

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19, 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

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)

The 107th Annual Novena to Good Saint Ann

Sunday, July 19th: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Novena Day 2

8:30am: (SA) The Zimmer Family by Diane Niebauer

11:00am: (SA) David B. Krasnesky by Lori Krasnesky

Monday, July 20th: Novena Day 3

8:30am (SA) Claire and Ruth Merritt by Meg Britton

7:00pm (SA) Angela Helsley by Kevin Helsley

Tuesday, July 21st: Novena Day 4

8:30am (SA) Mathew Gibson by Ron Dombkowski

7:00pm (SA) Liam Ratledge by Renee Clark

Wednesday, July 22nd: Novena Day 5

8:30am (SA) Charlotte Prez, Birthday by Christine Prez Farnum

7:00pm (SA) Ronnie Voelker by Florence Voelker

Thursday, July 23rd: Novena Day 6

8:30am (SA) Christopher Carbo by Family

7:00pm (SA) Ana & Jeff Hover by Don & Michelle Benson

Friday, July 24th: Novena Day 7

8:30am (SA) The Matson, Elliott and Sherrer Families by Barbara Matson

7:00pm (SA) Rita Simmons by Don & Michelle Benson

Saturday, July 25th: Novena Day 8

8:30am: (SA) Dorothy Rogowski by Debbie Haibach

4:00pm: (SA) Alfred & Catherine Jankowski by The Turbaczewski Family

Sunday, July 26th: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Novena Day 9

8:30am: (SA) Ann Jean Czerwinski & Uhrmacher Family by Doug & AJ Czerwinski

11:00am: (SA) Cathie Ann Dombkowski, Anniv. by The Dombkowski Family

CONFESSIONS: Before & After Novena Masses (St. Ann's)

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., July 20th - Private Intention

Tues., July 21st - Betty Romecki (Family)

Wed., July 22nd - Anna Przybyszewski (Family)

Thur., July 23rd - Zawistowski Family (Sylvia Kazmiersk)

Fri., July 24th - Pauline Lubiejewski (Leona Justka)

Sat., July 25th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., July 26th, 9:00AM - Dudenhoefer & Steimer Families

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Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5-12/Ps 119:72-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Kevin Helen Zimmerman (Diane & Rich Valahovic)

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) Special Intentions of Dr. Hal Angeloff by a Friend

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) All attending the 107th St. Ann's Novena

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS

PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE NO PRIVATE MASSES, NOR THE 12:05PM MASS DURING THE NOVENA.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE NO 11:00AM MASSES AT ST. CASIMIR'S DURING THE NOVENA

ST. STAN'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The St. Stan's Women's Society will host its annual summer picnic on August 5th at the Colony Pub & Grill (2670 West 8th Street) starting at 5:00PM. This is a members only event. If you are planning to attend, please call Suzanne Sundy (814-455-5954) by July 29th to make your reservation. Hope to see you there!

HAM AND CHICKEN DINNER

The 130th Annual Frenchtown Ham and Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 26th, at St. Hippolyte Church. Dinner is served from 12:30 - 4:30PM (or until sold out). The menu includes 1/2 of a barbecued chicken or a generous portion of ham, as well as mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll, beverage, and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors 60+ years old, and \$10 for children 6-12 years old. Five years old and under is free. Many other festival games and raffles are also offered. St. Hippolyte is located on Route 27, 7 miles east of Meadville.

ST. STAN'S UPDATE

Due to the generosity of your contributions to the annual CSA, I have signed a contract with Schaal Glass to have our "protective glass" covering our stained glass windows in the sanctuary repaired and/or replaced. We do not yet have a "start date," but it will happen this summer. They will have to bring in a rather large boom lift that may take away a few parking places, so we ask for your patience and understanding. The project should take less than a week, so the possible inconvenience will be temporary. Many thanks, again, for your incredible generosity, allowing us to preserve the extraordinary beauty of our worship space!

DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

WHO: Any parishioners from Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Hedwig's, or St. Stanislaus

WHEN: Sunday, July 19th from 3:00PM - 7:00PM

WHERE: St. Stanislaus Rectory Courtyard

WHAT WE PROVIDE: Fried Chicken & Hot Dogs; and happy people to spend your evening with

WHAT TO BRING: Your own beverages/drinks/beer, board games, lawn games, cards, a dish to share:

If your last names starts with:

A-I: Dessert

J-T: Hot Side Dish

U-Z: Cold Side Dish

[or whatever is your favorite picnic dish]

PLEASE RSVP by July 12th by calling Michele at 814-590-2025 (leave a voicemail), or e-mail michele.inter@yahoo.com

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