

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
June 14th, 2020



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Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00AM

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Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM



Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



June 14, 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16/Ps 147:12-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 [Sacred Heart of Jesus]

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1-8/Lk 2:41-51 [Immaculate Heart of Mary]

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-1733-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 [12th 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 15th, 8:00AM - Louis Katzenberger (The Justka Family)
 Tues., June 16th, 8:00AM - Theresa Ignasiak (Pat & Debbie Conley)
 Wed., June 17th, 8:00AM - Ann Ewiak (Family)
 Thurs., June 18th, 8:00AM - Walter, Florence, & Joan Rzdokiewicz (Family)
 Fri., June 19th, 8:00AM - Ray Pruzenski (Gabriella & Carol Wlodarczyk)
 Sat., June 20th, 4:00PM - Joseph & Florence Konkol (Family)
 Sun., June 21st, 10:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION

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Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ROSE MARIE & JOHN SMERICK** as gifted by Irene and family.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
 we are grateful for the gift
 of your life
 and the way it strengthens us
 to live ours.
 Teach us to draw on the gift
 of your Body and Blood
 for energy, renewal,
 strength and grace.
 May we never take the gift
 of your presence for granted.
 Amen.



Prayer from www.cccb.ca

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ,
 wash me.
 Passion of Christ,
 strengthen me.
 O good Jesus, hear me.
 Within Your wounds,
 hide me.
 Separated from You,
 let me never be.
 From the evil one, protect me.
 At the hour of my death, call me.
 And close to You, bid me.
 That with Your saints and angels,
 I may be praising You
 forever and ever.
 Amen.

CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment..... \$31,019.00
 Pledges \$28,900.00
 Paid To Date \$22,295.00

Thank you for the 83 families who have committed! We are only \$2,119 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 7th, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$203,644.00
Amount Received	\$4,561.00	\$144,084.00
Net over/under	\$405.00	\$59,560.00

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



HOLY NAME MAY RAFFLE WINNERS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5/1 - No Winner | 5/16 - Joe Valahovic (632) |
| 5/2 - Chris Kierzek (608) | 5/17 - Andrew Greene (012) |
| 5/3 - Kay Stankiewicz (633) | 5/18 - Julie Slomski (335) |
| 5/4 - No Winner | 5/19 - Jeanette Brocius (706) |
| 5/5 - No Winner | 5/20 - No Winner |
| 5/6 - Chip Rohrbach (862) | 5/21 - No Winner |
| 5/7 - No Winner | 5/22 - Clairra Lata (827) |
| 5/8 - No Winner | 5/23 - No Winner |
| 5/9 - Sophia Urbaniak (842) | 5/24 - No Winner |
| 5/10 - No Winner | 5/25 - No Winner |
| 5/11 - Joan Oldenski (015) | 5/26 - Elaine Dardes (070) |
| 5/12 - No Winner | 5/27 - Norm Wilcox (992) |
| 5/13 - No Winner | 5/28 - Chris Smith (724) |
| 5/14 - No Winner | 5/29 - No Winner |
| 5/15 - Rolf Pederson (377) | 5/30 - Renee Mattocks (205) |
| | 5/31 - Renee Mattocks (420) |

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., June 15th, 8:00AM - Members of the Society of Holy Trinity
 Tues., June 16th, 8:00AM - Members of the Warfel Family
 Wed., June 17th, 8:00AM - Priest's Intention
 Thurs., June 18th, 8:00AM - Apolonia Lanucha (Lillian Maciulewicz Family)
 Fri., June 19th, 8:00AM - Souls in Purgatory
 Sat., June 20th, 5:00PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., June 21st, 10:00AM - Living and Deceased Fathers of Parishioners




Sanctuary Candle burns this week in Memory of **JOSEPH KOWNACKI**, who died in San Diego, California; he is the brother of Sister Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for long-time parishioner, **Donald Benczkowski**, on June 12th. Please keep Donald, his family, and his loved ones in your prayers.

