

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 18, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, January 18th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
11:00am (SC) John Prez (Anniv. January 20th) by Christine Prez Farnum

Monday, January 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

*10:00am (SA) Helsley Family by The Kevin Helsley Family

Tuesday, January 20th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) David, Marie, & Lori Krasnesky, by Judy Krasnesky

Wednesday, January 21st: Saint Agnes

12:05pm (SA) Janet White by Lisa Austin

Thursday, January 22nd: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Mankosky by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Friday, January 23rd: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Cathie Ann Dombkowski by Ron Dombkowski

Saturday, January 24th: Saint Francis de Sales

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Sunday, January 18th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Joseph Lorelli by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Frances Winiecki, Birthday January 24th, by Family

CONFessions: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Jan. 19th - Private Intention

Tues., Jan. 20th - Diane Jaskiewicz (Carrie & Val)

Wed., Jan. 21st - Geneuve Krasnesky (Lori Krasnesky)

Thur., Jan. 22nd - Vernon & Ellen Gambill (Paul & Renee Gambill)

Fri., Jan. 23rd - Helen Dubowski (David & Susan Mikeska)

Sat., Jan. 24th, 4:00PM - Florence Winslow (Bednar Family)

Sun., Jan. 25th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

January 18, 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Betty & Bob Nowakowski (The Krasinski Family)

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) "My Lady" Rose Marie Skrypek by Robert Skrypek; 2) Health & Healing for Robert Shanta by Ben Vento

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

CAUTIONARY NOTES

We find ourselves in the midst of a very active cold and flu season. Those who are ill or experiencing symptoms of sickness are kindly asked to refrain from attending Mass. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that the Sunday obligation is excused for a serious reason such as illness (CCC §2181). Staying home when sick is actually considered an act of charity and responsibility toward the health of others (cf. CCC §1829). We encourage those who are ill to rest, pray from home, and return when they are well.

Moreover, out of care for the health of others, those who are ill or experiencing symptoms of sickness are asked to abstain from receiving from the Chalice (the Blood of Christ). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Christ is fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—under either species alone (CCC §1390). Those who receive only the Sacred Host receive the whole of Christ.

Finally, for the safety of our parishioners, please remember that there is no obligation to attend Mass when inclement or dangerous weather makes travel unsafe. Again, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the Sunday obligation is excused in circumstances that prevent safe travel and attendance (CCC §2181). Parishioners are encouraged to use prudent judgment, place safety first, and keep the Lord's Day holy through prayer at home when travel is unsafe.

*Save
the Date*



St. Stanislaus Pancake Breakfast
Superbowl Sunday
February 8th
10:00AM-1:00PM

DID YOU KNOW...

Retirees with IRAs are permitted by the IRS to make Qualified Charitable Distribution (known as QCD) as a direct donation from the IRA to our parish, thus reducing your taxes without impacting your Adjusted Gross Income. Usually, when a person has to take a Required Mandatory Distribution from an IRA, they have to pay taxes on the money withdrawn, and it has to be included in their Total Adjusted Income. With the QCD, the money is transferred to the charity without increasing one's income tax on the amount, and it can also be taken as a tax deduction to reduce one's federal income tax.

TAX INFORMATION

If you are in need of documentation of your contributions to the church for tax purposes, please call your respective parish office and we will mail it out to you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

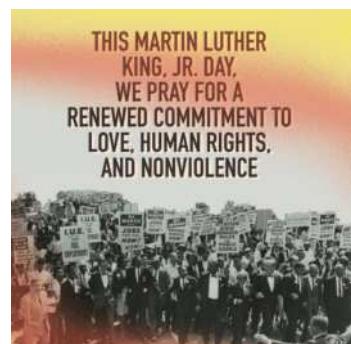
St. Stanislaus is beginning its preparations for our Lenten Fish & Pierogi Dinners. We are interested in finding volunteers to make pierogi. No experience is necessary! We will be making pierogi on Tuesday, **January 20th**, and Wednesday, **January 21st**, in the Parish Hall from 9:00AM—? Lunch will be provided.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on January 18th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

This weekend marks the end of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Following Sunday's Mass, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. If anyone wants to take a poinsettia home, feel free to help yourself.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The remaining members of Our Mother of Sorrows Rosary Society have decided to close their bank account and donate its balance back to the parish. We are grateful for their gift of nearly \$3,000. The Senior Group decided to do the same and donated over \$300 to the parish. We are grateful to both groups for your generosity and to the many years of ministry exercised in our parish!



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