

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023



Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

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

*** Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform a greeter)**

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-21, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

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

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

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

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

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

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

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

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

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

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

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

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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

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

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

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

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 2nd - Private Intention
Tues., Oct. 3rd - Theresa Klan (Bobby Sulecki)
Wed., Oct. 4th - Joan Oldenski (Mary Ann Merski)
Thurs., Oct. 5th - Joe Kownacki (Dr. Hal Angeloff)
Fri., Oct. 6th - Carl & Frances Trochowski (Geri & Marie)
Sat., Oct. 7th, 4:00PM - Leo & Veronica Tomczak Family
Sun., Oct. 8th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



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



IS IT THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

ADORATION SIGN-UP

As part of our parish's participation in the world-wide "Year of the Eucharist," we have designated the third Sunday of each month as a day of Eucharistic Adoration. The Eucharist is exposed in the small chapel (left side sacristy) following the 9:00AM Mass until about 11:15PM.

A sign-up book is now located in the vestibule of the church. Individuals and/or families can sign up for 15 minute segments to Adore Christ present in the Eucharist.

PARISH DAY NEEDS

Our annual "Parish Day/A Taste of Poland" is next Sunday, October 8th. We are continuing to collect new gifts, gift cards, or gift baskets, for our raffles. Please bring any donations to the Parish Office this week.

Also, we will be having our traditional bake sale. Any donated baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER: POLISH HERITAGE MONTH

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, the Mother Church of Erie's Polonia, was established in October of 1884 with the blessing of the cornerstone; however, the first Church was not formally dedicated until October of 1885.

Erie's first Polish neighborhood was called "Stanisławowo." Polish immigrants named the area where they lived after their Parish. From St. Stanislaus Parish, the following Parishes were founded:

- ♦ Holy Trinity established in 1903, with the neighborhood called "Trójcowo."
- ♦ St. Hedwig established in 1911, with the neighborhood called "Jadwigowo."
- ♦ St. Casimir established in 1914, with the neighborhood called "Kazmierzowo."

Almost all Polish Parishes instituted in the Erie Diocese can be traced back to Msgr. Andrew Ignasiak, the first Pastor of St. Stanislaus. In 1907, Msgr. Ignasiak also helped institute the only Slovak Parish in Erie, Holy Family Church.

—Bobby J. Sulecki Erie Polonia History

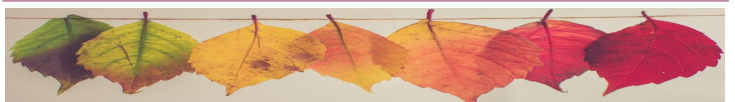


WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$54,028.00
Amount Received	\$1,571.00	\$29,025.00
Net over/under	(\$2,585.00)	(\$25,003.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 52; 9:00AM = 69

Envelopes: 43/168



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in honor of **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.**



10/04 - John Stano
10/06 - Dan Loeffler
10/06 - Ted Wardzinski
10/10 - Cindy Pelkowski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 2nd - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Oct. 3rd - Msgr. John Daniszewski (Estate)
Wed., Oct. 4th - All Mothers
Thurs., Oct. 5th - In Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary
Fri., Oct. 6th - Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Oct. 7th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
Sun., Oct. 8th, 10:30AM - Columbia Vlahos (Brian & Cheryl Meabon)

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today's Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father's request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father's will. The first son tells his father, "no." At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father. The first son's honest, less-than-perfect response, is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven't we all felt this way at times when God's will for us seems to be just too hard? We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stayed engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it's just to say, "I don't think I can, Lord," He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do. We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

We are asking worshippers to bring down the gifts at the offertory. If you would like to do this, please see one of the Ushers when you arrive at Mass or call the Parish Office in advance and we will put you down for the Mass you want. It is always nice to have families participate in the Mass when the intention is for their loved one.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" We sometimes think our opinion is dogma or fact, when an opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel about something. Arguments over opinions often cause great divides in families. Tread lightly on the opinions of others; the heart you break may be your own.

PARENTING POINTERS

September 29 was a full moon. Fantasize about what it might be like to live on the moon or another planet. If your child is young, read the "Goodnight Moon" book.