2020 needs to just
pull over and let me
out...I'll walk

CSA UPDATE: PROJECTS

Thanks to your generous giving to the 2019 CSA, a couple of our planned projects have come to near completion. First, the empty lot adjacent to our property has been cleared, leveled, and cleaned up. Secondly, the main doors to the social hall have been replaced and are now fully handicapped accessible. Thank you, again, for your generosity and we look forward to undertaking the 2020 CSA projects after another successful campaign!



President Wilson on May 16, 1916, issued a proclamation for the national observance of Flag Day. In 1949, President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as National Flag Day. Flag Day is not a federal holiday but it is a state holiday in New York and Pennsylvania. It was George Washington and two other members of the Continental Congress who asked Betsy Ross to sew the first American flag sometime in the late spring of 1776. The young widow was only in her early 20's when she completed the first flag with thirteen stars arranged in a circle.

"I AM" THE BREAD OF LIFE

Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

DISCIPLES	JESUS	LORD
GOD	TESTAMENT	FOOD
HUNGRY	LIFE	NOURISHMENT
BREAD	HUNGER	JOHN



WEEKLY OFFERING (JUNE 7, 2020)

Regular Offertory: \$3,856.00 (27/146 mailed)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$147,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$114,570.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,856.00	\$116,576.00
Net (over/under):	\$1,491.00	\$2,006.00

CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00
 Pledges: \$23,207.00
 Paid: \$21,352.00
 Balance: \$1,855.00
 * 63 families have contributed to the 2020 CSA

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life. Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist. In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important. And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

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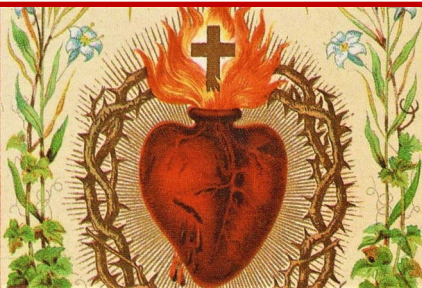
During this time that our parishes have been closed, our bulletin sponsors have continued to support this weekly publication. For this, we are grateful because our bulletin is our most efficient means of communicating with you, our parishioners. As businesses in our area slowly continue to re-open to the public, please patronize our bulletin sponsors to show them that you are grateful for this service that they provide.

Just before those astronauts return to earth, we should all put on ape costumes.

I will never forget the look on the cashier's face, when she scanned the packet of bird seed, and I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant them.

So far 2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and then getting hit by an airplane.

Singing in the shower
Is all fun and games
Until you get
Shampoo
in your mouth,
Then it just
Becomes a soap opera.



FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church. This year, the Feast Day falls on June 18th. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. The Sacred Heart (also known as the Sacred Heart of Jesus) has one of the deepest meanings in the Roman Catholic practice. The symbol represents Jesus Christ's actual heart as His love for all of humanity. ... Other symbols may have a flame or light surrounding it, which signifies the divine light of love.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

6/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 6/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, & Kay Stankiewicz; 6/17) Dave Slubowski; 6/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 6/19) Bill Dyakon; 6/20) Michael Skrzypczak; 6/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

6/15) For Vocations; 6/16) Fr. David Whiteford; 6/17) Fr. Jim McCormick; 6/18) Fr. Scott Jabo; 6/19) Fr. John Chaplin; 6/20) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 6/21) Fr. Larry Richards

Sunday, Jun 14, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

E pluribus unum

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?"

As the United States celebrates flag day, remember that when the Revolutionary War began, no "American" flag existed. Each regiment fought under its own banner. It was another two years before the Second Continental Congress determined that 13 stars and stripes would signify the union of the colonies. An ever-expanding nation required more stars, and then more. It was wisely decided to leave the stripes alone. Holding 50 states together is a challenge in each generation. It takes even more will to hold together a church a billion strong, squatting under banners of preferred views and opinions. "One faith, one Lord, one Baptism" remains our call to unity.

Monday, Jun 15, 2020

Cheeky faith

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

"... go with him for two miles."

