

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2022



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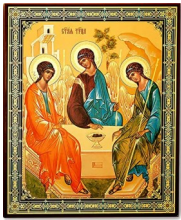
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St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 - 3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13, 30-32/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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, 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 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., Aug. 8th - Private Intention
 Tues., Aug. 9th - Tom Konkol (Jacque & Ed Macie)
 Wed., Aug. 10th - Jolae Ropiecki (Jerome)
 Thurs., Aug. 11th - Stanley Widomski (Andria & John Votovich)
 Fri., Aug. 12th - James Bradley (Tom & Sharon Zielinski)
 Sat., Aug. 13th, 4:00PM - Fr. Leon Doleski (Vargo Family)
 Sun., Aug. 14th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **TOM KONKOL**, as gifted by Jacque & Ed Macie.



CAUGHT IN THE RISING ACTION

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm." I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere. We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring. We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all. But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Congratulations to Mr. Charlie Meyers and Mrs. Christina (Sardini) Meyers who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on July 30th. Charlie is a Gannon graduate and a Delta Sigma Phi fraternity member, over which Fr. Jason exercises oversight.

UPDATE: ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL BUILDING

We are pleased to inform you that Catholic Charities Refugee Services is expanding their operations in our former school building and moving their West 10th Street offices to our campus. They will soon be occupying the first and second floors of the building, while our artists will occupy the third floor. Refugee Services is currently ministering primarily to Afghan families who fled their country following the American military withdrawal. They are preparing to begin serving Ukrainian families who are fleeing from the Russian invasion. Once Catholic Charities is settled into our building, we will plan to host an "open house" in the former school so that you can see, first hand, the ministry we are providing to the grateful refugees.

UPDATE: BOIL IN MY BUM

Repairs to our boiler continue as planned. The Scobell Company will be installing a 4 inch steam pipe that spans from the boiler house to the school in the near future. We are anticipating the delivery of the reserve water tank, which resupplies the boiler with water that evaporates, before the end of the month. Once installed, the project will be completed. We continue to be extremely grateful for your financial support, which has enabled us to continue our work without the need to take out a loan. Ongoing donations will be accepted through the month of August. Thanks, again, for all of your support!

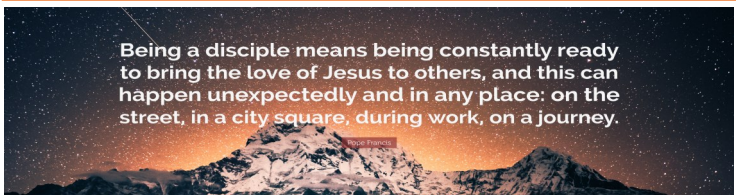
WEEKLY OFFERING (JULY 31ST, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$20,780.00
Amount Received	\$1,791.00	\$12,122.00
Net over/under	(\$2,365.00)	(\$8,658.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 42; 9:00AM = 51
 Envelopes: 54/168



Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of the **LIVING & DECEASED PRIESTS AND SISTERS WHO SERVED AT HOLY TRINITY.**

8/08 - Ava Lubak, Trisha Rimpa & Patty Slomski
8/09 - Mandy Rawa
8/10 - Dave Slomski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 8th - Edith & John Magraw (Family)
Tues., Aug. 9th - Father Robert Susa
Wed., Aug. 10th - All Living & Deceased Mothers
Thurs., Aug. 11th - Father William Miller
Fri., Aug. 12th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Sat., Aug. 13th, 5:15PM - Delphine Gorniak (Skip & Theresa)
Sun., Aug. 14th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question to ponder. The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me? As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

**Holy Trinity's Parish Office
will be CLOSED for the day on
Friday, August 12th.**

PLEASE NOTE

Holy Trinity Masses will return to the church building on the weekend of **August 20th and 21st** so that we can begin preparations for Zabawa.

GOLABKI MAKING

Volunteers are needed to begin making golabki (stuffed cabbage) for our upcoming Zabawa. Volunteers will be gathered in Holy Trinity's Social Hall:

Wednesday, August 10th (Noon - 9PM)

Thursday, August 11th (9:00AM - 9:00PM)

Friday, August 12th (9:00AM - until done)

All help is welcomed for however much time you have to give. No experience is necessary.

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies.

A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want.



God is watching the apples."

