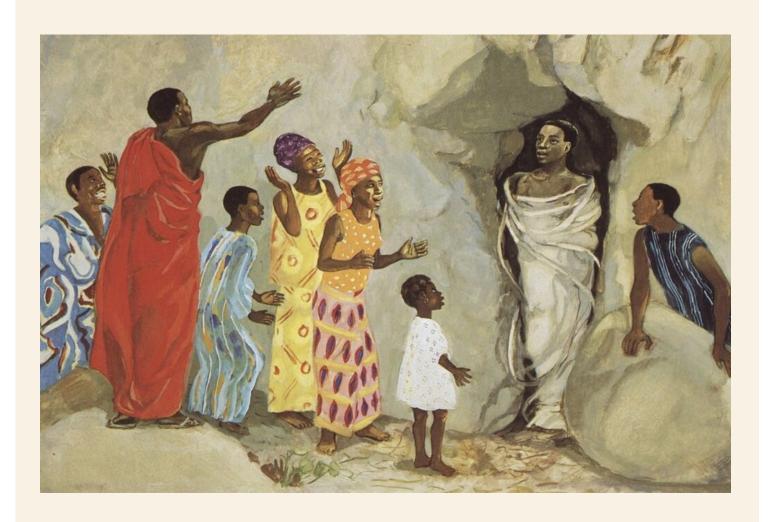
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023



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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



March 26, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

Father John Muir



Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

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.

"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 worshiping 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.

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Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Mar. 27th - Private Intention

Tues., Mar. 28th - Shirley Seth, Jean & Edward Kaliszewski (Diane & Rich)

Wed., Mar. 29th - Walter & Bernice Uminski (Alice, Donna, & Connie)

Thurs., Mar. 30th - Vernon & Ellen Gambill (Paul & Renee Gambill)

Fri., Mar. 31st - Scott Andrew Ciecierski (Kathy & Jack Ciecierski)

Sat., Apr. 1st, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Apr. 2nd, 9:00AM - Joan & John Oldenski (Shirley Widomski)



Our sanctuary candle burns in honor of **FLORENCE & MAX KRASINSKI**, as gifted by the Family.



When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state! One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure. In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave. As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

CSA UPDATE

It has been about a month since we kicked off the 2023 CSA annual campaign. To date, we have \$18,550 pledges from only 45 families, \$13,560 of which has already been paid! Thank you for your generosity! Out goal this year is \$23,269. If you have not yet pledged or contributed, please consider doing so. Remember: no amount to too small. Again, many thanks for those who have already demonstrated your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SPRING FLING 2023

The Holy Name Society will be hosting their traditional Spring Fling on Saturday, April 15th, from 4:00-8:00PM, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 and admits 2 people. Only 150 tickets will be sold. See any Holy Name Member for tickets, or contact the Parish Office. There will be one \$1,200 winner; one \$300 winner; four \$100 winners; and twelve \$50 winners. Food and refreshments will be served. Come join us and bring a friend!

APRIL LOTTERY

The Holy Name Society has raffle tickets available for the April lottery. Tickets are only \$5 each and gives the buyer 30 chances to win during the month of April, one chance each day of the month. Tickets are available in the back of the church, from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or in the Parish Office.

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WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MARCH 19TH

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$157,928.00
Amount Received	\$2,070.00	\$91,739.00
Net over/under	(\$2,086.00)	(\$66,189.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 48; 9:00AM = 49

Envelopes: 52/168



"THE LIGHT IS ON"

"The Light is On" is a chance for confession and time for quiet prayer at many churches in Erie county. Whether it has been 2 weeks or 50 years since your last confession, all are welcome. This year the following churches will participate on Wednesday, March 29, from 5:00 to 7:00PM:

All Saints (Waterford), Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross (Fairview), Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of the Lake (Edinboro), Sacred Heart, St. Boniface, St. Francis Xavier (McKean), St. George, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community, St. Jude, St. Julia, St. Lawrence (Albion), St. Luke, and St. Peter Cathedral

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week for **THE HEALTH OF PATTI MATTIS** as gifted by Kathy Smith.



