

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023



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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

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

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

Partners in Faith & Mission



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6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26 - 16:4
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23-28
Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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.



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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, music minister, or usher/greeter, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 15th - Private Intention
Tues., May 16th - Gay & Bob Woldarczyk (Family)
Wed., May 17th - Richard Niedzwicki (Rich & Patty Mielnik)
Thurs., May 18th - Tom Ruffley (Nancy & Frank Hodas)
Fri., May 19th - Rose "Babe" Niedzwicki (Dorothy Mielnik)
Sat., May 20th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., May 21st, 9:00AM - Carl, Frances, & Charles Trochowski (Family)



Our sanctuary candle burn in memory of **FR. FRANK PRZEPIERSKI**, as gifted by Family.



IN MEMORIUM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Jeanette (Peachy) Kwitowski on Friday, May 5th. Please keep Jeanette and her family and friends in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

GARAGE SALE

Tentative plans are in the works to host another major garage sale this summer on the Parish Hall parking lot and in the Parish Hall. As you engage in your Spring cleaning, keep this in mind and set aside items you would like to donate to this cause. Someone will be in the Parish Hall parking Lot on June 10th and June 17th from 9-11AM, and on June 19th from 4-6PM, to collect any donated items. Thank you, in advance, for your contributions.

MANY THANKS

Our parish expresses its gratitude to Dave Piotrowicz! If you recall, Dave walked laps at the YMCA during the Lenten season to raise money for local charities, of which St. Stanislaus was one. Dozens of individuals and businesses contributed to Dave's cause, raising \$3090.00. St. Stanislaus received \$1,030.00 from Dave! A list of donors is posted in our display cases. Many thanks, Dave, and to all who supported him!

JULY LOTTERY RAFFLE

The next round of Lottery Raffle tickets for the month of July, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, are now available. \$5 buys you 31 chances to win! Tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or in the Parish Office. Thank you for your ongoing support!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MAY 7TH



CALCULATING LOVE

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

ADORATION

SUNDAY, MAY 14th, following 9AM Mass

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **ALL PRIESTS and an INCREASE IN VOCATIONS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.**



5/17 – William Lazar
5/19 – Linda Kaminski & Beverly Lazar
5/20 – Brian Meabon

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 15th - All Souls
Tues., May 16th - In Thanksgiving for Msgr. Dan's 48th Anniversary
Wed., May 17th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Thurs., May 18th - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
Fri., May 19th - For All Deceased Mothers
Sat., May 20th, 5:15PM - Stanley Kniowski (Family)
Sun., May 21st, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary. Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be "Lord" of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talent, and treasure. The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to "prove" our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not a mere sentiment. "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me," Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God's commandments. This requires courage, humility, and deep trust in Him. But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

On Saturday, May 13th at our 5:15 PM Mass, Monsignor Dan baptized **ADRIAN JAMES DYLEWSKI BOYER**. He is the son of Allison Dylewski and Daniel Boyer. We welcome them and their four children back to our Parish Family after being out of town for a few years. Welcome home!

TRINITY SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 4th, our parish will celebrate our Feast Day (*not* June 11th, as it was mistakenly published last week). Following Mass, we will host a parish day brunch, where we will honor those who have received First Communion, graduates from 8th Grade, High School, and College, as well as significant wedding anniversaries. A good-will offering will be taken to defray the expenses. Please RSVP by May 22nd.

PARISH GROUNDS

Fr. Jason was able to find a Gannon student who was looking for part-time summer employment to care for our grounds. His name is Aiden Hicks. If you see him around, offer him a word of welcome.



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MAY 7TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$2,078.00 (34/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$169,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$103,200.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,078.00	\$104,456.00
Net (over/under):	(\$322.00)	\$1,256.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 20; 10:30AM = 68

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



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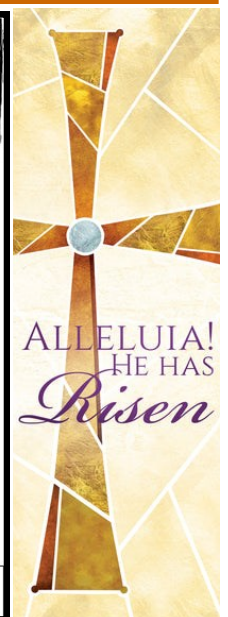
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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments..."

- John 14:15

News for Our Partnership

FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting are posted in our vestibule display cases. Limited copies are available in the back of the church. If we run out of copies, please call the Parish Office and one will be provided to you.

