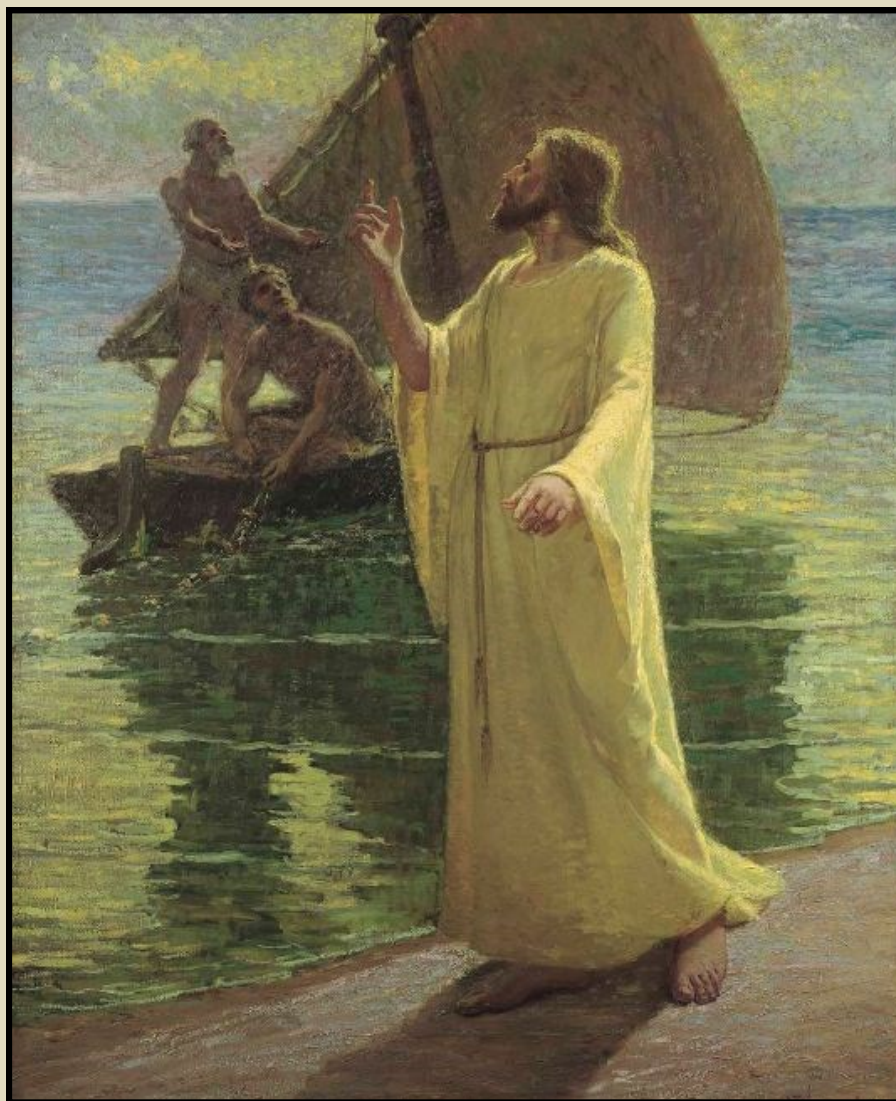


# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## January 14, 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  
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform a greeter)**

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#### **Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

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

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

**\* Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass  
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# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

### Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19/Ps 40:2-4, 7-10/1 Cor 6:13-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**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., Jan. 15th - Private Intention  
 Tues., Jan. 16th - Richard Mielnik (Dorothy Mielnik)  
 Wed., Jan. 17th - Anna Wiczlinski (Orzel Family)  
 Thurs., Jan. 18th - Michael Kovach (K. Kovach)  
 Fri., Jan 19th - Agnes Wienczkowski (Family)  
 Sat., Jan. 20th, 4:00PM - Theresa Millard (Katherine Krainski)  
 Sun., Jan. 21st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JIM KLEINER**, as gifted by Janet & Jim Piotrowski.



## CHRIST IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet? Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

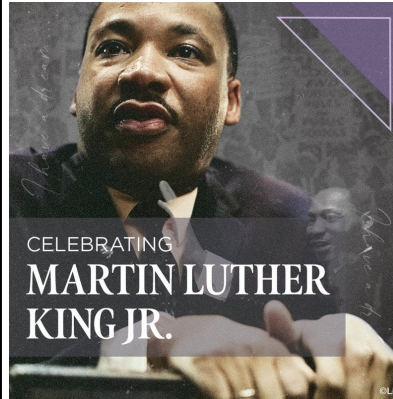
In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Special words of congratulations to Haley Rohrbach, who was named to the "Dean's List" for her academic accomplishments at Gannon University this past Fall semester. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12-credit hours of classes and earn of GPA of 3.5 or higher to qualify for the "Dean's List." Congratulations, Haley!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Sunday, January 21st, is the third Sunday of the month. As has become our recent custom, we will host Eucharistic Adoration following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:30AM. A sign-up binder can be found in the vestibule of the church. Consider spending a few moments in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Parish is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Start your Super Bowl Sunday off by celebrating the 9:00AM Mass with us and then enjoying a hot breakfast in our Parish Hall!