There was a time when the rite of Confirmation included a tap on the cheek—symbolic of being struck—by the bishop, who at the same time wished you peace. The custom was knightly in origin. When you are confirmed, you become a "soldier of Christ," so you must be ready to risk danger for your faith. But the sacrament strengthens you for the spiritual battles of your lifetime, including for times of crisis. Turning the other cheek hardly means being passive in the face of trials, but rather never giving up in the struggle. Offer yourself over and over in the service of good.

Tuesday, Jun 16, 2020

Perfectly clear

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48

"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The phrase "biblical criticism" doesn't mean to criticize Sacred Scripture, though Pope Leo XIII seemed to think so when he wrote the 1893 encyclical *Providentissimus Deus*, which took a dim view of the practice. Rather, it refers to the use of scholarly disciplines—such as literature and history—to uncover the Bible's deeper meanings. Fortunately, 50 years later, Pope Pius XII penned *On the Most Opportune Way to Promote Biblical Studies* to encourage what had been discouraged. Thanks to it, we can delve into the word "perfect" in Matthew 5:48 and learn it's an imperfect translation of the Greek "*teleios*," which means to have integrity. May your actions match your words.

Wednesday, Jun 17, 2020

Love leads the way

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

Doing good is not only what we are called to do as Christians, it is also a benefit to all human beings in the long run. Evolutionary studies show that cooperative behavior has long-term benefits for human beings; whereas selfish behavior is a short-term win. In these difficult days, let love be your guide, your inner voice, and your consolation. Doing good is indeed its own reward.

Thursday, Jun 18, 2020

Lead on

Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

A small change in translation can be a big deal when the words of the Lord's Prayer are at stake. After years of consideration, Italian and French bishops embraced a change in the version said at Mass, from "*lead us not into temptation*" to "*do not let us fall into temptation*." The change intends to clarify the fact that God doesn't lead people toward evil. So, if you are tempted toward sin today, why not ask God to lead you elsewhere?

Friday, Jun 19, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Get to the heart of the matter

Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."

Expressions of the meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have come from everywhere—from saints and theologians to singers and tattoo artists—each trying to give shape to the meaning of the unconditional love of Jesus the Christ. The Sacred Heart reminds us to allow ourselves to experience Jesus' great love for us, to dwell in Jesus' way of being in and for the world. Use your imagination to place yourself within Jesus' heart, within love. How does this shift your view of the joys and challenges of the day?

Saturday, Jun 20, 2020

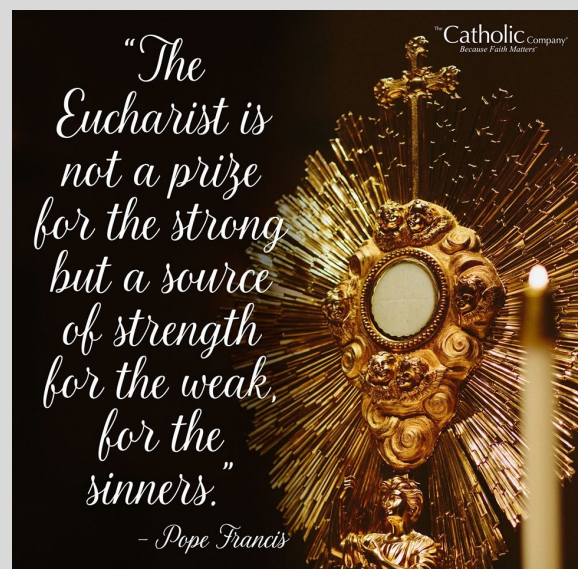
MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

What have we done?

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Luke 2:41-51

"His mother kept all these things in her heart."

During the coronavirus pandemic, some have asked why God would "do this" to us or what we have done to "deserve this punishment." A similar question was asked of Jesus in the story of the man born blind. Jesus replied that it was nothing the man did and neither was it some form of punishment. Think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Heart is the expression of her sinlessness. She did nothing wrong yet she suffered mightily. Even her Immaculate Heart is shown encircled with thorns and pierced with a sword. Many have suffered in this season of sickness and loss, through no fault of their own. Pray for those whose hearts are heavy with grief.



"The Eucharist is not a prize for the strong but a source of strength for the weak, for the sinners."

- Pope Francis

