Samaritan woman at a well had endured a loop of failure and disappointment that seemed impossible to transcend. When Jesus invited her to step out of it, she did—and was reborn as an apostle to her people. Today, we pray for our Elect (those in the process of joining the Catholic Church) as they choose the way of rebirth and hope. Let's choose the same, with them!

### Monday, Mar 16, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Stand with the prophets

2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

*"No prophet is accepted in his own native place."*

Prophets have never had an easy time of it. It's been pointed out that we often assassinate prophets when they speak out too forcefully, and then once they are safely silenced and buried, we might later build a monument to honor them (or perhaps to flatter ourselves for honoring them?). Jesus saw all this and yet continued to speak out despite the resistance and hostility he often faced from his own people. Not all of us are gifted prophets, but each of us can do our best to recognize the prophets in our midst and stand with them when they speak the truth, even against the angry mob.

### Tuesday, Mar 17, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP

#### A feast of merriment and mercy

Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

*"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?"*

How odd it seems that the feast of Saint Patrick falls during Lent. But despite the merriment of the day, Patrick's story is a serious one—of captivity and freedom, of cruelty and forgiveness—starting with his teen years as a slave to his escape and return to the Emerald Isle where he became a shepherd to his people and shared the Good News. Patrick even set out on a mission of mercy and forgiveness to see his cruel former master. Join Patrick by reciting his loric (prayer of protection) against the dark forces we battle during Lent, asking "God's host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill."

### Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

#### People come first

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets."*

Saint Cyril (c. 318-386) was between a rock and a hard place. A severe food shortage was afflicting Jerusalem and the people were starving. As bishop he had to do something. So he sold church treasures, in violation of the rules, to buy food for his people. That got him into trouble with church higher-ups, and he

### Thursday, Mar 19, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

#### Watch for signs

2 Samuel 7:4-14, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16-24

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had directed him."*

There are times in all of our lives when we face dilemmas or challenges: How to help a child struggling with tantrums. How to guide a teen who is making bad friend choices. How to recognize and act on the need to make a job change. How to listen to a friend who is negative about so much of life. How to support a spouse who is unhappy and grumpy. God is present in all things and will help us if we ask and pay attention to the signs that are sent our way.

### Friday, Mar 20, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

#### Go where no (wo)man has gone before

Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

*"You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

Mother Catherine Spalding, who died on this day in 1858, was a pioneer in every sense. Not only did she live on the Kentucky frontier, but she was elected to lead a new community, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth—at a time when female leaders, especially young ones, were almost nonexistent. To top it off, she broke ground bringing education to girls and healthcare and social services to those who received none. Her legacy, alive in her sisters and in groups who do the same work, now spans the globe. Where do you see unfulfilled needs, and how can you blaze new trails to meet them?

### Saturday, Mar 21, 2020

LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Walk humbly

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

*"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, while he who humbles himself shall be exalted."*

Truly humble people know that in the scheme of life, they have a unique role to play that is theirs alone—but it is no more significant than that of any other human being. Scripture tells us to bring that spirit of humility to prayer, comparing ourselves to no one. We may use words. We may sit in silence. We may tell God what we are thinking, or trust that God knows. We may ask for help or express gratitude. We may share our feelings of

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

*God at the well,  
teach us to come to you  
when we are thirsty  
and to welcome all who come to drink.  
Show us how we judge others  
and uproot it from our hearts  
so we, with Jesus,  
might offer water to all who are thirsty,  
life to all who fear death.  
Amen.*

