

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023



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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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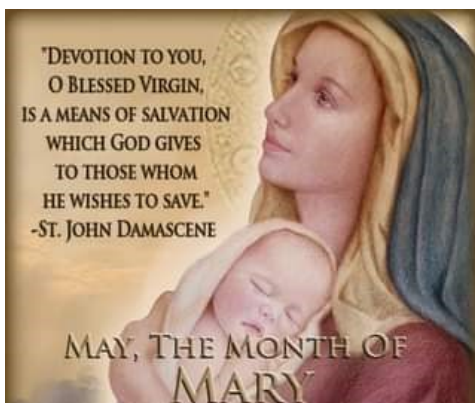
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If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is priesthood.

St. Peter says to us, "You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'" To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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., May 8th - Private Intention
Tues., May 9th - Kathy Tomczak (Don Dombrowski Family)
Wed., May 10th - Mary Macie (Jim)
Thurs., May 11th - Joan Oldenski (Mary Ann Urbaniak)
Fri., May 12th - Paula Grelewicz (Family)
Sat., May 13th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., May 14th, 9:00AM - Richard & Theresa Jenks (Marcia)



Our sanctuary candle burn in memory of **GAY & BOB WLODARCZYK**, as gifted by Family.



WITNESSES FOR JESUS

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THE CHOSEN

Thanks to the support of our Women's Society, our parish will be purchasing a video projector and large screen so that we can host a viewing of *The Chosen* television series.

According to Angel Studios (the producer of the series), "*The Chosen*, the first multi-season show about Jesus's life, hopes to take you deeper into gospel stories by retelling and expounding on the character and intentions of Jesus and those who knew Him."

Stay tuned for more information...

SOUND SYTEM

We will be bringing in a sound engineer to do a complete sound analysis of our church building, provide a recommendation to better meet our needs, and offer a bid to install a new sound system. We will keep you updated about this project. Our goal is to have it completed by the end of summer.

GARAGE SALE

Tentative plans are in the works to host another major garage sale this summer on the Parish Hall parking lot and in the Parish Hall. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, as you engage in your Spring cleaning, keep this in mind and set aside items you would like to donate to this cause.

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Sisters will **NOT** need baked goods for the month of May. They will, however, accept donations for the month of June. Thank you for your ongoing support of this charitable ministry!

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR APRIL 30TH

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$182,864.00
Amount Received	\$2,183.00	\$110,595.00
Net over/under	(\$1,973.00)	(\$72,269.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 68; 9:00AM = 58
Envelopes: 58/168



Recently, the Erie Police Department began a concerted effort to fight crime in our east side

neighborhood. Officers are going door-to-door, on foot or on bicycles, to talk to residents and identify problem areas. This effort is being funded by the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant. St. Stanislaus was chose as the "staging area" for the officers. We welcome these officers to our community and are grateful for their service. Please pray for our police and their safety.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DONNA WHITFORD** as gifted by Connie Knecht.



5/10) Marc Moore
5/13) Susan Nitkiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 8th - All Souls
Tues., May 9th - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
Wed., May 10th - For All Deceased Mothers
Thurs., May 11th - Stanley Kniewski (Family)
Fri., May 12th - Special Intention
Sat., May 13th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
Sun., May 14th, 10:30AM - For Living & Deceased Mothers

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches. The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us in preparing the perfect “spot” for each one of us who remain faithful to Him. Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home!

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to remember mothers, grand-mothers, and godmothers in the special bulletin insert next weekend, please return the flyer with their names by Monday, May 8th to the Parish Office. They will also be remembered at Mass celebrated throughout the year at Holy Trinity.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus tells us in the gospel: “Where I am going, you know the way.” The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live as though their own lives are a roadmap to heaven. Guide each other, encourage each other; love each other, following the way of Christ.

TRINITY SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 11th, our parish will celebrate our Feast Day. Following Mass, we will host a parish day brunch, where we will honor those who have received First Communion, graduates from 8th Grade, High School, and College, as well as significant wedding anniversaries. A good-will offering will be taken to defray the expenses. Please see the insert and RSVP by May 22nd.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR APRIL 16TH, 2023

Regular Offering: \$2,660.00 (26/130)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$4,000.00	\$165,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,400.00	\$100,800.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,565.00	\$102,378.00
Net (over/under):	\$165.00	\$1,578.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 48; 10:30AM = 52

"I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
Based on John 14:1-14



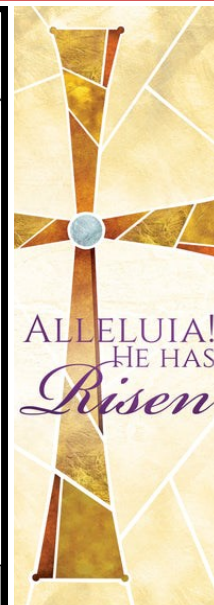
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“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

- John 14:6

News for Our Partnership



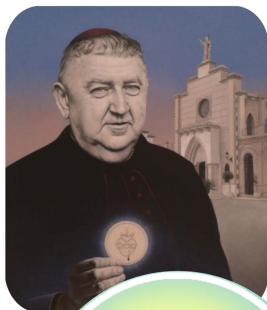
Public Veneration of the Relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel Gonzalez Garcia

Tuesday, May 23rd
St. Jude the Apostle Church
2801 W. 6th St. Erie, PA
12pm-8pm

Mass will be celebrated at
6pm. Dr. Jaci Sabol will
present a talk on Eucharistic
Miracles at 3pm and 7pm



† SAINT JUDE
the APOSTLE



A DAY OF TRAINING

As part of his ministry as chaplain to the Erie Police Department, Fr. Jason will be out of town on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10th & 11th, as he attends a "Crisis Counseling & Hostage Awareness" training session. He will be back on Friday. Please keep him and the other officers in training in your prayers.

