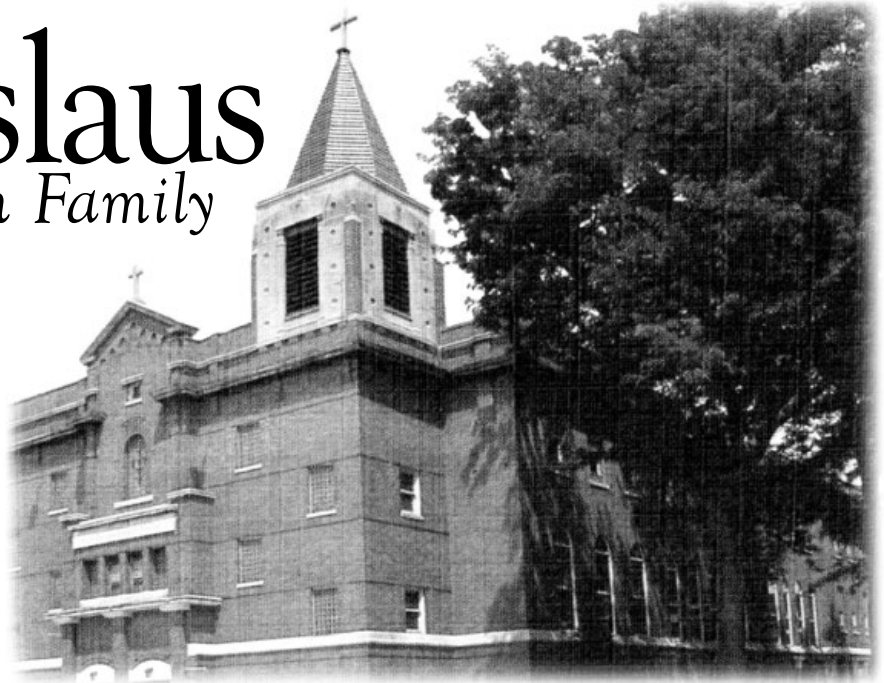


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January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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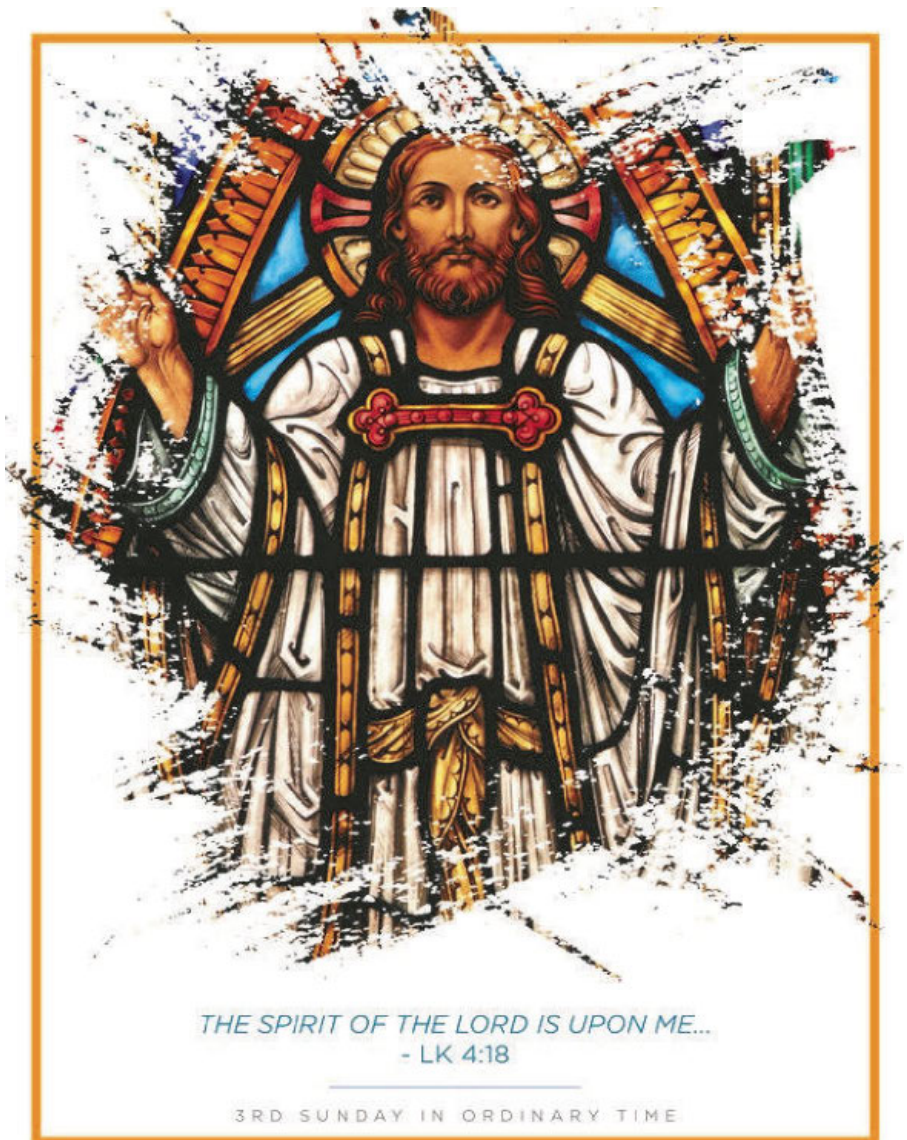
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Saturdays from

