

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025



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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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, August 31st: Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Eleanor & Alois Klugewicz by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Monday, September 1st: Weekday/Labor Day

* 9:30am (SA) Confessions

* 10:00am (SA) Tom Rodgers by Mickey Pohl

Tuesday, September 2nd: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Mankosky, Birthday by Joe and Beth Fischer

Wednesday, September 3rd: Saint Gregory the Great

12:05pm (SA) Maria Shin by Lucia Lee

Thursday, September 4th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez (Anniv. Sept. 7th) by Christine Prez Farnum

First Friday, September 5th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Barbara Berdis and Children

First Saturday, September 6th: Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Patricia DeVore (Birthday) by Deborah & John Maciak

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, September 7th: Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez (Anniv.) by Helen Dombkowski and Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Sept. 1st - Private Intention

Tues., Sept. 2nd - Kathy DiNicola (Mary Therese Riley)

Wed., Sept. 3rd - Buziewicz & Dzmura Families (Family)

Thur., Sept. 4th - Richard & Roman Radomski (Rose Marie)

Fri., Sept. 5th - Alois Lubiejewski (Julie & Jerry Karsznia)

Sat., Sept. 6th, 4:00PM - Stanley & Virginia Nowakowski (Bob & Betty)

Sun., Sept. 7th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-5/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Alice & J. Roy Zimmerman (Helen)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig, & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) Health & Healing for all sick and shut-ins; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Charlotte Prez (Anniversary) by Friends & Family



Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

A PRAYER FOR WORKERS

God our Creator,
Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain. Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, you labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker. Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks.

On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value. Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill. Remind them that their dignity lies in You, Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stan's next scheduled adoration will be on Sunday, September 21st following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider giving the Lord some of your time in prayer.

ST. STAN'S ANNUAL PARISH DAY

Although Parish Day isn't until October, the initial preparations are already underway! We are beginning to accept gift cards, instant lottery tickets, or cash, to be included in our "special raffle" baskets. They can be mailed to the rectory or given to Fr. Jason or Diane Valahovic. Thank you, in advance, for your donation! We are looking forward to another incredibly successful event!

Our popular Chinese Auction will also be back at Parish Day 2025! If you would like to sponsor a basket by contributing cash or by donating a gift, please contact Josie Lubiejewski (814-899-0027). All contributions are appreciated and we are hoping for another great auction.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PIEROGI MAKING

St. Stanislaus will begin making pierogi for our Annual Parish Day on September 16th and 17th. We will begin in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Everyone is welcome; no experience is necessary. Join us to learn a traditional custom, enjoy some fellowship, and have a lot of fun!

SIGN-UP FORMS FOR PARISH DAY

Volunteer Sign-Up Forms for St. Stanislaus Parish Day are available in the vestibule of the church. Please consider filling a position and having a great day of fun!



**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS
TODAY, FOLLOWING MASS.
PLEASE CONSIDERING JOINING US!**

ST. STANS RECORDS UPDATE

In our ongoing efforts to maintain accurate records and information, we are asking any parishioners to inform our office of any address, phone number, or email changes. If you have made changes to the aforementioned, or if you simply want to verify that our office has accurate records, please call or email the Parish Office.



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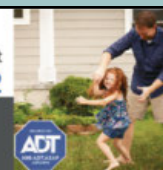


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