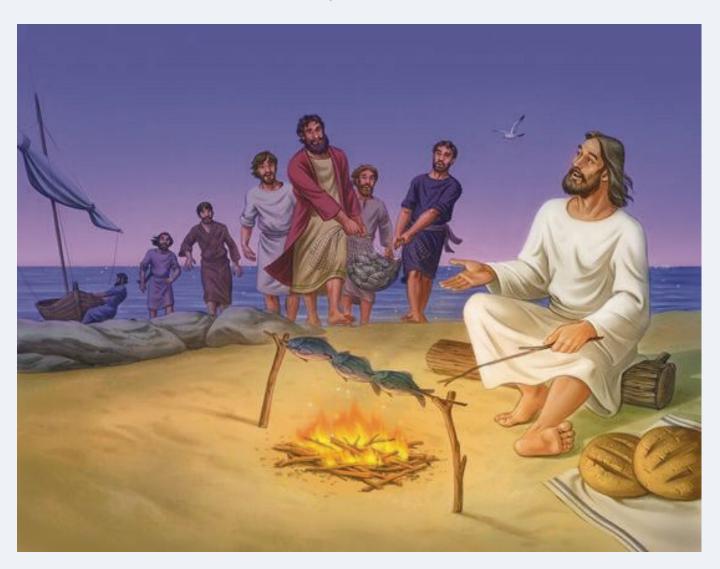
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER May 4, 2025



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM Wednesday: 9:00AM-3:00PM; 4:30PM-6:30PM

Thursday: 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM Saturday: 9:00AM-3:00PM

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, May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Brian & Catharine Edmonds

Monday, May 5th: Easter Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Tuesday, May 6th: Easter Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Timothy by Lucia Lee

Wednesday, May 7th: Easter Wednesday

12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt Caroline Larson

Thursday, May 8th: Easter Weekday

12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by daughters

Friday, May 9th: Easter Weekday

12:05pm (SA) John W. Vargo by Theresa Paluh

Saturday, May 10th: Easter Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, May 11th: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private: Special Intentions of Sister liaria by Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Caroline Larson

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., May 5th - Private Intention

Tues., May 6th - Tom Konkol (Debbie)

Wed., May 7th - Tadeusz (Ted) Dembski (Jeanne Niedzielski)

Thur., May 8th - Stella Lawandowski (Mary Kennerknecht)

Fri., May 9th - Audrey Pawlak (Florence Kurty)

Sat., May 10th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., May 11th, 9:00AM - Stanley Widomski (Margaret Lengyel)

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

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Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-5/Rv 7:9, 14-17/Jn 10:27-30

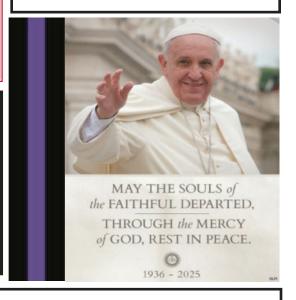
May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical well-being for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat. their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

Father John Muir



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Special Intention

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

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family **ST. ANN'S:** 1) Prayers for more devotion to religious life; 2) Special Intention of all Mothers

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Following a vacancy in the papacy, the cardinals hold a series of meetings at the Vatican called general congregations. They discuss the needs and the challenges facing the Catholic Church globally. They will also prepare for the upcoming papal election, called a conclave. Decisions that only the pope can make, such as appointing a bishop or convening the Synod of Bishops, must wait till after the election.

In the past, 15 to 20 days after a papal vacancy, the cardinals gathered in St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in electing a new pope. Only cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote in a conclave. They are known as the cardinal electors. For the conclave itself, the cardinal electors process to the Sistine Chapel and take an oath of absolute secrecy before sealing the doors.

The cardinals vote by secret ballot, processing one by one up to Michelangelo's fresco of the Last Judgment, saying a prayer and dropping the twice-folded ballot in a large chalice. Four rounds of balloting are taken every day until a candidate receives two-thirds of the vote. The result of each ballot are counted aloud and recorded by three cardinals designated as recorders. If no one receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote, the ballots are burned in a stove near the chapel with a mixture of chemicals to produce black smoke.

When a cardinal receives the necessary two-thirds vote, the dean of the College of Cardinals asks him if he accepts his election. If he accepts, he chooses a papal name and is dressed in papal vestments before processing out to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. The ballots of the final round are burned with chemicals producing white smoke to signal to the world the election of a new pope.

The Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, announces from the balcony of St. Peter's "Habemus Papam" ("We have a pope") before the new pope processes out and imparts his blessing on the city of Rome and the entire world.

CONGRATULATION!

Our Mother of Sorrows' Parish community extends its congratulations to **DANICA HILINSKI**, who was confirmed this Saturday, May 3rd, at Our Lady of Peace Church. We are very proud to see you take this significant step in your faith!

SPRING CLEANING REMINDER

St. Stanislaus is, once again, planning on holding a multifamily garage sale this coming June. As you engage in your spring cleaning, leave aside any items you might otherwise discard, and consider donating them to our sale. We cannot, however, accept clothing or cloth covered furniture. "Drop off" dates will be May 10th and 31st, and June 7th and 14th, from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

MSGR. MAGRAW CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

All are invited to celebrate Msgr. Magraw's 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. A reception will be held at the Holy Trinity church social hall on Sunday, May 18th after the 10:30 am Mass (approximately 11:15AM). For reservations please call Mary Ann at 814-456-0671.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Stanislaus's and St. Hedwig's 2026 Mass calendars have arrived. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one for next year, please call the Parish Office at 814-452-6606. Our Mother of Sorrows parishioners can continue to call Helen at 814-452-4832. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2Maccabees 12:46).

WHY CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE DEAD?

As Catholics, we affirm the "communion of saints"—i.e., that those in this world, in purgatory, and in heaven remain connected by bonds of charity (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 958). That is why, even already in the Old Testament, the biblical writer could tell us, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead" (2 <u>Macc.</u> 12:46). We, who are alive, can do acts of charity for our faithful departed in purgatory they cannot do for themselves. Our charity can be extended to them to help atone for their sins.

Now, if we are looking for prayer to atone for sins, there can be no more perfect, no more absolute, no more complete prayer than Christ's sacrifice, which is made present in the sacrifice of the Mass. We can offer our own prayers, individual acts of self-denial, or almsgiving on their behalf, but there is no more efficacious prayer, no more efficacious act than Jesus' own sacrifice (CCC 1032, 1055). After all, we can't save ourselves, but God enables the "widow's mite" of our good deeds done in grace and charity to contribute. But Jesus' sacrifice (which makes our charity possible) is a qualitatively and wholly other reality.

That is why Catholics regularly arrange for Mass to be celebrated for their loved ones. We believe that, through Christ, we remain joined to those who have "gone before us, marked with the sign of faith," and that there is no better way for us to reach the home of our Father than through the re-presentation of Jesus' sacrifice in the Mass.

People often die with some "moral warts." So, instead of focusing on what was, what can't be changed anyway, Catholics want to focus on what is: a brother who needs our prayers as he stands before a merciful but also just God. St. Ambrose summed it up: "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."



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