

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



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

Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

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

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

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



September 26, 2021 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-48 [26th Sunday]
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29/Lk 9:46-50 [St. Vincent de Paul]
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56 [Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz]
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51 [Feast of the Archangels]
Thursday: Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12 [St. Jerome]
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-9/Lk 10:13-16 [St. Therese of the Child Jesus]
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10 [The Guardian Angels]
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 [27th 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 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 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 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.

"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. 27th - Private Intention
 Tues., Sept. 28th - Stanley Widomski (Dr. Frank & Jane Pregler)
 Wed., Sept. 29th - Deacon Bob Walker (Deacon Andy Froberg)
 Thurs., Sept. 30 - James Valahovic (Madeline Hartleb)
 Fri., Oct. 1st - Living & Deceased Members of the Edward Czulewicz Family
 Sat., Oct. 2nd, 4:00PM - Living & Deceased Member of the Tomczak Family
 Sun., Oct. 3rd, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **JOHN ZIMMERMAN** as gifted by the Family.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II - Matthew Puda & Erika Woll

OCTOBER LOTTERY RAFFLE

Our Holy Name Society is currently selling lottery raffle tickets for the month of October. See any member of the Society, or stop in the Parish Office, to purchase your chance to win!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Many thanks for all who participated in this year's "Erie Gives Day." It was another HUGE success for our parish! Together, we raised \$3,340.08. This money will be used to further our physical plant maintenance, specifically, to make some repairs to our boiler system before the cold weather sets in. Again, many thanks!

A TASTE OF

Frozen pierogi for sale!
Baked goods for sale!



Instant!
Theme baskets auction!

Saint Stanislaus Church, Erie, PA
Sunday, October 10, 2021
11:30AM - 5:00PM

Polish Platter Dinners ~ Dine-In or Take-Out
 Kielbasa, Golabki, Pierogi, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes
Adults: \$11 6-12 year old: \$5 Under 5: FREE
 * Handicapped Accessible

RAFFLE
 1st Prize: \$1,250 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize: \$250



Proceeds to benefit Saint Stanislaus Parish



DONATIONS NEEDED

The Ladies Society is asking for donations of **NEW ITEMS** to make up gift baskets for our raffle. These donations can come in the form of gift cards, monetary donations, and/or bake sale items. Please call Diane (814.825.5748) regarding gifts needed, donations, or questions. Thank you for helping make our "A Taste of Poland/Parish Day" a success through your generosity!

27th ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

The 27th Annual Rosary March will take place on Sunday, October 10th at 2:00PM. The march will begin at St. Jude's Church (2801 West 6th Street). The march will be live-streamed at www.stjudeapos.org. Those unable able to march can remain at the church where the rosary will be recited during the march. For more information, call John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"You rich, weep and wail...You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure..." (James 5:1-5) Most of us do not think of ourselves as really wealthy. There's always somebody richer. It usually depends on who we compare ourselves to. This week notice who is poorer than you. Do something about it.



WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 19, 2021)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$49,872.00
Amount Received	\$2,411.00	\$33,296.00
Net over/under	(\$1,745.00)	(\$16,576.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 46; 9:00AM = 51
 Envelopes: 68/168



Dear Parishioners,

As many of you may know, the 16503 area code is among the least vaccinated areas of Erie County. The recent surge in Covid cases makes our neighborhood and parish community all the more vulnerable. I feel that we have the opportunity to actively engage our neighborhood to provide free immunizations for the unvaccinated. In partnership with United Way and CVS pharmacy, our Parish Hall will be utilized as a vaccination clinic for our neighborhood *in the very near future*. More details will be forthcoming. Please pray for the success of this endeavor!

- Fr. Jason

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DICK KAMINSKI**, as gifted by Pearl & Kathy.



Sept. 29 – Brandon Brieger
Oct. 2 – Marcia Nitzczynski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept, 13th - Kulig, Laszczewski, and Habas Families (Estate)
Tues., Sept. 14th - Christine Kempisty Moles (Jack & Janice Waldemarson)
Wed., Sept. 15th - For All Mothers, Living and Deceased
Thurs., Sept. 16th - For an Increase in Vocations
Fri., Sept. 17th - Msgr. Richard Stack
Sat., Sept. 18th, 5:15PM - Dick Kaminski (Pearl & Kathy)
Sun., Sept. 19th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)



THE SURFING SAINT: SERVANT OF GOD GUIDO SCHÄFFER (1974-2009)

Guido grew up surfing in Copacabana, Brazil. He loved surfing, but his passion was always for serving the poor and the suffering. During med school, Guido regularly worked with HIV patients; he also founded prayer groups to care for souls as well as the body. After he finished his residency, he began work as a general practitioner while also volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity. Through his work with these Sisters, Guido grew in love of the poor and began to visit homeless people on the street, taking friends and even other doctors along to serve with him. On top of all this, he was a normal Catholic young adult, attending World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002 and Cologne in 2005. Eventually Guido began to feel a call to the priesthood. He finally entered the seminary at the age of 34. Through all this, Guido continued to surf. According to his friend Eduardo, Guido said that "surfing a tube, riding a tube was the perfect experience because it was like being embraced by God." Eduardo continued, "Guido used to say that Jesus was really the first surfer, because he was the first to walk on the water. Surfing for him was a totally heavenly experience. In the water, he could feel God, he could talk to God." A priest friend agreed, saying, "For him, surfing was a mystical experience, like prayer. He felt the presence of God in the sea." He and a few friends went surfing as a sort of bachelor party for Eduardo. They prayed together before they went out, but Guido soon fell from his



board, which hit him in the neck and knocked him unconscious; he drowned before his friends could pull his body to shore.