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JULY 31ST, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,544.00 (34/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$20,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$12,000.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,544.00	\$10,365.00
Net (over/under):	(\$856.00)	(\$1,635.00)
Attendance: 5:15PM = 33; 10:30AM = 64		

Luke 12: 35-40

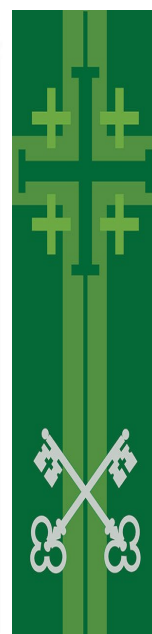
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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

DISCIPLES
VIGILANT
PREPARED
SERVANTS
PROCEED
ARRIVAL
RECLINE
BLESSED

WEDDING
MASTER
KNOCKS
SECOND
BROKEN
EXPECT
LIGHT
TABLE

THIRD
WATCH
HOUSE
LOIN
HOUR
LAMP



"... still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

- Luke 12:48

News for Our Partnership

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Fr. Jason will be out of the office from August 8-12. He will be spending some time with friends and family before Zabawa and the beginning of the school year. Any emergency calls or funerals can be directed to Msgr. Dan.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Though not a holy day of obligation this year, Masses will be celebrated:

August 15th at 8AM at Holy Trinity (Dom Boze)
August 15th at 9AM at St. Stanislaus

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gannon students will be moving back to campus on August 19th and Fr. Jason will resume his teaching obligations the following week. Consequently, he will not be in the office on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Pray for all of our students returning to the classroom this fall.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries this year and who were honored at a special Mass at Holy Cross Church in Fairview:

Bill & Corinne Dyakon (40 years)
Brian & Cheryl Meabon (40 years)
Jack & Sandy Kempisty (50 years)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

**Just be thankful
that it's not
snowing. Imagine
shovelling snow
in this heat!**



19 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA 2022

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Be aware that our parishes are completely out of votive candles. An order was placed well before Easter. Hoffman's, who is our supplier, tells us that there are "supply chain issues" and they are not sure when the candles will be delivered. Until further notice, we encourage you to save your votive candle envelopes until we are resupplied. We will keep you posted...

GRAND RAFFLE 2022

Tickets for Zabawa's Grand Raffle are still available in Holy Trinity's Parish Office. The Grand Prize is \$3,000; Second is \$2,000; and Third is \$1,000. Get yours while they last! Also, if you have tickets to turn in, please do so soon.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Anyone willing to volunteer your time at Zabawa 2022, please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office with the days and times you would be available and someone will get in contact with you. Come and enjoy this glorious weekend!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th, in the Saint Stanislaus Rectory courtyard from 3PM-7:00PM. The communities of St. Stan's, Holy Trinity, and St. Hedwig's are warmly invited to attend. The parish will provide the proteins (chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs). As a *suggestion*, consider bringing a covered dish based on your family's last name:

A-G = salad (greens, macaroni, potato)
H-N = starch (potatoes, pasta, rice)
O-V = vegetable (casserole, beans, corn)
W-Z = dessert (cupcakes, cake, brownies)

These are just suggestions. If you have a favorite picnic dish you prefer to prepare, by all means! We had such a good time at our last "pre-Covid" picnic, and we look forward to this coming picnic!

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

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

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

8/8) Fr. Tom Fialkowski; 8/9) Fr. Guillermo Diaz; 8/10) Fr. John Walsh; 8/11) Fr. John Beal; 8/12) Fr. Tom Brown; 8/13) Bishop Persico; 8/14) Fr. Zab Amar

Sunday, Aug 07, 2022

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

Tap into the power of faith

"The power of faith is enormous," Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well."

Monday, Aug 08, 2022

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27

"Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up."

Kick off your shoes

You may have seen the term *discalced* before and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for "unshod," or barefoot. Members of *discalced* orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic traveled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn't believe he'd convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones."

Never forget

The United Nations designates today International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It's also the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta - a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun - is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II declared: "I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!" Pray that this be so.

Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

Seek the treasure that lasts forever

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence - ordered to hand over the church's money - gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead, calling them the "true treasures of the Church." He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

Thursday, Aug 11, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1

"How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Focus on essentials, not the extras

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laserfocused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

Friday, Aug 12, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, FOUNDER

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12

"I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."

Look on the bright side

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order of nuns, advised her followers to let go chronic guilt: "We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough." Accept your imperfections (you're human!) and take a moment to feel gratitude for the good in your life.

Saturday, Aug 13, 2022

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Make it a policy to help the widowed and orphaned

When Blessed Father Michael McGivney was a parish priest in Connecticut 150 years ago, he was moved by the plight of migrant families where the breadwinner had died and left a widow and young children without resources. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, to support these struggling families. McGivney devised an insurance plan for the Knights to administer that would pay families a death benefit. Today that insurance company is still going strong with more than 2 million policies representing \$100 billion in coverage. McGivney's feast day is today. Pray for his canonization.

Faithful God,
may our disciplined practice of faith
sustain us when life is challenging
and death seems to have won.
Keep us crying out to you in hope.
Make our cries a herald of your faithfulness
in a world all too often
overwhelmed by brokenness.
Amen.

