

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## OCTOBER 3, 2021



### *Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church*

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

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

**Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**

**\* Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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

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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. What we fail to realize, however, is that love is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

**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 Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

**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., Oct. 4th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Oct. 5th - Mary Ann Hallman (Val Jaskiewicz)  
 Wed., Oct. 6th - Richard & Theresa Jenks (Marcia)  
 Thurs., Oct. 7th - Jolae Ropiecki (Jerome)  
 Fri., Oct. 8th - Charles Britton (Family)  
 Sat., Oct. 9th, 4:00PM - Special Intention (Bill & Stephanie Wycech)  
 Sun., Oct. 10th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **BERNARD & MARY BAGNISZEWSKI** as gifted by Janet & Jim Piotrowski.

## BANS OF MARRIAGE

III - Matthew Puda & Erika Woll

## IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, September 24th, for **STANLEY DOMOWICZ**, and on Saturday, September 25th, for **KRISTAN TABAKA**. Please keep them and their loved ones in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

## ANNUAL PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR

We will resume our annual pro-life holy hour this year, sponsored by our Pro-Life Committee. It will take place on Sunday, October 24th, beginning at 2:00PM. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some quiet time for prayer, and public prayers of behalf of those whose lives are unjustly endangered. Consider joining us as we uphold the sanctity of all human life.

# A TASTE OF



**Saint Stanislaus Church, Erie, PA**  
**Sunday, October 10, 2021**  
**11:30AM - 5:00PM**

Polish Platter Dinners ~ Dine-In or Take-Out  
 Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes  
**Adults: \$11 6-12 year old: \$5 Under 5: FREE**  
 \* Handicapped Accessible

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**RAFFLE**  
 1st Prize: \$1,250    2nd Prize: \$500    3rd Prize: \$250



Proceeds to benefit Saint Stanislaus Parish



## DONATIONS NEEDED

The Ladies Society is asking for donations of **NEW ITEMS** to make up gift baskets for our raffle. These donations can come in the form of gift cards, monetary donations, and/or bake sale items. Please call Diane (814.825.5748) regarding gifts needed, donations, or questions. Thank you for helping make our "A Taste of Poland/Parish Day" a success through your generosity!

## 27th ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

The 27th Annual Rosary March will take place on Sunday, October 10th at 2:00PM. The march will begin at St. Jude's Church (2801 West 6th Street). The march will be live-streamed at [www.stjudeapos.org](http://www.stjudeapos.org). Those unable able to march can remain at the church where the rosary will be recited during the march. For more information, call John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

### 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 25, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$54,028.00
Amount Received	\$2,188.00	\$35,484.00
Net over/under	(\$1,968.00)	(\$18,544.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 46; 9:00AM = 51  
 Envelopes: 56/168



**I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."**

@angieharmon



A Pole goes to an ophthalmologist.

The doctor shows him:

C Z J W I N O S T A W C Z

- Can you read this?

- Read? I know this guy!

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DON BENCZKOWSKI**, as gifted by Barb & Louis Narducci.



10/4 - John Stano  
10/5 - Ken Koszegi  
10/6) Tex Brieger & Dan Loeffler

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 4th - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)  
Tues., Oct. 5th - Msgr. John Daniszewski (Estate)  
Wed., Oct. 6th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased  
Thurs., Oct. 7th - In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Fri., Oct. 8th - The Souls in Purgatory  
Sat., Oct. 9th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
Sun., Oct. 10th, 10:30AM - Fr. Vincent Matysiak

HOLY TRINITY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 5TH

### IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, September 23, for our parishioner, Kathylen (Kathy) Benes, and please keep her son and family in our prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."



mark  
your  
calendar!

### GOLABKI DINNER!

Holy Trinity will be hosting our first ever Golabki Dinner on **Sunday, October 24th**, from Noon - 5:00PM. The dinner will be served in our Social Hall. More details to follow!

### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: OUR FIRST PASTOR

On December 6, 1903, Father Matysiak was appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church. The zeal and energy of his work was made immediately evident in his new labors. He selected a church committee of three members—Mr. Adalbert Skibinski, Mr. Anthony Donikowski, and Mr. Francis Nowak. There was no rectory and Father Matysiak lived in a home, which was fully two blocks away from the church. With the cooperation of his committee plans were evolved, whereby a combination school and rectory could be constructed for a minimum expenditure. The first plan presented a two-story building at the estimated cost of \$4,500.00, but the committee suggested that a small meeting hall could be constructed in the basement to serve as a parish hall, and in case of necessity could be used as an extra classroom. This change brought about the estimated cost of \$6,000.00. During the building of this school and rectory, Father Matysiak contributed both his time and his labor. When on September 10, 1904, this building was not only completed, but also furnished, great pride and satisfaction was commonly shared by the loving parishioners and their zealous pastor. The rectory and school consisted of ten spacious rooms with a large assembly hall in the basement. The living quarters were completely furnished, including an ultra-modern bathroom with a new modern water heating equipment. This modern heating equipment, no one then realized, was to be the cause of a stunning catastrophe. With the successful completion of the rectory, Father Matysiak decided to hold the first Mission in his church. Missionary Fathers were invited to conduct the mission, which opened on Oct. 3, 1904. At this time the most Rev. Bishop Fitzmaurice arrived to bless the new school and expressed joy and satisfaction at the progress made in such a short time. At the conclusion of the mission, which lasted one week, Father Matysiak held his first Forty-Hour Devotion. He invited, as is customary, other priests of the diocese. On the evening of October 10, after evening devotions, leaving his guests, he expressed being fatigued would take a bath to refresh himself. When the pastor did not return for a long time, the visiting fathers expressed surprise, then suspicion. Upon investigating they found Father Matysiak, his bath completed and dressed, lying prone on the floor and gasping for air. All efforts to revive him failed. He died from monoxide poisoning at one o'clock, the 11th of October, 1904.

