

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2026



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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 the Day

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, October 18th: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family
11:00am (SC) Walter P. and Walter F. Baran by Loretta Baran

Monday, October 19th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Christine Visosky by John and Darlene Williams

Tuesday, October 20th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Eileen Ropelewski, Anniversary by Estate

Wednesday, October 21st: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Eileen Ropelewski (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula & Danica Hilinski

Thursday, October 22nd: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Leokadia Bajek by Eva and Chris Misevski

Friday, October 23rd: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Repose of the Soul of Patty Gregory by Debbie Haibach

Saturday, October 24th: Weekday

Private: Carol & Bob Zesinger, 55th Wedding Anniversary by Meg Britton

Sunday, October 25th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Mary Herczak by Granddaughter Bev Vento
11:00am (SC) Andrea J. Forbini (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

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

Remembrance Candle: Walter P. & Walter F. Baran by Loretta Baran

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." No such division is possible because everything is a gift from God to us. All is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Oct. 19th - Private Intention
Tues., Oct. 20th - Anthony & Felicia Erdely (Dan Erdely)
Wed., Oct. 21st - Audrey Pawlak (Joe & Gloria Lewandowski)
Thur., Oct. 22nd - Zawistowski Family (Kazmiersk Estate)
Fri., Oct. 23rd - John & Anna Barcynski (Walter & Monica Dobry)
Sat., Oct. 24th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., Oct. 25th, 9:00AM - Pedersen Family (Family)

St. Stan's



Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Mother of Sorrows



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Max & Florence Krasinski (Macie Family)
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr., and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family
ST. ANN'S: 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla; 2) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Souls in Purgatory by Hal Angeloff; 2) Increase in Religious Vocations

UPDATE: ST. ANN'S

As you may remember, it was our goal for over a year now to install an ADA accessible bathroom on the church level, as well as a chairlift at the entrance behind the rectory. We will be moving forward with the bathroom project. Unfortunately, BIU (the firm that issues permits on behalf of the City) refuses to grant us a permit for a chairlift. We were not expecting this!

It is with both regret and shock that we apologize for being unable to make these accommodations for those in need of it. Be aware that there are other parishes in the downtown area that are fully ADA compliant, including St. Stanislaus. We will keep you informed of any further developments, but at this point, we are not expecting any.

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI AVAILABLE

Although Christmas is over two months away, our parishes have Christmas oplatki available now due to its high demand. The wafers come in Christmas themed envelopes that contain 3 white wafers and one pink wafer. On the back of the envelope explains some Christmas customs as well as an outline for a prayer service centered on the sharing of oplatki. We do not sell the oplatki, but please consider a monetary donation to off-set the expense of the wafers.

ST. STAN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

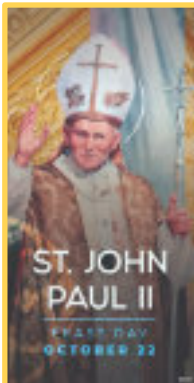
Since we are on the topic of Christmas... As we have done the past several years, Christmas cards featuring the interior of St. Stanislaus Church will be available in the vestibule. Please consider making a modest donation for the cards.

ST. STANISLAUS SCRIP PROGRAM

In consultation with members of Parish Council and some of the volunteers involved, we have decided to phase out our Scrip program. Since Covid, the number of those participating in the program has plummeted; it is no longer the fundraiser it once was. Thanks to those who did participate in the program over the past several years! Our intention is to end the program by December 31st, allowing those who so desire to still purchase cards as Christmas gifts.

THANK YOU

Many words of thanks for all who supported our Parish Day celebration, especially our volunteers, donors, and "customers." Additional words of thanks to the Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi from Gannon University who also came to help us serve our dinners. The day was a great success! We will report more detailed numbers once they are available.



FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

On October 21st, we celebrate the pope who inspired the world! Born Karol Wojtyla in Krakow, Pope John Paul II became the first-ever Polish pope. He came of age in the early 20th century and lived through both the Nazi and communist occupations of Poland. His resistance activities were cultural, operating an underground theater company and entering a secret seminary.

Karol was ordained a priest in 1946 and later a bishop. He was elected pope in 1978. As pope, the interests that captured his heart as a young man continued -- his pastoral concern for young people, his philosophical emphasis on the human person, and his devotion to Mary and to the mercy of God. St. John Paul II, pray for us!

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you, or someone you know, desire to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist)? If you are interested in the Catholic Faith, and want to discern joining our community, please contact the Parish Office so we can begin forming a OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) faith group.

St. Stan's adoration: November 15th until 11:00AM

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