

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020



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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, unhappy, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-16/Ps 89:2-527, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 [2nd Advent]
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 [St. Ambrose]
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1-8/Lk 1:46-56 [Immaculate Conception]
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66 [St. Juan Diego]
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25
Friday: Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 [St. Damasus]
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22 [O.L. of Guadalupe]
Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-5/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 [3rd Advent]

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 John's Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

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, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

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 Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

"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 Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from 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 Linda at 814.864.8476.

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 Luniewski at 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.

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., Dec. 21st - Roman Radomski (Family)
Tues., Dec. 22nd - Charlotte Cleaver (Friends)
Wed., Dec. 23rd - Walter, Florence, & Joan R zodkiewicz (Family)
Thurs., Dec. 24th, 4:00PM - Special Intention
Fri., Dec. 25th, 9:30AM - Special Intention
Sat., Dec. 26th, 4:00PM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (Pro Populo)
Sun., Dec. 27th, 9:00AM - Kinsel & Winslow Families (Family)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Keeping in mind the uncertain nature of the pandemic, we intend to observe our traditional Christmas Mass schedule:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00PM
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30AM
NEW YEAR'S EVE: 4:00PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9:00AM



Our sanctuary candle burns for **CACKOWSKI FAMILY** as gifted by Charlie & Charlene.

OPŁATKI...

... will be available for a monetary donation in the vestibule following weekend Masses. They can also be picked up in the Parish Office M-F, 9AM-3PM.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and the understandable and anticipated decline in Mass attendance, we have opted to have our offertory mailed from our supplier directly to your homes. This will provide a significant savings in the cost of postage for the increased number of envelope boxes that we would have to mail to our "staying-at-home" parishioners.

MONTHLY SCRIP ORDER SCHEDULE

Christmas is fast approaching. Consider the gift of Scrip cards! They work just like gift cards, except that the parish receives a "kick back" for each one purchased. Order forms are available in the Parish Office or in the back of the church. The following is the order/pick up schedule:

ORDER ON..... AVAILABLE BY
December 12-13.....December 19-20
December 26-27.....January 2-3

There are just five days left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live these last days of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

2021 CALENDARS

... are available in the vestibule of the church, complements of Mark Davis and the Garr Funeral Home. Feel free to take one for yourself and, perhaps, a parishioner who has not yet returned to Mass.

The following is a list of our November Lottery Raffle winners:

\$50.00 WINNERS

J. Vargo
J. Brocius
M. Urbaniak
P. Bernhard
J. P. Urbaniak
C. Chilcott
J. Piotrowski

D. Haas
B. Stevens
S. Lesnieski
G. Ciecierski
Fr. Bernie
R. Kurtz
H. Chilcott

\$100 WINNERS

C. Rohrbach
B. Przybyszewski
B.J. Vargo

\$300.00 WINNER: B.J. Vargo

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DECK THE HALLS!

Volunteers will be needed to help decorate our church for Christmas following this Sunday's Mass (December 20th). Feel free to stick around and spread some Christmas cheer!

Holy Trinity Parish Community

THE JOURNEY

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them. Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey. This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

Many **THANKS!** To all who supported our Christmas Market. It was a **HUGE** success! Thanks, also, to our PCEP Families and others who volunteered so much of their time.

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Mon., Dec. 21st - The Edward Czulewicz Family (Patty, Ed, & Anna)
 Tues., Dec. 22nd - Kempisty & Homicz Families (Jack & Sandy)
 Wed., Dec. 23rd - The Souls in Purgatory
 Thurs., Dec. 24th, 4:30PM - For the People of Holy Trinity
 Fri., Dec. 25th, 10:00AM - For the People of Holy Trinity
 Sat., Dec. 26th, 5:15PM - John Figurski (Dee Madura)
 Sun., Dec. 27th, 10:30AM - For the People of Holy Trinity



Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **ANNA KAMINSKI** as gifted by her Family.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Keeping in mind the uncertain nature of the pandemic, we intend to observe our traditional Christmas Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve: 4:30PM
Christmas Day: 10:00AM
New Year's Eve: 5:00PM
New Year's Day: 10:00AM

Happy Birthday

12/21 – Ron Majewski
 & Lillian Maciulewicz
 12/23 – Bill Lazar
 12/25 – Jesus, the Christ
 12/27 – Bob Pelkowski



An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



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"May it be done to me according to your word."

News for Our Partnership



The Parish Offices of both St. Stan's and Holy Trinity will be closed:
December 23 - December 27th
&
December 30th - January 3

Fr. Dan & I want to wish our parish family the happiest and holiest of the Christmas season! You are a gift to us and we thank you for all that you do for our parishes.

It has been a difficult year for many, and the holidays may prove to be emotionally challenging as many may not be able to gather with friends and family. Keep your loved one's in mind and be sure to reach out to them via phone call or, better, a video conference on Zoom.

Please know that you will all be in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season, and beyond. We hope that, despite the ongoing pandemic, you will be graced to experience the joy, peace, and hope of the Christmas season.

Wishing you Blessings and Good Health,
Fr. Jason & Fr. Dan

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

The Diocese of Erie recently launched an addition to their website in order to provide spiritual support through the remainder of Advent and into Christmas, especially for those still uncomfortable being in public or attending Mass. You can find these spiritual resources at:

<https://www.eriecd.org/christmas.html>



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



The Christmas Tree (O, Tannenbaum)

How did this tradition get started? It goes back to the beginning of another holiday symbol. The Christmas tree was a German tradition started by devout Christians in the 16th century, and was brought to German settlements in Pennsylvania, according to History.com. Ironically, Christmas trees were thought to be pagan symbols by many Americans at the time, and it wasn't until the mid-1800s that the trees became common in American households. This was largely thanks to Queen Victoria and her German husband, Prince Albert, who were sketched with their Christmas tree for *The Illustrated London News*.