3/26 – Dee Madura 3/27 – Jim Rzomp 3/28 – Lucas Loeffler

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Mar. 27th - Deceased Mothers

Tues., Mar. 28th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)

Wed., Mar. 29th - Chuck Presor (Family) Thurs., Mar. 30th - The Souls in Purgatory Fri., Mar. 31st - Msgr. John Daniszweski

Sat., Apr. 1st, 5:15PM - Schultz & Phillip Families (Shirley)

Sun., Apr. 2nd, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much. In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him. How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you." The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MARCH 19, 2023

Regular Offering: \$1,542.00 (33/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$145,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$86,400.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,542.00	\$83,977.00
Net (over/under):	(\$858.00)	\$2,423.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 29; 10:30AM = 123

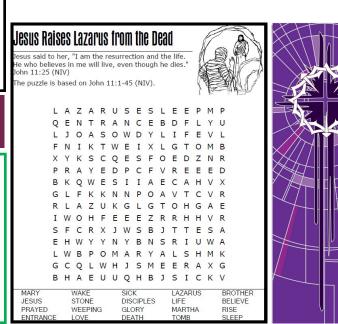
CSA UPDATE

We are happy to report that as of March 20th, we have received \$18,942.00 in pledges, of which \$14,387.00 has been received with \$4,555.00 due. 44 parishioner families have pledged to the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish share to the Diocese is: \$12,909. As of March 20th, \$6,033.00 will remain at Holy Trinity.

We will be sending follow-up letters to those families we have not heard from yet. Our thanks to our parishioners for their financial support for the work and mission of the Church.

USHERS' MEETING

Holy Trinity Ushers Meeting Tuesday. April 4th, at 7:00PM in the Gathering Place with a report on the annual breakfast and plans for the upcoming Pre-election Gathering on Sunday, May 14th. Members are encouraged to attend.



News for Our Partnership

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

6:00PM @ Holy Trinity

Good Friday

2:00PM @ Holy Trinity

Blessing of Baskets

2:00PM @ both Holy Trinity & St. Stanislaus

Easter Vigil

8:30PM @ St. Stanislaus

Easter Morning

9:00AM @ St. Stanislaus 10:30AM @ Holy Trinity

SOUP & BREADS DINNER

The evening will begin at 5:30PM with Stations of the Cross with dinner to follow. A brief presentation on the various aspects of the Liturgy will be offered by Fr. Jason. Gatherings will take place on the following days:

Wednesday, March 29th @ St. Stan's

We have added an additional date given how well the presentations have been received and to provide adequate time to complete the material. Consequently, we will also gather on:

Wednesday, April 5th @ St. Stan's

FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

The final Lenten Fish & Pierogi Dinner will take place on Friday, April 7th, from the end of Good Friday Services until 7:00PM at Holy Trinity. As it is Good Friday, all dinners will be "take-out" only. Thanks for your support!

RECIPE BOOK

If you recall, prior to the pandemic, we were collecting recipes to organize and publish a recipe book. Unfortunately, then the pandemic hit, that project was stalled. We now have a small committee together to resume that work. If you have recipes that you are willing to share, please place them in the collection basket, drop them off at the parish office, or give them to Michelle Wiley or Fr. Jason. We hope to have the book published by the fall. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners,

I am aware of ongoing problems our parishes (and others) are having with Ministry Platform, the new parish database system that was implemented by the Diocese this past year. I have our parish's best people looking into it. One is analyzing the program itself to see if there are "glitches" in it. The other, who sat in on all of the training sessions our secretaries did, is making sure things are being done correctly on the "user" end. We are also in contact with the Diocese regarding multiple ongoing issues that they are well aware of. Unfortunately, we have yet to discover a solution to the problem.

In the meantime, if you believe that your tax documentation is in error, please contact your respective parish and we will make the necessary adjustments and issues you a revised tax document.

Our secretaries and those trying to resolve the problems - and me! - are very frustrated. Please be patient with us as we continue to look into the matter.

- Fr. Jason

CORRECTION: ST. STANISLAUS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Saint Stanislaus Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a blessing of their crocheted blankets at the end of Masses at St. Stanislaus the **weekend of March 26th**. *A later date will be scheduled for Holy Trinity*. If you know someone who would benefit from one of these blankets, please encourage them to join us for Mass. If they are unable to join us, offer to bring a shawl to them.

CARD PARTY

The Saint Mark Seminary Auxiliary is hosting its annual card party on Thursday, April 20th, starting at 6:00PM; doors open at 5:00PM. The event will take place in the seminary's gymnasium (429 East Grandview Blvd.). The evening includes Grand Prizes, Gift Auction, Money & Lottery Trees, and more. A light meal will also be served. For more information, and for reservations, contact Betsy (814-504-2720). Reservations required by April 10th.

