

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2026



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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

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 Office the Day Before

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

Sunday, August 9th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

Monday, August 10th: Saint Lawrence

12:05PM (SA) Mark Allen, Anniversary by Loving Mother Caroline Larson

Tuesday, August 11th: Saint Clare

12:05PM (SA) Dolores Mankosky (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula & Danica Hilinski

Wednesday, August 12th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Ronald Walter Dombkowski by Ron Dombkowski

Thursday, August 13th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Jessie Lohse by Lori Krasnesky

Friday, August 14th: Saint Maximilian Kolbe

12:05PM (SA) Leonard Mankosky (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula & Danica Hilinski

Saturday, August 15th: The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Private: Christine Brower Krolczyk (Anniv.) by Florence Brower and Family

Sunday, August 16th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Christine Viosky by Frank and Nancy Hodas

11:00am (SC) Walter Hilinski by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

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

Remembrance Candle: The Wodecki Family by Caroline Larson

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As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome the sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 10th - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 11th - Edward & Jean Hodas (Patty Hodas)

Wed., Aug. 12th - Dina Jaskiewicz (Dennis & Judy Nowacinski)

Thur., Aug. 13th - Stella Dombrowski (Dan & Janet Nowrocki)

Fri., Aug. 14th - Daleski Family

Sat., Aug. 15th, 4:00PM - Gail Smith (Family)

Sun., Aug. 16th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

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Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Macie Family (Family)

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish; 2) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Mankosky Family by Scott, Paula, and Danica Hilinski 2) For an increase in religious vocations

MISSIONARY WEEKEND

Father Glenn Jaron from the Mission Society of the Philippines will be visiting us on August 8 and 9th. He will be at St. Stan's at the 4:00PM Mass Saturday and the 9:00am mass on Sunday, then go to Our Mother of Sorrows on Sunday at 11:00am. Both Church's will have two collections at each mass. First collection will be the standard offertory donation and the second collection will be for the Mission Society of the Philippines.

VACATION DAYS

Since there will be a missionary covering Masses the weekend of August 9th, Fr. Jason will be taking some vacation days from August 7th-14th (his first in over two years!), before he resumes his teaching at Gannon on August 26th. Mass intentions scheduled for that week will be celebrated by Fr. Jason in private. You can still contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance, or in the case of an emergency.

BEING HUMAN IS TO DOUBT

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on August 16th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.



AUGUST 15TH: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Typically, the Feast of the Assumption is listed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Because August 15th falls on a Saturday this year, it is NOT observed as a Holy Day. Therefore, our regular Mass schedule will not be affected.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It has become customary in our Diocese for the Bishop to host a Mass and recognition ceremony for couples celebrating significant milestone wedding anniversaries. This year, due to some logistical difficulties, the Diocese is unable to do so this year. Rather, the Diocese is encouraging each parish to acknowledge these anniversaries. Couples will still be acknowledged with a certificate from the Bishop.

If you are interested in having your anniversary celebrated, please contact the Parish Office. The celebration will take place during a Sunday Mass at a date to be determined and communicated in future bulletin announcements.

SAVE THE DATE!

Erie Gives is **August 11**, and **St. Stanislaus Catholic Church** is proud to participate! This one-day giving event helps fuel the work we do every day to keep the parish operating. We hope you'll follow our mission and consider supporting our work on giving day. Learn more at ErieGives.org. #ErieGives2026

ST. STAN'S ANNUAL PARISH DAY INVITATION & TICKETS

All Parish Day invitations and tickets have been picked up or mailed out. Additional Parish Day tickets are still available in the back of the church. If you would like additional tickets, or think you can sell additional tickets, feel free to take more. Additional Grand Raffle tickets are also available in the back of the church. Tickets and money can be placed in the collection basket.

We are well underway in planning for Parish Day. We look forward to our celebration and certainly hope you are able to join us!

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for our Parish Day Basket Raffle and Special Raffle. Any donation is greatly appreciated (small items, large items, gift cards, lottery scratch-offs, etc.). Please see Kay Villa, Diane Valahovic, or Josie Lubiejewski. Donations can be given to one of them, or dropped off in the sacristy. Thank you, in advance!

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