

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022



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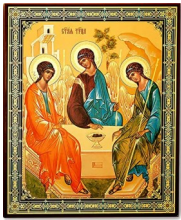
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Partners in Faith & Mission



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As adults, unless we are dealing with children, “obedience” is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I “have” to do, not “want” to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, “There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all.” St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God’s vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

Readings for the week of October 2, 2022

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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., Oct. 3rd - Private Intention
 Tues., Oct. 4th - Private Intention
 Wed., Oct. 5th - Helen Mikolajczak (Family)
 Thurs., Oct. 6th - Richard Niedzwicki (Mom & Family)
 Fri., Oct. 7th - Tom Konkol (Kathy Rzodkiewicz)
 Sat., Oct. 8th, 4:00PM - Thanksgiving Intention (Bill & Stephanie Wycech)
 Sun., Oct. 9th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



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



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE

Sales are underway for the Holy Name Society monthly lottery raffle for October. Tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

PARISH DAY PREPARATIONS

The Women's Society is in need of donations of *new* items for the Parish Day gift auction. Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Office/Nazareth Center. Thank you for your ongoing support!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Parish Day preparations are well underway. We would like to ask you to consider donating some baked goods for our Bake Sale. This has proven to be a huge fundraiser for our Parish Day. Thanks, in advance, to all who work to make this a successful day!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are sign-ups sheets in the back of the church for anyone willing and able to give their time to making our Parish Day a success. Please consider signing up for a time and a task. It is always a lot of fun!

A Family Perspective

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children? In God? Faith equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$54,028.00
Amount Received	\$2,352.00	\$29,729.00
Net over/under	(\$1,804.00)	(\$24,299.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 35; 9:00AM = 67
 Envelopes: 54/168



PHYSICAL PLANT UPDATE

As of the writing of this bulletin (September 27th), the boiler repairs are nearly complete; we hope to fire it up today or tomorrow so to have heat in the church and rectory. The school will have heat as soon as the weather cooperates enough for Scobell to put some finishing touches on the piping that feeds heat to the school. Thank you to all who supported this project and the miniature campaign that funded it. It was such a great success that we will have surplus funding for our next major project - the replacement of the school roof. More information on this project will be forthcoming. Once again, many, many thanks!

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are. As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings. Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible. As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit. When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PARISH DAY / "A Taste of Poland"
Saturday, October 8th, 4:00PM: Polka Mass
Sunday, October 9th, 11:30AM-5:00PM:
Dinner & Festivities

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DON BENCZKOWSKI**, as gifted by Times Old Newsies.



10/2 - Marcia Nitczynski
10/4 - John Stano
10/6 - Dan Loeffler
10/6 - Ted Wardzinski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 3rd - Anna Marie Neimeic (Holy Trinity Ushers)
Tues., Oct. 4th - Nancy Slubowski (Marybeth Fiorelli)
Wed., Oct. 5th - All Deceased Mothers
Thurs., Oct. 6th - Christine (Kempisty) Moles (Family)
Fri., Oct. 7th - Terry Hiney (Pearl & Kathy Wisniewski)
Sat., Oct. 8th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
Sun., Oct. 9th, 10:30AM - Eugenusz & Janina Szczepura (Scibor Family)



CELEBRATING OUR POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE

The first pastor of Holy Trinity was Rev. Vincent Matysiak who was born near Gniezno, Poland in 1868. He was ordained in Texas in 1899 and was assigned to the Polish communities of Texas. He was later transferred to the Diocese of Erie and became pastor of St. Barbara's in Houtzdale.

Upon the founding of Holy Trinity Parish in 1903, Rev. Matysiak became its first pastor. Since there was not yet a rectory, he lived in a home two blocks away while a combination school and rectory was being built.

A week's mission was opened on October 3, 1904. This included the forty hours devotion. Bishop Fitzmaurice blessed the new school/rectory during the course of the mission. Among the priests attending the mission was Rev. Seweryn Niedbalski, a dear friend of Rev. Matysiak from Texas.

