

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (NOVEMBER 10, 2019)

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

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Saturday at 4:00PM  
Sunday at 9:30AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM (Vigil) & 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30PM (or by appointment)



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Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:  
Saturday at 5:00PM  
Sunday at 10:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 5:30PM

Confessions: Saturday at 4:30PM (or by appointment)





# Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

## Partners in Faith & Mission



### 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*“Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ...”* In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Sadducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Sadducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Sadducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Sadducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we’re struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: “How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I’m part of?” Perhaps you’ve wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: “Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?” These aren’t easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don’t be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 10th, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1-8, 15/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 [31st Sunday]  
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6 [St. Martin of Tours]  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10 [St. Josaphat]  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-8/Lk 17:11-19 [St. Francis Xavier Cabrini]  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37 [St. Albert the Great]  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-43/Lk 18:1-8 [Sts. Margaret & Gertrude]  
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 [32nd 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 incumbent upon family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs 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.

**"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.

**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.

**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

Monday, November 11th — Helen Kaliszewski (Family)  
 Tuesday, November 12th — Norbert Ropiecki (Christine Buziewicz)  
 Wednesday, November 13th — Frances Piatkowski (R. & M. Sulecki)  
 Thursday, November 14th — Deacon Bob Walker (T. Widomski & Family)  
 Friday, November 15th — William "Bill" Post (Barb Bukowski)  
 Saturday, November 16th — Sr. R.M. Modzelewski (Srs. of Naz. Asso.)  
 Sunday, November 17th — Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)

## REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally set aside as a month when we remember those who have died. As is customary at St. Stan's, a memorial garden will be set up in the sanctuary and a list of our deceased loved ones will be placed there. Forms are available for you to complete so that we can place their names in the memorial garden.

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

On *November 18th*, a baking items will be needed for the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Soup Kitchen. There will not be a need for a bakery in December. Many thanks to all who donate their time and supplies!



## THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST MINISTRY

... is preparing gifts for our parishioners in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Thanksgiving cards will be sent to them and they will receive a visit at Christmas time. Please call Rose Marie or Fr. Jason if you know of someone who has been admitted recently.

"The Guiding Power of Hope," a booklet of Advent prayers and reflections, are available at the entrances of the church. A donation of \$1.25 is appreciated. Donations envelopes are provided and can be placed in the collection basket.

## SCRIPT UPDATE

<u>ORDER DATE</u>	<u>PICK UP DATE</u>
Nov. 16 & 17.....	Nov. 23 & 24
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.....	Dec. 7 & 8
Dec. 14 & 15.....	Dec. 21 & 22
Dec. 28 & 29.....	Jan 4 & 5

\* "Cash & Carry cards are available weekly.

If you intend to buy large quantities of cards, please use the special order forms so as to not deplete our Cash & Carry supply. Scrip cards make wonderful holiday gift and a portion of their proceeds returns to our parish!

**NOVEMBER 1st LOTTERY NUMBER IS: 631**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9th  
 Servers: C. & H. Rohrbach  
 Lector: M. Inter  
 Gifts: Rolf Pedersen Family

Sunday, November 10th  
 Servers: J. & A. Wildfire  
 Lector: J. Kleiner  
 Gifts: Holy Name Society

Saturday, November 16th  
 Servers: Jack Ciecierski  
 Lector: Mary Jo Sulecki  
 Gifts: Lombard Family

Sunday, November 17th  
 Server: David Kurutz  
 Lector: Tom Widomski  
 Gifts: Mazzone Family



## THANKSGIVING MASS

A special Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 28th at 9:30AM. A Lector and Eucharistic Minister will be needed. Please sign up in the vestibule for these ministries if you are available.

Additionally, a collection of non-perishable food items and financial donations will be taken during mass and donated to the Neighborhood Watch Food Pantry to assist us in feeding our neighbors in need. Thank you!

## THE ASSOCIATES OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

... will meet on Saturday, *November 16th at 1:30PM* in the Nazareth Center.

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Team B is scheduled to clean on *November 12th*, beginning at 9:30AM. Team A is scheduled for *November 26th*. Please find a replacement, or call your team's coordinator if you are unavailable. Thank you for all of your work!

## WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 3, 2019)

<u>This Week</u>	<u>July 1 to date</u>
Amount we need ....\$4,156.00	\$74,808.00
Amount Received....\$3,429.00	\$53,420.00
Net over/under ..... (\$727.00)	(\$21,388.00)

Mass Attendance:  
 4:00PM = 102  
 9:30AM = 78



# Holy Trinity Parish Community

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**5:00PM - November 16th**

**Lector:** John Otto  
**Server:** Nina & Mia Mangini  
**EM:** S. Trochowski & S. Carpenter

**10:00 AM - November 17th**

**Lector:** Kathy Smith  
**Servers:** B. Lazar & R. Luniewski  
**EM:** E. Korytowski, E. Simora, & M. Nitzczynski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 11th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Tuesday, November 12th - The Souls in Purgatory  
 Wednesday, November 13th - Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
 Thursday, November 14th - Daniszewski & Gorka Families  
 Friday, November 15th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families  
 Saturday, November 16th - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)  
 Sunday, November 17th - Rita Luniewski (Ray, Edie, & Roman Luniewski)

## PARISH NECROLOGY

The name of Jane T. Mientkiewicz who died April 28, 2019, was inadvertently omitted from the insert in last week's bulletin. Our apologies to her family, we continue to remember Jane and all our parishioners who have died since last All Souls Day.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of Charles Joint, Jr. (Ray, Edie, & Roman Luniewski)



November 16: Nora Sebastian

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

11/11 Sandy Kempisty; 11/12 Edie Luniewski;  
 11/13 Deacon Tom Matusiak; 11/14 Julie Slomski;  
 11/15 Dorothy & Mead Carlson; 11/16 Corinne Dyakon

## PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

11/10 Fr. Jim McCormick; 11/11 Fr. Shane Mathew;  
 11/12 Fr. Bill Kuba; 11/13 All Vocations;  
 11/14 Fr. Andy Boyd; 11/15 Fr. Jason Feigh;  
 11/16 Fr. Rick Tomasone

Our Parish Catholic Education Program families are already busy making pierogi on Monday evenings in preparation for our Christmas market, which will be held on December 20th & 21st. Pre-orders will be taken from *November 9th - December 8th*. Please support PCEP and the children who benefit from this Catholic School tuition assistance program.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (NOVEMBER 3, 2019)

Regular Offertory..... \$3,150.00 (60/146 mailed)  
 Loose Cash..... \$94.00  
 Total Offertory..... \$3,244.00  
 All Saints/All Souls ..... \$653.00  
 Church Heat Env. .... \$5.00  
 Votive Candles ..... \$35.00  
 Mass Attendance: 5:00PM = 55 / 10:00AM = 85

THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal .....	\$3,000.00
Amount we need ....	\$2,365.00
Amount Received ...	\$3,244.00
Net over/under .....	879.00
	(\$2,755.00)

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (2019) AS OF NOVEMBER 4:

Pledges: .....\$26,185.00  
 Paid: .....\$24,070.00  
 Due: .....\$2,115.00  
 Assessment: .....\$12,421.00

\*80 Families have contributed to the CSA

## Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36 (NIV)

Based on Luke 20:27-38



M V E C K M P I W W A W V E J  
 O S E V E N E F S L O N D G V  
 S G W N L E G E R A T M N B F  
 E Y W I F N R I S E A H A K Q  
 S A U I D F E S B K A C G N N  
 J N W Z X O S J A C O B D I F  
 N H N C C W W L Q D L A R Y M  
 A I X W H M Y S C H E E R J X  
 B B V O I H P O P D H R P J G  
 R T Q G L A C D C T A Y T E I  
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 A M M I E V B K W A N G E L S  
 M B O B N E E M I U W C X B G  
 G O B W F V B J H Z O I M N B

MOSES	ABRAHAM	MARRY	ALIVE	BROTHER
ISAAC	JACOB	RISE	SEVEN	ANGELS
WIFE	WOMAN	DEAD	CHILDREN	WIDOW

"He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

- Luke 20:38

**PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on  
Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30PM at Saint Stanislaus.**

**55**  
plus  
MINISTRY

**PLEASE RETURN**

... your interest survey for forming a Senior 55+ Ministry Group for our parish communities by Tuesday. They can be placed in the collection or dropped off at either Parish Office.

**Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?**

**Answer:** We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes. Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

**The "31 Club"** is a prayer program built around the concept of people attending Mass and praying for priestly and religious vocations every month on a specific date. Reminders are posted in the weekly bulletin. We appeal parishioners from both parishes to sign up on the list in the back of Church or to call either Parish Office with the day you want to specifically pray for vocations and offer your intention for vocations at a Mass you attend each month. There are "no dues, no meetings" club. Simply offer prayer, but oh, how so powerful it can be for the future of the Church and the People of God!

With the impending winter months ahead of us, we urge you to exercise due prudence in balancing your obligation to attend Mass and personal risks you may take due to inclement weather and poor road conditions. Additionally, when ill, be mindful of the potential of spreading your illness onto others attending Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass for these legitimate reasons, know that there are several televised Masses:

**Channel 55 - Sundays at 6:30AM**

**Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM**

**Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM  
Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM,  
12:00PM, & 7:00PM**

If you have the *Erie Times* delivered to you in a plastic bag, please save the bags and bring them to church with you; Fr. Dan has use for them.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Jesus reminds us that the day will come for 'the children of God' where the complications of our earthly life will no longer matter. Parents know the sound of their children's voices. When you call out "Lord", will God say "Who's there?"

