# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME November 8, 2020



# Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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#### November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13 [32 Sunday] Monday: Ez 47:1-12/Ps 46:2-9/1 Cor 3:9-11-17/Jn 2:13-22 [Ded. of John Lateran] Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18-29/Lk 17:7-10 [St. Leo the Great] Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 17:11-19 [St. Martin of Tours] Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25 [St. Josaphat] Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-18/Lk 17:26-37 [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini] Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 [33 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., Nov. 9th - Donald Ewiak (Family) Tues., Nov. 10th - Louise Grolemund (Chip & Elaine Rohrbach) Wed., Nov. 11th - Michael Abramczyk (Dorothy Mielnik) Thurs., Nov. 12th - Helen Kaliszewski (Family) Fri., Nov. 12th - Rose Ragen (St. Stanislaus Choir) Sat., Nov. 14th, 4:00PM - Doleski Family (Family) Sun., Nov. 15th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, October 31st, for STANLEY WIDOMSKI. Please remember Stan in your prayers, as well as his family and loved ones.

# SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Baked Goods are needed for the SSJ Soup Kitchen for **November 16th**. As they are serving "take-out" only, they are asking for individually wrapped treats like "Hostess Twinkies" or "Little Debbies" snack cakes. All donated goods can be dropped off at the church vestibule Sunday, November 15th between 9:00AM-Noon, or brought to the Nazareth Center on Monday, November 16th between 2:00 -3:00PM.

# FUEL BILLS

January	\$4,248.14	June	\$220.23
February	\$3,795.90	July	-
, March	\$2,767.29	August	
April		September	
May			

Thanks to all who contribute to our fuel expenses!

# CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00 Pledges: \$36,195.00 Paid To Date: \$33,975.00

**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 (NOVEMBER 1, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$74,808.00
Amount Received	\$3 <i>,</i> 507.00	\$48,151.00
Net over/under	(\$649.00)	(\$26,657.00)

Mass Attendance: 32 at 4:00PM 48 at 9:00AM





Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **RITA PRZEPIERSKI** as gifted by Marie.

# Words I never want to hear again..

•Covid-19 •Social distancing •Essential worker •Second wave •Unprecedented •Frontline worker •Flatten the curve •Stay home, save a life

•Quarantine •Safer at home

- •Dr. Fauci
- •Bill Gates
- •The science
- •We're all in this together
- •Mask

# MIRACLES ABOUND

Our annual Advent reflection booklets, "Miracles Abound," are available in the vestibule for a meager donation of \$1.25. Feel free to take one and leave behind your donation in the envelope provided. Happy Advent!

# A NEW BEGINNING

Advent always marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. There seems to be a lot of symbolic significance as we enter yet another new phase of our public celebrations.

We would like to restore our liturgical ministries (except for the service of Eucharistic Ministers during Mass). If you are a lector or altar server, or would like to become one, **please call the parish office** to let Debbie know that you are comfortable returning to your ministry. If you are not yet comfortable ministering, that's OK, too. We will be ready to welcome you back when you are ready to return! It is my intent to have a schedule for liturgical ministers compiled before the beginning of Advent.

# MONTHLY SCRIP ORDER SCHEDULE

Christmas is fast approaching. Consider the gift of Scrip cards! They work just like gift cards, except that the parish receives a "kick back" for each one purchased. Order forms are available in the Parish Office or in the back of the church. The following is the order/pick up schedule:

ORDER ON	AVAILABLE BY
November 14-15	November 21-22
November 28-29	December 5-6
December 12-13	December 19-20
December 26-27	January 2-3
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Holy Trinity Parish Community

#### A NEW BEGINNING

Advent always marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. It will also mark the transitioning of our liturgical celebrations back into the church building.

We would also like to restore our liturgical ministries, as well (except for the service of Eucharistic Ministers during Mass). If you are a lector or altar server, or would like to become one, please call the parish office to let Mary Ann know that you are comfortable returning to your ministry. If you are not yet comfortable ministering, that's OK, too. We will be ready to welcome you back when you are ready to return! It is my intent to have a schedule for liturgical ministers compiled before the beginning of Advent.