In those early days of the Christmas tree, Americans took a DIY approach to decorating, using mostly handmade ornaments. German-Americans favored fruit, nuts and cookies. Popcorn was dyed bright colors and strung in garlands with other food items for a festive effect.

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**If 2020
were an
ice cream
flavor...**

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

12/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik; 12/22) Kathy Wisniewski; 12/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman;
12/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski & Diane Valahovic; 12/25) Jack Kempisty & Helen Zimmerman;
12/26) Patricia Straub & John Kleiner; 12/27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski & Regina Jaworski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

12/21) Bishop Persico; 12/22) Fr. John Santor; 12/23) Fr. George Strohmeier; 12/24) Msgr. Richard Stack;
12/25) For All Vocations; 12/26) Msgr. Bob Smith; 12/27) Fr. Nick Rouch

Sunday, Dec 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O KEY OF DAVID)

Unlocking every door

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Those who have been incarcerated know exactly what it means to face a locked door. So do folks who have been institutionalized with mental illness. But even those of us who have not been behind a literal door may find ourselves living under a sentence of fear, bitterness, depression, or unforgiveness. We may be locked out of relationships that are important to us because of resentment or past actions. Poverty is often a prison that keeps opportunity and hope out, while also fostering despair within. O Jesus, Key of David, unlock every door that keeps us from experiencing your freedom!

Monday, Dec 21, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)

Just before dawn

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

They say it's darkest just before the dawn, and today we've reached that moment on the darkest day of what has been a very dark year. Our hope in the worst of circumstances reaches a crescendo in today's O Antiphon: "O Radiant Dawn,/splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:/come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the/shadow of death." We've reached the edge of a dramatic precipice in our waiting. Have faith and get ready—daybreak is coming.

Tuesday, Dec 22, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

The unexpected king is arriving

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
"He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted the lowly."

Today's O Antiphon heralds the Messiah's long-expected arrival as king. But clearly Jesus is not a typical king—because God's kingdom is not a typical earthly kingdom. Jesus will later proclaim, through the Beatitudes, that the kingdom of God is the inverse of what we humans expect. "Blessed are the meek," he insists—and the poor, the persecuted, and those who mourn. In fact, according to Saint Matthew's version of the Final Judgment, Jesus will be the king wielding harsh judgment against all who've neglected the "least of these." How will you serve our expected but-unexpected king today?

Wednesday, Dec 23, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)

Do not doubt—God is with us

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
"What, then, will this child be?"

As we the church celebrate Evening Prayer—whether in monasteries or in our own homes, the domestic church—tonight we pray or sing the seventh and final O Antiphon of Advent with these words: "O Emmanuel, our king and giver of law, come to save us, Lord our God." The name *Emmanuel* means God-with-us. As the season of Advent longing comes to a close, in a world that is in need of God's compassionate and saving presence, let us pray tonight for eyes to see and hearts to embrace the presence of God-with-us in the events and conversations of these holy holidays. Indeed, O come, O come Emmanuel.

Thursday, Dec 24, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY

More than a song and dance

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79
"I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

For many Catholics of Mexican heritage, today is the final celebration of Las Posadas, nine days of reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for *posada*, shelter. Each day the ritual is the same: Participants knock on doors, sing songs begging for shelter, while hosts respond with songs denying shelter, and finally end with the glorious moment when the door is opened wide and the Holy Family is given shelter for the night. The repetition drives home the desperation of the most famous migrant family and migrants of all times and places, including our own. Can you take some action in support of migrants and refugees this Christmas season?

Friday, Dec 25, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

The Light shines upon us!

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Today as we gaze upon a tiny infant born in difficult circumstances, we are also gazing upon a powerful love that has transformed the world—and us. Fragility and strength, new life and enduring love—these are not mutually exclusive. In the Incarnation, we encounter a God who has loved us since before the creation of the world and who longs to draw close and bring us life. This life is not to be "spiritualized" but to be incarnate in our whole life, including our places of pain and challenge. Saint Athanasius writes, "For the Lord touched all parts of creation, and freed and undeceived them all from every deceit." What is the freedom that God has begun to unfold within you?

Saturday, Dec 26, 2020

FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

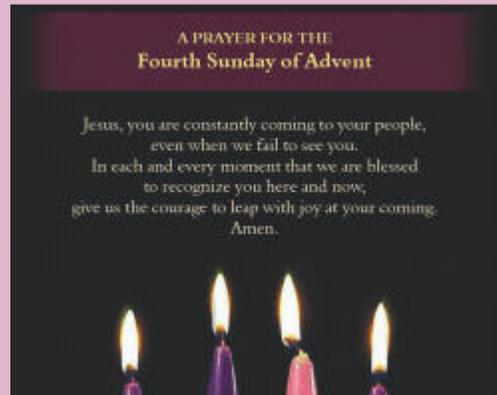
Don't cloak your compassion

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22
"Stephen was working great wonders and signs among the people."

Even the greatest among us have their darkest moment. The great Saint Paul had such a moment before his conversion, when he looked on approvingly and guarded the cloaks of those who stoned the church's first martyr, the young and courageous deacon Stephen. Saul of Tarsus, as Paul was known before his conversion, no doubt was convinced that righteousness called for such a cruel and harsh death sentence. Be on guard for misguided righteousness wherever it rears its head, especially when that head is on your own shoulders. It rarely leads to compassion or mercy, God's signposts. Saint Stephen, pray for us.

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



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