**Homeless Youth & Protecting Youth:** We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but 1.7 million US youth experience homelessness every year. 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more each year. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network ([www.ncmec.org](http://www.ncmec.org)) offers information on a range of child safety topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection>



**ONCE SEEN PUBLISHED IN A CHURCH BULLETIN...**

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.



**DON'T FORGET TO PRE-ORDER YOUR HOLY TRINITY  
CHRISTMAS MARKET GOODIES UNTIL DECEMBER 8TH!**



**A PRAYER FOR VETERANS**

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

- By Joanna Fuchs

## Sunday, Nov 10, 2019

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### In search of heavenly bodies

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

*"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."*

Church father Tertullian insisted: "The flesh is the hinge of salvation." Cyril of Jerusalem concurred: "Do not believe anyone who maintains that our bodies have nothing to do with God." These thoughts countered religious schools disdaining the body and viewing only the purely spiritual soul as worthy of the afterlife. Christian thinkers held the Resurrection of Jesus as proof positive that God values the entire human person. So we profess in our Creed each Sunday: "I believe in the resurrection of the body." Our flesh and blood takes its dignity from the God who chose to inhabit it personally.

## Monday, Nov 11, 2019

MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

### Be of service

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

*"If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."*

On Veterans Day we honor all people who have served in the United States Armed Forces. While we honor that past service, also remember that veterans have a life after the military and sometimes need help as civilians—whether it be a job or a meal or a friend. Saint Martin of Tours was a fourth-century soldier who, after encountering a beggar, said to his commander, "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ." Pray to Martin for today's veterans and serve those who've served us.

## Tuesday, Nov 12, 2019

JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

### Father, may they all be one

Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10

*"Grace and mercy are with his holy ones."*

Josaphat is commonly known as the patron saint for Christian unity, his martyrdom in 1623 coming as the result of his efforts to bring a segment of the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith back into full communion with the Catholic Church following the Great Schism of 1054. He succeeded. And today, 23 different Eastern Catholic Churches—each keeping their unique Eastern liturgies, theologies, and customs—are in full communion with the Roman Church. What's not as well known: Josaphat had a favorite devotional practice, the penitential *poklon* (Old Slavic for "deep bow") while saying the Jesus Prayer. Honor him—and all humble, peacemaking efforts for unity—by praying the Jesus Prayer today: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

## Wednesday, Nov 13, 2019

FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

### Be persistent in your faithful service

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

*"Stand up and go your way; your faith has been your salvation."*

Poor health kept Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) from joining a local Italian convent. Determined, prayerful, and organized, she started her own religious community. Soon known as Mother Cabrini, she established convents and then opened schools, hospitals, and homes to care for poor children. Pope Leo XIII asked Frances to bring her considerable skills to the United States where more than 50,000 Italian immigrants lived in poverty. When she arrived, the local archbishop told her to go back to Italy! But Frances persisted, bringing the love of God to

## Thursday, Nov 14, 2019

### In every end, a new beginning

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25

*"For behold, the kingdom of God is among you."*

This time of year, we hear a lot about the end of the world in the readings. That might seem odd as we approach Advent and prepare for the birth of Christ. A newborn, after all, is the ultimate new beginning—especially when one is born to bring salvation. But then again, we're concluding the church year soon, so reflecting on endings is fitting. Even nature in northern climes is going dormant to ready itself for rebirth in the spring. Get your spirit in sync with the church season and pray that the light continue to overcome the darkness.

## Friday, Nov 15, 2019

ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Charitable thinking

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

*"All... were by nature foolish who were in ignorance of God... who from studying the works did not discern the artisan."*

Saint Albert had broad interests that advanced many areas of study in medieval Europe, including natural sciences, logic, music, mathematics, astronomy, and economics. His incorporation of Greek and Arabic philosophy in his studies paved the way for the influential work of future Catholic theologians, including his renowned student Saint Thomas Aquinas. But Albert's expansive intellectual pursuits, while rightly labeled "great" by history, all led him back to one simple truth: "If we possess charity, we possess God, for 'God is Charity.'" Recognize God in the charitable giving—material or spiritual, in word or deed—that you offer and receive today.

## Saturday, Nov 16, 2019

MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

### Don't let comfort insulate you from the needy

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

*"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"*

Saint Margaret of Scotland may have been queen—with all the perks of that lofty position—but her early life wasn't easy. Her father died when she was young and her family had to flee trouble. She ended up in Scotland because she was shipwrecked there. Maybe that's why she was so kind and generous after marrying the king, always helping the poor and building churches, because she had known hard times, with no one but God to lean on. Let your own trials and tribulations make you more empathetic with others.



