

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2025



Saint Stanislaus & Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches

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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, January 19th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private (SA): For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

11:00am (SC): Habas, Kulig, & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Monday, January 20th: Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

Tuesday, January 21st: St. Agnes

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Wednesday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Charlotte Prez by Sundry Family

Thursday, January 23rd: Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Frank Buzzanco by Darrell & Dianne Rose

Friday, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Deceased of the Hartman Family by Beverly & Charlotte

Saturday, January 25th: Conversion of St. Paul

Private: For Holy Souls

Sunday, January 26th: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private (SA): For Holy Souls

11:00am (SC): For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Jan. 20th - Private Intention

Tues., Jan. 21st - Al Rogers (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pflug)

Wed., Jan. 22nd - Frances Letkiewicz (Family)

Thur., Jan. 23rd - Josephine Clark (John & Barbara Minor)

Fri., Jan. 24th - Joseph Pochatko (Joe & Mary Anne Sheerer)

Sat., Jan. 25th, 4:00PM - Paul Pawlak, Sr. (Sonny Striker)

Sun., Jan. 26th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8, 10-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: John & Theresa Piotrowski (Family)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig and 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) Special Intentions of Fr. Jerry Priscaro; 2) Agnes Priscaro by Parishioners

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Health & Healing of Fr. Jason; 2) Special Intentions for everyone who helped with the GECAC Giving Tree

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

We will be collecting donated snacks for the SSJ Soup Kitchen on the weekend of January 18-19 (they can be placed in the chapel room). Homemade or store bought goods can also be brought to the Nazareth Center lot between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, August 19th.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Fr. Jason will not be available on January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, as he will be participating in training as a member of the "Critical Incident Response Unit" for the Erie Police Department. Please pray for our city's police officers and all first responders.

mark your Calendar

St. Stan's will, once again, host a "Superbowl Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday, February 9th, from 10:00AM-1:00PM in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for a good time and some good food!

NEW TO OUR WEBPAGES

Parishioners from both St. Stan's and Our Mother of Sorrows now have available to them a "Parish Portal" link in the main menu of our respective websites. When you click on the Parish Portal, you can create an account. This feature allows you to keep your family and contact information current. It also allow you to print your end-of-the-year giving statements for tax purposes. Create an account to help us keep our records accurate and help yourself more easily prepare your taxes.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

You may have noticed some new items in St. Stanislaus church, such as new Persian carpets (in front of the tabernacle and the Black Madonna, and behind the altar), new furnishings (a new credence table, a couple statue pedestals), and even new vestments. These items were given to us through the extraordinary generosity of Gannon University. Recently, Gannon renovated their chapel and these items were no longer of use to them, so Fr. Jason was able to acquire them for St. Stan's. Please say a prayer of gratitude for the university's generosity!

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(Celebrated Monday, January 20th)



VOTIVE CANDLES

Recently, St. Stan's has experienced an increasing number of votives being lit, but *unpaid* for. We want to gently remind everyone that the recommended donation for the small, one-day, candles is \$1.00 minimum. For the larger, seven-day, candles the recommended donation is \$5.00 minimum (please see a greeter, priest, or stop in the sacristy to get the candle). We know that the "votive candle" envelopes suggest a \$3.00 donation, but those envelopes are years old and, quite simply, the costs have since increased. These devotional candles are *not* meant to raise money for the parish; the recommended donations are use to simply *cover the cost* of the candles. Please be considerate of our fiscal responsibilities.

HELP US SAVE ON POSTAGE

Every week, St. Stan's spends \$18.98 in postage to mail out our bulletins. The intention of mailing our bulletins is to help us remain connected to parishioners who are ill or homebound, and we are happy to do it. However, some bulletins are being mailed to parishioners who have other means to access the bulletin (e.g., through our parish's webpage). Others are being mailed to households who attend Mass. If it is not necessary for you to receive the bulletin by mail, kindly call the parish office so that we can cut back on postage expenses. Many thanks!

Beatin' the Winter Blues

Music by the



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Saturday, February 22nd, 2025

Doors open at 4:00 | Limited Seating



Music from 5-8



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