

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 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 30th: Fourth Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

Private: Holy Souls by Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez, Birthday, April 3rd by Christine Prez Farnum

Monday, March 31st: Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, April 1st: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) D.G. Shin by Lucia Lee

Wednesday, April 2nd: Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, April 3rd: Lenten Weekday

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

First Friday, April 4th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

First Saturday, April 5th: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Raymond Allen Liotta by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, April 6th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Bernice Zilonka by Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Mar. 31st - Private Intention

Tues., Apr. 1st - Gert Massing (Val & Carrie)

Wed., Apr. 2nd - Linda (Gambill) Love (Paul & Renee Gambill)

Thur., Apr. 3rd - Dorothy Dylewski (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dylewski)

Fri., Apr. 4th - Maratha Mazanowski (Elaine Lamm)

Sat., Apr. 5th, 4:00PM - Gail Smith (Family)

Sun., Apr. 6th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22/Ps 34:17-23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Scotty (Jack Ciecierski)

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 vocation to religious life; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) Hilinski and Mankosky Families by Scott & Paul Hilinski

**March 30, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent**

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

ST. ANN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Friday, April 4th

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

ST. ANN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Rosary will be prayed at St. Ann's following the daily Mass, Monday-Friday. Please consider joining us as a way of enhancing your Lenten experience.

FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

St. Stan's next Fish & Pierogi Dinner will be held on Friday, April 4th, 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.

The Light is ON for You

Celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Blessed Sacrament	St. George
Holy Cross, Fairview	St. John the Baptist
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Joseph/Bread of Life
Our Lady of Peace	Community
Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro	St. Jude the Apostle
St. Boniface	St. Julia
St. Francis Xavier, McKean	St. Luke
	St. Peter Cathedral



Wednesday, April 9, 2025
5:00-7:00 pm

CONGRATULATIONS

We want to extend our sincere congratulations to Nancy Grotkowski for being named the "Volunteer of the Month" at our local food bank. Thank you, Nancy, for your important charitable service to the needy of our community!

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

6:00PM - St. Stanislaus
7:00PM - St. Ann's

Good Friday

12:00PM - St. Ann's
2:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Blessing of Baskets

2:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Easter Vigil

8:00PM - St. Stanislaus

Easter Sunday

9:00AM - St. Stanislaus
11:00AM - St. Casimir's

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 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.

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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