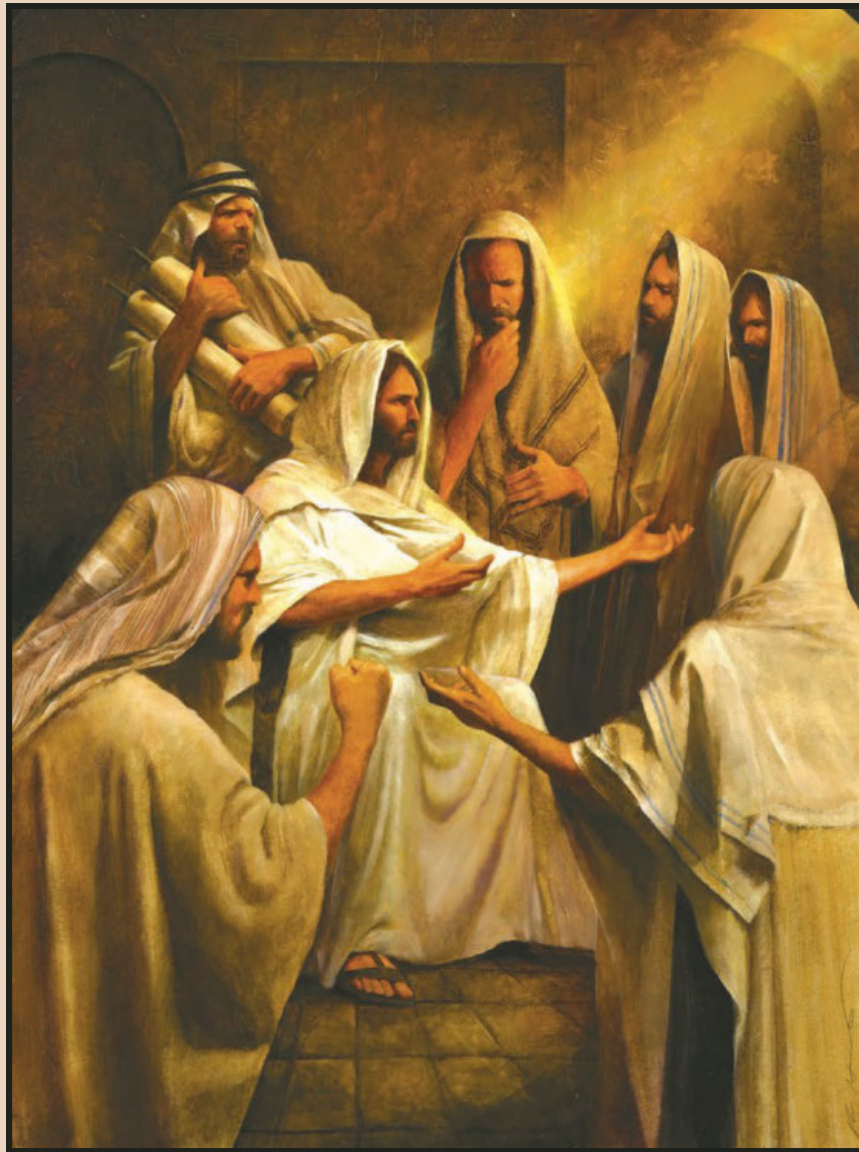


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 30, 2022



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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30AM - 3:00 PM
(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

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

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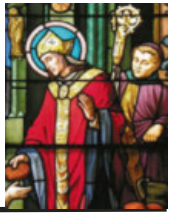
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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 5:15PM; Sunday at 10:30AM
*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**



Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



January 30, 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 [4th Sunday]
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20 [St. John Bosco]
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-32 [Presentation]
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13 [St. Blaise]
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34 [St. Agatha]
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 138:1-8/1 Cor 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11 [5th Sunday]

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.

Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission

"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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606 or Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

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 Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

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 Holy Trinity Office (814-456-0671).

