

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024



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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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Partners in Faith & Mission



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We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-2-3, 7-10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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., Jan. 22nd - Private Intention
 Tues., Jan. 23rd - Jeremy Lamp (Judy & Peter Pentz)
 Wed., Jan. 24th - Rose "Babe" Niedzwiecki (Family)
 Thurs., Jan. 25th - Deacon Bob Walker (Eleanor)
 Fri., Jan. 26th - Stella Mikula (Family)
 Sat., Jan. 27th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Jan. 28th, 9:00AM - Danuta & Ziggy Kendra (Family)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **RICHARD WIGFIELD**, as gifted by Janet & Jim Piotrowski.



GIVE UNTIL IT HURTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God. I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Sunday, January 21st, is the third Sunday of the month. As has become our recent custom, we will host Eucharistic Adoration following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:30AM. A sign-up binder can be found in the vestibule of the church. Consider spending a few moments in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

PARDON OUR DUST

We have started to do some work in the "chapel sacristy." We are doing some plaster repairs now, in preparation for repainting the room soon. We will eventually have to empty out the space for painting and, some of the contents of the room may temporarily "clutter" the main part of the church in the process. Please be patient during this process, especially those attending Eucharistic Adoration.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Parish is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Start your Super Bowl Sunday off by celebrating the 9:00AM Mass with us and then enjoying a hot breakfast in our Parish Hall!



PIEROGI MAKING

There will be pierogi making session on Tuesday, January 23rd, and Wednesday, January 24th, in preparation for our Lenten Fish & Pierogi dinners. The sessions will begin at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to help and no experience is necessary.

**DID SOMEONE SAY
PIEROGI?**

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 14, 2024

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$120,524.00
Amount Received	\$1,741.00	\$68,241.00
Net over/under	(\$2,415.00)	(\$52,283.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 59; 9:00AM = 68
 Envelopes: 57/168



A Pole goes to an ophthalmologist.

The doctor shows him:

C Z J W I N O S T A W C Z

- Can you read this?

- Read? I know this guy!

<u>English</u>	<u>Polish</u>
Pardon?	Proszę?
Please.	Proszę.
Go ahead.	Proszę.
Here you are.	Proszę.
You're welcome.	Proszę.
Not at all.	Proszę.
Well, well!	Proszę, proszę!

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in **FOR HOLY TRINITY PARISHIONERS.**



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 22nd - For the Protection of the Unborn
 Tues., Jan. 23rd - Stanley Kniewski (Family)
 Wed., Jan. 24th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Thurs., Jan. 25th - Lisa Marie Presley (Ed, Patty, & Anna)
 Fri., Jan. 26th - All Living & Deceased Mothers
 Sat., Jan. 27th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (*Pro Populo*)
 Sun., Jan. 28th, 10:30AM - Jim Evans (Ed Czulewicz)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 14, 2024

Regular Offering: \$1,880.00 (26/115 envelopes)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$112,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$64,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,880.00	\$74,770.00
Net (over/under):	(\$520.00)	\$9,970.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 40; 10:30AM = 53

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy
B 8 – Alexis Simora & Dale Winarski
I 15 – Dorothy Carlson & Robert Koziel
R 16 – Joshua & Tyler Chermack & Peter Smith
T 19 – John Kaminski
H 24 – Patricia Czulewicz
D 26 – James Walczak
A 27 – Thomas Twaroski
Y 28 – Paul Potthoff & Mia Mangini
 31 – Dee Dee Korytowski

FOOD PANTRY

Given our success, we are going to *continue* to collect food in the box at the back of the church for the foreseeable future. This is an incredibly important ministry to our neighborhood, especially around the holidays and during the winter months. Consider being involved by donating food items!

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)
 Based on Mark 1:14-20



L A K E U I J A M E S Z S O C
 H F Q U F O B E L I E V E P A
 X O I W I C K I N G D O M J S
 M L H N S M E I E E G S E A T
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JOHN	NEWS	CASTING	FISHERMEN	SIMON
KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE



"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

- Matthew 4:19

News for Our Partnership

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ. Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now. These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey. As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

TAX INFORMATION

It is the time of year that many are preparing their personal income taxes. Your contributions to the Church are tax-exempt. If you need letters regarding your contributions to our parishes, please contact the Parish Offices during normal business hours and we will gladly mail one to you.

POLISH COOKBOOKS

We have replenished our supply of Polish Cookbooks. They are available from the both Parish Offices or after weekend Masses. The cost is \$20 (for an additional \$5, they can be mailed). Thanks for all your support of this project!

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

The Second Harvest Food Bank is inviting us to participate in their "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the weekend of February 10-11. Those interested are asked to bring one or more cans of soup to donate. Donations boxes will be available in the back of our churches. All donations will help to serve the 80,350 clients of the food bank.

ASHES

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. If you have palms from last year, feel free to bring them to the church and we will burn them to use for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

PARENTING POINTERS

January 19th was National Popcorn Day. Who would've thought? Besides eating popcorn are there other fun things you can do with it? Make a picture by gluing it to paper. Try to toss it into each other's mouth. Use popcorn as tokens for a board game. Be creative.

WHAT IS NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January 28 – February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. Please pray for our students, teachers, and administrators during Catholic Schools Week.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

During the long, usually cold, nights of winter, plan a warm surprise for your beloved. Perhaps you both might independently choose the same surprise. What a surprise that would be!

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/22) Suzanne Sundy & Kathy Wisniewski; 1/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 1/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 1/25) Kathy Ciecierski, Jack Kempisty, & Helen Zimmerman; 1/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 1/27) Regina Jaworski; 1/28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson;

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/22) Bishop Persico; 1/23) Fr. Greg Passauer; 1/24) Fr. Wally Packard; 1/25) Fr. Leo Gallina; 1/26) Fr. Jason Glover; 1/27) Fr. Jim Gutting; 1/28) Fr. Ray Gramata



St. Juliana of Cornillon (1193-1258), also known as St. Juliana of Liège, was born near modern-day Liège, Belgium. When she was 5 years old, she and her twin sister became orphans. Following the deaths of their parents, the sisters were entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at Mont-Cornillon. Growing up among the religious, Juliana's spiritual journey flourished. At age 13, she entered the order.

Juliana's profound love for Christ in the Eucharist was ignited during her time at the convent. She regularly participated in Mass and spent hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In her prayers, she often experienced mystical visions, reinforcing her belief in the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine.

Driven by her desire to see a dedicated feast to honor Christ in the Eucharist, St. Juliana took it upon herself to promote the idea fervently. She eventually became the Prioress of the canonry and frequently confided in her mentor, Canon John of Lausanne, telling him about her visions and her hope for the feast. He shared her experiences with his contemporaries, including Pope Urban IV.

Though Juliana died in 1258, her cause won over Pope Urban IV. In 1264 he issued the papal bull "Transiturus de hoc mundo" which instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The feast aimed to celebrate and affirm the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, emphasizing the significance of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church.

Juliana was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869 and is remembered not only for the pivotal role she played in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi, but for her musical talents, teachings, and writings. St. Juliana of Cornillon, pray for us!



Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated with her parents to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York and took her vows the next year. Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, she answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on

Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy.

Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen's disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. Of this mission, she said —

"I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned 'lepers'."

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters took on an even more challenging assignment and went to the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, a leper colony, to open a new home devoted to the protection of girls and women with leprosy as well as to take charge of the home that her friend, Saint Damien de Veuster, had established for men and boys. She helped improve life on the island by introducing pride, cleanliness, and a little fun to the colony. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.



St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!