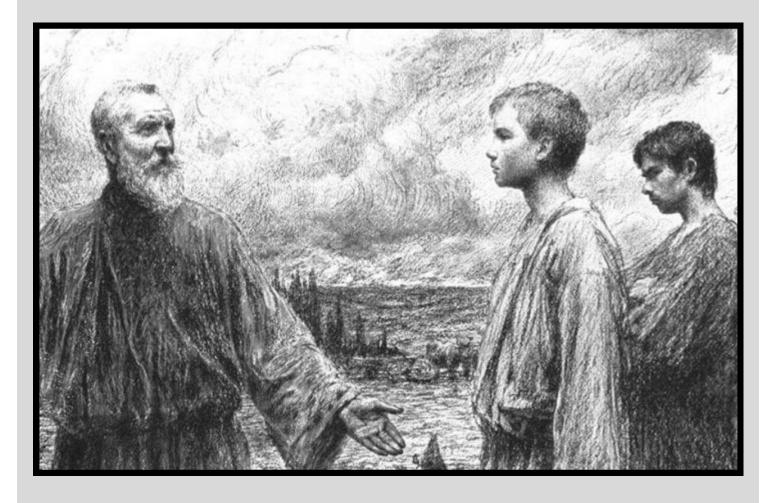
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 27th, 2020



Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partners in Faith & Mission



September 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an everdeepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 [26th Sunday] Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-7/Lk 9:46-50 [Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz] Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51 [Archangels] Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62 [St. Jerome] Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-14/Lk 10:1-12 [St. Therese of the Child Jesus] Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10 [Guardian Angels] Saturday: Jb 42:1-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 [27th Sunday]

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 John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

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, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

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 Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"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 Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from 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 worshiping 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 Linda at 814.864.8476.

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 Luniewski at 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.

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Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 28th - Michael Przybyszewski (Family) Tues., Sept. 29th - Deacon Bob Walker (Bobbie Kozlarski) Wed., Sept. 30th - Louis & Constance Rzodkiewicz (Family) Thurs., Oct. 1st - Frank Ewiak (Family) Fri., Oct. 2nd - Ed & Virginia Czulewicz (Family) Sat., Oct. 3rd, 4:00PM - Leo & Veronica Tomczak Family (Family) Sun., Oct. 4th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alan Muir & Hannah Kitcey (10/10) Tom Kurpiewski & Cheryl Hall (10/17)

NOVEMBER LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Holy Name Society is, once again, sponsoring a November Lottery Raffle, based on the PA Daily Number. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Holy Name member or at the parish office.



POLISH FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA Take-Out Dinner OCTOBER 11, 2020 11:30AM - 5:00PM

Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **FRANCIS & SOPHIA STANKAVICH** as gifted by Marie.

IN MEMORIAM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Mary Anna Kleiner this past Wednesday. Please keep Mary Anna and the Kleiner family in your prayers. "Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord..."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Warmest wishes and prayers to Michael Alund and Karolina Alund (Czarnecka) who entered into Holy Matrimony yesterday, September 26th.

SHOPPING FUNDRAISER: "Friends Helping Friends"

Shop at Boscov's on **October 14th or 15th**, in store or online. You will save 20% off of the lowest sale price. Mention St. Stan's, and we will receive 5% of your total purchase.

SCRIP CARDS

Even during the pandemic, we will still be filling SCRIP CARD orders. If you are interested in purchasing them, simply contact the Parish Office.

"PARISH DAY" COLLECTION

In your weekly offering box, there is a special "Parish Day" envelope. This donation is used primarily for "start-up" money. As you already know, we will have no raffles, gift baskets, or special drawings this year due to the pandemic. This money will also off-set the profit losses we expect to incur due to the elimination of these fundraisers.

BAKE SALE

In an effort to streamline our Polish Day Extravaganza anticipated and ongoing Covid restrictions, the committee is asking those who would like to donate to our bake sale to consider limiting your efforts to either sweet breads or pies. Please put your culinary skills to work and help contribute to our cause! More information will be forthcoming.



