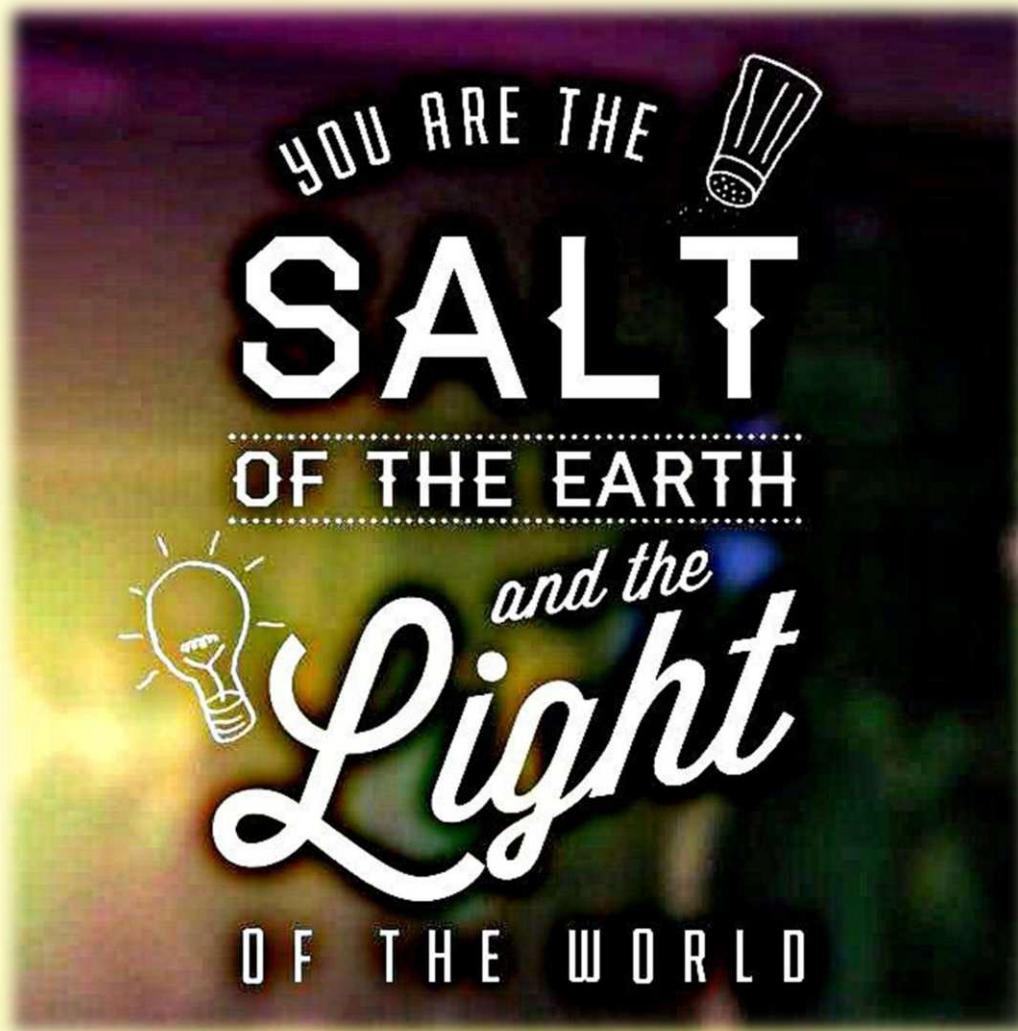


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 8, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, February 8th: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: The Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Leonard Mankosky by Scott, Paula, and Danica Hilinski

Monday, February 9th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Osiecki and Wodecki Families by Caroline Larson

Tuesday, February 10th: Saint Scholastica

12:05pm (SA) Richard Miehl by Betsy Truran and Sue Taccone

Wednesday, February 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes

12:05pm (SA) Health and Healing for Robert Steven Shanta by Bev Vento

Thursday, February 12th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) David Wienczkowski, Birthday by Mother Kay Wienczkowski

Friday, February 13th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Edward Winkelman, Sr. by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Saturday, February 14th: Saints Cyril and Methodius

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Sunday, February 15th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: The Galla and Walach Family by Paul and Lisa Galla
11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

CONFessions: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Feb. 9th - Private Intention

Tues., Feb. 10th - Linda (Gambill) Love (Paul & Renee Gambill)

Wed., Feb. 11th - Francis Wilczynski (Mr. & Mrs. Edward Selleny & Family)

Thur., Feb. 12th - David Krasnesky (Lori Krasnesky)

Fri., Feb. 13th - Joseph Dylewski (David Dylewski & Family)

Sat., Feb. 14th, 4:00PM - Thomas Sundy (Kay Stankiewicz)

Sun., Feb. 15th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

February 8, 2026
Matthew 5:13-16

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 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, 35-37, 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, 19-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-5, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Max & Florence Krasinski (Family)

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

ST. ANN'S: 1) "My Lady" Rose Marie Skrypek by Robert Skrypek; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Ropelewski Family by Scott, Paula, & Danica Hilinski

22:23 MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 7th, at St. Jude's Parish. The event begins at 8:30AM and concludes at 1:00PM. The cost is \$25 (\$15 for first-time attendee). High school and college students are free. The conference features inspiring national speakers. For more information, visit www.2232Men.com or email info@2232Men.com.