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., Jan. 31st - Private Intention
 Tues., Feb. 1st - James Bradley (Tom & Sharon Zielinski)
 Wed., Feb. 2nd - Dolores Dombkowski (Bobby & Mary Jo Sulecki)
 Thurs., Feb. 3rd - Stanley & Sophie Wiczorek (Irene Mielnik)
 Fri., Feb. 4th - Richard Niedzwiecki (Dolores Dombkowski)
 Sat., Feb. 5th, 4:00PM - Anna Mae & Howard Meyers (J. & K. Ciecierski)
 Sun., Feb. 6th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **LINDA GIDOS**, as gifted by her quilting friends.

PIEROGI MAKING

We will begin making pierogi for our Lenten Dinners on **February 8th and 9th**, starting at 9AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to help and no experience is necessary.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Women's Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Sunday, February 13th, at 1:00PM** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend!

SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

Donated goodies will **not** be needed in the month of January. The next time we will be collecting donated goods (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **February 19th & 20th**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on February 21st.

FINAL 2021 CSA REPORT

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$30,237.00
 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$39,595.00 (90 Families Participating)
 PLEDGES PAID TO DATE: \$38,845.00
PARISH PROFIT: \$8,608.00

* MANY THANKS for all who participated in making our 2021 CSA a huge success!

WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 16, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$120,524.00
Amount Received	\$1,885.00	\$82,102.00
Net over/under	(\$2,271.00)	(\$38,422.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 36; 9:00AM = 52
 Envelopes: 51/168

WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 23, 2022)

	This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need	\$4,156.00	\$124,680.00
Amount Received	\$2,085.00	\$84,187.00
Net over/under	(\$2,071.00)	(\$40,493.00)

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 46; 9:00AM = 60
 Envelopes: 53/168



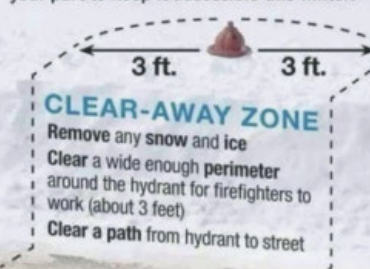
First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire. But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe. Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?). A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window. As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts." So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KEEP THEM CLEAR

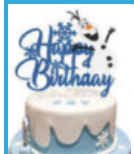
If there's a **fire hydrant** near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:



Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **STANLEY & MARY MALINOWSKI**, as gifted by Terry Lackovic).



2/01 Valerie Seeman
2/02 Irene Kniewski
& Patricia Stano

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 31st - Msgr. Richard Stack
Tues., Feb. 2nd - All Living & Deceased Mothers
Wed., Feb. 3rd - Theresa Feick (Marilyn Presor)
Thurs., Feb. 4th - All Living & Deceased Fathers
Fri., Feb. 5th - The Souls in Purgatory
Sat., Feb. 6th, 5:15PM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)
Sun., Feb. 7th, 10:30AM - Nancy Slubowski (Marybeth Fiorelli)

How do I know if the Time, Talent and Treasure I offer God in grateful return is "enough?" What is the measure? St. Paul tells us the "measure" is the love that we put into each of these aspects of our lives. "If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own and hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." God is not after a particular number. What He wants us to give over to Him is our very selves. Real love is not a sentiment. Real love is manifested in living a virtuous life. We read later in St. Paul's letter that real love takes strength: it is patient, kind, humble, other-centered, truth-seeking, and long-suffering. Love is the heroic giving of oneself even when it is uncomfortable. Love lives like Jesus. Sometimes, living like Jesus is difficult. We see this in the Gospel Reading today where we find Jesus in action, preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. He speaks truth to the people He loves, the ones He grew up with and shared His early days with. How do they respond? They are filled with fury and run Him out of town, intent on throwing Him from a cliff! Yet Jesus is undeterred. He passes right through them and presses forward with the mission His Father has entrusted to Him. We are called to live with this same strength and determination, fueled by the power of love and by gratitude for all God has given us.