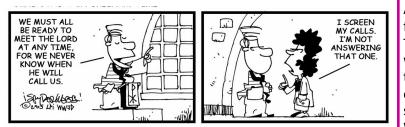
#### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Nov. 9th - Don Benczkowski (Bob & Cindy Miller) Tues., Nov. 10th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families) Wed., Nov. 11th - The Souls in Purgatory Thurs., Nov. 12th - Molly Rogowski Fri., Nov. 13th - Sophie Kosiorek Sat., Nov. 14th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo) Sun., Nov. 15th, 10:30AM - John Figurski (Sandy & Jack Kempisty)

Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of HARRY & BERNICE SHULTZ as gifted by Shirley & Nancy Schultz.

## A Family Perspective

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.



## **COAT DRIVE**

Family Services is once again holding a Coat Drive. Boxes will be in the Social Center from November 1st - 29th to collect any donations of new or gently used coats to be distributed to the less fortunate.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER1, 2020

Regular Offering: \$3,257.00 (38/144)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$55,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$42,570.00
Total Offertory:	\$3257.00	\$33,082.00
Net (over/under):	\$892.00	(\$9 <i>,</i> 488.00)

Attendance: 5:15PM = 17; 10:30AM = 43

## **CSA UPDATE**

Assessment: \$12,425.00 Pledges: \$24,742.00 Paid: \$23,732.00 Families Contributing: 69



After a very long and boring homily the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the pastor. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the homilies. "Father, today your homily reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Why did it remind you?" "Well, it reminded me of the peace of God because it surpassed all understanding, and the love of God because it endured forever!"



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

# News for Our Partnership

# TOWARD MORE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION

Of the many challenges the pandemic has imposed on us in our parishes' ability to communicate frequently and efficiently with our people. Mass mailings are too cost prohibitive. We would like to begin building a parish email distribution list. To be included on this list, please send Fr. Jason an email at glover001@gannon.edu. Indicate who in your household will have access to the email. This way, we can minimize our postage costs of future mass mailings.

#### THANKSGIVING MASS

Monsignor Magraw will celebrate a 9:30AM Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church on Thanksgiving morning. All are invited and welcome to attend.

With Respect

Honor

## **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND MARKET**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is sponsoring a Christmas Bake Sale and Market on December 12-13. The sale features nut bread, pumpkin rolls, cookies, pepperoni balls, pierogi, czarnina, and cabbage rolls. All orders must be made in advance and prepaid. Order forms can be obtained online at www.olmc-erie.org or at the parish office. Pick-up is from 3-5PM on Saturday and 8:30-11AM on Sunday.

# THE "31 CLUB"

The 31 CLUB is a response to the Lord who asks us to pray for an increase in vocations. In becoming a 31 Club member, you are committing to praying one Rosary on the same day each month. Also when you visit before the Eucharist offer prayers for vocations when you can attend Mass offer it for Priestly and Religious vocations from our Diocese. If you would like to add your name to our combined list call the Holy Trinity Parish Office, email or place a note in the offertory basket with your name and date. There is a weekly reminder in the bulletin.



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

11/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 11/9) Marcia Nitczynski & Rose Marie Radomski; 11/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 11/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski; 11/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 11/13) Deacon Tom Matusiak, Shirley & Stan Widomski; 11/14) Julie Slomski, Katherine Krainski

# **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

11/8 Fr. Chris Barnes; 11/9) Fr. Joe Czarkowski; 11/10) Msgr. Gerald Orbanek; 11/11) Msgr. Richard Mayer; 11/12) Fr. Chris Hamlett; 11/13) Fr. Ross Miceli; 11/14) Fr. Peter Pierjok, O.S.B.

# Sunday, Nov 08, 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prudence is my co-pilot

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 "Wisdom 'is readily perceived by those who love her..."

