

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2023



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**Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**  
**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**  
**\* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



March 5, 2023  
2nd Sunday of Lent

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.” The Son is always bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— Father John Muir



### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4-5, 18-22/2 Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9  
Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-23/Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

**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.

*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 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., Mar. 6th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Mar. 7th - Stanley Markiewicz, Jr. (Family)  
 Wed., Mar. 8th -  
 Thurs., Mar. 9th - Sophia & Francis Stankovich (Family)  
 Fri., Mar. 10th - Joseph Baniszewski (Diane & Rich)  
 Sat., Mar. 11th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)  
 Sun., Mar. 12th, 9:00AM - Dec. Mem. Of Immaculate Conception (Gambill)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **HELEN JANKA** as gifted by Diane & Rich Valahovic.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## IN MEMORIUM

Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated for Margaret Krotoszynski & Richard Mielnik, Sr., on Saturday, February 25th. Please keep them and their friend and family in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

## LENTEN WALK

As announced last weekend at Mass, Dave Piotrowicz is walking 20 laps a day, 5 days a week, over the course of the Lenten season. Dave walks at the East-side YMCA, beginning at 9:00AM; all are welcome to join him!

Dave is seeking sponsorship for this endeavor, either as a one-time gift or a "per lap" donation. Proceeds will be split evenly between The Mercy Center for Women, Brookside Fire Department, and Saint Stanislaus Church. You can call Dave with your sponsorship (814-528-4971) or stop by the East-side YMCA. Cash or check are acceptable. Thank you for your support!

## A NOTE ON OUR LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

For 40 days Jesus was in the desert where the landscape was parched and the surface covered with loose stones and almost no sand. The stones are a symbol of austerity and rigor, desolation and misery, severity and sadness. The devil used stones to tempt Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone become bread" (Lk4:3), but Jesus made them a symbol for overcoming temptation when he replied, "One does not live on bread alone" (Lk4:4). As you look upon the stones and sand ask yourself: What are the rocks in your life? What feeds your soul?

## APRIL LOTTERY

The Holy Name Society has raffle tickets available for the April lottery. Tickets are only \$5 each and gives the buyer 30 chances to win during the month of April, one chance each day of the month. Tickets are available in the back of the church, from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or in the Parish Office.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 26TH

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$145,460.00
Amount Received	\$3,147.00	\$85,006.00
Net over/under	(\$1,009.00)	(\$60,454.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 46; 9:00AM = 69  
 Envelopes: 61/168



## WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's will meet on Sunday, March 12th, at 1:00PM. We will gather in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF POLISH FALCONS NEST #123.**



*Happy Birthday*  
3/5 - Mead Carlson  
3/11 - Julie Kaminski & Sandy Kempisty

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Mar. 6th - Deceased Mothers  
Tues., Mar. 7th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
Wed., Mar. 8th - Chuck Presor (Family)  
Thurs., Mar. 9th - The Souls in Purgatory  
Fri., Mar. 10th - Daniszewski & Gorka Families  
Sat., Mar. 11th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
Sun., Mar. 12th, 10:30AM - Members of Polish Falcons Nest #123

## THE LONG WALK

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

## IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Lillian Przepierski on Thursday, February 16th. Please keep Lillian and her family and friends in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

## What to Give Up...

Give up complaining...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Regular Offering: \$2,529.00 (33/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$133,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$79,200.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,529.00	\$79,956.00
Net (over/under):	\$129.00	\$756.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 48; 10:30AM = 64

## The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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*Return  
TO ME  
WITH ALL YOUR  
HEARTS,  
WITH FASTING,  
WITH WEeping,  
AND WITH  
SORROW*

“Lord, it is good that we are here...”

— Matthew 17:4

# News for Our Partnership

Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partnered Parishes

## LENTEN DINNERS



4:00 - 7:00 PM (or until sold out)  
\* GOOD FRIDAY: TAKE OUT ONLY

- ➔ **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at HOLY TRINITY**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th at SAINT STANISLAUS**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 10th at SAINT STANISLAUS**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 17th at HOLY TRINITY**
- ➔ **FRIDAY, MARCH 24th at SAINT STANISLAUS**
- ➔ **\*GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7th at HOLY TRINITY**

Saint Stanislaus 513 East 13th Street Fish, Pierogi, Fries, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Mac-n-Cheese \$15.00 for adults \$6.00 for children 6-12 Free for children under 5	Holy Trinity 2220 Reed Street Baked Fish, Pierogi, & Potato Pancakes \$18.00 Platter \$15.00 Dinner \$6.00 for children 6-12 Free for children under 5
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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FOR LENT: PRAYERFUL

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### HOLY TRINITY BINGO

All CASH prizes!!!

\* Instants \* 50/50 Game

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

Walk Ins Welcome

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity PCEP program

NEXT BINGO: APRIL 16th

### RETURN OF SOUP & BREADS DINNER

For the first time since the pandemic, we are resuming our practice of hosting a "Soup & Breads" gatherings. The evening will begin at 5:30PM with Stations of the Cross with dinner to follow. A brief presentation on the various aspects of the Liturgy will be offered by Fr. Jason. Gatherings will take place on the following days (those in green will take place at Holy Trinity; those in red will take place at St. Stanislaus):

**Wednesday, March 8th**

**Wednesday, March 15th**

**Wednesday, March 22nd**

**Wednesday, March 29th**

### THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

3/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 3/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 3/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 3/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski; 3/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 3/11) Sandy Kempisty; 3/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

### Sunday, Mar 05, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

"I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

#### Honor the unnamed

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

### Monday, Mar 06, 2023

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

"Give and gifts will be given to you."

#### Read up!

This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir *The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman*. She also wrote biographies of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres. You might be reading Tarry beyond March!

### Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

#### Beyond distinctions

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn't renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua's slave—wouldn't be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua's final words to heart: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you."

### Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

#### A brother called to heal

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God to repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later engaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John's holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

### Thursday, Mar 09, 2023

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores."

#### Priceless service

It's entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

### Friday, Mar 10, 2023

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

"The Kingdom of God will be... given to a people that will produce its fruit."

#### Celebrate sisters

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to [VISION VocationNetwork.org](http://VISIONVocationNetwork.org). But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

### Saturday, Mar 11, 2023

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

#### Confession heals the soul

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu Prāyaścitta. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called Istighfar. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

