

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2023



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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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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



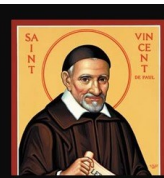
September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir



If God is the center of your life,
no words are necessary. Your
mere presence will touch hearts.

~ Vincent de Paul

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27/Mt 20:1-16

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15/Jer 31:10-13/Lk 9:43-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

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., Sept. 25th - Private Intention
Tues., Sept. 26th - Sophie & Stanley Wieczorek (Irene Mielnik)
Wed., Sept. 27th - Stanislaw Mierunski (Teresa Mierunski)
Thurs., Sept. 28th - Michael Przybyszewski (Family)
Fri., Sept. 29th - Deacon Bob Walker (Eleanor Walker)
Sat., Sept. 30th, 4:00PM - Nowakowski & Krasinski Families (Family)
Sun., Oct. 1st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns for the intentions of the **LATIN APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S**, as gifted by Mr. & Mrs. Horvath.



BE SURE TO LOOK THE PART

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it." As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

THANK YOU!

A special "thank you" to all who assisted us in hosting another wildly successful Parish Garage Sale. Thanks to those who donated items to sell, those who sorted the donations, those who spent two full days selling on behalf of the parish, and to all who otherwise supported our efforts!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$49,872.00
Amount Received	\$2,052.00	\$27,454.00
Net over/under	(\$2,104.00)	(\$22,418.00)

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

Envelopes: 47/168



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.

OCTOBER LOTTERY

Time is running out to purchase your October Lottery Raffle tickets organized by the Holy Name Society. See any Holy Name member for tickets, or stop by the Parish Office during business hours, or stop in the sacristy after Mass. The last day of sales is September 30th.

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair. There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance. Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **PRIESTS & NUNS WHO SERVED HOLY TRINITY.**



9/24 - Dave Czerwinski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 25th - All Mothers
 Tues., Sept. 26th - All Fathers
 Wed., Sept. 27th - Stanley Kniewski (Christy & Gary Kulesza)
 Thurs., Sept. 28th - Joe Theobald (Ed, Patty, & Anna Czulewicz)
 Fri., Sept. 29th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Sat., Sept. 30th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Oct. 1st, 10:30AM - Columbia Vlahos (Brian & Cheryl Meabon)

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic. Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does. This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

USHERS MEETING

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

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

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Our family is the vineyard entrusted to us found in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by spectators who only watch from a distance.

The Workers in the Vineyard

These men who were hired last worked only one hour; they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



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WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$1,333.00 (35/120 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$48,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$28,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,333.00	\$32,254.00
Net (over/under):	\$1,067.00	\$3,454.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 48; 10:30AM = 78

"... the last will be first, and the first will be last."

- Matthew 20:16

News for Our Partnership

WEDDING SEASON

Fr. Jason will be out of town this coming Friday and Saturday (September 22-23), in order to officiate at the marriages of a fraternity alumnus. The wedding is being celebrated in Loretto, PA. Fr. Dan will celebrate both Saturday Masses and Fr. Jason will celebrate both Sunday Masses. Thank you for your understanding as Fr. Jason celebrates these significant life-events with these former students.

PASTORAL PLANNING

Just a reminder that the feedback surveys relative to the preliminary pastoral planning proposal must be **postmarked by SEPTEMBER 29TH** or sooner. Please be sure to take some time to offer the Committee a thoughtful and reasoned response to the proposal.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September each year, is a special day to honor the men who serve as priests. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations.

Why is Priesthood Sunday important?

Priesthood Sunday is a time to affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for young people to connect with their parish pastor, as well as other priests in their community, and learn more about their vocation. This is especially important for young people today because there are fewer priests now than there used to be. Through Priesthood Sunday activities, young people can get to know their pastor or another priest and have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the vocation of priesthood.

**Begin now to be what you
will be hereafter.**

- Saint Jerome

WHAT IS THE RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith.

It enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. Who is RCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

If you are interested please contact the parish office or talk with one of the priests in the upcoming weeks.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Parish is hosting their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, October 1st, from 11:30AM-2:00PM, or until sold out. There will also be a Basket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, and Bake Sale. Price is \$14 per person. The dinner is located at St. Lawrence Parish Center (129 East Pearl Street, Albion).

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.

TOWNHALL FOLLOW-UP

A question about the make-up of the Diocesan Planning Committee was raised and an answer was not readily available. Answer: There are about 12 members of the Committee consisting largely of priests, but also a deacon and 3 lay people. "About 12" because there has been some fluctuation (e.g., when Fr. Lohse was named bishop, his seat on the Committee was vacant for some time).

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/25) Kathy Ciecierski, Jack Kempisty, & Helen Zimmerman; 9/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 9/27) Regina Jaworski; 9/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson; 9/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 9/30) [Open]; 10/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/25) Fr. Bob Manning; 9/26) Msgr. Dick Siefer; 9/27) Fr. Larry Richards; 9/28) Fr. Rich Toohey; 9/29) Fr. Mike DeMartinis; 9/30) Fr. Chris Singer; 10/1) Fr. Dennis Veltri

Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

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Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways..."

At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

Monday, Sep 25, 2023

Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

"No one who lights a lamp conceals it... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."

Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of our common home, began on September 1 and ends on October 4. There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your friends, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria - then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."

Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"

Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

Friday, Sep 29, 2023

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51

"How do you know me?"

Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"

Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

