

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2026



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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 the Day

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, October 25th: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Mary Herczak by Granddaughter Bev Vento

11:00am (SC) Andrea J. Forbini (Anniv.) by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Monday, October 26th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) John P. Buczynski, Birthday by wife Evelyn

Tuesday, October 27th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Dave DeHaven by Ron Dombkowski

Wednesday, October 28th: Saints Simon and Jude

12:05PM (SA) Eshyl Eicher by Mark Olszewski and Family

Thursday, October 29th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Walter Hilinski by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Friday, October 30th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Leokadia Bajek by Wlodyslaw Niemiec Family

Saturday, October 31st: Weekday

Private: Bernice Zilonka, Anniversary by Gloria Palmer and Family

Sunday, November 1st: All Saints

Private: The Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Richard Deniziak by Mr. & Mrs. Deniziak & Jerome Ropiecki

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

Remembrance Candle: Winiarczyk Family by Scott, Paula, & Danica Hilinski

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Oct. 26th - Private Intention

Tues., Oct. 27th - Christine Sierota (Ken & Gert Massing)

Wed., Oct. 28th - Joseph & Frances Szkoda (Dan Erdely)

Thur., Oct. 29th - Leonard Popovich (Carla Barnes)

Fri., Oct. 30th - Joseph Lesniewski (Ken & Mary Kensilc)

Sat., Oct. 31st, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Nov. 1st, 9:00AM - Raymond Przybyszewski (Family)

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in seventh grade, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart." He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

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Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Chris Pedersen (Family)

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

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

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Souls in Purgatory by Hal Angeloff; 2) Health & Healing for our Sick and Shut-ins

ST. STANISLAUS SCRIP PROGRAM

In consultation with members of Parish Council and some of the volunteers involved, we have decided to phase out our Scrip program. Since Covid, the number of those participating in the program has plummeted; it is no longer the fundraiser it once was. Thanks to those who did participate in the program over the past several years! Our intention is to end the program by December 31st, allowing those who so desire to still purchase cards as Christmas gifts.

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI AVAILABLE

Although Christmas is over two months away, our parishes have Christmas oplatki available now due to its high demand. The waffers come in Christmas themed envelopes that contain 3 white waffers and one pink waffer. On the back of the envelope explains some Christmas customs as well as an outline for a prayer service centered on the sharing of oplatki. We do not sell the oplatki, but please consider a monetary donation to off-set the expense of the waffers.

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

We want to congratulate the following winners of our Parish day Raffle winners:

Third Place (\$250.00): Kay Stankiewicz

Second Place (\$500.00): Christine Watts

First Place (\$1,250.00): Joann Moore

Thank you for your support!

ST. STAN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Since we are on the topic of Christmas... As we have done the past several years, Christmas cards featuring the interior of St. Stanislaus Church will be available in the vestibule. Please consider making a modest donation for the cards.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

November 1st marks the Feast of All Saints and opens the month when we traditionally remember our deceased loved ones. At the entrances of our churches are pamphlets that you can commemorate your loved ones by name. Take as many as you need and list the loved ones you would like remembered throughout the month. You can place the completed pamphlet in the basket by the altar. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

**Saint Stanislaus
Women's Society**

BINGO!

Sunday November 18th
Doors open at noon
Game starts at 1pm
Saint Stanislaus Parish Hall
516 E. 13th Street

Entrance: \$25
Includes one booklet of bingo cards

Call Jackie (814) 860-3208 or
Alice (814) 825-0724
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