

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## October 4th, 2020



### *Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church*

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Daily Eucharistic Liturgy: Monday - Friday at 8:00AM  
**Temporary Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**  
**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**

**\* Daily Eucharistic Liturgy remains temporarily Non-Public**

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## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom?

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 [27th Sunday]  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37 [Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos]  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42 [St. Bruno]  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4 [Our Lady of the Rosary]  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26 [Sts. Denis & John Leonardi]  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 [28th 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 John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**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, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**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.

# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"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 Benes (898-1091) 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.

### **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., Oct. 5th - Patricia Jenks (The Vash & Ishman Families)  
 Tues., Oct. 6th - Carl, Francis, & Charles Trochowski (Family)  
 Wed., Oct. 7th - Special Intention (Ron & Mary Robaskiewicz Family)  
 Thurs., Oct. 8th - Special Thanksgiving Intention (Stephanie & Bill Wycech)  
 Fri., Oct. 9th - Jane Holl (Family)  
 Sat., Oct. 10th, 4:00PM - Marie & Ronald Inter (Family)  
 Sun., Oct. 11th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**POLISH FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA**  
**Take-Out Dinner**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2020**  
**11:30AM - 5:00PM**



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alan Muir & Hannah Kitcey (10/10)  
 Tom Kurpiewski & Cheryl Hall (10/17)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of  
**KATHERINE & ALOYSIOUS KUJAWINSKI** as gifted  
 by Art & Nancy Kujawinski.

## NOVEMBER LOTTERY RAFFLE

The Holy Name Society is, once again, sponsoring a November Lottery Raffle, based on the PA Daily Number. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any Holy Name member or at the parish office.



## "LIKE US" ON FACEBOOK

At the beginning of the pandemic, our parish started a Facebook Page ("Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church ") primarily in order to upload weekend Masses. Periodically, reflections, parish news, and other musings are posted there, too. Feel free to "like us" and follow our page!

## CSA 2020: UPDATE

Parish Assessment: \$31,019.00  
 Pledges: \$34,895.00  
 Paid To Date: \$31,750.00

**Thank you** for the 89 families who have committed! Any additional CSA money remains in our parish. So, if you haven't yet pledged, please continue to prayerfully consider doing so.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 27, 2020)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$54,028.00
Amount Received	\$2,200.00	\$34,070.00
Net over/under	(\$1,936.00)	(\$19,958.00)

Mass Attendance: 32 at 4:00PM  
 54 at 9:00AM



Congratulations Michael & Karolina Alund (Czarnecka)  
 Entered into Holy Matrimony on September 26, 2020

## SCRIP CARDS

Even during the pandemic, we have still be filling SCRIP CARD orders. If you are interested in purchasing them, simply contact the Parish Office.

## "PARISH DAY" COLLECTION

In your weekly offering box, there is a special "Parish Day" envelope. This donation is used primarily for "start-up" money. As you already know, we will have no raffles, gift baskets, or special drawings this year due to the pandemic. This money will also off-set the profit losses we expect to incur due to the elimination of these fundraisers.

## BAKE SALE

In an effort to streamline our Polish Day Extravaganza anticipated and ongoing Covid restrictions, the committee is asking those who would like to donate to our bake sale to consider limiting your efforts to either sweet breads or pies. Please put your culinary skills to work and help contribute to our cause! More information will be forthcoming.

# Holy Trinity Parish Community



October 3rd – Dolores Wagner  
 October 4th – John Stano  
 October 6th – Tex Brieger, Daniel Loeffler,  
 & Ted Wardzinski  
 October 10th – Cindy Pelkowski  
 October 11th – Skip Ignaczak  
 October 12th – Shirley Shultz  
 October 14th – Julie Slomski & Kelly Titus  
 October 16th – Frank Agnello  
 October 18th – Pearl Wisniewski  
 October 21st – Mark Lacy  
 October 22nd – Tim Wiley  
 October 26th – Adam Nitkiewicz



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Oct. 5th - Frances Conway (Family)  
 Tues., Oct. 6th - All Living & Deceased Fathers  
 Wed., Oct. 7th - All Living & Deceased Mothers  
 Thurs., Oct. 8th - Kulig, Laszczewski & Habas Families  
 Fri., Oct. 9th - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Sat., Oct. 10th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., Oct. 11th, 10:30AM - Edward Czulewicz (Leonard Kolakowski)



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
**JOHN FIGURSKI** as gifted by Dave & Jane Thiemann.