PARENTING POINTERS

Monday, Sept. 27 is "Eat Dinner Together Day." Maybe you usually do this anyway. Good. If not, take heed. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says that one habit of healthy families is that they "eat dinner together most every night." (<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-family-day-fourth-monday-in-september/>)

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.



I COULDN'T FIND A PARKING SPOT AT WORK TODAY... SO I WENT HOME. LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD ENOUGH PEOPLE.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Regular Offering: \$2,195.00 (28/134)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$33,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$26,582.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,195.00	\$28,661.00
Net (over/under):	(\$170.00)	\$2,079.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 36; 10:30AM = 52

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										WORM



"Would that all of the people of the Lord were prophets!"

- Numbers 11:29

News for Our Partnership

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER 'VIBRANT ENCOUNTERS'

All are invited to read and discuss Bishop Lawrence Persico's Re-remembering Our Sunday Story: a pastoral letter written in pandemic. "I offer this reflection on our Sunday story in order to help our parish communities to make the celebration of the Eucharist more engaging, more vibrant and more effective encounters with the presence of Christ, who is always our true Companion," he writes. "It is in these encounters that we discover how our parishes can become Eucharistic communities of love, service to others and communion with one other and with all of God's People." Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html .

ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY

...is looking for new members The St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary was established in 1945 to support St. Mark Seminary in Erie and to work toward inspiring priests for the Catholic Church. With an abundance of hope, the auxiliary is moving forward with planning a year filled with opportunities for fellowship and support of our seminarians through monthly meetings and the annual card party. The auxiliary is seeking new members and parish directors for several area churches. All are welcome to attend the first meeting on Oct. 13 beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. A business meeting and fellowship will follow. For more information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406 or go to Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/272074481187224/

BLESSED SACRAMENT FALL FESTIVAL

September 19th, Noon – 5:00pm

Cash drawing throughout the day

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING at 5:00pm for \$5,000

Tickets \$5 each

THEME BASKET RAFFLE

GREAT FOOD & BEVERAGES AT OUR CONCESSION STAND

1626 West 26th Street, Erie, Pa 16508

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www.bsparisherie.org

MEN'S RETREAT

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has a brand new retreat opportunity just for men. Come together with other Godly men to examine the role of man in today's world, the characteristics of a healthy relationship with God, family, friends and co-workers from the masculine perspective and take time to reflect on the talents and gifts you have been given. The retreat will be held from October 1st - October 3rd. For more information call 814.263.4855 or visit www.bethanyretreatcenter.org.

HELP WANTED

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is in need of a part-time housekeeper for the rectory and to assist with the Mercy Center Pre-School classrooms. Hours and times are flexible. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. (814)-825-7313.

ST. BENEDICT ALUMNAE BINGO

October 3rd & November 14th

Polish Falcons (431 East 3rd Street)

Reservations only (call Valerie 814 566 3624)

Doors open noon; Bingo at 1 pm

Open kitchen; Cash BINGO; 50/50; Tips; \$100 lottery tree

Benefits the Sisters ministries



Attention all Notre Dame fans!

Win \$2,000 and tickets for two to see the Fighting Irish play Navy on November 6 in a drawing sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The drawing will be on September 24th during the Mercy Day celebration. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, or by calling Sister Bernadette Bell RSM at 814-824-2516. Tickets may also be purchased online at: <https://45751.thankyou4caring.org/football>.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 9/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sundy;
9/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 9/30) Edie Luniewski; 10/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice;
10/2) Patty Czulewicz; 10/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/27) Fr. Dennis Martin; 9/28) Fr. Tom Brooks; 9/29) Fr. Henry Andrae; 9/30) For All in Consecrated Life;
10/1) Fr. Jim McCormick; 10/2) Msgr. Joe Bobal; 10/3) Fr. Tom Aleksa

Sunday, Sep 26, 2021

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Well done, good and faithful servants

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43,

"Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"

Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last - plus countless moments in between.

Monday, Sep 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

God works with us as we are

Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

"For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do.

Tuesday, Sep 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

A faith that runs in the family

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

"Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord."

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role.

Wednesday, Sep 29, 2021

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

God's special care for migrants

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

"You will see... the angels of God ascending and descending..."

Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a foreign land to find a wife. The church recognize World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere.

Thursday, Sep 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Translating the faith for the ages

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

"Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of "doctor of the church." Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today.

Friday, Oct 01, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Graceful glances

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

"Justice is with the Lord, our God."

Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something." Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God.

Saturday, Oct 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

All night and all day

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

"Their angels in heaven... look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic schoolchildren were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us," while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to "Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit!

Dear Guardian Angel,

Thank you for surrounding me with a shield of white light and allowing only love to go through it. Thank you for staying by my side and keeping me safe wherever I go. I truly appreciate your guidance which always leads me towards my highest good. I always feel safe, knowing that I'm enfolded in your wings.

