PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8, 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, June 8th: Pentecost Sunday Private: Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford 10:30am (SC) Confessions 11:00am (SC) Charlotte Prez by Judy Stanek

Monday, June 9th: Weekday 12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Ilaria by Lucia Lee

Tuesday, June 10th: Weekday 12:05pm (SA) Chong Wook Lee by Lucia Lee

Wednesday, June 11th: Saint Barnabas 12:05pm (SA) Maria Shin by Lucia Lee

Thursday, June 12th: D.G. Shin by Lucia Lee 12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Friday, June 13th: Saint Anthony of Padua 12:05pm (SA) Bernice Zilonka by Family

Saturday, June 14th: Weekday Private: Leonard Mankosky, Birthday by Scott and Paula Hilinski

Sunday, June 15th: The Most Holy Trinity/Father's Day Private: Special Intentions of Sister M. Pia by Lucia Lee 10:30am (SC) Confessions 11:00am (SC) In memory of Marlene Lucas by Geri Allen

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

MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)

Mon., June 9th - Private Intention Tues., June 10th - Mary Brocious (Dennis Nowacinski) Wed., June 11th - Harriette Kwitowski (Betty Ann Stustt) Thur., June 12th - Frances Mozdy (Malone Family) Fri., June 13th - Mary Rzymek (Norma Jean & Angie Bruno) Sat., June 13th, 4:00PM - Chuck & Rose Rohrbach (Chip & Elaine) Sun., June 15th, 9:00AM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-135/Mt 5:13-16 Wednesday: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 5:20-26 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37 Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

SAINT STANISLAUS: Peace (Helen Zimmerman)

HOLY FAMILY: 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate; 2) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family
ST. ANN'S: 1) Special Intentions of the Newly Ordained; 2) All Souls in Purgatory
ST. CASIMIR'S: 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family; 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

SANCTUARY CANDLES

June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— Father John Muir



CONGRATULATIONS

We want to extend our congratulations to Fr. Jason, who celebrates this weekend the 23rd Anniversary of his priestly ordination on June 7, 2002. July 1st will mark his 6th Anniversary of being named Pastor of St. Stanislaus. Congratulations on these milestones! Sto Lat!

ST. STAN'S PARISH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

St. Stanislaus will host a parish-wide garage sale on Friday, June 20th, and Saturday, June 21st. The sale will take place in the Parish Hall parking lot, the garages, and the Parish Hall. "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Come out and see the unique items for sale. We will also be serving hot dogs and beverages, so feel free to come by or a bite to eat!

CORPUS CHRISTI

This year, Corpus Christi falls on Sunday, June 22nd. St. Stanislaus will hold it's traditional (though modified) Corpus Christi procession following the 9:00AM Mass. The processions will exit the 13th Street door, proceed west to 12th Street, head to the north side of the school, and into the rectory courtyard. A light reception in the courtyard will follow. Alternative plans for inclement weather will be announced.

MISSIONARY COLLECTION

A special word of thanks for all who contributed to Sister's missionary collection. Together, our Partnered Parishes were able to offer Sister just under \$1,000 of support! Thank you for your generosity!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, June 15th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM. Please consider giving the Lord some of your time in prayer.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS BABY BOTTLES

For those who chose to participate in the Knights of Colombus Baby Bottle fundraiser, just a reminder the bottles or other donations should be brought back to the church by Sunday, June 15th. Thanks for supporting this fundraiser on behalf of the Pro-Life cause!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Stan's will host our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 3rd, in the rectory courtyard. This picnic is intended for *all* of our parishioners from St. Hedwig's and Our Mother of Sorrows, as well as St. Stan's. In the past, this picnic has been a wildly successful event, bringing together all of our communities for an afternoon/evening of fellowship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. More details to follow.

SPRING CLEANING REMINDER

St. Stanislaus is, once again, planning on holding a multifamily garage sale this coming June. As you engage in your spring cleaning, leave aside any items you might otherwise discard, and consider donating them to our sale. We cannot, however, accept clothing or cloth covered furniture. The final "Drop off" date will be June 14th, from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

My youngest son has occasional bouts with asthma. When it hits him, he feels like he is almost drowning, gasping for air. It is a terrible thing to think about, suffocating with no option for air. Luckily, an inhaler opens up that which was closed and air comes rushing back inside his lungs.

The Latin words "spiritus" and "spirare" mean "breath" and "to breathe." It is how we get the word "spirit" and the name, "Holy Spirit," for it is the Spirit in us that gives us breath. Some describe the Spirit as that which provides life and animation to all living things, a life force of sorts. In essence, we live and breathe the Spirit all around us.

I have to admit, that is not as concrete an explanation of the Holy Spirit as I would like. But what I do know is that when the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost, they were undeniably changed and a force came through them that they recorded like a "strong driving wind." This enabled them to proclaim the good news in a way that was previously impossible.

When I see my son trying so hard to breathe, it is like someone or something has robbed him of his spirit, or the Spirit, and he has to struggle. When his ability to breathe is returned to him, he is well again and able to accomplish anything he sets his mind to do. If we were more mindful of our breathing as the Holy Spirit moving through us, I think we would act much differently than we do sometimes. We would be better stewards and just better people.

On this Pentecost, may the Spirit that you breathe in each and every day fill your heart and soul with the desire to do great things and do them well!

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