<u>CSA 2020: UPDATE</u>

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00 Pledges: \$34,845.00 Paid To Date: \$31,660.00

Thank you for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 20, 2020)

| | This Week | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Amount we need | \$4,156.00 | \$49,872.00 |
| Amount Received | \$3,816.00 | \$31,850.00 |
| Net over/under | (\$340.00) | (\$18,022.00) |

Mass Attendance: 35 at 4:00PM 44 at 9:00AM



Holy Trinity Parish Community



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 28th - Don Benczkowski (Steve & Jennifer Habursky) Tues., Sept. 29th - Robert Kaczenski (Gloria Kaczenski) Wed., Sept. 30th - Souls in Purgatory Thurs., Oct. 1st - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families Fri., Oct. 2nd - Maria Jarema Ostapa (Family) Sat., Oct. 3rd, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo) Sun., Oct. 4th, 10:30AM - John Figurski (Dave & Jane Thiemann)

9/29 - Brandon Brieger 10/2 - Marcia Nitczynski 10/3 - Dolores Wagner 10/4 - John Stano

IN MEMORIAM

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this past Wednesday for longtime parishioner Hedwig "Aggie" Krawiec. Please keep Aggie and her family and friends in your prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord…"

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Fr. Dan and Fr. Jason will return to their alternating weekend schedule next weekend. We will continue to monitor the number of Covid cases throughout the City and County, and at Gannon University. A spike in cases may compel us to stop alternating, once again, so as to minimize our exposure. Thank you for your patience during these trying and uncertain times!

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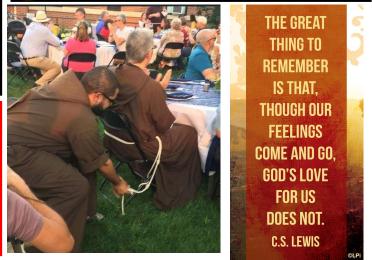
WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Regular Offering: \$1,204.00 (25/145)

| | THIS WEEK | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal: | \$3,000.00 | \$36,000.00 |
| Budgeted: | \$2,365.00 | \$28,086.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$2,151.00 | \$20,521.00 |
| Net (over/under): | (\$1,161.00) | (\$5,294.00) |
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CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00 Pledges: \$24,692.00 Paid: \$23,522.00 Families Contributing: 69 Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **JOHN FIGURSKI** as gifted by Dave & Jane Thiemann.



| The Parable of the Two Sons "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV) Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV) | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | |
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"Every knee should bend... and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord..." - Philippians 2:11

News for Our Partnership

St. Stanislaus Church "Polish Food Extravaganza Day"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

11:30 AM - 5:00 PM Parish Hall ~ 520 East 13 Street ~ handicap accessible

"POLISH PLATTER" TAKE - OUT DINNER

includes kielbasa ~ gołabki ~ pierogi ~ sweet & sour cabbage mashed potatoes ~ roll & butter

Adults - \$12.00 Children - \$6.00

Frozen Pierogi for sale 1/2 dozen-\$10. 1 dozen-\$20. Fresh Homemade Baked Goods for sale!

Grand Raffle Grand Prize~\$1,250.00 2nd Prize ~ \$500.00 3rd Prize ~ \$250.00

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. STANISLAUS PARISH



45th Annual ERIE CROP Walk

"To feed the hungry" is a work of mercy. Millions of people are hungry throughout our world, our country, our city. YOU CAN HELP ease this hunger, made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. Participate in the 45th Annual ERIE CROP Walk on Sunday, September 27. Many food pantries and soup kitchens receive grants to aid their work, among them Emmaus Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick's Food Pantry and the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network. For information or to contribute, please call Barbara Roseborough at 814/882-5972. Walk. Give. Change the world!

BLESSED SACRAMENT FALL FESTIVAL

... cash raffle will be online Sunday, September 27th, on their Facebook page, from noon-5PM. Tickets: \$5 each and are available in Blessed Sacrament's Parish Office 8:00 -3:30 (1626 W. 26th Street) until Friday, September 25th. \$500 drawing every half hour from 12:30-3:00PM. Other prizes: 3:30PM - \$1,500; 4:00PM - \$2,500; 4:30PM -\$3,000; GRAND PRIZE at 5PM - \$5,000

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

In recognition of "Respect Life" month, Catholic Charities is reaching out to parishes for support in their efforts to promote the sanctity of human life. In light of the Covid pandemic, collecting baby supplies through their annual "Diaper Drive" is not possible. An alternative way to support their ministry is to make a monetary donation through their website at www.cccas.org.

