

EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025



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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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee
11:00am (SC) Jerry Rudnecki by Mark Olszewski Family

Monday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

12:05pm (SA) Jean DeForce by The Family

Tuesday, September 16th: Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister M. Pia by Lucia Lee

Wednesday, September 17th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Katie Pohl by Mickey Pohl

Thursday, September 18th: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Special intentions of Sister Julia LaPrad by Lucia Lee

Friday, September 19th : Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Saturday, September 20th: Weekday

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, September 21st: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Lucia Lee
11:00am (SC) Bernice Zilonka by Family

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Sept. 15th - Private Intention
Tues., Sept. 16th - The People of Ukraine & Gaza (Paul & Renee Gambill)
Wed., Sept. 17th - Anthony & Felicia Erdely (Dan Erdely)
Thur., Sept. 18th - Kathy DiNicola (Geri Cicchetti)
Fri., Sept. 19th - Tadeusz (Ted) Dembski (Irene Chrzanowski)
Sat., Sept. 20th, 4:00PM - Regina Loncki (Sulecki Family)
Sun., Sept. 21st, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Jn 19:25-27
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1-3, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir



SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Mary Jane Brocious (Diane & Rich)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla; All Living & Deceased Parishioners

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) All Our Sick and Shut-ins; 2) Increase in vocations to Religious Life

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Habas, Kulig, & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows, and during the season of Lent.

1. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the **prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon**. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God. *Hail Mary...*
2. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight **into Egypt** and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety. *Hail Mary...*
3. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at **the loss of your dear Jesus**. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge. *Hail Mary...*
4. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at **meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross**. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. *Hail Mary...*
5. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in **standing near Jesus in His agony**. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. *Hail Mary...*
6. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when **the side of Jesus was struck by the lance** before His Body was removed from the Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. *Hail Mary...*
7. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at **the burial of Jesus**. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. *Hail Mary...*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, September 21st, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

ST. STAN'S ANNUAL PARISH DAY

Although Parish Day isn't until October, the initial preparations are already underway! We are beginning to accept gift cards, instant lottery tickets, or cash, to be included in our "special raffle" baskets. They can be mailed to the rectory or given to Fr. Jason or Diane Valahovic. Thank you, in advance, for your donation! We are looking forward to another incredibly successful event!

Our popular Chinese Auction will also be back at Parish Day 2025! If you would like to sponsor a basket by contributing cash or by donating a gift, please contact Josie Lubiejewski (814-899-0027). All contributions are appreciated and we are hoping for another great auction.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PIEROGI MAKING

St. Stanislaus will begin making pierogi for our Annual Parish Day on September 16th and 17th. We will begin in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM. Luch will be provided for all volunteers. Everyone is welcome; no experience is necessary. Join us to learn a traditional custom, enjoy some fellowship, and have a lot of fun!

SIGN-UP FORMS FOR PARISH DAY

Volunteer Sign-Up Forms for St. Stanislaus Parish Day are available in the vestibule of the church. Please consider filling a position and having a great day of fun!

ST. STANS RECORDS UPDATE

In our ongoing efforts to maintain accurate records and information, we are asking any parishioners to inform our office of any address, phone number, or email changes. If you have made changes to the aforementioned, or if you simply want to verify that our office has accurate records, please call or email the Parish Office.

TOWN HALL SUMMARY

Over 50 people from Our Mother of Sorrows participated in the Town Hall Meeting last weekend at St. Casimir regarding moving our Sunday Mass and activities over to St. Ann's! This was a very positive meeting with questions, comments, ideas and thoughts were shared! Father Jason and the Finance and Parish councils will keep you updated in the coming weeks!

If you have questions or comments regarding this phase of our Pastoral Planning process, **please fill out one of the 'comment cards' located on the back tables**. Please include your contact information if you would like a member of either council to reach out to you or just send us your comments and concerns and we will do our best to address them.

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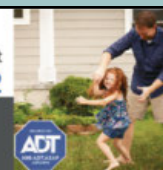


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