FINAL 2021 CSA REPORT

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$13,285.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$27,015.00 (71 Families Participating)
PLEDGES PAID TO DATE: \$25,950.00
PARISH PROFIT: \$13,730.00

* MANY THANKS for all who participated in making our 2021 CSA a huge success!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,965.00 (27/131)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$78,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$64,426.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,965.00	\$70,126.00
Net (over/under):	(\$400.00)	\$5,700.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 45; 10:30AM = 52

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 23, 2022

Regular Offering: \$1,879.00 (27/131)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$81,000.00
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$66,791.00
Total Offertory:	\$1,879.00	\$72,002.00
Net (over/under):	(\$486.00)	\$5,211.00

Attendance: 5:15PM = 55; 10:30AM = 46

Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

"Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." Luke 4:24

The puzzle is based on Luke 4:21-30



K Q I A N T S C R I P T U R E
Q M N W S P B J T C D P S L F
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HILL	SCRIPTURE	ACCEPTED	CROWD	WORDS
PROPHET	TRUTH	TOWN	PHYSICIAN	CLIFF
HOMETOWN	PROVERB	PEOPLE	AMAZED	HEAL

"[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things..."

- 1 Corinthians 13:7

News for Our Partnership

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



On Candlemas Day, February 2, followers of Jesus celebrate his Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to their churches to be blessed. Thereafter (in Poland, for example, where they're lit and placed in windows to ward off storms), the candles represent Jesus and the day of his induction into Judaism, and they go toward explaining the name of the holy day, Candlemas.



CONSIDER CURSILLO

The Erie Cursillo Movement is currently planning and accepting candidate applications for a Men's Cursillo Feb. 11-13, 2022, and a Women's Cursillo April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found at www.eriecursillo.org or by calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119. If interested, ask someone you know who has completed a Cursillo weekend to serve as your sponsor.

TAX DOCUMENTS

If you need documentation of your annual contribution for your personal tax purposes, please contact the Parish Office during normal business hours and we can mail the document to you.

NOW HIRING

St. Martin Center, Inc. is hiring a Maintenance Team Member, a Trauma Case Manager, and several teaching positions. All information can be found at our website, www.smcerie.org.

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

1/31) Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki; 2/1) Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 2/2) Patty Czulewicz; 2/3) Judy Tucceri & Jackie Vargo; 2/4) Ed Czulewicz, & Evelyn & Ed Selleny; 2/5) Mary Ann Merski & Michelle Inter; 2/6) Msgr. Dan Magraw & Joan Oldenski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

1/31) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 2/1) Fr. David Renne; 2/2) Fr. Paul Siebert; 2/3) Msgr. Bob Smith; 2/4) Fr. Matt Strickenberger; 2/5) Bishop Persico; 2/6) Msgr. John Swoger

Sunday, Jan 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Children should be seen, heard—and guided

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you."

It's been a tough two years on everyone, but especially on the kids. Childhood was upended by the pandemic. Schooling has been a heroic effort. This generation of young ones will have a special burden in trying to make up for lost time, missed opportunities, and natural social interactions. Today begins Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service," to remind us that our schools enable children to put what they learn in the context of gospel values. Support faith-based education!

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO

Celebrating a lovely education

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

"Go home to your family and announce to them
all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you.

Tuesday, Feb 01, 2022

Catholic education for a better world

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43

"The girl... arose immediately and walked around.
At that they were utterly astounded."

On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the "grounding in faith, knowledge, and service" a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges "welcoming schools" that "do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone... knowing that everything is connected." His wish? That "schools have conscience and create conscience." Pray for all Catholic students today.

Wednesday, Feb 02, 2022

Comfort food for the soul

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

"Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today. On Epiphany, La Rosca, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

Thursday, Feb 03, 2022

Lift up her voice

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

"[T]hey anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a well-educated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion.

Friday, Feb 04, 2022

Invest your humanity

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

"He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons..."

On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity" and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, "it is necessary to invest." How can you help support Catholic educators today?

Saturday, Feb 05, 2022

Be careful what you ask for

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

"The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request...
'In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.'"

The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is "a bountiful crop with a meager harvest." Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose?



*"Through the
intercession of Saint
Blaise, Bishop and
Martyr, may God
deliver you of every
disease of the throat,
and every other
illness."*

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