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

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## MARRIAGE MOMENT

"... by prayer and petition...make your requests known to God." (Phil. 4:6) Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in - honesty, honor, justice, loveliness, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grow in this quality.

## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Regular Offering: \$2,237.00 (25/144)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$39,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$30,745.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,237.00	\$22,758.00
Net (over/under):	(\$128.00)	(\$7,987.00)

## CSA UPDATE

Assessment: \$12,425.00  
 Pledges: \$24,692.00  
 Paid: \$23,522.00  
 Families Contributing: 69

## The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)  
 Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



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 Z D L S R K N T U C T J E Z D  
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 B A I D Y P W T R O Y Y T D E  
 I W C L E J A J C V S Z D W N  
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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

"The Kingdom of God will be... given to a people that will produce its fruit."

- Matthew 21:43

***St. Stanislaus Church***  
***“Polish Food***  
***Extravaganza Day”***

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020***

**11:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

Parish Hall ~ 520 East 13 Street ~ handicap accessible

***“POLISH PLATTER”***  
***TAKE - OUT DINNER***

includes kielbasa ~ golabki ~ pierogi ~ sweet & sour cabbage  
mashed potatoes ~ roll & butter

Adults - \$12.00 Children - \$6.00

***Frozen Pierogi for sale***  
***1/2 dozen-\$10. 1 dozen-\$20.***  
***Fresh Homemade***  
***Baked Goods for sale!***

***Grand Raffle***  
***Grand Prize~\$1,250.00***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ~ \$500.00***  
***3<sup>rd</sup> Prize ~ \$250.00***

***PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. STANISLAUS PARISH***

I swear, if my memory was any worse, I  
could plan my own surprise party.

**LIFE RUN 5K/10K**

People For Life will host its annual Life Run/Fun Walk on October 10th at Slade Park in Harborcreek. Registration begins at 7:30AM and the event starts at 9AM. The events includes an optional warmup, complimentary t-shirt, refreshments, and a free wine tasting following the event at Burch Farms Country Market. Registration is \$25 for ages 16 and up; \$15 for ages 7-15. For more information, visit [www.peopleforlife.life/liferun](http://www.peopleforlife.life/liferun) or call 882-1333.

**FEAST OF SAINT HEDWIG**

Since Covid restriction makes our traditional celebration of Saint Hedwig's Day unfeasible, Fr. Jason will celebrate Mass at Saint Hedwig's and upload it to Saint Stanislaus' Facebook page on **October 16th at 7:00PM**. Please consider prayerfully joining us on-line.

**SHOPPING FUNDRAISER: “Friends Helping Friends”**

Shop at Boscov's on **October 14th or 15th**, in store or online. You will save 20% off of the lowest sale price. Mention St. Stanislaus or Holy Trinity, and the respective parish will receive 5% of your total purchase!

**OPEN HOUSES**

Cathedral Prep and Villa will be hosting Open Houses in October. Both schools will offer tours, classroom demonstrations, and hands on experiences. Raffles for tuition discounts will also be held for those who attend. The following are the dates and times:

Cathedral Prep	Villa Maria
October 18th, 12PM-3PM	October 25th, 12PM-3PM
225 West 9th Street	2403 West 8th Street
814.453.7737	814.838.2061

**OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

In recognition of “Respect Life” month, Catholic Charities is reaching out to parishes for support in their efforts to promote the sanctity of human life. In light of the Covid pandemic, collecting baby supplies through their annual “Diaper Drive” is not possible. An alternative way to support their ministry is to make a monetary donation through their website at [www.cccas.org](http://www.cccas.org).

**26th ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH**

The World Apostolate of Fatima is hosting its 26th Annual Rosary March on October 11th at 3:00PM. Due to Covid restrictions, the event will be held at Saint Jude's Church (2801 West 6th Street). The event will also be live streamed on [www.stjudeapos.org](http://www.stjudeapos.org). Bishop Persico will be the featured speaker. For more information, call John Walsh (868.1100).

**THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS**

10/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 10/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski;  
10/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 10/8) Steve Rimpa, & Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 10/9) Marcia Nitzczynski & Rose Marie Radomski; 10/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 10/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

10/3) Fr. John Detisch; 10/4) Fr. Jason Feigh; 10/5) Fr. Greg Passauer; 10/6) Fr. Jeff Noble; 10/7) Fr. David Whiteford;  
10/8) Fr. Jeff Lucas; 10/9) Fr. Rick Tomasone; 10/10) Msgr. John Herbein



## Sunday, Oct 04, 2020

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### Celebrate the joy of new life

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

*"[He] sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'"*

In a happy collision of observances, October is dedicated to respecting life, supporting fair trade, employing the differently abled, and praying the Rosary. Today is not only Respect Life Sunday but also, in memory of Francis of Assisi, an occasion to bless the animals who share our lives. If you're seeking an integrated moral code, here's your chance to champion the spectrum of life. The Rosary's Joyful Mysteries lead the way: embrace new life, encourage mothers, support child-affirming laws, recognize the gifts of all God's children, and respect the wisdom of young people.

## Monday, Oct 05, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

### A saint for this season

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself."*

As we've lately learned, it's hard to be happy during a health crisis, but Redemptorist Father Francis Xavier Seelos was called the "Cheerful Ascetic," even while serving the sick during a disease outbreak. Known for his kindness and missionary zeal, this German-born priest kept his sermons simple for everyone to understand and was sought out as a compassionate confessor. He was an itinerant preacher throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States, before being sent to New Orleans where he died of yellow fever. Those seeking healing can submit their prayer petition to the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

## Tuesday, Oct 06, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN

### When Mary receives a Martha job

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

*"A woman whose name was Martha welcomed him."*

Jesus said his friend Mary was right to cease activity, to simply sit at his feet and listen. But the church may ask you to be more like Martha—to reach out to the world, as Jesus also called on his followers to do. Such was the dilemma of Marie Rose Durocher. This quiet and frail young woman preferred the quiet life but was pressed into pastoral service by her brother, a Montreal priest in the 1830s. Then her bishop asked her to start a new religious community to help educate the young. How is God asking you to move beyond your own comfort zone today?

## Wednesday, Oct 07, 2020

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

### Protect us from harm

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

*"Jesus was praying in a certain place."*

The Rosary has been a favored Catholic form of prayer for centuries. Inviting us to pray five Our Fathers, 50 Hail Marys, and five Glory Be's while meditating on gospel stories from Mary's and Jesus' lives, this spiritual practice has helped generations of Catholics ask for Mary's intercession. In October 1571, Catholic soldiers prayed the Rosary to prepare for battle with Turkish soldiers in the Gulf of Corinth. When they won that battle, Pope Pius V claimed that October 7 would be known as the Feast of Our

Lady of Victory. Two years later, his successor, Gregory XIII, changed the name to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As our world faces the challenge of the COVID-19 virus, we again ask for Mary's intercession. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

## Thursday, Oct 08, 2020

### Persistence pays off

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

*"If you... give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

Prayer is not like an ATM whereby requests are entered and dispensed. Ultimately our model is Jesus. Christ's persistence in prayer united him with God but did not erase his suffering. He sweated blood, he was crucified. When we do not receive the answer we are hoping for to our prayer request, we may suffer too, but, like Jesus, we can open ourselves to deeper union with God. Take time today to offer God your needs, trusting that God's strength and presence always suffices.

## Friday, Oct 09, 2020

### God casts out evil

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

*"But if it is by the finger of God that [I] drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."*

Although Hollywood has popularized exorcism with such movies as *The Exorcist* (1973) and more recently *The Conjuring* series, exorcism is a legitimate rite in the church. An exorcism is actually a form of prayer. It is used in situations where the faithful experience a force of evil or the "powers of darkness," which we call the devil or demons. Recognizing the place of exorcism in the prayers of the church is important because it reminds us that God has already freed us from the snare of evil. As you encounter various "demons" in your life, remember to pray: Call upon God to be with you and to separate you from all that is evil and to surround you with God's love.

## Saturday, Oct 10, 2020

### Put on your dancing shoes!

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

*"And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise."*

On this day, the Jewish community celebrates Simchat Torah. This joyous harvest festival marks the beginning and end of the annual Torah reading, and culminates in dancing with the sacred texts. In a similar sense of celebration, Jesus says to his disciples, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Choose scripture as your companion, and get ready to shimmy, shake, rock and roll, and trip the light fantastic all for the greater glory of God.



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X*

