

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## May 18, 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 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford  
10:30am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am (SC) Al Kluglewicz by Robert J. Sulecki

#### **Monday, May 19th: Easter Weekday**

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

#### **Tuesday, May 20th: Easter Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Chase by Saint Ann's Guild

#### **Wednesday, May 21st: Easter Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by his mother Caroline Larson

#### **Thursday, May 22nd: Easter Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Charlotte Prez by Judy Stanek

#### **Friday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

#### **Saturday, May 24th: Easter Weekday**

Private: Bernice Zilonka, Birthday by Family

#### **Sunday, May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Private: Special Intentions of sister Iaria by Lucia Lee  
10:30am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am (SC) Bernice Zilonka by Family

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)**

Mon., May 19th - Private Intention  
Tues., May 20th - Kathy DiNicola (Dave & Ruth Mathe)  
Wed., May 21st - Louise Miklinki (The Holl Family)  
Thur., May 22nd - Frances Letkiewicz (Family)  
Fri., May 23rd - Al Szkoda (Family)  
Sat., May 24th, 4:00PM - Steven Vargo (Family)  
Sun., May 25th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

### **Readings for the week of May 18, 2025**

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-35  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

### **May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter**

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir



### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**SAINT STANISLAUS:** Edward & Helen Macie

**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) Rose Marie Skrypek by Robert Skrypek; 2) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) Hilinski & Mankosky Families by Scott & Paula Hilinski

## Saint Stanislaus Women's Society



**TODAY**  
**Sunday May 15th**  
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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE FUND DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is, once again, staging a "Baby Bottle Fund Drive" to benefit the Women's Care Center. Baby bottles are available at the entrance of our churches. Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned by the weekend of June 21-22nd (Weekend following Father's Day). The Knights thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of unborn children.

### SPRING CLEANING REMINDER

St. Stanislaus is, once again, planning on holding a multi-family 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 31st, June 7th and 14th, from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, June 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider giving the Lord some of your time in prayer.

### PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, Mrs. Debbie Oldenski, our faithful secretary at St. Stanislaus, opted to enter into retirement. Words can never suffice to express our collective gratitude for her years - decades, really! - of her service to our community. More than being an administrative assistant, Debbie embraced her work as it truly was - a ministry. As I told her, as my first secretary, she will always hold a special place in my heart. Again, words can not express my thanks, and the thanks of all of you, but I trust that my ongoing prayers, and yours, will. Debbie, THANK YOU! "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). Sto lat! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Relatedly, over the past several weeks, systems, volunteers, and processes have been put into place to assist our parish to make this transition as seamless as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

-Fr. Jason

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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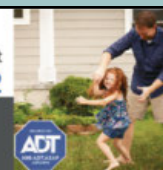


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