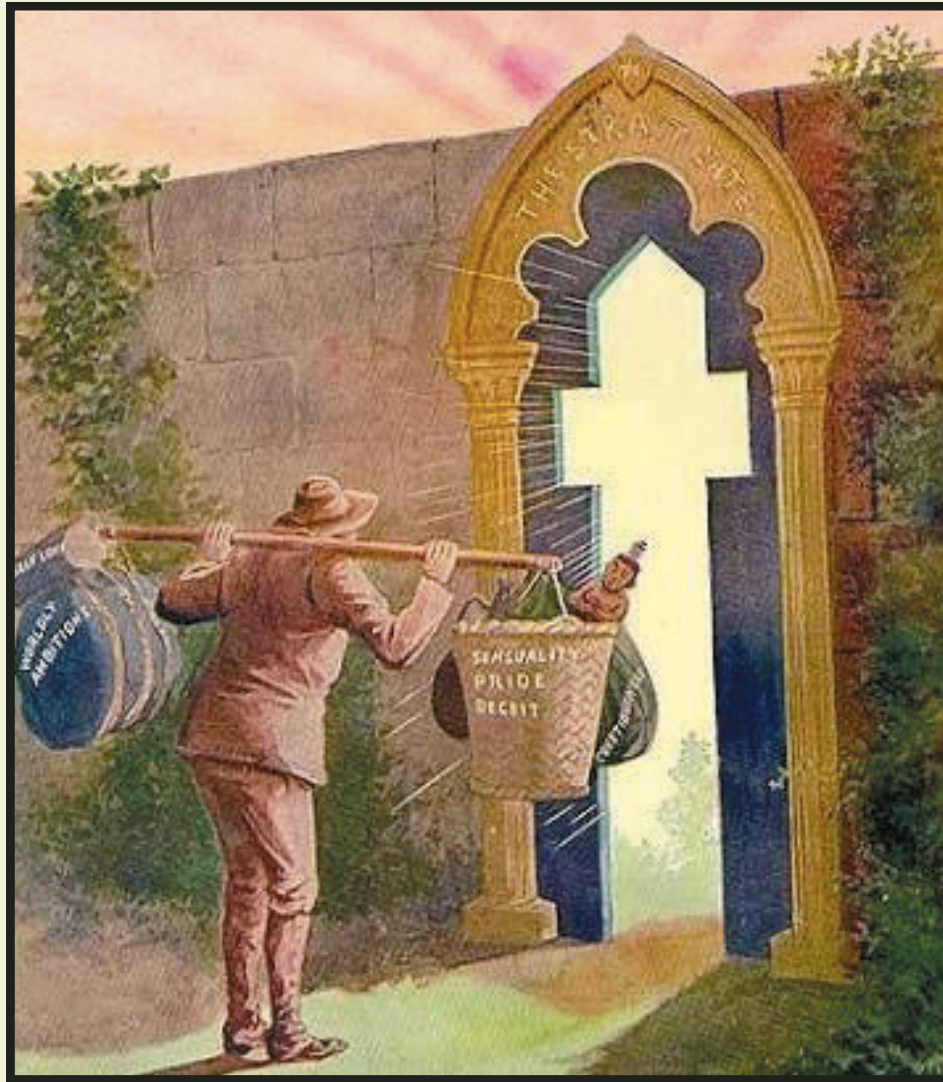


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 24, 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, August 24th: Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of sister M. Pia by Lucia Lee
11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Judy Stanek

Monday, August 25th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by his mother Kay Wienczkowski

Tuesday, August 26th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Joe Carnecky by Mickey Pohl