Some of us can still recite the four Cardinal Virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They're good not just to recite but also to practice. Virtues are good habits; i.e., things we *don't* have to surrender for Lent. *Cardinal*, meanwhile, means "hinge." Put together, the four hinge virtues swing open the door to a life well lived. Prudence is called the pilot of the virtues because it enables us to discern the good and how best to accomplish it. When a decision is important, reflect on it through the lens of scripture. How is God inviting you to proceed?

#### Monday, Nov 09, 2020

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA **Open the door and look at all the people** Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 *"Zeal for your house will consume me."* 

Why would there be a feast day for a church? Because it's the "mother of all churches," one that all Catholics can call their own, and so we all celebrate its dedication in the year 324. Christianity had only recently been legalized in the Roman Empire, and the Lateran Basilica—full name: Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran—was the first church in Rome and, to this day, remains the pope's church as the bishop of Rome. Keep passing on the faith of the Mother Church that has been passed down to you through the centuries.

#### Tuesday, Nov 10, 2020 MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The great pope who did good things

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 "We are unprofitable servants, doing what we were obliged to do."

Leo the Great was the first pope to be called "Great." His authoritative teaching solidified the role of the bishop of Rome as Saint Peter's successor. And his eloquent prose—detailing the two natures of Jesus Christ, both human and divine—was key to defeating heresy at the Council of Chalcedon. "Peter has spoken through Leo," marveled the bishops of Chalcedon. "The infancy of the Babe is exhibited by the humiliation of swaddling clothes," wrote Leo, while "the greatness of the Highest is declared by the voices of angels."

> Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020 MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP Half of what I have is yours Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19 "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Fourth-century Bishop Martin of Tours was not born to the faith but chose it for himself as a young man. He followed his father into the Roman army but found that he could not remain a soldier; Martin is one of the earliest documented conscientious objectors. Yet it was while serving as a soldier that perhaps the most famous episode of Martin's life occurred. Coming upon a naked beggar, Martin took out his sword, cut his own cloak in two, and shared it with the poor soul. Martin was a founder of monasteries, a popularly acclaimed bishop, destroyer of pagan shrines and builder of churches, and most of all, he inspires us to share what we have with those most in need.

# Thursday, Nov 12, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR Draw courage from Josaphat

Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 "No one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."

Books of saints have long been filled with the gore of martyrs, but the story of Josaphat is shocking even in that bloody context. Josaphat, a Polish Byzantine priest and archbishop, was embroiled in controversy for much of his life because of his emphasis on reforming lax practices within the church and striving for unity among Christians. After years of wrangling, his enemies mobbed him, killed him, and tossed his beaten body into a river in 1623. With Josaphat's courage as a model, take a step today to support the ongoing reform efforts in the church, including efforts to end sexual abuse in the church we love.

#### Friday, Nov 13, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN **Do likewise** 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 "Look to yourselves that you do not lose what we worked for."

What would we do if a saint of God rose in our midst today and instructed us in the proper care of people who are immigrants and refugees at our borders? Would that saint's halo give us any more certitude to stand behind every effort to protect the lives of women, men, and children seeking a safe home? Just over 100 years ago we had such a saint showing us the way. Frances Xavier Cabrini was called by Pope Leo XIII to tend to the many immigrants landing on the shores of the United States in the late 1800s. She built schools, orphanages, and hospitals to tend to them. Though she met resistance, she persisted, and her legacy lives on in each of us and our ancestors, for the most part immigrants. How do we honor this legacy in our own treatment of immigrants and refugees today?

#### Saturday, Nov 14, 2020

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Let your soul proclaim greatness 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 "Will [God] be slow to answer them?"

Take an opportunity today to celebrate Mary, who found her voice in difficult circumstances so that we might follow her voice and find our own in these difficult times. Read her "Magnificat" (Luke 1:46-56) for a canticle to the power of trust. Imagine how she waited years to understand her son's calling, grieved his inconceivable death, and then, in the many years of her grief, nurtured the early Christian community. That's greatness!

