

THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2022



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Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

Readings for the week of August 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 [21st Sunday]
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22 [Queenship of Mary]
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26 [St. Rose of Lima]
Wednesday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51 [St. Bartholomew]
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51 [
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30 [St. Monica]
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-11/Heb 12:18-24/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke's Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

"PRAYER CANDLE" MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church's left over bee's wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 22nd - Private Intention
 Tues., Aug. 23rd - Tomasz Cholewa (H. Angeloff)
 Wed., Aug. 24th - John Oldenski (Shirley Widomski)
 Thurs., Aug. 25th - Frances Malinski (Bev Dombrowski)
 Fri., Aug. 26th - Victoria & Joseph Baniszewski (Family)
 Sat., Aug. 27th, 4:00PM - John & Helen Ciecierski (Jack & Kathy)
 Sun., Aug. 28th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **STELLA & MARTIN RADOMSKI**, as gifted by the Family.



Reverend Andrew Ignasiak (later Monsignor), was the first Pastor of St. Stanislaus. Even though St. Stanislaus was founded in 1884 and the first Church building was dedicated in 1885, there was no Polish speaking Priest available. The Benedictine Fathers from St. Mary's Church temporarily served until one could be found.

Fr. Ignasiak came to Erie directly after his ordination.

He said, "I was the Pastor of St. Stanislaus before I was ordained a Priest." He was installed on Sunday, Aug. 22, 1886. These are his words on his arrival:

"Reverend Celestine of St. Mary's Church accompanied me to St. Stanislaus Church. It was 10 o'clock, at which time the principal Mass was always offered. Meantime I stayed in the Sacristy. Joy and curiosity were great! The crowd of people from noon until evening was very large. The Bishop then introduced me. I celebrated vespers at three in the presence of the Bishop (Mullen). After vespers the Bishop spoke to the people, after which he advised me to speak. This was my first speech to the people. It was difficult for me to speak because I did not have any preparation and my emotions were anxious."

This was Fr. Ignasiak's welcome into our Parish 136 years ago this week.

-Bobby J. Sulecki, *Erie Polonia History*

CHANGING THE NARROW GATE

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid. You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme. But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself. Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth. And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us. But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace." When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WEEKLY OFFERING (AUGUST 14TH, 2022)

| | This Week | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Amount we need | \$4,156.00 | \$29,092.00 |
| Amount Received | \$3,046.00 | \$17,194.00 |
| Net over/under | (\$1,110.00) | (\$11,898.00) |

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 47; 9:00AM = 55
 Envelopes: 65/168



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in honor of all **ZABAWA VOLUNTEERS**, as gifted by Ray, Edie, and Roman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/24 - Thaddeus Dudzinski & Len Sebastian
 8/25 - Guiseppe Mangini & Joan Rowland
 8/28 - Don Neimeic

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Aug. 22nd - Msgr. Richard Stack
 Tues., Aug. 23rd - Kulig, Laszczewski, & Habas Families (Estate)
 Wed., Aug. 24th - All Deceased Mothers
 Thurs., Aug. 25th - All Deceased Fathers
 Fri., Aug. 26th - Special Intention
 Sat., Aug. 27th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Aug. 28th, 10:30AM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish

LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

The schedule is being prepared for Lectors and Altar Servers for September through the end of November. Please let Mary Ann know dates you are not available. Please contact her at the Parish Office by email: parishoffice@holyltrinityrc.org. If you could let her know by August 18 that would be appreciated.

JOIN US IN PRAYER...

AS WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR 29TH ZABAWA. Following the 10:30 AM Mass today, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on our Altar until 3:30PM, at which time there will be closing prayers and Benediction of the most blessed Sacrament. Please sign up for one-half hour or longer. There should always be at least two adorers present throughout the day.

Also, as has become custom for some, place a statue of Mary facing out of a window in your home and pray for her intercession for good weather over Zabawa weekend.

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline. Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength. Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are. Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR AUGUST 14th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$3,550.00 (30/130)

| | THIS WEEK | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal: | \$4,000.00 | \$28,000.00 |
| Budgeted: | \$2,400.00 | \$16,800.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$2,263.00 | \$16,178.00 |
| Net (over/under): | (\$137.00) | (\$622.00) |

Attendance: 5:15PM = 36; 10:30AM = 63

The Narrow Door

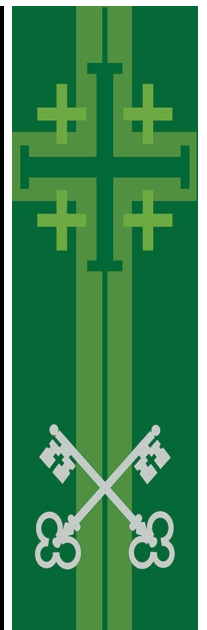
"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." Luke 13:24 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Luke 13:22-30



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"Strive to enter through the narrow gate..."

- Luke 13:24

News for Our Partnership

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gannon students will be moving back to campus on August 19th and Fr. Jason will resume his teaching obligations the following next week. Consequently, he will not be in the office on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons. Pray for all of our students returning to the classroom this fall.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANK YOU!!