26th ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

The World Apostolate of Fatima is hosting its 26th Annual Rosary March on October 11th at 3:00PM. Due to Covid restrictions, the event will be held at Saint Jude's Church (2801 West 6th Street). The event will also be live streamed on www.stjudeapos.org. Bishop Persico will be the featured speaker. For more information, call John Walsh (868.1100).



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 9/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy; 9/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 9/30) Edie Luniewski; 10/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 10/2) Patty Czulewicz & John Oldenski; 10/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/27) Fr. Thomas Brown; 9/28) Fr. Jim Gutting; 9/29) Fr. Michael Kesicki; 9/30) Fr. Scott Detisch; 10/1) Msgr. Dan Mgraw; 10/2) Fr. Jason Glover; 10/3) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak

Sunday, Sep 27, 2020 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Still time to change your mind Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32. "'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not.'"

One of the lovely things about having a mind is that you can change it. A working brain takes in new information, reflects on it, and makes connections. Sometimes the result is a revised perspective on ideas you thought were chiseled in stone. People of faith also pray for wisdom and inspiration, which can be troubling prayers to have answered if you're banking on the status quo. Jesus told his followers that folks they had counted out of the circle of grace were being counted in by God.

Monday, Sep 28, 2020

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS **Make an offering of your life** Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines and the first canonized Filipino martyr, died in 1637 and was elevated to sainthood in 1987. A Dominican-educated altar boy who grew up to become a clerk, marry, and have children, he was falsely accused of murder and fled on a ship to Japan in the company of missionaries. Once there, he was arrested and tortured for being a Christian, but he refused to recant his faith and was executed, saying, "Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer." What sacrifices are you willing to make for your faith?

Tuesday, Sep 29, 2020

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS Pray for heavenly healing

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending."

Some Christians call today "Michaelmass," for Michael the archangel. And indeed, among the three archangels the Catholic Church honors today, the mighty Michael—depicted in art battling Satan—is probably best known. Almost as well known is Gabriel, who announces to Mary that she will conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit and bear the Messiah. Raphael is least familiar. But, as the angel most known for healing—his name meaning "God's medicine"—Raphael is arguably the heavenly help we need right now. Ask for Saint Raphael's intercession today, to heal a world reeling from a pandemic.

Wednesday, Sep 30, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Being a saint doesn't make you perfect** Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 "Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Daily I call upon you."

Saint Jerome (345-420) is a highly regarded scholar of the church who translated the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into Latin. He was also a complex human being whose crabby nature sometimes complicated his life. In other words, he was fully human. In addition to his enduring Latin translation, called the Vulgate, there are many homilies, quotes, letters, and commentaries attributed to Jerome. This quote is one to contemplate on his feast day: *"It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask; ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion; ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot."*

Thursday, Oct 01, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH **Love greatly in small ways** Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12 "Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand."

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most accessible role models ever canonized. Her spirituality, affectionately known as the "Little Way," is a path anyone in any walk of life can follow because its central tenet is simple (though not easy to follow!): "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." She lived a short, quiet life as a French Carmelite nun, modeling the conviction that people can live in profound union with God simply by carrying out our daily tasks with a loving spirit. Choose one task today that you can carry out with loving kindness.

Friday, Oct 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Watching over you Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10.

"Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." m of the Catholic Church is clear about the

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear about the existence of angels. "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition." In Genesis 16, Hagar's angel rescues her. In Exodus 23, when God told Moses to lead the people, he said, "My angel will go before you." In Numbers 22, an angel kept the oracle Balaam from the mistake of cursing Israel. Psalm 91 says that God "commands his angels . . . to guard you wherever you go." In the Book of Tobit, young Tobias is accompanied by the Archangel Raphael. Angels are the loving care of God personified in celestial beings, God faithfully standing at our side. You can call on angelic support in your time of need.

Saturday, Oct 03, 2020

Divinely inspired Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 "I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you."

Job is a famous biblical character many of us can admire from a distance but few would take the opportunity to imitate up close. During a pandemic, however, all of us get to taste some of what Job experienced. Job's story invites us to examine a central question: In whom or what do I place my trust? In a time of crisis, we're invited to dig down to a deeper truth underneath the shifting conditions—the unconditional love of God for all of us, regardless of the circumstances. Try offering your own love to others unconditionally and learn something about how God operates.

