

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 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, March 9th: First Sunday of Lent

Private: Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Intentions of Fr. Gerald Wright (Birthday) The Vento Family

Monday, March 10th: Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Wednesday, March 12th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Intentions for Healing of Thomas Vento by The Vento Family

Thursday, March 13th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Mr. & Mrs. Jan ZaZulak by Darrell & Dianna Rose

Friday, March 14th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Al Klugiewicz by Christine Prez Farnum

1:00pm (SA) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15th: Lenten Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, March 16th: Second Sunday of Lent

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Dolores Mankosky by Bob and Karen Mazur

CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:15-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Mar. 10th - Private Intention

Tues., Mar. 11th - Gertude Wisinski (Margaret Orlowski)

Wed., Mar. 12th - Betty Romecki (Rita Schemeck)

Thur., Mar. 13th - Tadeusz Dembski (Barbara & Joe Sullivan)

Fri., Mar. 14th - Stella Lewandowski (Helen Wisinski)

Sat., Mar. 15th, 4:00PM - Marie Inter (Ron & Jessie Johannes)

Sun., Mar. 16th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-5, 7-8/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28-36

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1st Sunday of Lent

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Special Intention

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) Prayers for an increase in vocations to religious life; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Friday, March 14th (St. Ann's)

11:00AM-Noon: Eucharistic Adoration
11:15AM: Divine Mercy Chaplet
11:15AM-11:55AM: Confessions
12:05PM: Mass
1:00PM: Stations of the Cross

FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

St. Stan's next Fish & Pierogi Dinner will be held on Friday, March 21st, from 4PM-7PM (or until sold out). The cost is \$15 per person (\$6 for children 6-12 years old; free for children 5 and under), and includes choices of fish, pierogi, fries, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese. We will also be featuring our famous bake sale!

BAKE SALE DONATIONS

St. Stan's will be hosting our traditional Bake Sale during our Fish & Pierogi Dinners. This is a particularly lucrative fund-raiser. Consider donating some home-baked goods like cakes, cookies, pies, or your favorite desert. They can be dropped off at the Parish Hall the morning of each dinner Friday.

ADORATION

St. Stan's will host our next monthly adoration next Sunday, March 16th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider joining us in the Lord's presence this Lenten Season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up sheets are available in the back of St. Stan's church for anyone willing to volunteer for our Fish & Pierogi Dinners. From greeters and wait-staff, servers and dish washers, anyone is welcome to help for our events!

ST. STAN'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The St. Stan's Women's Society will meet today, at 1:00PM, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend!

ST. STAN'S PARISH HALL PHONE

In a continued effort to cut unnecessary expenses, we have decided to discontinue phone service to St. Stan's Parish Hall, which will save us nearly \$600 a year. Most everyone who volunteers for events in the Hall have cell phones in the event of an emergency. We will be directing people to use the Parish Office phone, instead. By mid-March, the phone number 814-455-1970 will no longer be in operation.

LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SERIES

St. Stan's will, once again, offer a Lenten Soup & Salad series during the season of Lent. The evenings will begin at 5PM with Stations of the Cross in the church. Following Stations, we will gather in the Parish Hall to share a "pot-luck" meal (around 5:30PM). Fr. Jason will offer a presentation entitled, "Who do you say that I am?" The series will explore the biblical, historical, and philosophical development of Christianity's deepening belief regarding who Jesus is and how the community articulated our belief. We will gather on March 12th, and continue every Wednesday of Lent. Feel free to join us for all or part of the evening. All are welcome to attend all, or part, of the evening.

DID YOU KNOW?

Among the parishes in Erie County, there is a "gentleman's agreement" that collection contributions are handed over to the parish designated on the envelope. In other words, if a Saint Stanislaus parishioner attends Mass at Saint Hedwig, and places his/her envelope in the collection at Saint Hedwig, that envelope will be given back to Saint Stanislaus. So, whatever parish you go to over the weekend, know that your collection contribution will still benefit your designated parish.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS

There are a limited number of Lenten devotional booklets available at the main entrances of our churches. We kindly ask for a nominal donation for each booklet to help defray the costs. Pick up one today to enhance your Lenten journey!

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, EXPLAINED

"I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross." These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant's forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death.

Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.



There are reusable grocery bags in the rear of the church provided by GECAC. During this season of Lent, they are inviting us to participate in "Spruce-Up Bag Drive: by taking a bag and fill it with the following items: Laundry pods, dryer sheets, dish soap, sponges, all-purpose cleaners, bathroom cleaners, window cleaner, disinfecting wipes, body wash, and liquid hand soap. The bags need to be returned to our parishes by Sunday, April 6th. Thanks, in advance, for your participation!

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