Wednesday, August 27th: Saint Monica

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

Thursday, August 28th: Saint Augustine

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

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

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

Saturday, August 30th: Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, August 31st: Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Eleanor & Alois Klugewicz by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Bernice Zilonka by Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 25th - Private Intention
Tues., Aug. 26th - Betty Koper (Kevin & Laurie Mikielski)
Wed., Aug. 27th - Tadeusz (Ted) Dembski (Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sierota)
Thur., Aug. 28th - Tim Villa (John & Kay Villa)
Fri., Aug. 29th - Joseph Dylewski (David Dylewski & Family)
Sat., Aug. 30th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)
Sun., Aug. 31st, 9:00AM - Kathy DiNicola (Beth & Chuck Allgeier)

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-5/Heb 12:18-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

**STRIVE!
ENDURE!
KEEP GOING!**

SANCTUARY CANDLES

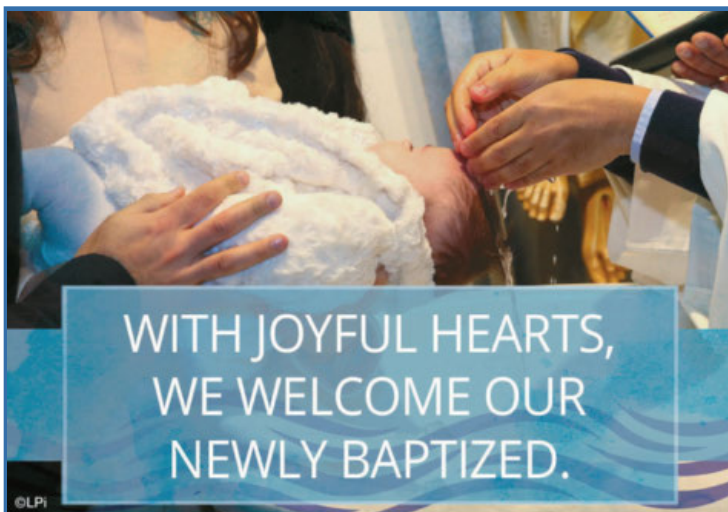
SAINT STANISLAUS: Tim Villa

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) Donald Halcom by Helen and Sam Gangemi; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Theresa Juncho by Family



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
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Lanalambio Nyeniteka
Shadrek Nkurunziza
Blessing Nkurunziza
Grace Nkurunziza

Congratulations to all of them, their parents, and godparents! Our parish community is blessed because of you!

DO YOU KNOW HIM, OR JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles that seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know him, but they really do not belong to him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all. Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stan's next scheduled adoration will be on Sunday, September 21st following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thanks to your generosity, both of our parishes had a very successful ERIE GIVES day! Our Mother of Sorrows raised \$5,150; St. Stanislaus raised \$6,500. Given that we could have done better advertising the event, this figures are quite impressive. We are proud of our people and our parishes!

CONGRATULATIONS

The following were St. Stanislaus July Lottery Raffle winners:

7/1 - Val Oosterkamp	7/18 - Mark Biernik
7/2 - Jo Anne Homicz	7/21 - Tony Mazzone
7/3 - Dave Kurutz	7/23 - Kay Villa
7/5 - Tom Majczyk	7/25 - Amy Stevens
7/8 - Bill Wycech	7/28 - Chester Wheaton
7/9 - Kathy Post	7/29 - Mark Zielewski
7/10 - Kay Stankiewicz	7/30 - Diane Valahovic
7/11 - Pat Szoszorek	7/31 - Sue Sieczkarek
7/15 - Jason Williams	

Congratulations to these winner and thanks to all who supported our Holy Name Society!

Tickets are now available for our October Lottery Raffle. Tickets are available in the vestibule before and after any Mass, in the sacristy, or from any Holy Name member, for just \$5 for 31 chances to win!

FISCAL ASSURANCES

In light of the disappointing news regarding a certain parish car raffle, our Finance Council wants to reassure our contributing members of our adherence to all financial policies promulgated by the Diocese and established by common business ethics. A very deliberate system of "checks and balances" have long been in place to avoid even the vague suspicion of financial mishandlings. If ever you were to have concerns, they can be reported to an independent investigating firm at 844-239-0560.

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