

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 28th, 2020



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDEPENDENCE DAY
4TH JULY



Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM
Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 4:00PM
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM
Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy: Saturday at 5:00PM;
Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED



Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



June 28, 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11-16/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 10:37-42 (13th Sunday)
Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4-8/Mt 8:23-27 (First Martyrs of Rome)
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7-17/Mt 8:28-34 (St. Junipero Serra)
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29 (St. Thomas)
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 9:14-17 (Independence Day)
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-14/Rom 8:9-13/Mt 11:25-30 (14th 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 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 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.

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., June 29th, 8:00AM - George & Eileen Durovchic (Family)
Tues., June 30th, 8:00AM - Frank & Nasha Kieklak (Family)
Wed., July 1st, 8:00AM - James Speice (Mary Lou & Family)
Thurs., July 2nd, 8:00AM - Rita Przepierski (Marie)
Fri., July 3rd, 8:00AM - Doris Inter (Family)
Sat., July 4th, 4:00PM - Dorothy & Michael Kinecki (Family)
Sun., July 5th, 10:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION

Our Parish Office is operating under limited hours. The Office will be open from 9:30AM - Noon. If you need to stop by, we ask that you call in advance. We are attempting to minimize interpersonal contact, as advised by the CDC. We prefer to conduct most business by phone, or by using the mailbox for pick-up or drop-off.



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ESTRELLA IGRAS** as gifted by Rich & Diane Valahovic.

REST IN PEACE

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, June 20th, at Saint Hedwig's for Edward Slivinski. Also, a Funeral Mass was celebrated for Ed Czulewicz on Thursday, June 25th. Please keep Richard, Ed, and their family and loved ones in your prayers.

JULY 4th OBSERVANCE

Our Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the holiday weekend.



A Prayer for Independence Day

Guide us as we work together to build a society in which everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope. Help us to be witnesses of Christ's love by practicing charity and promoting justice and peace throughout the world. Strengthen us with fortitude to choose the values of our faith as we exercise Our responsibility as citizens. Inspire us to build a world of greater respect for human life and dignity. Restore us when our spirit grows weary, and bless us in our journey home to You.

CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment.....\$31,019.00
Pledges\$30,445.00
Paid To Date\$24,120.00

Thank you for the 83 families who have committed! We are only \$574.00 away from our goal! If you haven't yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every little bit helps. Let's try to achieve our goal by the end of June!

WEEKLY OFFERING (JUNE 21, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$211,956.00
Amount Received	\$1,508.00	\$147,999.00
Net over/under	(\$2,648.00)	(\$63,957.00)

Mass Attendance: N/A (Non-Public Mass Celebrated)



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Members of the Holy Name Society recently paid to have the carpeting professionally cleaned in the Church and in the Nazareth Center. We thank them, and those who support their fundraising efforts, so that we undertake this work.

U.S. CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS: PRAYER AGAINST RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

- www.usccb.org/racism

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., June 29th, 8:00AM - Florence Kaminski (Bill & Corrine Dyakon)
 Tues., June 30th, 8:00AM - Mary Lou Scottino (P., E., & A. Czulewicz)
 Wed., July 1st, 8:00AM - Living & Deceased Fathers of our Parishioners
 Thurs., July 2nd, 8:00AM - Norbert Ropelewski (Sue & Terry Verga)
 Fri., July 3rd, 8:00AM - Carolyn DiMaggio (Family)
 Sat., July 4th, 5:00PM - Rita Slomski (P., E., & A. Czulewicz)
 Sun., July 5th, 10:00AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

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CONGRATULATIONS

... to **Abigail Matts**, the granddaughter of Deacon Tom Matusiak, who celebrated her First Holy Communion at Saint George Church on June 16th.



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **AURTHUR ANDERSON** as gifted by Jeannette Bisbee.

Father of all nations and ages,
 today we rededicate ourselves to your service,
 and to the works of justice and freedom for all.

As you have called us from many people
 to be one nation,
 help us to give witness in our lives
 and in our life as a nation
 to the rich diversity of your gifts.

Grant that under your providence
 our country may share your blessings,
 with all the peoples of the earth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

~ Amen

WEEKLY OFFERING (JUNE 21st, 2020)

Regular Offertory: \$894.00 (14/146 mailed)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$153,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$119,300.00
Total Offertory:	\$894.00	\$118,910.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,471.00)	(\$390.00)

CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00

Pledges: \$23,627.00

Paid: \$21,792.00

Balance: \$1,835.00

* 64 families have contributed to the 2020 CSA



6/30 - Irene Zambrzycki
 7/1 - Eric Simora
 7/2 - Mary Ann Biernik
 & Sarah Chermack
 7/4 - United States

4TH OF JULY WORD SEARCH

T M N W Q J E T A R B E L E C D Y
 I M T Q H H Y M Q R Q U D U E I A
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 U R P U F U B E E A Y S T R U B H
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America	Fireworks	Independence	Red	United
Blue	Flag	July	Sparklers	White
Britain	Fourth	Liberty	Stars	
Celebrate	Freedom	Parade	Stripes	
Declaration	Holiday	Picnic	Summer	

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... will surely nor loose his reward."

- Matthew 10:42

News for Our Partnership

ALL PARISH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER DURING THESE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES.

VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 30TH

Our Joint Parish Council has scheduled a virtual meeting for **Tuesday, June 30th**. The primary agenda item will be to revisit our discussions about making public Mass available at our two parishes. I encourage any and all of you to reach out to a Member of the Council *to express your thoughts* so they can bring those to the meeting. In case you are unaware, the following is a list of the Members whom you can contact:

Bill Dyakon	Patty Stano	Marc Moore
David Lesnieski	Mary Jo Sulecki	Kathy Wisniewski
Nancy Widomski	Sue Carpenter	Marcia Nitczynski
Diane Valahovic	Casandra Lockett	Helen Zimmerman
Jim Burke	Kathy Smith	Fr. Jason Glover
Len Sebastian	Michele Inter	Msgr. Dan Magraw

Communication will be key as we entertain the difficult and delicate decisions in our response to Covid-19. If you need contact information to reach a Member of the Council, please call the parish office and we will provide that for you.

Many thanks for your ongoing patience and prayers!
- Fr. Jason

Prayer for America

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Intercede for us, your children in America, as we pray for our nation, our military, and our families.

We pray for our government leaders, that they will make just decisions and govern us in accordance with truth and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

We ask protection for those serving in the military and for our first responders. Bless them and their families as they sacrifice themselves to keep us safe.

We pray for our families. In a culture that seeks to destroy the morals and values upon which this country was founded, may our families be united in faith and charity.

Reclaim this great country for your Son's glory, that under His protection and guidance, we may stand together as a people of faith and trust in Him for the changes we seek.

LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Women's Society at Saint Stanislaus is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win **either \$1,000 in cash or \$1,000 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets**. Tickets are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased by calling Diane Valahovic at 825.5748. Originally, the winner was going to be drawn at our parish picnic on July 12th.

WEEKLY HOMILY

If any parishioner would like a copy of the weekend homily e-mailed to them during this time of Pandemic, please call or email St. Stan's office with your email address and we will be sure to include you on our distribution list.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

6/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson & Suzanne Sundy; 6/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 6/30) Edie Luniewski & Ed Czulewicz; 7/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski & Mary Speice; 7/2) Patty Czulewicz & John Oldenski; 7/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo; 7/4) Evelyn & Ed Selleny

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

6/28) Fr. Mark Nowak; 6/29) Fr. Chris Hamlett; 6/30) Fr. Richard Allen; 7/1) Fr. Jason Glover; 7/2) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 7/3) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak; 7/4) Bishop Persico; 7/5) Bishop Trautman

Sunday, Jun 28, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome, prophet

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

Younger generations are quick to tell older ones how wrong they are about everything. But wise elders don't dismiss challenges to their perspective lightly—especially when they have some truth to them. A prophetic word may at times come more naturally to the young: free of the accretions of habit and with no comfortable niche to defend (yet). Take time today to talk across the age gap. Hear the words to another generation's songs, consider their protests, withhold instant judgment. Having a conversation partner, as we've learned from the time of isolation, is worth the investment.

Monday, Jun 29, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

A matching set for all eternity

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Saints Peter and Paul are together the patrons of Rome, where both were martyred around the same time. The two men had their differences, but they were central in establishing the Christian faith, which eventually won over the Roman Empire despite fierce opposition from officials. Saint Augustine wrote: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one . . . Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith." Amen.

Tuesday, Jun 30, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

Holiness involves dying a little each day

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27

"Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?"

Tertullian, one of the first Christian theologians, wrote: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The church's first martyrs are commemorated a day after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul—who tradition says were also victims of Nero's slaughter, beginning in 64. And martyrs aren't meant to be just a memory but also a model. Look no further than first responders and essential workers to see modern examples of those following the model of self-sacrifice for the sake of others. Offer a sign of gratitude for their service.

Wednesday, Jul 01, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST

Live and learn

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

"Seek good and not evil, that you may live."

Missionaries in the age of the Iberian conquest of the Americas played a complex role, as protectors of the Indians but also projectors of the empire's power. Junípero Serra shares that mixed legacy—a mission priest who brought the saving power of Jesus but also was part of a colonization project that brought harsh treatment and epidemics. We know a little more about indigenous rights today—and about epidemics too, for that matter. Keep the faith, but mix it with a healthy dose of respect for different traditions.

Thursday, Jul 02, 2020

The healing power of compassion

Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

"Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."

Jesus healed in ways we consider miraculous, not because he had anything to prove about his power, but because his compassion urged him to alleviate suffering in whatever ways he could. His teaching and his healing went hand in hand: Both were focused on bringing us to wholeness. When he calls the paralytic man his son or child, it displays a mark of the tenderness he feels for all of us. Jesus draws us close in a healing embrace. Accept his healing today.

Friday, Jul 03, 2020

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

Beyond all doubt

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

"Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

Thomas may have started out doubting, but once he saw and touched the truth, his faith took him very far indeed. It is said he traveled to the southwest coast of India in the year 52 and spent the last 20 years of his life there planting Christianity. To this day, "Saint Thomas Christians" in India trace their origins back to the apostle. In fact, Thomas is so popular that India has issued a commemorative stamp in his honor! Doubt does not oppose faith, it makes faith possible.

Saturday, Jul 04, 2020

INDEPENDENCE DAY

'Tis of thee

Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

"The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast."

It's not all that well known that at its founding, the United States was not a terribly tolerant collection of colonies when it came to religion. Every colony but Pennsylvania had some form of anti-Catholic law at the time of Independence. Thankfully, customs, attitudes, and laws have evolved. But freedom can never be taken for granted, lest it be taken for good! Celebrate your freedom today—as an American and as a Catholic!



