## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 6, 2022



## Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church

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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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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partners in Faith & Mission



February 6, 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

#### Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 138:1-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5 and 10-11/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-40/Mk 7:24-30 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7 and 19-22/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-6/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**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 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 worshiping 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.

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# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Feb. 7th - Private Intention Tues., Feb. 8th - James Valahovic (Rose Niedzwiecki) Wed., Feb. 9th - Stanislaus Bieniasz (Family) Thurs., Feb. 10th - Tom Konkol (David Lesnieski) Fri., Feb. 11th - Stanley Markiewicz, Jr. (Family) Sat., Feb. 12th, 4:00PM - Eugene Tomczak (Elaine & Family) Sun., Feb. 13th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

## 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!

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy. In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give. But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful." But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God? All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift. We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WEEKLY OFFERING (JANUARY 31, 2022)

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 July 1 to date

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





Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **MICHAEL & HELEN WILCZYNSKI**, as gifted by Nancy & Art Kujawinski.

## **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.

## SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbies 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.

## Question:

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

## Answer:

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it. Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has comes to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!





Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **SR. MARY AMBROSE WOZNIAK**, as gifted by Pearl & Kathy.



2/7 Lillian Przepierski; 2/9 Philip Slomski; 2/13 Brent Chermack

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we

have in calling ourselves both children and disciples of the

Most High God. The First Reading from Isaiah describes a

proclaiming, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the

God should motivate us to deepen our stewardship way of life. As we contemplate the holiness of God, we come to a

heightened awareness of what a privilege it is that He has

chosen to include us in His work of spreading the Gospel to

en us. Aware of this privilege, we will then make the words

others through the grateful sharing of the gifts He has giv-

vision of the prophet in which angels surround the Lord

earth is filled with his glory!" Our God invites us to such deep intimacy and friendship with Him that sometimes we can forget just how majestic and unspeakably holy He truly is. In the Gospel passage, from Luke, Jesus instructs Simon to lower his nets for a catch despite an unsuccessful night of fishing. Peter is skeptical but obeys and is amazed at the catch of fish that he makes. He kneels down before Jesus in astonishment. This sense of awe and reverence before

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**MASS INTENTIONS** 

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!







Enroute to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't

done anything bad to the priest."

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"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."



of Isaiah our own: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

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## WEEKLY OFFERING FOR JANUARY 30, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,432.00 (27/131)

	THIS WEEK	JULY 1 TO DATE					
Dream Goal:	\$3,000.00	\$84,000.00					
Budgeted:	\$2,365.00	\$69,156.00					
Total Offertory:	\$2,432.00	\$74,434.00					
Net (over/under):	\$67.00	\$5,278.00					

Attendance: 5:15PM = 28; 10:30AM = 51

- Luke 5:11

# News for Our Partnership



The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate

to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master. She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

### 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.

#### **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 their website: www.smcerie.org.

## SAVE THE DATES: ALUMNI BINGO

St. Benedict alumnae bingo will be held on February 20th, April 3, July 17, September 18, and November 13th, at the Polish Falcons (431 East 3rd Street). Doors open at noon; cash bingo begins at 1PM. Kitchen and bar will be open. \$100.00 lottery ticket chance & 50/50. All procedes benefit the Sister ministries at the Neighborhood Art House. JOIN THE FUN!

### **BENEFIT REFFLE & DINNER**

Knights of Columbus sponsors benefit raffle, dinner The Knights of Columbus #14437 of St. Andrew Parish, Erie, is sponsoring a 50/50 raffle and a Salisbury steak dinner to benefit Michael Lombardozzi. Mike has been dealing with medical issues and is in need of assistance. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and are for sale after the 11 a.m. Mass or by contacting the Knights (John Skrzypczak at 814-440-9157, Tom Klemm at 814-323-5222, or Pat Nenno at 814-812-4238). The dinner will be held Feb. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Msgr. Gannon Auditorium, 1116 W. 7th St., Erie. Tickets will be available at the door.

#### THE FOLLOWING WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

The application period for all of our grant programs is NOW OPEN! From now through February 28th, submit your application to see if you qualify for one of our HOUSING REHABILITATION or LEAD REMEDIATION programs for the City of Erie. There is also a limited amount of funding available for Erie County. If your household income levels are within these limits, you may qualify for one of our programs, and we encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as funding is limited:

- 1 Person \$54,600 2 Person - \$62,400 3 Person - \$70,200 4 Person - \$78,000
- 5 Person \$84,240 6 Person - \$90,840 7 Person - \$96,720 8 Person - \$102,960

Please call our office at 814.870.1540 or e-mail hcook@redeveloperie.org if you have any questions, want more information about the types of programs we offer, or if you need assistance applying.