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Liturgical Notes for the Week

We gather on this the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time to celebrate God's goodness and to render thanks. As we begin to journey with Luke through the semi-continuous gospel readings of Year C, it is appropriate that the first four verses are read to remind us of Luke's purpose in writing his two-part good news, the gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the latter, the church is committed to doing in the power of the Spirit of Jesus what he himself did in the days of his flesh. The authors of Living Liturgy go on to instruct us that. In the reading, Jesus is called up to the reading desk in the Nazareth synagogue. The people are expectant: here is the hometown boy made good, with a teaching reputation already established throughout Galilee. They think they know him, but Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed One, with the fullness of the Spirit upon him. Born, baptized, proved the faithful Israelite par excellence in the wilderness, Jesus speaks forth as the prophet the words of Isaiah as a summary of his mission that he is about to begin. The prophet, he proclaims, is called to announce good news to the poor their liberty, healing, freedom from all oppression. Then came the climax, a daring scene that could fit in any modern day film, Jesus goes to his hometown synagogue, where we can assume everyone knows him, walks up to read, is handed to scroll with the exact prophecy of his coming, and then he reads it out loud, to his friends and neighbors. "Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, 'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.'" Imagine the wonder that everyone seated must have felt it reads like a movie script. Could that moment have felt so similar to what the first reading proclaimed as both the first reading and the gospel are moments when a community, gathered in prayer together, receives an unexpected message. In the gospel, Jesus outs himself as the Messiah. In the first reading, Ezra looks at his community of fellow refugees, who've finally returned home, and tells them to stop weeping and start celebrating. Both of these cinematic scenes take place during a religious service. The primacy of delivery is given to this community event, a gathering of faithful. This is where key information is shared. This week's psalm response tells that the words we are praying are spirit, life, true, favorable and refreshing. They are an invitation to us to help "hear with new ears" — Perhaps by doing some serious studying of the Bible. It's not too late to make that effort as a new 2022 resolution. Paul's words in the second reading provokes us to seriously review our understanding of what it means to be a part of the Church not apart from it. In giving the example of the connectedness of the parts of the body,

each of us is challenged to think about what part are we in Christ's mystical body and how our being affects the health and functioning as a whole. In his classic book of new prayers entitled Prayers published in 1963, Michel Quoist offered this construction analogy "The Brick." It's worth a penny of thought to think about this upcoming week.

The Brick

The bricklayer laid a brick on the bed of cement.

Then, with a precise stroke of his trowel, spread another layer, and, without a by-your-leave, laid on another brick.

The foundations grew visibly, the building rose, tall and strong, to shelter men.

I thought, Lord, of that poor brick buried in the darkness at the base of the big building. No one sees it, but it accomplishes its task, and the other bricks need it. Lord, what difference whether I am on the rooftop or in the foundations of your building, as long as I stand faithfully at the right place?

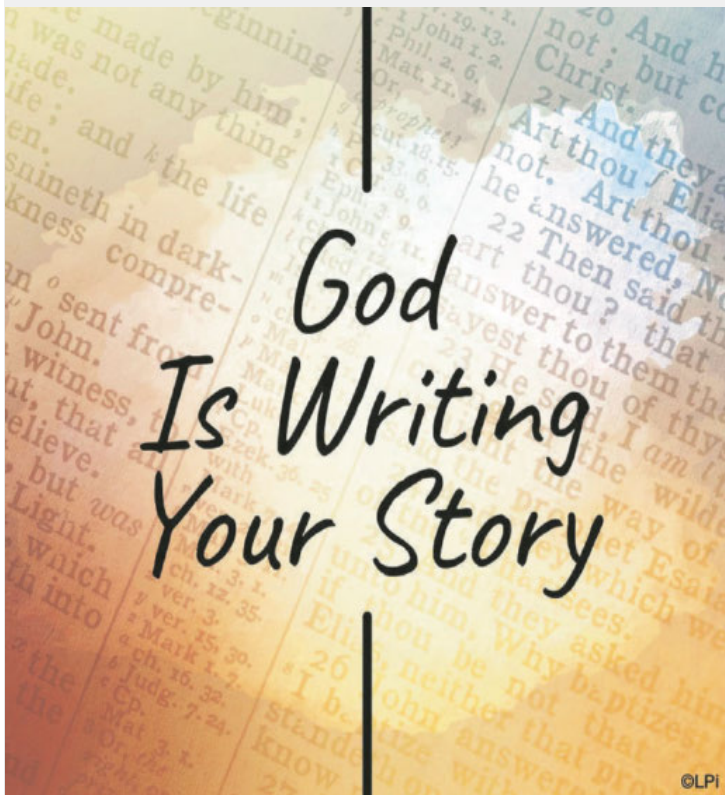
Today's gospel offers an example of this, as we hear the very beginning of Luke's writings. Luke tells us that he, like others before him, has compiled a narrative of the life of Jesus. Luke relies on the witness of others in the construction of this story; he himself was not an eyewitness. Rather, Luke uses the gifts God has given him to listen to the stories of those who walked and talked and ate with Jesus so that he may compile them for Theophilus and other future generations. How do we use our own gifts and talents to share the life of Jesus with others?