Also, if you are interested in a position on Parish Council, please send a letter of interest to Father Jason. Please include any personal/professional background that you can contribute to the Council (e.g., accounting, legal, construction, etc.). As a position on Council opens, Father will be in contact with you.

THE HOLY TRINITY USHERS' SOCIETY

... invites everyone to their annual "Pre-Election Get-Together" on Sunday, May 14th, from 4:00PM - 7:00PM at the Holy Trinity Social Hall. Candidates running for political office will be introduced at 6:00PM. Admission is \$15.00 and includes Ox Roast Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Chicken Wings, and Beverages. You *must be* 21 to attend.

PRO-LIFE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are, once again, sponsoring the "Baby Bottle" pro-life fundraising drive. At the main entrances of our churches are empty baby bottles. If you would like to participate, take a bottle home with you and fill it with your spare change each day. The bottles will be collected until Father's Day (June 18th). Envelopes are also available if you would like to make a cash or check donation. Thank you for supporting this effort!

RECIPE BOOK

If you recall, prior to the pandemic, we were collecting recipes to organize and publish a recipe book. Unfortunately, then the pandemic hit, that project was stalled. We now have a small committee together to resume that work. If you have recipes that you are willing to share, please place them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish office, or give them to Michelle Wiley or Fr. Jason. We hope to have the book published by the fall. Thank you!

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

5/15) Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 5/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic; 5/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tusczyński; 5/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 5/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 5/20) Ed Korytowski; 5/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

5/15) Fr. Dan Hoffman; 5/16) Fr. Phil Pinczewski; 5/17) Msgr. Bob Smith; 5/18) All Vocations; 5/19) Bishop Persico; 5/20) Fr. Chris Singer; 5/21) Fr. John Fischer

Happy Mother's Day!



ST. STANISLAUS WOMEN'S SOCIETY



SUNDAY, JUNE 11th

1:00PM (Doors open at Noon)

All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instants * 50/50 Game**

***Kitchen Food Available**

- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each additional package
- Call 814-882-9835 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

NEXT BINGO: November 5th

CONGRATULATIONS

Warm congratulations to our priests who are celebrating their ordination anniversaries this coming week. Msgr. Magraw will celebrate his 48th anniversary on May 16th. Msgr. Urbaniak will celebrate his 55th anniversary on May 18th. We thank them for their many years of ministry and pray for their ongoing good health and happiness.

CARNATION PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

We were informed earlier this month that the People for Life of Erie, PA, has decided to discontinue their annual "Mother's Day Carnation Sale." If you care to make a donation to their cause, cash or checks can be mailed to: People for Life, 1625 West 26th St., Erie, PA 16512.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

"Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope."

What keeps us faithful

Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who we're becoming?

Monday, May 15, 2023

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, FARMER

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a

"You also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

A patron of plentitude

Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a peasant farm worker in Spain around the year 1100. There's a theme of abundance surrounding the stories of his miracles. He made water burst from dry earth to quench the thirsty, and there was always enough in his wife's pot of stew to feed however many hungry people he brought home. When he fed starving animals from his bag of wheat, the same bag produced double the expected amount of flour. When you work, do so with a prayerful, plentiful heart and think, there's always more where that came from!

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to the one who sent me.'"

Love triumphs

Joan of Arc was canonized on this day in 1920 - making her the only person in history ever to be both condemned and canonized by the Catholic Church. Her triumph: leading the French army to victory over the British. Her tragedy: being burned at the stake, the power of her faith mistaken for witchcraft. Joan's resolve caused Mark Twain to insist, "She is easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced." She "understood that Love embraces all things." Love like Joan today.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

"In him we live and move and have our being," as even some of your poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Stop the traffic

Saint Josephine Bakhita, the first black female saint of the modern era, was beatified on this day in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

Thursday, May 18, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

A family reunion

Although Americans tend to not do much beyond Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, in some parts of Europe (Germany, most notably), the day involves special festivities. Because the day celebrates Jesus returning to his Father, it is the German Father's Day, usually celebrated with picnics or outings. Take a moment today to return in prayer to your heavenly Creator.

Friday, May 19, 2023

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."

Lessons in hope

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen, but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

Saturday, May 20, 2023

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

"Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Preaching to the heart

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), a Franciscan priest, lived at a time in Italy when most preachers proclaimed their sermons from the pulpit during the liturgy and to cloistered clerics. Bernardine was among the first to preach to the public. He was so effective a preacher that cynical civil authorities would invite him to their towns because of the money to be made from the large crowds that gathered to hear him. No matter, Bernardine touched hearts and minds in a priceless way. Seek out preaching that feeds your soul.

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.

We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



Happy Mother's Day