

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## August 18, 2024



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#### **Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

**Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM**

**Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

\* Reconciliation is celebrated until 15 minutes before Mass  
(If the priest is not in the confessional, inform a greeter)

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#### **Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:**

**Sunday at 11:00AM (St. Casimir's)**

**Daily Eucharist: Monday-Friday 12:05PM (St. Ann's)**

**First Saturday of the month: 9:00AM (St. Ann's)**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

### Sunday, August 18th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Second Diocesan Collection for Church in Latin America]

Private (SA): Carl M. Yonko by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC): David Fabian by Aunt Charlotte Prez and Family

### Monday, August 19th: Saint John Eudes

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Clifford Helsley and Jerry Radomski by Kevin Helsley

### Tuesday, August 20th: Saint Bernard

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Jeanne Burke DeForce by her mother and her family

### Wednesday, August 21st: Saint Pius X

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Habas, Kulig, and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

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

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

### Friday, August 23rd: Saint Rose of Lima

11:30am (SA): Confessions

12:05pm (SA): The souls in purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Saturday, August 17th: Weekday

Private: For all the Deceased Members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

## MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 19th - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 20th - Anthony Erdely (Mary Sparra)

Wed., Aug. 21st - Rose "Babe" Niedzwiecki (Family)

Thur., Aug. 22nd - Linda (Gambill) Love (Paul Gambill)

Fri., Aug. 23rd - Stanley Widomski (Dr. Frank and Jane Pregler)

Sat., Aug. 24th, 4:00PM - Frankiewicz Family (Family)

Sun., Aug. 25th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

## Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-15/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2, 15-18/Ps 34:2-3, 16-23/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

**SAINT STANISLAUS:** The Nowakowski & Krasinski Families by the Family

**HOLY FAMILY:** 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS:** Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**ST. ANN'S:** 1) David K. Wienczkowski by loving mother Kay Wienczkowski; 2) All of our sick and shut-ins

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

### NOTICE

Fr. Jason will be resuming his teaching at Gannon next week, beginning on August 22nd. His classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Consequently, he will not be available/in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Thank you for your understanding and please keep Fr. Jason and his students in your prayers.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Stanislaus next Sunday, September 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

### THANK YOU

The St. Stanislaus Care & Concern Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our recent 50/50 raffle. Christine (Kwitowski) Chludzinski was the winner of \$143. She graciously donated her winnings back to the Care 7 Concern Committee. Again, thanks for your support, and thank you Christine!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 18th, 2024. It will be held at St. Stanislaus back courtyard (rain location will be in Saint Stan's Parish Hall). It is a beautiful place to gather! We encourage all St. Stan's, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Hedwig's parishioners to attend! We'd love to have us all together! More details will follow. Since we started this tradition, it has only grown and become more enjoyable. PLEASE join us!

### SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

St. Stan's will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen on the weekend of August 17-18th. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, August 19th.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Stanislaus has been honored to host Erie County's annual "Blue Mass" on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6PM (reception to follow). The Blue Mass honors and prays for the safety of first responders. Stay tuned for more details!

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### VIEWING PARTY



Now that St. Stan's Parish Hall has been reopened, we will resume our "viewing party" of The Chosen Series. As has

become our custom, we will gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30PM and enjoy a "pot luck" dinner while we watch episodes that constitute season two. The intention is to end the evening no later than 7:30PM. You need not to have watched season one in order to enjoy the popular series that highlights scenes in the life of Christ. All of our parishioners (St. Stan's, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Hedwig's) are most welcome to attend. The viewings will take place on:

October 16th  
October 23rd  
October 30th  
November 6th

More dates will be added, if necessary.

It is our intention to view season three during Advent, which begins on December 1st. Then, watch season four during Lent, which begins March 5th.

### ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

The Saint Stanislaus School Class of 1964 will host a reunion on Sunday, September 8th, following the 9:00AM Mass in the Parish Hall. They will be celebrating their 60th class reunion! Jim Dylewski will be organizing the reunion. More details will be forthcoming.

### WELCOME

Saint Stanislaus will welcome the men of Saint Mark Seminary on Monday, August 19th. It has become a tradition of the seminary to visit historically significant churches of the city and hear a bit about their history. We welcome them and continue to pray for vocations!

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