

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 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 23rd: Third Sunday of Lent

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Timothy by Lucia Lee
10:30am (SC): Confessions
11:00am (SC): Charlotte Prez by Dorothy Krawczyk

Monday, March 24th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA): Bernice Zilonka by Family

Tuesday, March 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

12:05pm (SA): Walter Hilinski, Birthday by Scott & Paula Hilinski

Wednesday, March 26th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA): Joseph Pochatko by Family

Thursday, March 27th: Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 28th: Lenten Weekday

12:05pm (SA): Frank Buzzanco by Darrell & Dianna Rose

Saturday, March 29th: Lenten Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Mar. 24th - Private Intention
Tues., Mar. 25th - Frances Letkiewicz (Family)
Wed., Mar. 26th - Charlene Cleaver (Family & Friends)
Thur., Mar. 27th - Florence Kransinski (Richard Raid)
Fri., Mar. 28th - Stella Dombrowski (Russ & Pat May)
Sat., Mar. 29th, 4:00PM - Chester & Regina Loncki (Sulecki Family)
Sun., Mar. 30th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15/Ps 103:1-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: For Peace (Helen Zimmerman)

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) Rose Marie Skrypek by Robert Skrypek; 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Members of the Ropelewski Family by Scott & Paul Hilinski

CORRECTION: Following the advise of Our Mother of Sorrows' Parish Council, there will be only one "Blessing of Easter Baskets" held at St. Stan's at 2:00PM on Saturday of Easter week.

ST. ANN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Friday, March 28th

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.

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.

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. **WEEDS!**

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 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.

The following prayer was used by Fr. Jason in a homily a few weeks ago. Some parishioners asked to have it printed in the bulletin for their own personal devotion...

Christ,
be in my **heart**
to love everyone I meet,
be on my **mind**
to find you in all things,
on my **tongue**
to spread your love to all who hear me,
in my **hands**
to give your love to all in need,
in my **feet**
to take your love everywhere I go.

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!

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