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Regular Offering: \$2,735.00 (29/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$36,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$28,951.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,735.00	\$31,395.00
Net (over/under):	\$370.00	\$2,445.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 29; 10:30AM = 45

### THE HOLY TRINITY USHERS' SOCIETY

... will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00PM in the Gathering Space. Primary on the agenda is finalizing details for our annual "Pre-Election Party."

### THANK YOU DINNER

Our annual "Thank You" dinner for our Zabawa volunteers will be held on **October 13th**, with hors d'oeuvres served at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM. Please call Mary Ann (at 814-456-0671) to make your reservation.

*"Let the children come to me... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

- Mark 10:16

# News for Our Partnership

Dear Parishioners,  
Several of you have commented on a rather pronounced limp you have observed in my gait. Thank you for your concern! In the interest of full disclosure, I have seen a doctor and, following a series of X-rays, it was determined that I have little to no cartilage left in my right hip. I will be seeing an orthopedic surgeon at the end of the month (soonest I could get in) to determine the next step to alleviating the pain. I will keep you posted...

- Fr. Jason

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL LADIES' GUILD

...will hold its Annual Fall Luncheon and Auction on Sunday, October 17 from 1-4 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Tickets are \$8.00 and include a delicious lunch. Also on tap – a Chinese Auction, Dessert Auction, tip boards, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. Only 200 tickets will be sold, so reserve a table for your group today! For tickets or more information, call Carolyn at 814-825-3895.

## HELP WANTED

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is in need of a part-time housekeeper for the rectory and to assist with the Mercy Center Pre-School classrooms. Hours and times are flexible. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. (814)-825-7313.

## ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY

...is looking for new members. The St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary works toward inspiring priests for the Catholic Church. With an abundance of hope, the auxiliary is moving forward with planning a year filled with opportunities for fellowship and support of our seminarians through monthly meetings and the annual card party. The auxiliary is seeking new members and parish directors for several area churches. All are welcome to attend the first meeting on Oct. 13 beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. For more information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406.

## ST. BENEDICT ALUMNAE BINGO

October 3rd & November 14th  
Polish Falcons (431 East 3rd Street)  
Reservations only (call Valerie 814 566 3624)  
Doors open noon; Bingo at 1 pm  
Open kitchen; Cash BINGO; 50/50; Tips; \$100 lottery tree  
Benefits the Sisters ministries



## They Are Precious in His Sight

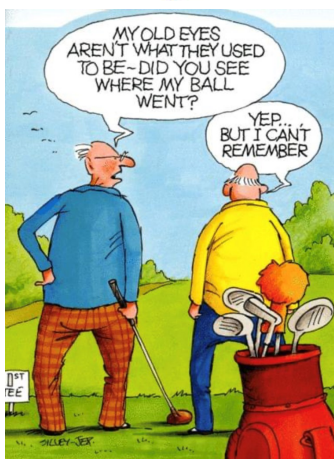
And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 3:16 (NIV)

Based on Mark 10:13-16



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PEOPLE BLESS COME	ARMS TOUCH HINDER	LITTLE CHILDREN DISCIPLES	TRUTH REBUKE KINGDOM	JESUS HANDS BELONGS
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## ST. JUDE'S "Chuck & Ginny's"

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 11:30AM-5:30PM

2801 WEST 6TH STREET (ST. JUDE'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM)

\$10 PER PERSON / \$5 PER CHILD

TAKEOUTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR



FEATURING ERIE'S OWN **GINNY'S SAUCE**  
FROM CHUCK & GINNY'S

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/4) Ed Czulewicz, Evelyn & Ed Selleny; 10/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 10/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski; 10/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Kranesky; 10/8) Steve Rimpa, \$ Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 10/9) Marcia Nitzczynski & Rose Marie Radomski

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/4) Fr. Greg Passaur; 10/5) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 10/6) Fr. Jim Gutting; 10/7) Fr. Joe Campbell; 10/8) Fr. John Fischer; 10/9) Fr. David Whiteford; 10/10) Fr. Scott Jabo



## Sunday, Oct 03, 2021

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### To live the gospel of life

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

"Let the children come to me...

for he kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us.

## Monday, Oct 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### For all creatures great and small

Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

## Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

### Open your heart to those left behind

Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

"You are anxious and worried about many things."

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.

## Wednesday, Oct 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

### Stand with those who hold the fire line

Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

"[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"

With the increase in wildfires, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49). Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires.

## Thursday, Oct 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

### Count on the Rosary

Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

"How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

## Friday, Oct 08, 2021

### God points toward hope

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

"But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.

## Saturday, Oct 09, 2021

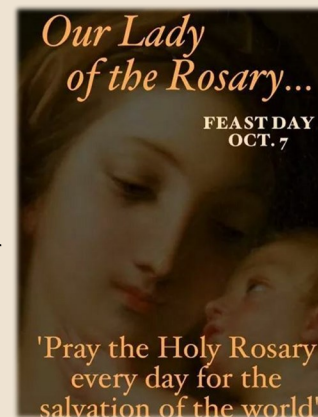
MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Keep your head about you!

Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

"[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a cephalophore, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the centuries the question, put the halo? where his head Though we truth comes legend. When have to God, our and our story



saint over the struggled with "Where do you Over his head, or used to be?" smile, a nugget of through the we give all we life is memorable ends well.