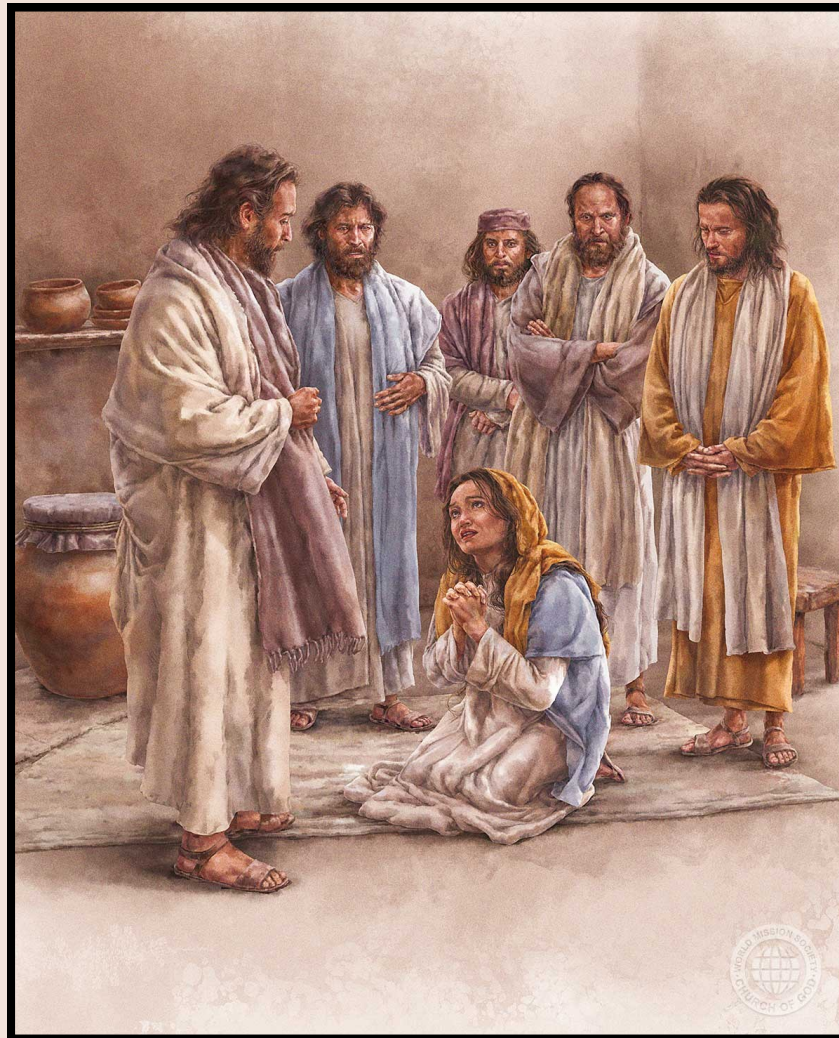


TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 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 16th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Christine Visosky by Frank and Nancy Hodas

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

Monday, August 17th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Peter, Antoinette, & Steve Mancuso by Dee Olson & Brandon

Tuesday, August 18th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Patricia A. Vickey by Daughter Cheryl Norris and Family

Wednesday, August 19th: Weekday

12:05PM (SA) Saint Casimir's Rosary Society by Evelyn Buczynski

Thursday, August 20th: Saint Bernard

12:05PM (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

Friday, August 21st: Saint Pius X, Pope

12:05PM (SA) Franciszek Pawlowski by Mark Olszewski and Family

Saturday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Private: Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Sunday, August 23rd: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private: Samuel T. Suit by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno by Judy and Peter Pentz

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

Remembrance Candle: Christine Brower Krolczyk by Florence Brower

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., Aug. 17th - Private Intention

Tues., Aug. 18th - Florence Hanson (Christine Shaffer)

Wed., Aug. 19th - John Zielinski (Nancy & Dean Haupt)

Thur., Aug. 20th - Leonard Popovich (Lindsay Lamb)

Fri., Aug. 21st - Souls in Purgatory (Dr. Hal Angeloff)

Sat., Aug. 22nd, 4:00PM - The Frankiewicz Family (Family)

Sun., Aug. 23rd, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

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Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

SAINT STANISLAUS: Dina Jaskiewicz (Dennis & Judy Nowacinski)

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) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) All Parishioners 2) For an increase in religious vocations

BACK TO SCHOOL

Fr. Jason will resume his teaching for the Fall Semester at Gannon University on August 27th. His classes are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Consequently, he will not be available on those afternoons.

Please keep him, all teachers, and all students in your prayers for a safe and productive school year!



VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

We will be making pierogi for St. Stanislaus's Parish Day on Tuesday, September 22nd, beginning at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided.

We welcome ALL volunteers to learn this iconic cultural tradition! No experience is needed.

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!

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 September 20th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Question: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.



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