USHERS MEETING

The Holy Trinity Ushers will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$1,834.00 (32/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$52,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$28,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,834.00	\$34,088.00
Net (over/under):	(\$566.00)	\$5,288.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 40; 10:30AM = 52

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)



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MAN THINK SONS	GOD TODAY FATHER	JOHN WAY TWO	KINGDOM WORK TRUTH	BELIEVE VINEYARD SHOW
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"... humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."

- Philippians 2:3

News for Our Partnership

OCTOBER: POLISH HERITAGE MONTH

Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish patriot, was also an American Revolutionary War hero. He was praised for his expertise as a military engineer and was instrumental in the founding of West Point. He later returned to Poland to fight for their freedom. He became friends with Thomas Jefferson and put Jefferson in charge of his will. In his will, Kościuszko left his American estate to be sold to buy the freedom of black slaves, including Jefferson's own, and to educate them for independent life and work.

St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, "Kościuszko Hall," is named after him. It was constructed in 1905 at a cost of \$17,000 and designed by parishioner Paul Rysiowicz (Rys.) In the early years, it served not only as a center of St. Stanislaus, but Erie's Polonia as a whole.

A bust of Kościuszko is located in St. Stanislaus Parish dining hall, and a painted medallion of him is located on the left as you enter the Church up near the choir loft.

-Bobby J. Sulecki Erie Polonia History

HEALING MASS

"Are you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them" James 5:14. A Healing Mass with Father Chris Beran will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm at St. George Church, 5145 Peach Street. Worship Music by Harmony's House starting at 6:15 pm and doors open at 5:30 pm. Individual prayers for healing following the Mass.

POLISH COOKBOOKS

After 3 long years of collecting recipes, organizing the dishes, and formatting the document, our Polish Cookbook has been published and is available for purchase. They can be purchased for \$20 from the Parish Office, the Sacristy, or in the vestibule of the church. We can also ship them for an additional \$5.

ROSARY MARCH

The World Apostolate of Fatima invites everyone to their 29th Annual rosary march on Sunday, October 8th, at 2:00PM. The site will be at St. Peter's Cathedral at 10th & Sassafras Streets. For those unable to march, the rosary will also be recited inside the Cathedral.

A TASTE OF

Frozen pierogi for sale!
Baked goods for sale!



Theme baskets auction!
Instant!

Saint Stanislaus Church, Erie, PA
Sunday, October 8, 2023
12:00PM - 5:00PM

Polish Platter Dinners ~ Dine-In or Take-Out
Sausage, Golabki, Pierogi, Kapusta, Mashed Potatoes
Adults: \$15 6-12 year old: \$6 Under 5: FREE
* Handicapped Accessible



Proceeds to benefit Saint Stanislaus Parish



HOLY TRINITY BINGO

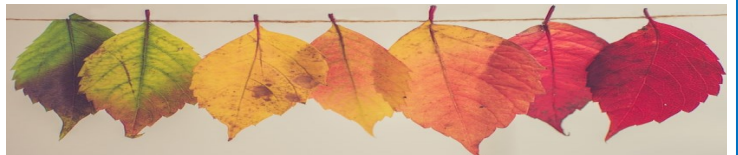
All CASH prizes!!!

*** Instant and 50/50 Raffle**

- **Sunday, October 1st 1:00pm**, (Doors Open at Noon)
- Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St.
- \$25 Admission (1pk), \$5 each additional package
- Kitchen Food Available
- Call 814-456-5300 to reserve your seat!

Walk Ins Welcome

Next Game: December 10th



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

10/2) Kay Stankiewicz; 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 Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck;

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

10/2) Fr. Justin Pino; 10/3) Fr. Scott Jabo; 10/4) Fr. Bill O'Brien; 10/5) Fr. David Renne; 10/6) Bishop Persico; 10/7) All in Consecrated Life; 10/8) Fr. Jim Gutting

Sunday, Oct 01, 2023

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Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."

Seamless unity

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

Monday, Oct 02, 2023

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

"I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Watching over us

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." Join the church in welcoming these - and your - special guardians.

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

"Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall... say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

The Lord loves justice

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

Make mercy your song to all creation

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

Thursday, Oct 05, 2023

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

"Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"

Mercy prevails

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart. Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

Friday, Oct 06, 2023

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

"Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

Leading indicators

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

Saturday, Oct 07, 2023

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

"I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."

By any name

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.