

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 26, 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, October 26th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee
11:00am (SC) Baran and Mikoda Families by Loretta

Monday, October 27th: Weekday

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

Tuesday, October 28th: Saints Simon and Jude

12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Wednesday, October 29th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Sally and Ted Rzodkiewicz by Daughter and Family

Thursday, October 30th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Marlene Andrascik by The Vento Family

Friday, October 31st: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka, Anniversary by Family

First Saturday, November 1st: All Saints Day

8:30am (SA) Confessions
9:00am (SA) Intentions of Frank Vento, Birthday by The Vento Family
Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, November 2nd: All Souls Day

Private: The suffering Souls in purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Charles Shanta by The Vento Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Oct. 27th - Private Intention
Tues., Oct. 28th - Leo & Edith Dudenhoefer (Michelle Inter)
Wed., Oct. 29th - Mary Brocious (Kay Stankiewicz)
Thur., Oct. 30th - Joseph & Frances Szkoda (Dan Erdely)
Fri., Oct. 31st - Tadeusz (Ted) Dembski (Ropelenski Family)
Sat., Nov. 1st, 4:00PM - Ray Przybyszewski (Family)
Sun., Nov. 2nd, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday: Sir 35:12-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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ST. ANN'S: 1) Intentions of Dr. Hal Angeloff by Helen & Sam Gangemi; 2) All Living & Deceased Parishioners

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Ropelewski Family by Scott, Paula, & Danica Hilinski

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

Because All Saints Day (November 1st) falls on a Saturday this year, the Bishops of the United States have removed the obligatory nature of the feast; it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

At the same time, All Souls Day (November 2nd) falls on a Sunday. Rather than celebrate the Sunday in Ordinary Time, as would be typical, the Church will celebrate November 2nd as All Souls Day - the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

These two feast days mark November as the month where we remember all of our deceased loved ones. There are forms in the back of our churches where you can include the names of your loved ones in our remembrance of them at our celebration of the Mass throughout the month of November. We invite you to place your form in the basket in front of the altar. In addition, a candle will burn by the basket in loving memory of your loved ones. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, November 16th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lector Workbooks are now available for St. Stan's lectors in the sacristy. All of our lectors are invited to take one home to use in preparation for reading at Mass.

GCAC COAT DRIVE

GCAC is inviting our parishes to participate in their annual Coat Drive. Yellow index cards are available in the back of our churches that offer details of the recipient of your generosity (age, gender, size, preferences, etc.). If you are interested in participating, take a card and return the donated coat to the church before the end of the month. Thank you for helping to keep our children warm this winter!



BINGO AT ST. STAN'S!

The St. Stanislaus Women's Society will, once again, host a afternoon of Bingo on Sunday, November 16th.

THE HAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...proudly announces the opening of a landmark exhibit, "The Story of Us, Erie Polonia: Churches & Neighborhoods," curated by St. Stan's very own Bobby J. Sulecki. The exhibit runs through January 30, 2026, on the second floor of the Wood-Morrison House, 338 West 6th St., and is included with general admission. The exhibit explores the founding of St. Stanislaus, the Mother Church of Erie's Polonia, followed by Holy Trinity, St. Hedwig, and St. Casimir's, and others.

FROZEN PIEROGI

St. Stanislaus has homemade frozen pierogi available for purchase. The cost is \$25 per dozen. If interested, call the Parish Office, or talk to John Villa or Fr. Jason.

FOOD PANTRY

We are currently inviting members of Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Stan's to join our Food Pantry Ministry. The food pantry is affiliated with Second Harvest Food Bank. It operates out of St. Casimir's and is open on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the month. However, volunteers are needed throughout the week to procure the food from Second Harvest and other sources to be given away. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for anyone who may be interested in this important ministry. Please sign up and someone will be in touch with you.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

After soliciting feedback through bulletin announcements, the Parish Council of Our Mother of Sorrows has made the decision to have our 2026 offertory envelopes mailed to parishioners every other month, saving us nearly \$400 annually in postage.

St. Stanislaus will return to our pre-Covid practice of having envelopes mail in bulk to the parish. The envelopes will be placed on tables in the back of the church for parishioners to take their box for the year. Again, this will provide the parish with substantial savings in postage.

ALL SAINTS DAY

I heard a story the other day of a very holy man. The commentator said, "We shouldn't call him a saint. If we sanctify him, we don't have to imitate him." This is precisely the opposite of the meaning of saints! Throughout the Church's history, we have honored saints, but not to set them apart. We honor saints to remind us what is possible for a person who loves God. The saints have stories as varied as our own. We have bishops, martyrs, teachers, doctors, former thieves and prostitutes, politicians and kings, soldiers and pacifists, single mothers, desert hermits ? the list goes on! On this Solemnity of All Saints, we remember this garden of holiness, rich with diverse flowerings of a holy life. When you look at the life of your favorite saint, ask yourself, "How can I imitate this person? What is possible for me when I love God?"



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