

THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022



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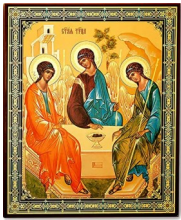
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An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-36/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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, 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 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., Aug. 15th - Private Intention
Tues., Aug. 16th - Linda Gambill Love (Paul & Renee Gambill)
Wed., Aug. 17th - Stan & Jean Markiewicz (Family)
Thurs., Aug. 18th - Paul Lukowich (Pat)
Fri., Aug. 19th - Richard Niedzwiecki (Becky Niedzwiecki)
Sat., Aug. 20th, 4:00PM - Lena Suizzo (Cheryl & Mark Majewski)
Sun., Aug. 21st, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **ED PRZEPIERSKI**, as gifted by Marie.



ASSOCIATES MEETING

The Associates of the Sisters of Nazareth will meet in the Nazareth Center on Saturday, August 20th, at 1:30PM.

A STEWARD'S GROWING PAINS

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort? The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason. It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair. The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain. We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us. That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

JULY LOTTERY WINNERS

The following were winners in the Holy Name Society's July Lottery Raffle:

Chip Rohrbach	Lisa Baldwin
Regina Jaworski	Branda Vargo
Gloria Bruno	Tony Mazzone
Loretta Koneski	Ed Jaskiewicz
C & J Brocius	Dave Lesniewski
Walter Helminski	Pat Ball
Rich Valahovic	Kay Stankiewicz

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to our winners!

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **AUGUST 14th**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, August 15th.



THE ASSUMPTION: A SIGN OF HOPE

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recite in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 7TH, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$24,936.00
Amount Received	\$2,026.00	\$14,148.00
Net over/under	(\$2,130.00)	(\$10,788.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 46; 9:00AM = 49
Envelopes: 56/168



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of the **LIVING & DECEASED PRIESTS AND SISTERS WHO SERVED AT HOLY TRINITY.**



8/15 - Joseph Nitzczynski
8/16 - Lisa Lubak
& John Otto
8/18 - Samuel Otto
8/19 - Bill Dyakon

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life. In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar! The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.



WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 7th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$3,550.00 (30/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$24,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$14,400.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,550.00	\$13,915.00
Net (over/under):	\$1,150.00	\$485.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 48; 10:30AM = 39

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 15th - For the People of Holy Trinity
Tues., Aug. 16th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Wed., Aug. 17th - All Deceased Mothers
Thurs., Aug. 18th - Daniszewski & Gorka Families
Fri., Aug. 19th - All Souls
Sat., Aug. 20th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
Sun., Aug. 21st, 10:30AM - Msgr. Richard Stack (Anniversary)

PLEASE NOTE

Holy Trinity Masses will return to the church building on the weekend of **August 20th and 21st** so that we can begin preparations for Zabawa.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

The schedule is being prepared for Lectors and Altar Servers for September through the end of November. Please let Mary Ann know dates you are not available. Please contact her at the Parish Office by email: parishoffice@holyltrinityrc.org. If you could let her know by August 18 that would be appreciated.

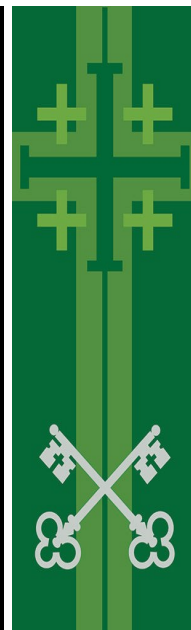
The Dividing Line

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. Luke 12:51 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 12:49-56 (NIV).



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"I have come to set the earth on fire..."

- Luke 12:49

News for Our Partnership

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gannon students will be moving back to campus on August 19th and Fr. Jason will resume his teaching obligations the following next week. Consequently, he will not be in the office on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Pray for all of our students returning to the classroom this fall.

UPDATE: VOTIVE CANDLES

Fr. Jason found another religious goods supplier who has votive candles in stock. An order was placed and should be delivered this week. Thank you for your patience.

GRAND RAFFLE 2022

Tickets for Zabawa's Grand Raffle are still available in Holy Trinity's Parish Office. The Grand Prize is \$3,000; Second is \$2,000; and Third is \$1,000. Get yours while they last! Also, if you have tickets to turn in, please do so soon.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Anyone willing to volunteer your time at Zabawa 2022, please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office with the days and times you would be available and someone will get in contact with you. Come and enjoy this glorious weekend!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14th, in the Saint Stanislaus Rectory courtyard from 3PM-7:00PM. The communities of St. Stan's, Holy Trinity, and St. Hedwig's are warmly invited to attend. The parish will provide the proteins (chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs). As a *suggestion*, consider bringing a covered dish based on your family's last name.

A-G = salad (greens, macaroni, potato)

H-N = starch (potatoes, pasta, rice)

O-V = vegetable (casserole, beans, corn)

W-Z = dessert (cupcakes, cake, brownies)

These are just suggestions. If you have a favorite picnic dish you prefer to prepare, by all means! We had such a good time at our last "pre-Covid" picnic, and we look forward to this coming picnic!

12 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA 2022

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Though **not** a holy day of obligation this year, Masses will be celebrated:

August 15th at 8AM at Holy Trinity (Dom Boze)

August 15th at 9AM at St. Stanislaus

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. Dedicated with evangelization, he published a magazine to teach the Catholic faith and encourage devotion to the

Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family, and another man stepped forward and offered to take his place. Fr. Kolbe was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this "martyr of Auschwitz," a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christlike act.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

8/15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson, Nancy & Art Kujawinski, & Carol Clark; 8/16) Corinne Dyakon, Mary Jo Sulecki, Kay Stankiewicz, & Richard Valahovic; 8/17) Ed Korytowski & Barbara Tuszynski; 8/18) Pearl Wisniewski; 8/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 8/20) Ed Korytowski; 8/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

8/15) All Vocations; 8/16) Fr. Wally Packard; 8/17) Fr. Nick Rouch; 8/18) All Vocations; 8/19) Fr. Larry Richards; 8/20) Fr. Justin Pino; 8/21) Fr. Philip Billotte

Sunday, Aug 14, 2022

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

"He will die of famine... for there is no more food in the city."

Make some noise for justice

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble.

Monday, Aug 15, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

"He has looked with favor on his lowly servant."

Grief required

Given that Mary was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

"For God all things are possible."

Embrace the mystery of communion

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their website.

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

"You have made them equal to us."

To each is given a mission

On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride. Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

Thursday, Aug 18, 2022

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Be willing to look closely

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

Friday, Aug 19, 2022

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these twocommandments."

Keep it simple

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

Schism-saver

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a scepter but a hoe."



"From Mary we learn to
surrender to God's Will
in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust
even when all hope seems gone.

From Mary we learn to
love Christ her Son
and the Son of God!"

~Pope St. John Paul II

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