According to Wacław Kruszkowski's *Historia Polska w Ameryce* (A History of the Poles in America: Published in 1908.) "At the end of the mass, Father Matysiak, tired in the evening, went to take a bath. He did not return for a long time, and finally a moan was heard. When the bathroom was opened he was found half conscious." Rev. Matysiak died at one o'clock on the 11th of October, 1904. The result of monoxide poisoning from a defective gas tank in the bathroom of the new rectory. Rev. Seweryn Niedbalski then became the second pastor of Holy Trinity.

-Bobby J. Sulecki, Erie Polonia History

**327 DAYS UNTIL...
ZABAWA 2023
AUGUST 25-27, 2023**



ZABAWA "THANK YOU" DINNER

Holy Trinity will host its annual "Thank You" dinner on Wednesday, October 19th, with snacks served at 6PM and a catered dinner by Serafin's at 6:30PM. All who volunteered are cordially invited to attend at no cost. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 25th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,315.00 (26/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$46,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$26,400.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,315.00	\$26,766.00
Net (over/under):	(\$1,085.00)	\$366.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 29; 10:30AM = 57

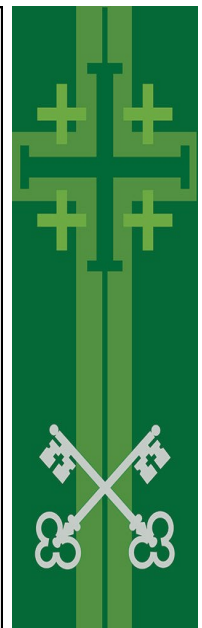
A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



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M G E Q K U W L P D I P A S S
W U W I X Y S R F R U T E U E
B P L O P Z W T G I E T E P E
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DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER



"... we have done what we were obligated to do."

- Luke 17:10

News for Our Partnership

MEN'S CURSILLO: OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

All men of the parish who would like to make Cursillo for a spiritual experience you won't forget. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact someone who has made one to sponsor you.

28TH ANNUAL ERIE DIOCESAN ROSARY

Please join us at St Jude the Apostle Church on March October 9th, 2022 at 2PM to pray the Rosary and take part in Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Ross R. Maceli, our new pastor, has welcomed us to use the Church and parking lot for the March which will be held rain or shine. Homilist will be Vice-Rector Fr. David M. Renne, for St. Mark Seminary. Fr. Jerry S. Priscaro, our Spiritual Director will lead the Rosary in the Church.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this October 14-16, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this October!

ST. STAN'S "A TASTE OF POLAND" PARISH DAY

... will be held on the weekend of October 8-9. On Saturday, October 8th, our 4:00PM Mass will be accompanied by the polka music of the Marvels, followed by a light reception in the vestibule. On Sunday, October 9th, our traditional Polish fare will be served in the Parish Hall from 11:30AM - 5:00PM. There will also be a theme basket raffle, a Chinese auction, small games of chance, a bake sale, and czarnina for sale. Church tours will be offered from 1PM-3PM. Come out and support our parish, and enjoy and EXCELLENT homemade Polish dinner!

*During October We Salute Our
Friends and Neighbors Celebrating*

Polish American Heritage Month



A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation
with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America

ANNUAL PROLIFE ADORATION/ROSARY

Our Annual ProLife Adoration and Rosary will take place on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00PM at Saint Stanislaus Church. All are welcome to attend!



Pasta Dinner featuring
"Ginny's Sauce"
Sunday, October 23rd 11am-6pm

\$12 Pasta Dinner (2 Meatballs)
\$15 Chicken Parm Dinner

Special Early Bird
Takeout Option
Saturday, Oct 22nd
4-7pm



Live Music with Dean Martin!
Basket Drawings, Winavette Tickets, and More!

606 Lowell Ave St. Jude School Gym



Welcome
Autumn

Summer really clocked out right at
the end of it's shift

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/3) Jeannie McGinley, Judy Tucceri, & Jackie Vargo; 10/4) Patty & Ed Czulewicz, & Marie Przepierski;
10/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 10/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw; 10/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky;
10/8) Steve Rimpia, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 10/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/3) Fr. John Chaplin; 10/4) Fr. David Whiteford; 10/5) Fr. Jason Feign; 10/6) Fr. Jeff Noble; 10/7) Fr. Chris Hamlett;
10/8) Msgr. Joe Riccardo; 10/9) Fr. John Jacquel

Sunday, Oct 02, 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10
"For the vision still has its time... and will not disappoint."

