

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 2025



Saint Stanislaus & Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches

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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 28th: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: The Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
11:00am (SC) Grandma Pawtorka by Mark Olszewski Family

Monday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Mankosky, Anniversary by Mary Ellen Damond

Tuesday, September 30th: Saint Jerome

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Family

Wednesday, October 1st: Saint Therese of the Child

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

Thursday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

First Friday, October 3rd: Weekday

12:05pm (SA) Dorothy and Boward Winkelman by Dr. Hal Angeloff

First Saturday, October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Norbert Figurski by wife Marlene

Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Sunday, October 5th: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Iaria by Lucia Lee

11:00am (SC) Dolores Mankosky, Anniversary by Scott and Paul Hilinski

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Sept. 29th - Private Intention

Tues., Sept. 30th - Michael Przybyszewski (Family)

Wed., Oct. 1st - Joseph & Frances Szkoda (Dan Erdely)

Thur., Oct. 2nd - Al Szkoda (Family)

Fri., Oct. 3rd - Charlotte Cleaver (Family & Friends)

Sat., Oct. 4th, 4:00PM - Leo & Veronica Tomczak Family

Sun., Oct. 5th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Mary Brocious (Family)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla; 2) All Living & Deceased Parishioners

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

ST. ANN'S: 1) For Vocations to the Religious Life; 2) Habas, Kulig, & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) The Dylewski Family by Helen, Sam, and Andrew Gangemi

September 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

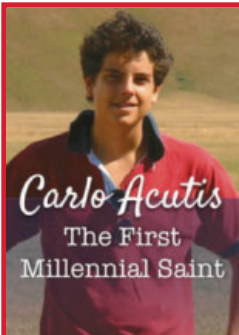
— Father John Muir

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St. Stanislaus



SAINT CARLOS ACUTIS
Canonized: September 7, 2025
Known as "God's Influencer"

Key aspects of St Carlo's spiritual life:

1. Centrality of the Eucharist: Carlo called the Eucharist his "*highway to heaven*." His deep belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist shaped his daily life. He developed a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles from around

the world. "*By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.*"

2. Devotion to Mary and the Saints: He prayed the Rosary daily, often leading it himself. He had a deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, referring to her as his "*favorite person after Jesus*."

3. Sanctifying the Ordinary: Carlo believed you didn't have to do "big things" to become holy—just do ordinary things with great love and purity of heart. He treated classmates and strangers with kindness and dignity. He defended disabled students from bullying. He took care of homeless people with his own pocket money. "*Not me, but God*" was his personal motto.

4. Living in the Present Moment: He embraced a spirituality rooted in living each day with purpose. He saw every moment as a chance to grow closer to God. "*Our aim has to be the infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever.*"

5. Detachment from Materialism: Though he had access to wealth, technology, and comfort, he lived with simplicity and detachment. He gave up buying things he didn't need. He fasted from snacks and luxuries as a form of offering. He knew how to use technology without being enslaved by it. He limited his on-line activity to one hour a week.

6. Digital Evangelization: He built his Eucharistic miracles website at age 11 to evangelize online. He believed the internet was a tool for good, if used wisely. "*The internet is a gift from God, but it must be used responsibly.*"

7. Joy and Humor: He lived with a radiant, joyful spirit, often cracking jokes and lightening the mood. Even as he suffered from leukemia, he never lost his peace or joy, offering his pain for the Pope and the Church. "*Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.*"

A Spirituality for the Digital Generation: Carlo Acutis embodies a spirituality that bridges ancient faith and modern tools. He shows teens and young adults that sainthood is possible in our world. He invites all to rediscover the power of the Eucharist, the beauty of a life lived in God's presence, and the sacredness of everyday choices.

"I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."
 - Saint Carlo Acutis
 (1991-2006)

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.

ST. STAN'S ANNUAL PARISH DAY

We are accepting 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.

CHURCH TOURS

Bobby Sulecki will be conducting church tours of St. Stanislaus during Parish Day. Take a fascinating look inside our church through the eyes of history.

CALLING ALL BAKERS...

St. Stanislaus Parish Day will, once again, feature our famous "Bake Sale." Please consider baking some of your favorite goodies to donate to our bake sale. Goods can be dropped off at church the weekend of Parish Day.

THE HAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

...proudly announces the opening of a landmark exhibit, "The Story of Us, Erie Polonia: Churches & Neighborhoods," curated by St. Stan's very own Bobby J. Sulecki. The exhibit runs from October 1, 2025, through January 30, 2026, on the second floor of the Wood-Morrison House, 338 West 6th St., and is included with general admission. The exhibit explores the founding of St. Stanislaus, the Mother Church of Erie's Polonia, followed by Holy Trinity, St. Hedwig, and St. Casimir's, and others. An opening celebration takes place October 2, from 5–7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

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