A word of gratitude to all who came out for our annual parish picnic! We had a wonderful time and the weather was beautiful. Thanks also to all who prepared a dish to share. The food was delicious. Finally, thank you to all who volunteered to help with the picnic. By all accounts, it was a wildly successful event.

New clock arrived..... :) :)



5 DAYS UNTIL ZABAWA 2022

GRAND RAFFLE 2022

Tickets for Zabawa's Grand Raffle are still available in Holy Trinity's Parish Office. The Grand Prize is \$3,000; Second is \$2,000; and Third is \$1,000. Get yours while they last! Also, if you have tickets to turn in, please do so soon.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Anyone willing to volunteer your time at Zabawa 2022, please call Holy Trinity's Parish Office with the days and times you would be available and someone will get in contact with you. Come and enjoy this glorious weekend!



THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY (AUGUST 22)

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court. In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship. The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption, and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical To the Queen of Heaven, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

8/22) Suzanne Sundy & Kathy Wisniewski; 8/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman; 8/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 8/25) Kathy Ciecierski, Jack Kempisty, & Helen Zimmerman; 8/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 8/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski; 8/28) Open (call parish office)

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

8/22) Fr. David Perry; 8/23) Fr. Scott Jabo; 8/24) Msgr. Joe Riccardo; 8/25) Fr. Greg Passauer; 8/26) Fr. Rob Horgas; 8/27) Fr. Joe Dougherty; 8/28) Fr. Glenn Whitman

Sunday, Aug 21, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

"I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

Don't leave home without it

If you've ever been locked out even once because you forgot your key, chances are you now check your pockets before you step outside the door. Being on the wrong side of a barred door is tough when it's due to hapless error. It's positively brutal when a door remains shut in your face because of something you did or failed to do. We've all received the key to a warm welcome at the threshold of God's realm: love. Church-going and check-writing may be basic but not key. The door opens to those whose hearts are open. Wherever you go today, check your pockets for love.

Monday, Aug 22, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

"One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God..."

A throne on high

In many ancient cultures, including Israel's, it wasn't the wife of the king who was queen. Rather, the mother of the king was queen. And while her son was the unquestionable ruler, she often had tremendous influence over him. The same goes in heaven. Today's memorial is eight days - an octave - after celebrating Mary's Assumption. Pope Pius XII, who declared the dogma of the Assumption, said of his instituting the feast of Mary's Queenship, "so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God." Remember to hail your queen, Mary, today.

Tuesday, Aug 23, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, THIRD ORDER DOMINICAN

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26

"Cleanse the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."

It's your serve

Saint Rose of Lima proved that you didn't need to become a nun to live a notable life of Christian piety and service. Both women were drawn to holiness at a young age, both resisted their parents' pressure to marry, both even took measures to make themselves less attractive to suitors. Each joined the lay Dominicans. Rose sought a sacrificial life as she brought home needy people to care for, saying, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus." How will you serve Jesus today?

Wednesday, Aug 24, 2022

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

"Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"

As I lay dying

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross died on this date in 2004. Early in her medical training, she was horrified to see the term "hopeless patient" commonly applied to the terminally ill, who were often overly sedated and neglected. She went on to transform the way we look at terminal illness. A pioneer in hospice and palliative care and near-death research, she led the movement to "treat the dying with dignity" and her 1969 classic *On Death and Dying* changed the way we look at grief. Perhaps appropriate that today is also the feast of Saint Bartholomew, the apostle famed for his painful death as a martyr. We can all play a part in bringing comfort and dignity to the dying process.

Thursday, Aug 25, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST, FOUNDER

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.'"

Be resilient in the face of resistance

Saint Joseph Calasanz is now widely recognized for his devotion to educating needy students. However, during his 17th-century lifetime Joseph encountered strong resistance. His family opposed his becoming a priest, and after he had founded innovative schools for the poor and the Piarist religious community to tend those schools, enemies attacked. In his 80s, the church removed Joseph from education leadership, and dissolved the Piarists. After his death, the Piarists were restored, and they continue their education ministry around the world today. If you struggle with a seeming failure, look to the life of Saint Joseph of Calasanz for a model of faithfulness and endurance.

Friday, Aug 26, 2022

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

"Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?"

Dialogue to break new ground

There's a lot of talk right now. Talk about gun control, women's rights, dismantling racism—or not. The conversations are urgent yet often feel futile. What we need, writes Father Raimon Panikkar, whose anniversary of death is today, is not talk, but dialogue. Dialogue "is not a simple conversation, not a mere mutual enrichment by the supplementary information that is contributed; it is not exclusively a corrective of misunderstandings . . . It is the joint search for the shared and the different." How can you foster this kind of dialogue that nourishes what each person contributes?

Saturday, Aug 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF MONICA, MOTHER OF AUGUSTINE

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'"

Don't stop believing

At some point or another, each of us loses our way in life. Some only briefly, others for a long time. Sadly, some never find their way home. But if we are blessed with someone as special as Saint Monica, we might be fortunate enough to share the fate of her famous son, Saint Augustine. He wrote in his *Confessions* that she had "brought me to birth, both in her flesh, so that I was born into this temporal light, and in her heart, that I might be born into eternal light." Give thanks for the people in your life who never stopped believing in you.

