

FEAST OF PENTECOST

May 24, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

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, May 24th: Pentecost Sunday

Private: Bernice Zilonka, Birthday by Gloria Palmer and Family
11:00am (SC) Caroline (Mikoda) Baran & Mikoda Family by Loretta Baran

Monday, May 25th: The Blessed Virgin Mary/Memorial Day

*10:00am (SA) David Wienczkowski, Anniv. by mother Kay Wienczkowski

Tuesday, May 26th: Saint Philip Neri

12:05pm (SA) Carlos Villace Sevillano by Don and Michelle Benson

Wednesday, May 27th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Martha Kosiorek by Lori and Judy Krasnesky

Thursday, May 28th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Michael Dobryzinski by Debbie Haibach

Friday, May 29th: Saint Paul VI

12:05pm (SA) Doug and Judy Merritt, Wedding Anniversary by Meg Britton

Saturday, May 30th: Weekday

Private: Leokadia Bajek by Wlodyslaw Niemiec Family

Sunday, May 31st: The Most Holy Trinity

Private: Amelia A. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

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

**May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday**

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

- Mon., May 25th - Private Intention
- Tues., May 26th - Wycech & Oldenski Families (Al & Josie)
- Wed., May 27th - Dec. of Immaculate Conception (Paul & Renee Gambill)
- Thur., May 28th - Theresa Young (David Lesnieski)
- Fri., May 29th - Stella Pawlak (Rose Anderon & Susan Christian)
- Sat., May 30th, 4:00PM - Leon & Theresa Smith (Family)
- Sun., May 31st, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

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Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1-4/ Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2-5/ Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10-13/Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17, 20-25/ Ps 63:2-6/ Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sunday: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: To armed service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country

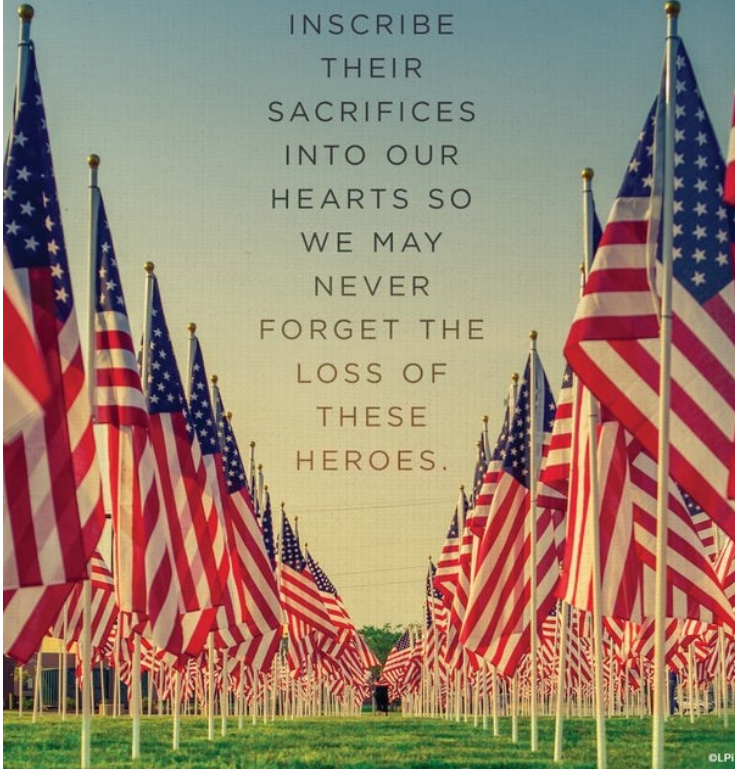
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr., and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Special Intentions of Loretta Baran by Parishioners; 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY
FATHER,
INSCRIBE
THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
HEROES.



Question: Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?

Answer:

For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables.

One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love.

The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done.

Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our parishes will be participating in the Knights of Columbus annual Baby Bottle funding drive. All proceeds benefit the Women's Care Center and the programs and ministry they offer to our community. The idea is to take a baby bottle from the back of the church home with you. Each night, empty your spare change into the bottle. Then, return the bottle to the church by Father's Day weekend (June 20-21).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on June 21st, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PENTECOST PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.



Let Go.
Let God.

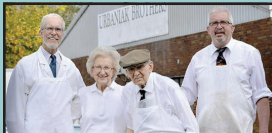
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