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 18, at St. Jude's Parish. The event begins at 8:00AM and concludes at 1:00PM. The cost is \$25. High school and college students are free. The conference features inspiring national speakers. For more information, visit www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364.

LENTEN FISH & PEIROGI DINNERS

St. Stan's will once again host our famous "Fish & Pierogi" dinners this coming Lent. The dinners will be held on February 20, March 6, and March 20. Dinners will be served from 4:00PM - 7:00PM (or until sold out) in the Parish Hall. Thanks to our tireless volunteers, we have nearly 2,800 pierogi to serve up, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

BAKE SALE DONATIONS

St. Stan's will be hosting our traditional Bake Sale during our Fish & Pierogi Dinners. This is a particularly lucrative fund-raiser. Consider donating some home-baked goods like cakes, cookies, pies, or your favorite dessert. They can be dropped off at the Parish Hall the morning of each dinner Friday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up sheets are available in the back of St. Stan's church for anyone willing to volunteer for our Fish & Pierogi Dinners. From greeters and wait-staff, servers and dish washers, anyone is welcome to help for our events!

A NOTE FROM NATIONAL FUEL

National Fuel wanted us to make you aware of their "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" (LIHEAP). This program provides grants ranging from \$200 - \$1,000 to help off-set energy costs. Grants are awarded according to the number of household members, monthly income, and annual income. Questions can be emailed to beardsleyj@natfuel.com or by calling 814-871-8062. Additional information will be posted on our bulletin boards.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on February 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

St. Stanislaus: 9:00AM

St. Ann's: 12:05PM

Dear Parishioners of St. Stan's,

As you can readily tell, the replacement of St. Stan's carpeting is well under way! The old carpet has been removed, the old glue has been scraped off, and the floor has been "re-leveled." The new carpeting is in the sacristy-chapel.

Naturally, there has been a "snag" in our project: weather. Due to the nature of the adhesive compound, the building must maintain a minimum temperature of 65 degrees. During our "deep freeze," this is proving to be impossible without driving our heating expenses through the roof. Even running the heater for five hours, I could only get the church up to 58 degrees!

Consequently, we have placed the installation on pause until this deep freeze begins to thaw. I apologize for the inconvenience, for the "messy" appearance of the church, and for making some of our pews "temporary storage spaces." However, I'd rather have the carpet installed properly - within the parameters of the adhesive - than rush through the project and have the adhesive fail. In the end, I'm sure it will be worth the wait!

- Fr. Jason

OLD PALMS?

Collection bins will be located in the rear of our churches. If you have palms from previous Ash Wednesdays that you would like to dispose of, please bring them to Mass and place them in the bins. Those old palms are burnt to ashes to use on Ash Wednesday.

WHO WAS ST. VALENTINE?

The story goes that Valentine was imprisoned for marrying off soldiers of the Roman army. At this time, married soldiers could avoid the call for military service during wartime. Several historians have argued that before Christianity became Rome's official religion, Christians discouraged serving in Rome's armies—so Valentine probably viewed marrying off soldiers as a way to keep men from dying while serving a pagan power. However, if married men avoided the military, military numbers would plummet, something Emperor Claudius II didn't care for. The emperor had Valentine imprisoned for subversiveness. The story goes that Valentine was on good terms with Claudius II until he attempted to persuade him on the validity of Jesus. Growing tired of his attempts, Claudius II sentenced him to death unless he abandoned the faith. He was martyred sometime between 270-280 and he was buried on the Via Flaminia, where a church was built upon them.

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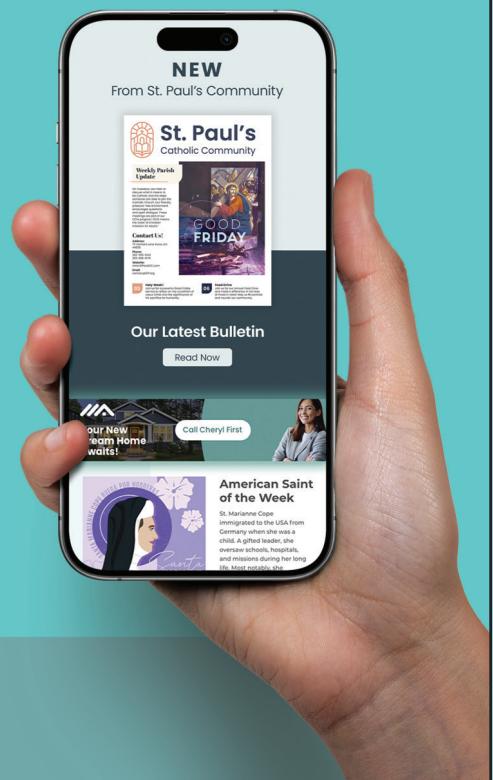


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