

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024



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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
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Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5-10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 710/1 Cor 6:13-20/Jn 1:35-42

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., Jan. 8th - Private Intention
Tues., Jan. 9th - Eleanor Benecki (Chris & Brenda)
Wed., Jan. 10th - Zawistowski Family (Family)
Thurs., Jan. 11th - Al Szkoda (Family)
Fri., Jan 12th - Walter & Bernice Uminski (Alice, Connie, & Donna)
Sat., Jan. 13th, 4:00PM - Mary Margaret Weis (Anne & Jim Barr)
Sun., Jan. 14th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ADOLPH & IRENE KOSOBUCKI**, as gifted by the Family.



IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial for Dolores Kaluzny was celebrated on Wednesday, January 3rd. Please keep Dolores and her friends and family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THANK YOU

A special acknowledgement of gratitude to our Holy Name Society who purchased a new industrial freezer for the Parish Hall. The previous freezer "died" about a month ago. Thank you, gentlemen, for your support and generosity!

What is the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning? Hit the snooze button? Roll over? Complain that you need more sleep? St. Josemaría Escrivá wrote about the heroic minute, meaning that once the alarm rings, get up and say a prayer. Begin your day with prayer and end your day with a prayerful examination of your conscience. St. Josemaría said: "To be faithful to God requires a constant battle in one small thing after another, without giving in." Resolve to stay close to Christ by clinging to the Sacraments. Make a concrete resolution to live a more Sacramental life. Strive never to miss Sunday Mass. Resolve to read the Sacred Scriptures and good spiritual books. Pray and reflect upon the Sunday readings. Many "Read the Bible in one-year" books and apps are available. They help to come to a greater knowledge of the Word of God. St. John Bosco said: "Only God knows the good that can come by reading one good Catholic book." Many devotional books with meditations to help deepen our relationship with God are available. Catholic authors also write many books to help deepen knowledge of Jesus, Mary, the Church, the saints, and other Catholic faith topics. We can take many other resolutions as Catholics to deepen our faith. Grace before meals at home and even at the restaurant, acts of penance like fasting, abstaining from meat or sweets regularly, praying the Rosary daily, praying the Stations of the Cross once a week, making a pilgrimage to a local shrine, or making a retreat. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. A Happy New Year! God Bless!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 25, 2023

TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

January 10: Fr. Jason's presentation on the Gospels #4
January 17: Fr. Jason's presentation on the Gospels #5

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **THE PEOPLE OF HOLY TRINITY**, for a **BLESSED & HEALTHY 2024**.



1/8 – Alexis Simora & Dale Winarski
1/15 – Dorothy Carlson & Robert Koziel

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 8th - Special Intention
Tues., Jan. 9th - Msgr. John Daniszewski (Estate)
Wed., Jan. 10th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Thurs., Jan. 11th - C. Ted Dombrowski
Fri., Jan. 12th - All Souls
Sat., Jan. 13th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., Jan. 14th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today. When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity. Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude. Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year! We wish you and your families God's choicest blessings in 2024! We begin a new year at Mass. It is the very best way to start the New Year! On New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This holy day is a celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood of Jesus. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer." Though for many, New Year's Day is a day for football and hangovers rather than for Mother Mary, there's a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating her during the Christmas season. St. Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation entitled *Marialis Cultus*, called this Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (Luke 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."

FOOD PANTRY

The response to our food collection drive for our outdoor "food box" was amazing! Thank you to all who contributed.

Given our success, we are going to *continue* to collect food in the box at the back of the church for the foreseeable future. This is an incredibly important ministry to our neighborhood, especially around the holidays and during the winter months. Consider being involved by donating food items!

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The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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“... The glory of the Lord shines upon you.”

- Isaiah 60:1

News for Our Partnership

The 46th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will take place on January 13, 2024. It will be held once again at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. Doors will open at 8 a.m., and the program will begin at 9 a.m. January 13, 2024 - 9 a.m. Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Grand Ball Room Reservations...\$26 | Ages 3-12...\$18 | No charge for younger children. Reservations are due by January 5. Online reservations: <https://conta.cc/3sINrGE> (Constant Contact) Payments can also be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. Please include a name with each registration, if possible. The program will conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m. We are fortunate to be hosting another remarkable guest speaker this year. Born in Egypt, his name is Sherif Girgis, and he is a professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Prior to joining Notre Dame in 2021, Sherif practiced appellate and complex civil litigation at Jones Day in Washington, D.C., having previously served as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, Jr. Now completing his Ph.D. in philosophy at Princeton, Sherif earned his J.D. at Yale Law School. He earned a master's degree (B.Phil.) in philosophy from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and a bachelor's in philosophy from Princeton. Most importantly, he has a real passion for justice and for defending the dignity of every human life.

TAX INFORMATION

It is the time of year that many are preparing their personal income taxes. Your contributions to the Church are tax-exempt. If you need letters regarding your contributions to our parishes, please contact the Parish Offices during normal business hours and we will gladly mail one to you.

DISCONTINUED

In preparing this weekend's bulletin, Fr. Jason discovered that the online service that provided the daily reflections (the last page of our bulletin) has discontinued that service and replaced it with what you now find on the last page. We will continue to publish this new service until we can find another, adequate daily reflection provider. Or, if you prefer this new one, let Fr. Jason or Msgr. Dan know and we will continue to publish it.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 1/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski; 1/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 1/11) Sandy Kempisty; 1/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski; 1/13) Mary Brocius & Shirley Widomski; 1/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

[The Diocese has not updated their "Pray for Priests" calendar from December 2023. We encourage you to pray for "An Increase of Priestly Vocations" during this week.]

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays falling on Mondays this year, along with the Parish Offices being closed and bulletin publishing deadlines, we have been unable to include our weekly offertory information for the past two weeks. We will try to "catch up" in next weekend's bulletin.

PASTORAL PLANNING

This past November, Bishop Persico called us to a weekend of prayer for pastoral planning and indicated that a second weekend of prayer would be held in January 2024. Since that time, he has decided that the second weekend of prayer should be held on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 14, 2024.


As we continue the efforts of pastoral planning, it is imperative that we keep before us and our people that the reason to plan is to provide vibrant communities of faith for future generations....

- Fr. Matthew Kujawinski,
Director, Office for Divine Worship

* Special prayers and intercessions from the Office for Divine Worship will be included in all of next weekend's Liturgies.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. A long tradition of messages for this day began with St. Paul VI in 1967. Pope Francis urges the world to pray for peace, especially for those nations at war and those suffering violence, death, and destruction. Also, on New Year's, many people make resolutions. Losing weight, eating healthier, exercising more regularly, getting more sleep, or quitting bad habits like smoking and swearing are top New Year's resolutions. As Catholics, we might try to make some spiritual resolutions for 2023. Focusing on physical health and well-being is great, but what about our spiritual health? Let us make some spiritual resolutions for 2023!



Loving God, author of creation,
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways
and structures to spread your Gospel.
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
as we pray with Pope Francis
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL
Bishop of Erie

