

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 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 2nd: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Francis and Stephanie Vento, Wedding Anniversary by Bev Vento
11:00am (SC) Charles F. Wachter by Jim Barr

Monday, August 3rd: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Jason Koshinskie by Bob & Stephanie Koshinskie

Tuesday, August 4th: Saint John Vianney

12:05PM (SA) Kenneth Aiello by Chris and Scott Chludzinski

Wednesday, August 5th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Special Intentions of Jack Fisher by Family

Thursday, August 6th: Transfiguration of the Lord

12:05PM (SA) Heidi & Mark Merritt, Wedding Anniversary by Meg Britton

First Friday, August 7th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Leokadia Bajek by Teresa and John Mientkiewicz

Saturday, August 8th: Saint Dominic

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

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

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

Remembrance Candle: Jacqueline & Mike Dylewski

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed."

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 3rd - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 4th - Betty Nowakowski (Krasinski Family)

Wed., Aug. 5th - Audrey Pawlak (John & Debi Boncella)

Thur., Aug. 6th - Josephine Bartnik (Pat & Richard Lilly)

Fri., Aug. 7th - Zawistowski Family (Kazmiersk Estate)

Sat., Aug. 8th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Aug. 9th, 9:00AM - Linda Gambill-Love (Paul & Renee Gambill)

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Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15--18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-13/Mt 17:14-20

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

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Mary Brocious (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) Maurice Tillett by Dr. Hal Angeloff

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla 2) Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

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. You can still contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance, or in the case of an emergency.

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

THE POWER OF A SIMPLE ACTION

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

ST. ANN'S NOVENA A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to Fr Joseph Herzog for helping to make the 107th Novena in Honor of Good St Ann so special! He led us on an inspirational and transformative 9 day pilgrimage of the heart! We traveled through scripture reflecting in the word of God and hearing insightful preaching, gathered at the table of the Lord, and received the many blessings of special days. Those who completed this pilgrimage will remember Fr Joseph's wisdom, his daily reflective thoughts and questions and - perhaps most of all - his love for God and for us!

In total, 1,206 people participated in the novena; that's an average of 134 people every day through the 9 day novena!

A special word of thanks to Fr. Priscaro for all of his time and effort organizing the novena. By all accounts, it was an overwhelming success!

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!

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

BLESSING OF GOD'S PROVISION

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name. Amen.

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