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

2/7) Ed Korytowski & Lori Krasnesky; 2/8) Steve Rimpa, & Stephanie & Bill Wycech; 2/9) Marcia Nitczynski & Rose Marie Radomski; 2/10) Tony Jankowski & Eleanor Walker; 2/11) Sandy Kempisty & Ray Przybyszewski;
 2/12) Edie Luniewski & Debbie Oldenski; 2/13) Shirley Widomski

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

2/7) Fr. Tom Whitman; 2/8) Msgr. Gerry Ritchie; 2/9) Fr. Jerry Priscaro; 2/10) Msgr. Joe Riccardo; 2/11) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 2/12) Fr. Glenn Whitman; 2/13) Fr. Rick Tomasone

#### Sunday, Feb 06, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Dreams for my family**

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 "I am reminding you... of the gospel I preached to you."

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. It recalls Pope Francis' encouragement of a family feeling among us all: "We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together . . . . Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh" (Fratelli Tutti, 8). Pray for unity in families, society, and church.

> Monday, Feb 07, 2022 And you visited me 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 "They... began to bring in the sick on mats."

Most of us probably thought (and hoped and prayed) the pandemic would be over by now, but COVID-19 is sticking around in 2022. As weary as we all are of it, we need each other as much as ever for support. Look no further than the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for guidance on helping others in ways that are safe and particularly useful right now. Visit the sick—if not literally, by grocery shopping or cooking for someone ill, or by reaching out to exhausted healthcare workers you know. Need tips on the other works specific to our times? Visit the Catholic bishops' resource page, "The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Tuesday, Feb 08, 2022 MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA **Time to stop traffic** 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 "Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O Lord."

Each year, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking falls on this day—the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, F.D.C.C. In 1877, while still a young girl, Bakhita was kidnapped from her Sudanese village and sold— many times over—as a slave. She was brutalized for 12 years, her body a bundle of scars from being whipped and tortured. But human trafficking isn't just a problem from long ago, happening only in faraway places. Today, the United States remains one of the world's top three trafficked nations. Pray for—and learn more about—trafficking victims by visiting sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

> Wednesday, Feb 09, 2022 **Be a truly "catholic"** 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 "The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions."

Christian In our daily lives as Catholics, it's easy to forget that we are members of a big church. Most of us are members of the Latin Church, which is the largest of the two dozen churches that make up the Catholic Church. The other 23 are Eastern churches. They use different liturgies, and some were established during the earliest times in church history. The Ethiopian Catholic Church, for example, uses the ancient Ge'ez liturgy—one of the oldest in existence—and can be traced back to the missionary work of Saint Mark the Apostle. Today, remember that the Catholic Church is truly universal!

#### Thursday, Feb 10, 2022 MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA The truth behind the tradition continues

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter."

Tradition says that Scholastica, today's saint, had significant influence on her twin, Saint Benedict of Nursia, who codified the monastic way of life with his famous Rule. The lack of documentation on Scholastica's life is curious, given her centrality in shaping Benedictine life. There are written accounts of her, but they are sparse. While the historical record is lean, clearly Benedictine women, of whom Scholastica is said to be the first, have achieved spiritual greatness, scholarship, and leadership in their own right over the centuries and illuminated the faith for all of us.

> Friday, Feb 11, 2022 MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES **Release the power of your touch** 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have suffered from a sense of isolation and alienation, this despite the myriad forms of modern communication from calls, to Zoom, to social media posts. Nothing is quite the same as the up close and personal—a handshake, a pat on the back, an embrace, or a kiss. Indeed, as many physicians, spiritual healers, and wisdom figures will tell you, humans not only need physical touch but it has healing benefits. Jesus puts a finger in a man's ear and rubs his own saliva into the man's mouth to cure him. Through his touch, Jesus gives part of himself to others. Perhaps that is the secret to all healing. Each of us giving of ourselves to help others. Pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for the opportunity to provide a healing touch to someone in need.

> Saturday, Feb 12, 2022 OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Seventh heaven 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 "Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks."

From ancient times, the number seven was seen as the number of spirituality, perhaps because of the "seven moving luminaries" visible to the naked eye (the Sun and Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn). There are many examples of the use of the number seven in both Testaments, from the seven days of creation in Genesis to the seven churches of Revelation. Catholicism celebrates seven sacraments, identifies seven deadly sins and seven virtues, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today, the seventh day of the week, is a good day to reflect on the seven sorrows and seven joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

> "O My Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage."

> > - SAINT BERNADETTE -



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