St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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The First Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

Masses: 8:00 am–Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am**–Contemporary Holy Mass
11:15 am–Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park
4:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

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Lectors:
10/4 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski
9:30 – Tera Jean Notari
11:15 – David Rychleski
10/11 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Judy Snyder
11:15 – David Rychleski

Wednesday, October 7th
7:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Thursday, October 8th
6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Next Sunday, October 11th – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary
11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park
4:00 pm Contemporary, *lower chapel*

Banns of Marriage – The banns are announced for the marriage of Madeline Hughes, daughter of Jerome and Maria Hughes, to Jared Gardner, son of Lewis and Erin Gardner, to be celebrated in St. Stanislaus Cathedral on October 10, 2026.

YMS of R Hoagie and Pizza Sale – ***NEW DATE!!!***
Due to circumstances beyond our control, the next Branch 1 YMS of R Hoagie and Pizza Sale is moving to **Saturday, November 7, 2026**. We will be making 12" Italian or turkey hoagies, as well as take and bake plain and pepperoni square pizzas. Pick up will be that Saturday, **in the Youth Center**, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. If you signed up for the October sale, please do so again for this one.

Hoagies will be $10.00 each. Pizzas will be 12-cut square and are $17.00 for plain and $20.00 for pepperoni.

The **deadline for orders is Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, using the new signup sheet in the lower church hall or by calling Frank at (570) 587-3672.

Enroll for Catechism and SOCL Classes – It is time to begin enrolling for Catechism classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Children for First Holy Communion must be 8 years of age when receiving the Sacrament and 14 years of age when receiving Confirmation. If your child or grandchild is ready for these Sacraments, please contact the parish office at 570-961-9231.

You are encouraged to sign up your child or grandchild for School of Christian Living Classes by calling the parish office as well. Come join the fun and plant the roots of a Christian Education.

Further details about the start of classes and the times will be coming soon.

Boscov's Shopping Pass – Please support the Cathedral Chorale by buying a Boscov's shopping pass for $5. You will then be entitled to a steep storewide discount on October 21. Passes are on a table in the parish hall, or see a choir member.

Gerrity's Gift Cards – $25.00 Fresh Grocer Gift Cards are again available at the Parish Office (Monday -Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm) or from Linda Seliga after mass on Sundays. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Ways to Celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi

Today, October 4th, marks the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Saint Francis was born into a noble family and later began receiving special visions from God. In his most famous vision, Jesus spoke to him through the San Damiano cross at an abandoned church and said, "Go and repair my church...which is wholly a ruin." Saint Francis renounced all worldly goods and rebuilt the abandoned church, while he also served the poor and led a community in the Franciscan way.

Saint Francis is the patron saint of animals, archaeologists, Italy, merchants, messengers and metal workers. He is most well-known for his radical vows of poverty and his love for serving the poor.

Spend time in nature to praise God's creations. Saint Francis loved God's creation. He believed that all creation is precious to God and work together for His good.

Why not carve some time out of your day to spend it outdoors by:

- Care for your garden or start a garden and dedicate it to Saint Francis
- Go for a walk or hike
- Bike around your neighborhood or local park trails
- Visit a botanical garden and admire the plants and creatures

Delight in animals

One of Saint Francis' famous stories is when he preached the Word of God to birds, who stood silent and listened until he was finished speaking and blessed them. So special!

Pay attention to the animals in your community by:

- Go bird watching - Notice the beauty in God's most carefree creatures
- Take your dog for a walk or give your dog an extra treat and love
- Visit or volunteer at an animal shelter
- Read and research about your favorite animals

Hang San Damiano Cross in your home

Locate a special spot in your home to hang the San Damiano cross. After, pray and ask God to help you do the will of Saint Francis.

Donate goods or money to charity

Saint Francis may have come from a wealthy family, but after his conversion experience, he decided to live a life of radical poverty and sold all of his belongings. To this day, many friars and sisters of the Franciscan orders make permanent vows of poverty as part of their initiation in to the order. Use this as inspiration to give up something luxurious in your day and donate it to charity.

Read His Prayer of Peace Often

Take today's order of service home with you from the Mass and reread the text of the closing hymn to pray St Francis' prayer of peace.

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **canned fruit** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, October 5th
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Tuesday, October 6th
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Wednesday, October 7th
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Thursday, October 8th
8:30 am – Healing Mass
Friday, October 9th
8:30 am – Holy Mass
Saturday, October 10th
8:30 am – Holy Mass

Altar Flowers – The floral pieces at the high altar today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph & Nellie Zike offered by Harry & Christine Zike.

Altar Flower Fund – What a gesture of affection it would be to make a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! To follow through on exactly that, please contact Connie Tellep at 570-222-4409. A donation of $70 would cover the cost for a Sunday. Of course, a donation of any amount to the fund is always welcomed. Simply send a check made payable to ANS Flower Fund, to the Parish office or just drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your help in bringing beauty in glorifying God.