Your wild and precious life

Today bears many names: Respect Life Sunday. Gandhi's birthday. International Day of Non-Violence. World Habitat Day. This cluster points to one precious idea: that all people bear the divine image and their welfare matters. We honor the whole fabric of life issues protecting each person from conception to death. Respect life with every decision.

Monday, Oct 03, 2022

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."

Trust God's farsighted vision

If you ever doubt what God has called you to do, then Mother Theodore Guerin is a saint for you. She opened what would become Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first chartered school of higher education for women in the state. Guerin wrote, "It is astonishing that this remote solitude has been chosen for a novitiate and especially for an academy. All appearances are against it." It became the first women's college to offer journalism courses and degree work in secondary education, and was a pioneer in distance education, offering independent study in 1973. Trust God's vision and your role in plans longer-term than anyone can imagine.

Tuesday, Oct 04, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FOUNDER

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

"They glorified God because of me."

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Francis

Pope Francis chose his papal name to honor Francis of Assisi. Two of the pontiff's encyclicals pay further homage. Both *Laudato Si'* (Italian for "Praise be to you") and *Fratelli Tutti* (Italian for "All brothers and sisters") take their names from the words of Saint Francis. "Praise be to you" echoes the famous Canticle of Creation, apt for an encyclical on the care of creation. "All brothers and sisters" comes from the Admonitions of Saint Francis, the saint's entreaty to embrace a life of fraternal love. Read the opening of one of these texts today to honor "this saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy."

Wednesday, Oct 05, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, REDEMPTORIST PRIEST

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

"Praise the LORD, all you nations, glorify him, all you peoples! Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News."

"Go where I send thee"

Today we celebrate the feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a German Redemptorist missionary who gave his life serving sick immigrants in New Orleans during the late 19th century. Born in Bavaria in 1809, Seelos volunteered for foreign missions, arrived to the United States in 1843, and several decades later in 1866 found himself in New Orleans. Until his untimely death from yellow fever the following year, he pastored St. Mary's Assumption Church—where his national shrine remains to this day. As we face a double pandemic of ethnophobic division and COVID-19 in America, may we look to today's saint as a faithful model of ardent charity amidst strife and division.

Thursday, Oct 06, 2022

MEMORIAL OF MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, SISTER, FOUNDESS

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Baby steps can take you far

The theme of small beginnings that led to great things echoes throughout Christianity, starting with Jesus and his 12 apostles. Most religious communities started out with a handful of underfunded but faith-filled individuals. Blessed Marie Rose Durocher fits the pattern. In spite of her poor health, Durocher teamed up with two friends to run a boarding school for 13 girls near Montreal. That was the humble beginning of today's international Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Have you ever taken a chance on a bootstrap endeavor? Could God be calling you to do so now?

Friday, Oct 07, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

"... whoever does not gather with me scatters."

The mother of all prayers

In his 2002 Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, Pope John Paul II described the Rosary as a prayer that was from its inception "destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness." Though ostensibly a prayer calling on Mary's aide, it is ultimately centered on Christ and the eternal mystery of the Word made flesh. Regularly contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life—his Incarnation and early days (joyful); his revelatory love (luminous); his suffering and sacrifice (sorrowful); his saving grace (glorious)—is an exercise designed to bring peace, deepen our sense of faith, hope, and love, and, above all, help conform us "ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness."

Saturday, Oct 08, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

"... blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Listen up, as Mary did

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and preeminent among the saints. She holds the singular distinction of being at the same time both virgin and mother. Owing to her giving birth to the Son of God, she holds the exalted title Mother of God. Yet it is none of these things that make her blessed. Jesus ramps up Mary's blessedness a notch by recognizing that she's blessed because she hears the word of God and does it. That means we can join Mary in joy and fulfillment by doing the same.



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X