LENT 2023

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

3/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 3/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson; 3/29) Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak & Janis Leretsis; 3/30) [Open]; 3/31) Bobby Sulecki; 4/1)Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 4/2) [Open]

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

3/27) Fr. Larry Richards; 3/28) All in Consecrated Life; 3/29) Fr. Jerry Priscaro; 3/30) Fr. Richard Allen; 3/31) Fr. Phil Pinczewski; 4/1) Fr. Jason Glover; 4/2) Msgr. Dan Magraw

Sunday, Mar 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
"Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!"

Hints of resurrection

While the Hebrew scripture written before Jesus lived doesn't explicitly speak of resurrection in the same way it is spoken of after Jesus is raised from the dead, there are certainly rumors and whispers. Perhaps the most explicit references are in chapter 37 of Ezekiel, where God, working through the prophet, raises a valley of dry bones to new life and promises to restore them to the promised land after their captivity in Babylon centuries before Christ. Saint Jerome called the vision of the valley of bones a "simile" of the Resurrection to come. There's hope for these old bones yet!

Monday, Mar 27, 2023

Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 "Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

A profile in courage

Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985) was born wealthy in Russia, she escaped the Russian Revolution and fled to Canada. During the Great Depression, she founded Friendship House, a Catholic outreach movement to serve the poor and promote interracial friendship—a movement that started in Toronto and spread to Harlem, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Portland, Oregon. As a nation and a world community, we face trials comparable to the ones Doherty faced. She responded with courage, generosity, love, and gospel witness. Let us do the same!

Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
"You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world."

'Tis a gift to be simple

Happy birthday to Saint John Neumann today—nicknamed the "little bishop" not only for his stature but for the humility that came from his Redemptorist vow of poverty, which he honored even after becoming bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann's simplicity invites rich reflection for Lent. "Our great mistake is that we allow ourselves to be deceived by the spirit of worldly shrewdness, the desire for fame, and the love of comfort," he wrote to a fellow priest. "The principles of faith fade out of our hearts in proportion as we allow the principles of the world to come in." Simplify your life to make more room for what feeds your faith.

Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 "How can you say, 'You will become free'?"

Redemption is at hand

Though they, along with other ancient societies, engaged in some forms of household slavery, Jews as a general rule frowned upon the institution. Slaves who were not Jewish were to be offered conversion to Judaism and if they became Jews, immediately freed. Jews were also required to redeem Jewish slaves from nonJewish owners. Memory of their own captivity in Egypt and Babylonia loomed large, and they resented Jesus promising to free them. But when Jesus spoke of the truth setting Jews free, he was talking about another kind of enslavement, the kind we all fall into through unskillful actions, behaviors, habits, compulsions. Look honestly at what might be restricting your inner freedom and ask Jesus to redeem you.

Thursday, Mar 30, 2023

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

"... I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."

Help your unbelief

Can a believer doubt? It can be a relief to learn that a whole school of thought among Catholic theologians asserts that doubt, while seemingly corrosive, can actually bolster faith in the end. Doubt can lead to exploration, which often leads to better understanding, greater clarity, or sometimes simply a willingness to not know, to live without all questions fully answered, leaning into religious practice with an open heart. Most would call that an adult faith. What questions nag at you? Doubt, dig, and remain open to God.

Friday, Mar 31, 2023

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works."

Miles to go

Women's History Month concludes today, but the work of ensuring the rights of women continues. In a November 2022 press conference, Pope Francis acknowledged that more work needs to be done. "We have to tell the truth," the pope said. "The fight for women's rights is an ongoing fight." This includes equality in public life and also "equality of opportunities." How might we each open a door of opportunity for women in our own families, parishes, neighborhoods, schools, or offices?

Saturday, Apr 01, 2023

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

"He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation..."

A well-traveled pilgrim helped shape

Holy Week Holy Week begins tomorrow. It's in the description of Jesus' last week—immediately ahead of his death and Resurrection—that all four gospels resemble each other the most. The church's liturgical celebration of Holy Week, however, was a late development. Originally, Christians had only a single Pascha liturgy to observe Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. Specific Holy Week liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday grew from individual shrines in Jerusalem where each event occurred. Thanks to a detailed travel journal, written in 383 by a remarkable woman pilgrim to the Holy Land named Egeria, these liturgies began to take shape. As Holy Week begins, let's not only honor the women at the empty tomb but the woman who helped define Holy Week.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are approaching the last part of our Lenten preparation for Easter!

If we really want to know Jesus we must be willing to share His life by serving one another, forgiving one another, doing and saying what we know is right.

We must be willing to see the world with Jesus' eyes adding to all that is good and beautiful as Jesus show us in the Gospel.

What more can you do this week to be as loving as Jesus and to spend time with God in prayer?