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 7, 2024

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$116,398.00
Amount Received	\$2,851.00	\$66,500.00
Net over/under	(\$1,305.00)	(\$49,868.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 59; 9:00AM = 68  
 Envelopes: 57/168



## MARRIAGE MOMENT

What does it mean to be equal? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day. Trading places can bring new appreciation for each other. Even if the job doesn't get done as well, it can provide a laugh.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in **FOR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING & ITS COMMITTEE.**



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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 15th - Anna Marie Neimeic (Don & Family)  
Tues., Jan. 16th - Stanley Kniewski (Family)  
Wed., Jan. 17th - All Living & Deceased Mothers  
Thurs., Jan. 18th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)  
Fri., Jan. 19th - All Souls  
Sat., Jan. 20th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)  
Sun., Jan. 21st, 10:30AM - Jim Evans (Ed Czulewicz)

“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words, Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially, Samuel responds, “Here I am,” but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live. Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, might be a problem for us. First, we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards and servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do. “Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more importantly do we respond, and do we follow? In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”

## USHERS’ SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Ushers’ Society will be held on Tuesday, January 30th, at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Here we are in the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. Are you getting tired of it? Find something fun for your family to do together. Play a new game. Draw cartoons of each other. Dress up in costumes. Be silly together. Let your kids lead.

## 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!

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 7, 2024

Regular Offering: \$1,941.00 (32/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$108,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$62,400.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,941.00	\$72,890.00
Net (over/under):	(\$459.00)	\$10,490.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 40; 10:30AM = 53

## John 1:35-39

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“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

## *News for Our Partnership*

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Fr. Jason has resumed his teaching responsibilities for the Spring Semester this past week. He will not be available on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Please keep him and his students in your prayers.

### **CIVIL RIGHTS DAY**

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.

### **A PRAYER FOR A JUST SOCIETY**

Heavenly Father, You create every human person in Your image and likeness. You call us together in one human family, united in dignity, value, and love. Give us the strength and wisdom to protect this dignity and life at all stages. Jesus our Savior, you proclaim the blessedness of those who work for peace and who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Forgive us for the times we have not responded to the call of Your Beatitudes. Holy Spirit, the Advocate, empower us to stand in defense of the poor and vulnerable. Good and Gracious God, make our hearts to love like Yours. Amen.

### **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.

### **ABOUT THE DIOCESE OF ERIE**

We are a diocese composed of the thirteen counties of Northwestern Pennsylvania with a Catholic population of about 195,000. Geographically, we are the largest diocese in the state covering 10,167 square miles. Much of the diocese is rural (farmlands, fields and forests) with one large city, Erie (the See city) and several medium-sized metropolitan areas. The Diocese of Erie has been led by Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, JCL, since October of 2012. In addition to shepherding the diocese through a comprehensive pastoral plan involving schools, parishes and faith formation, he has made it his priority to be with the people in the diocese whenever possible, visiting parishes, schools and other organizations for a variety of liturgical and non-liturgical events. The diocese is served by 92 active diocesan priests, as well as approximately 7 priests from other dioceses or religious communities, 34 retired diocesan priests and 66 diocesan permanent deacons. There are approximately 187 women religious living in the diocese. We are educating 5,008 students in elementary, middle and high schools for the 2022-2023 school year. Our religious education programs involves about 4,800 elementary and secondary children and youth, including confirmation students. The Diocese of Erie welcomed 783 people in baptism this past year while funerals were celebrated for 1,976 members of our parish families who were called home to God in that time. These facts tell you a little about what we are as a Church.

### **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.

### **ASHES**


This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. If you have palms from last year, feel free to bring them to the church and we will burn them to use for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

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

1/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski; 1/15) Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 1/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Richard Valahovic; 1/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszynski; 1/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 1/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 1/20) Ed Korytowski; 1/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik

### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

1/14) Msgr. Jim Sanner; 1/15) Fr. Ed Walk; 1/16) Fr. John Santor; 1/17) Fr. Johnathan Schmolt; 1/18) Fr. Stephen Schreiber; 1/19) Fr. Cesar Segovia; 1/20) Fr. Kyle Seyler; 1/21) Fr. Paul Siebert



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.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL  
Bishop of Erie

