

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 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 17th: Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Private: Ann and Carson Engelskirger by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Leonard & Dolores Mankosky (Anniv.) by Scott & Paula Hilinski

Monday, August 18th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Chet Witkowski by Mickey Pohl

Tuesday, August 19th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Wednesday, August 20th: Saint Bernard

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Barbara Berdis and Children

Thursday, August 21st: Saint Pius X

12:05pm (SA) Joseph E. Hartman by Nieces

Friday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday, August 23rd: Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

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

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

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 18th - Private Intention
Tues., Aug. 19th - Gertrude Wisinski (Jim Valahovic)
Wed., Aug. 20th - Mary Brocious (Dennis Nowacinski)
Thur., Aug. 21st - Aurther Matczak (Jim & Amy McCune)
Fri., Aug. 22nd - Stella Dombrowski (Tonelli Family)
Sat., Aug. 23rd, 4:00PM - Mary Brocious (Diane & Rich Valahovic)
Sun., Aug. 24th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-40, 43-44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39/Ps 40:5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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) For all who attended the 106th St. Ann Novena; 2) All Parishioners

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

Dear Parishioners of Our Mother of Sorrows,

Recently, Fr. Swoger requested that he no longer be included in our Mass rotation schedule; he simply feels he can no longer do it.

I want to personally thank Fr. Swoger for all his help over the years, and especially during the time I have at the parish. He has been both a source of support and inspiration to me.

On behalf of all of you, I extend your thanks for the wisdom shared through his homilies and his steady and constant pastoral presence.

All of us sure hope to see him from time to time! Congratulations on your "second retirement," Fr. Swoger! God's choicest blessings upon you!

- Fr. Jason

SET THE EARTH ON FIRE

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, *"I have come to set the earth on fire."* Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

—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!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Fr. Jason will be returning to the classroom this week. He will be teaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons. Please keep him and his students - and ALL students! - in your prayers.



Question: Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs

absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stan's will host our monthly Eucharistic Adoration following this Sunday's 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

Our next scheduled adoration will be on Sunday, September 21st. Please consider giving the Lord some of your time in prayer.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?



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