May is the Month of Mary



For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month.

In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus.

It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a "May Altar" is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. Additionally, many Catholic churches and families hold a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King.

Why May? The tradition dates all the way back to the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Romans also claimed May to honor Flora, the goddess of bloom or blossoms. They celebrated "floral games" at the end of April and petitioned Flora's intercession for all that blooms. In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year, since May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

Although we do not see Mary as a goddess of any sort – Catholics do not worship Mary, we honor, or venerate, her as Jesus' mother – we have adapted the early Greek and Roman customs of honoring important women in their religions by honoring the most important woman in our religion: Mary.

HOLY HOUR for Pastoral Planning

At St. Mark the Evangelist Church - 695 Smithson Ave

Saturday, May 13, 2023

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECTION

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

5/8) Steve Rimpa, Stephanie & Bill Wycech, & Charlie & Charlene Schroeck; 5/9) Edie Luniewski & Rose Marie Radomski;
5/10) Elizabeth Dalton & Eleanor Walker; 11) Sandy Kempisty; 5/12) Elizabeth Dalton & Debbie Oldenski;
5/13) Mary Brocious & Shirley Widomski; 5/14) Julie Slomski & Katherine Krainski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

5/8) Fr. Joe Gregorek; 5/9) Fr. Greg Passauer; 5/10) Fr. Kevin Holland; 5/11) Fr. Henry Kriegel;
5/12) All Vocations; 5/13) Fr. James Power; 5/14) All Mothers

Sunday, May 07, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
whom we shall appoint to this task."

Appointed to the task

What are deacons for, we may wonder? Deacons assist priests in visiting the sick and provide service in the parish community. They can preach, witness marriages, perform Baptisms, and preside at funeral services outside of Mass. While they're ordained clergy, they may also be married and serve without pay. The permanent diaconate is a special call.

Monday, May 08, 2023

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

"We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Sanctity can't be rushed

Of the approximately 10,000 canonized saints, there are only 11 from the United States, and only three of those were U.S.-born. Of course, part of the reason is that the United States is a relatively young country. Give it time, Blessed Teresa Demjanovich would likely say, because she believed her calling was to remind everyone that they are called, regardless of vocation, to be a saint. Born in New Jersey in 1901, Demjanovich is one of a growing list of American candidates for sainthood and the first to be beatified on American soil. She was a Sister of Charity for only two years before dying at the age of 26. Take to heart her message that everyone is called to a life of holiness and aspire to join her on that list.

Tuesday, May 09, 2023

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships..."

Advantage from adversity

On this day in 328, 30-year-old Saint Athanasius was elected the new bishop of Alexandria. If that seems young, it was. Even though he helped win the day at the Council of Nicea—taking on Arius and others who denied Christ's full divinity—his elevation as bishop instigated years of struggle with political and ecclesial foes. At issue: Athanasius' stubborn refusal to water down anything in the Nicene Creed. Thus, in the 45 years Athanasius served as bishop, he was exiled a total of five times, 17 years in all. May Athanasius provide a lesson for us all about turning adversity into advantage. While in exile, he did much writing—including a definitive biography of Saint Anthony that would influence other future saints, including Augustine.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit..."

A mighty pen

On this day in 1990 the famed Southern writer Walker Percy died, one of the clarion voices of reason in the troubled climate of his day. He lived through Jim Crow, being born near the height of it, and wrote with the power of his deep Catholic faith to issues of the day. A graduate of medical school, Percy would in the end become one who probed minds and hearts with the pen—including his own. He famously said, "A fine writer's thoughtful analysis of his own trials and errors is valuable indeed." May we emulate his admirable introspection.

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you..."

Rejoice and be glad!

Doesn't everyone seek a bit of joy? Jesus tells his disciples, "Remain in my love ... so that ... your joy may be complete." Our tradition uplifts those who are joyful even amid setbacks. The concept of the Paschal Mystery points to resurrection—joy—hidden in even the darkest times. Pope Francis often encourages church leaders to show some joy, and he reminds the faithful that God "created us because he wants us to be happy." Jesus' first miracle enabled wedding guests to drink wine and celebrate. Does your faith in God bring you joy? Let others see it.

Friday, May 12, 2023

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

"I have called you friends."

Here's to good friends

Saint Teresa of Ávila had a deep understanding of the value of friendship, not only with God but with one another. "What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people," she wisely wrote. Negative people can actually affect your well-being on every level: spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Numerous studies conclude that surrounding yourself with good people boosts self-esteem, helps you bear stress and grief more effectively, encourages healthy behavior, and increases your chances for a longer and happier life. Your time is a valuable—and limited—resource. Surround yourself with friends and associates who will do you good. Then return the favor.

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

"Because you do not belong to the world... the world hates you."

Holy East and West

When's the last time you called a priest "Swami" instead of "Father"? If the priest was today's commemorative, Benedictine Father Bede Griffiths, you would be correct using the title. Griffiths (1906-93), a British-born priest, was sent to India in 1955 to establish a Benedictine monastery. There he studied Indian spirituality and incorporated into the monastery cultural elements of a Hindu ashram. He became known to his congregants as Swami Dayananda, a name that means "bliss of compassion." Watch a three-minute trailer of the film documentary of Father Bede's life and teaching, *A Human Search*.

If Roses Grow In Heaven

*If roses grow in Heaven Lord,
please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it everyday,
But there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.*