This is an all star week in our sanctoral calendar as we honor the following saints: 24th St. Francis de Sales, 25th St. Paul the Apostle, 26th Sts. Timothy and Titus, 27th St. Angela Merici, and 28th St. Tomas Aquinas. Remember them and thank them for the richness their lives added to our inheritance of the faith and ask them to guide each of us in discovering and doing our part!



Scripture Reflection

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$2,948.00
 Adult envelopes issued.....292 (January, 2022)
 Adult envelopes used.....78/27% (January 16, 2022)
 Food Pantry.....2 donations.....\$200.00
Thank You for your continued support! May God Bless You!

CONSIDERATION: There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written, or badly written. That is all.
 — Oscar Wilde

Everyday Stewardship

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn’t even considered until then. But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it’s at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters. But are we mindful — truly? The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can’t quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.” We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God’s special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God’s word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God’s timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God’s word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God’s love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God’s power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means “beloved of God,” a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

Monday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Thursday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 29

4:30pm †Charles Jonaifis, Jr. int. Irene Saia
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

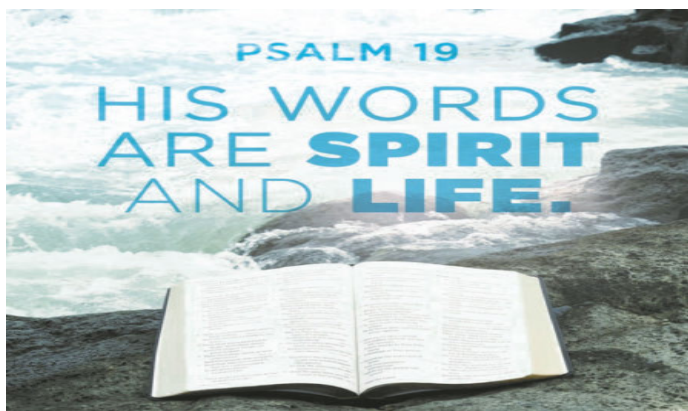
**Sunday, January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week**

8:30am †Julia Lelek int. St. Stanislaus Choir
†Franciszek & Stefania Borkowski int. Teresa Radziwiecki
†Stella Sobilo int. St. Stan's Ladies Rosary Sodality

Quote from Pope Francis

This life is the gift that God has given us: and it is too short to be consumed in sadness, in bitterness.

We praise God, content simply to exist. May the Lord make us understand this ever more deeply and lead us to say "Thank You" and that "Thank You" is a beautiful prayer.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid. In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option. In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?



Community Events



To all who came and helped in the taking down of all the Christmas decorations, we are most grateful. Your good deed will not go without notice: Maria Teneyuca, Sandy Markovich, Diane Traher, Hunter Klimek, Bill Drapac, Jessica Bonilla, Araceli Alvarez, Mary Grelak, Angie Walczik, Nathan Kras, Tom Szczepanski, and Sue Surowiec.
May God Bless you all!



Food Pantry News
 Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! On behalf of the St. Stanislaus Community Food Pantry, we wish to thank all our generous parishioners for their continued support throughout this past year.

Without your help of donations of food and monetary gifts we could not be as successful as we have been this past year. May God bless each and every one of you and wishing you all good health and happiness in this new year. Also, thanking all of our volunteers for their help this past year.
 (Note: We need paper bags with handles.)

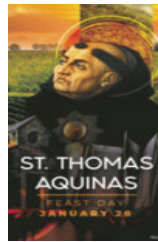


Soup-er Bowl Sunday!

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On Sunday Feb. 13, 2022, Super Bowl Sunday, we are asking for an additional donation for the support of the St. Stanislaus Community Food Pantry.

With your help, the pantry can score a touchdown on *Soup-er Bowl Sunday*, which will help us through out the year. Thanking you in advance!!



St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually

become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

PUZZLE
 Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

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MISSION
 Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



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