

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2024



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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM

Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office

* Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform a greeter)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:

Sunday at 11:00AM (St. Casimir's)

Daily Eucharist: Monday-Friday 12:05PM (St. Ann's)

First Saturday of the month: 9:00AM (St. Ann's)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, August 25th: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private (SA): Eleanor and Al Klugiewicz by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC): Jules Himmenger, Birthday August 26th by Bob Demchak

Monday, August 26th: Weekday

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Pat and Joseph Santillo by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Tuesday, August 27th: Saint Monica

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Habas, Kulig, and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Wednesday, August 28th: Saint Augustine

11:30am (SA): Confessions

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

Thursday, August 29th: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Jeanne Burke DeForce

by her aunt and uncle, Thomas and Phyllis Burke

Friday, August 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Saturday, August 31st: Weekday

Private: The Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them
by Dr. Hal Angeloff

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 26th - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 27th - Ben Daleski (Vi, Patty, & Dee Rewers)

Wed., Aug. 28th - Catherine Wisinski (Family)

Thur., Aug. 29th - Wladyslawa Piecuch (Robaskiewicz Family)

Fri., Aug. 30th - Cas Walczak (Ed & Lois Mattioli)

Sat., Aug. 31st, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Sept. 1st, 9:00AM - Rose Chludzinski (Lucille Hodubski)

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18/Ps 34:2-3, 16-23/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-5/Jas 1:17-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-23



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Alice Zimmerman (Helen Zimmerman)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Theresa Ann Kieklak Zaborowski by Parishioners; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) Special Intentions of Karen Hund by Sam and Helen Gangemi; 2) All of our sick and shut-ins

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased



THANK YOU

A very special word of gratitude for all who supported our parishes on Erie Gives Day! Both of our parishes did VERY well, thanks to your generosity. Though the numbers aren't finalized, it appears that Our Mother of Sorrows received over \$7,000; St. Stanislaus received about \$6,000. Again, many thanks!

A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL

Thanks to all who attended our annual parish picnic hosted at St. Stanislaus. Though the weather did not cooperate, a good time was still had by all! Thanks, especially, to members of St. Stanislaus' Parish Council and others who organized and prepared for the picnic. We look forward to more opportunities for our communities to come together!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Stanislaus has been honored to host Erie County's annual "Blue Mass" on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6PM (reception to follow). The Blue Mass honors and prays for the safety of first responders. Please consider showing your support by joining us to pray for our first responders.



VIEWING PARTY

Now that St. Stan's Parish Hall has been reopened, we will resume our "viewing party" of The Chosen Series. As has

become our custom, we will gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30PM and enjoy a "pot luck" dinner while we watch episodes that constitute season two. The intention is to end the evening no later than 7:30PM. You need not to have watched season one in order to enjoy the popular series that highlights scenes in the life of Christ. All of our parishioners (St. Stan's, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Hedwig's) are most welcome to attend. The viewings will take place on:

- October 16th
- October 23rd
- October 30th
- November 6th

More dates will be added, if necessary.

It is our intention to view season three during Advent, which begins on December 1st. Then, watch season four during Lent, which begins March 5th.

ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

The Saint Stanislaus School Class of 1964 will host a reunion on Sunday, September 8th, following the 9:00AM Mass in the Parish Hall. They will be celebrating their 60th class reunion! Jim Dylewski will be organizing the reunion. More details will be forthcoming.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Stanislaus Sunday, September 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

SCAM WARNING

Please be aware of a recent increase of scams targeting our parishioners. The most common scam comes via text message or email in Fr. Jason's name asking for gift cards or cash. Please know, Fr. Jason (or any other priest), St. Stan's, Our Mother of Sorrows, or the Diocese of Erie, would NEVER solicit cash or gift cards via text or email. If you ever receive such a message, ALWAYS call the parish office before giving out ANY personal information or offering to provide said cash or gift card.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My wife has a hope chest filled with items from her past. Some memories contained in there are joyous, while others are painful and filled with sorrow. However, all those memories helped to make her the person she is today. They have become a part of her very being.

Traditionally, a hope chest contained linens and clothing for a woman's wedding day. It was a chest filled with the hope for the future. As time goes by, many of our hopes are fulfilled. However, life never goes exactly as planned. Some hopes are dashed by unfortunate circumstances or bad choices we have made.

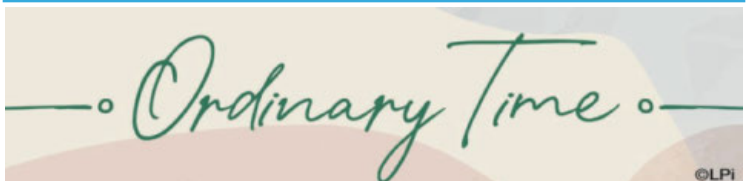
Our hearts are like hope chests that long for the day when we are joined for eternity with our God. Along the way, our chest may accumulate additional items that we collect on our life's journey. If we are gracious and generous along the way, our chest will fill with fruit to abundance. If we live more with a focus on ourselves, we will find our hope chests nearly barren. We will, in fact, lose hope. May the hope chest of your heart be overflowing with love that you have freely given and that has come back to you tenfold. May your generosity provide hope for the hopeless, and may your hope always remain strong.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SAFETY & SECURITY

I have been made aware of some "shenanigans" and vandalism that has taken place at Holy Family School and St. Casimir's Church. Through my contacts with the Erie Police Department as their chaplain, I will ask that there be greater police presence in the neighborhood. Additionally, I will have our leadership councils (pastoral and finance councils) to consider the option of installing security cameras. I will continue to keep you informed.

- Fr. Jason



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