

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 23, 2025



Saint Stanislaus & Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches

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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

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, November 23rd: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Private: The Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno by Ann Juchno

Monday, November 24th: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac

12:05pm (SA) John Pochatko by Chris Pochatko

Tuesday, November 25th: Saint Catherine of Alexandria

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Wednesday, November 26th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Matthey & Lucy Ciaravella by Bob and Stephanie Koshinskie

Thursday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Day

*10:00am (SA) For the Health of Nancy Wauthier by Beverly Vento

Friday, November 28th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) John Anthony Bednarski Family by Mary Kathryn Bednarski

Saturday, November 29th: Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, November 30th: First Sunday of Advent

Private: Raymond Draskiewicz by Audrey Draskiewicz and Family

11:00am (SC) John Prez, Birthday by Christine Prez Farnum

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Nov. 24th - Private Intention

Tues., Nov. 25th - Jean Kroblewski (Shirley Widomski)

Wed., Nov. 26th - Betty Nowakowski (Barbara Chroscielewski)

Thur., Nov. 27th, 9:00AM - Al Szkoda (Family)

Fri., Nov. 28th - Celia & Frank Inter (Family)

Sat., Nov. 29th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Nov. 30th, 9:00AM - Chester & Stanley Widomski (Family)

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68-74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) Family of John & Josephine Hartman; 2) Living & Deceased Member of St. Ann's Church

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Christine Visosky by Parishioners

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH
3:00PM - Kolendy at St. Stanislaus
4:00PM - St. Stanislaus
4:00PM - Our Mother of Sorrows
CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9:00AM - St. Stanislaus
11:00AM - Our Mother of Sorrows

CHRISTMAS OPLATEK
Christmas Oplatek (wafers) will be available at St. Stanislaus during the Advent and Christmas seasons. A monetary donation to offset their cost would be appreciated. You can pick up your Oplatek in the vestibule of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office.

ST. STANISLAUS: LECTORS NEEDED
St. Stanislaus is looking to add more lectors to our schedule, particularly for our Saturday evening Mass. If you are interested, please let Fr. Jason or Michelle Inter know.

#IGiveCatholic
Both of our parishes will, once again, be participating in the "I Give Catholic" (#IGiveCatholic) fundraising campaign. For St. Stanislaus, the money raised will help to defray the cost of our re-carpeting project. For Our Mother of Sorrows, we will use the funds to make St. Ann's ADA accessible. To contribute, go to igivecatholic.org. Search for your respective parish. Click on the image and follow the on-screen instruction. Envelopes are also available in the back of our churches. Thank you for your generosity!

JANUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE
The St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society has lottery raffle tickets available. Only five dollars gives you 31 chances to win throughout the month of January, 2026. You win if your ticket number matches the PA Daily Lottery Drawing. Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church, from any member of the Holy Name Society, Fr. Jason, or by calling the parish office. Tickets make great stocking stuffers!

ST. STAN'S CARE & CONCERN COMMITTEE
We continue to reach out to parishioners who are in nursing homes and long-term care facilities. This is especially true during the holidays. If you know of such a parishioner, please reach out to Diane Valahovic.

ST. STAN'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
St. Stan's will, once again, sponsor a "giving tree" this year that benefits underprivileged children of military families. We invite you to take a card off the tree, which includes a description of the items wished for. The item(s) need to be returned to the church by December 6th.



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus
10:00AM - St. Ann's

THANKSGIVING DAY IS COMING!
Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.
Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.
So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver



ST. STAN'S FAITH FORMATION

St. Stan's will resume our viewing of the fourth season of *The Chosen*. Our viewing dates will be on the following Wednesdays: December 3, December 10, December 17th [if needed].

The evening will begin at 5:30PM with a "pot luck" supper at the Parish Hall and a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen*. Our intention is to conclude by 7:00PM. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and to casually enjoy this edifying and inspiring series.

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