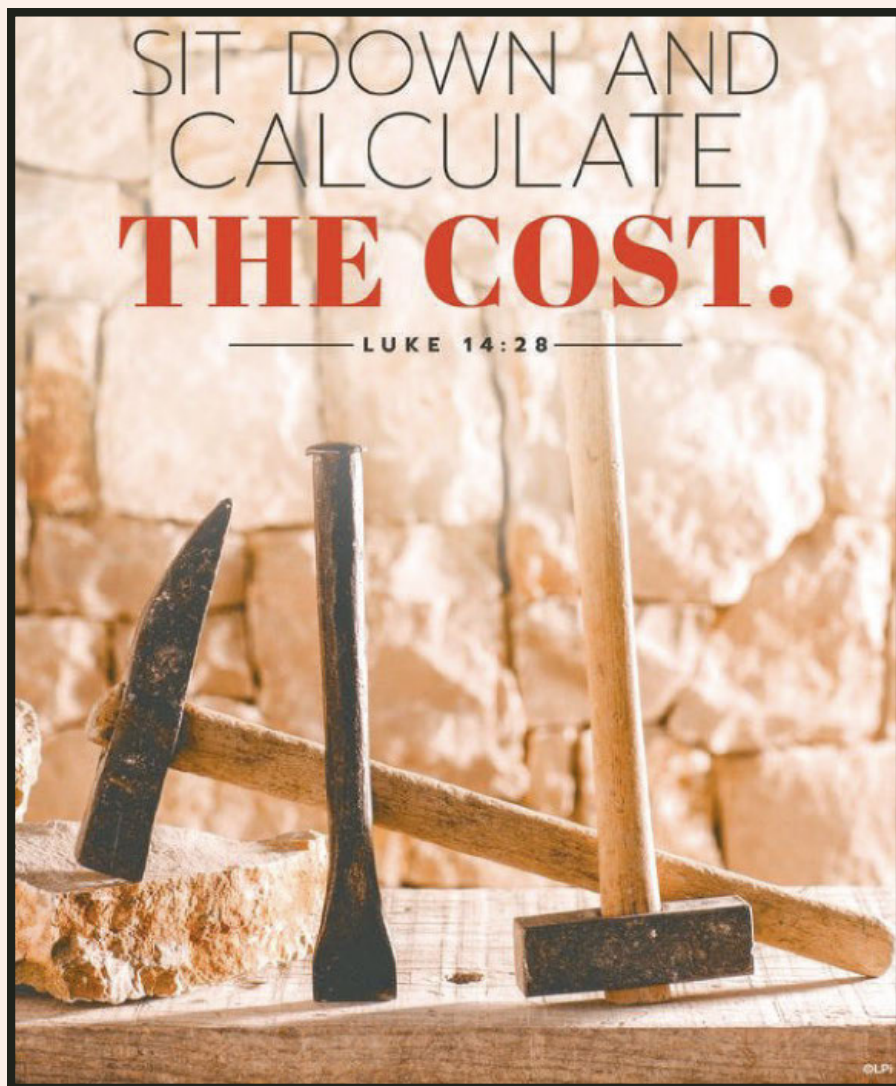


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

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, September 7th: Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez (Anniv.), by Helen Dombkowski and Family

Monday, September 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virginia Mary

12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by Charlotte, Beverly and Barbara

Tuesday, September 9th: Saint Peter Claver

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Mankosky (B-Day, Sept. 2) by Scott & Paula Hilinski

Wednesday, September 10th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Chong Wook Lee by Lucia Lee

Thursday, September 11th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Friday, September 12th : Weekday

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

Saturday, September 13th: Saint John Chrysostom

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Jerry Rudnecki by Mark Olszewski Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Sept. 8th - Private Intention

Tues., Sept. 9th - Josephine Przybyszewski (Michale, Karen, Jack Scott)

Wed., Sept. 10th - Christine Sullivan (Ann Marie & Eileen Ropelewski)

Thur., Sept. 11th - Peter Joseph Dubowski (Dubowski Family)

Fri., Sept. 12th - Ron Wieczoreki & Henry Dudkiewicz (Jim Macie)

Sat., Sept. 13th, 4:00PM - Vargo Family (Family)

Sun., Sept. 14th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Stanley & Virginia Nowakowski (Bob & Betty)

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

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) William & Eva Jant by Family; 2) Michael & Anna Pochatko by Family

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



BLESSING FOR THE FALLEN OF 9-11

God of mercy,
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others
as you would have them do to you." Give us today the
courage to assist those around us who may need our
assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as
first responders, as did the men and women who ran into
danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ST. STANS RECORDS UPDATE

In our ongoing efforts to maintain accurate records and
information, we are asking any parishioners to inform our
office of any address, phone number, or email changes. If
you have made changes to the aforementioned, or if you
simply want to verify that our office has accurate records,
please call or email the Parish Office.

TOWN HALL SUMMARY

Over 50 people from Our Mother of Sorrows
participated in the Town Hall Meeting last weekend at
St. Casimir regarding moving our Sunday Mass and
activities over to St. Ann's! This was a very positive
meeting with questions, comments, ideas and
thoughts were shared! Father Jason and the Finance
and Parish councils will keep you updated in the
coming weeks!

If you have questions or comments regarding this
phase of our Pastoral Planning process, **please fill out
one of the 'comment cards' located on the back
tables.** Please include your contact information if you
would like a member of either council to reach out to
you or just send us your comments and concerns and
we will do our best to address them.

ST. STAN'S ANNUAL PARISH DAY

Although Parish Day isn't until October, the initial
preparations are already underway! We are beginning to
accept gift cards, instant lottery tickets, or cash, to be
included in our "special raffle" baskets. They can be mailed
to the rectory or given to Fr. Jason or Diane Valahovic.
Thank you, in advance, for your donation! We are looking
forward to another incredibly successful event!

Our popular Chinese Auction will also be back at Parish Day
2025! If you would like to sponsor a basket by contributing
cash or by donating a gift, please contact Josie Lubiejewski
(814-899-0027). All contributions are appreciated and we
are hoping for another great auction.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PIEROGI MAKING

St. Stanislaus will begin making pierogi for our
Annual Parish Day on September 16th and
17th. We will begin in the Parish Hall at
9:00AM. Lunch will be provided for all
volunteers. Everyone is welcome; no experience is
necessary. Join us to learn a traditional custom, enjoy some
fellowship, and have a lot of fun!

SIGN-UP FORMS FOR PARISH DAY

Volunteer Sign-Up Forms for St. Stanislaus Parish Day are
available in the vestibule of the church. Please consider
filling a position and having a great day of fun!

Celebrating Children

Dear Parents of our young parishioners,

Our parish *enthusiastically welcomes your
growing family to fully celebrate with us.*

May we suggest:

- **Relax.** God put the wiggle in children;
Don't feel you have to suppress it in
God's house.
- **Sit towards the front or aisle** where
it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- **Quietly explain** the parts of the Mass.
- **Sing** the hymns, **pray** the prayers and
say the responses.
Children learn from your actions
- If you must leave Mass with your child,
feel free to do so, but **please come
back.** As Jesus said, "Let the children
come to me" Mt 19:14

Note to all Parishioners:

*The presence of children is a gift to our Church. Like
all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and
a reminder of the growth and future of our Church.
Please welcome our children and their parents, and
give them a big smile of encouragement!*

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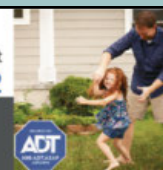


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