

Saint Stanislaus Mission

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”. This is the question placed before all who hear of Jesus. Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God was a revelation from the Father; Peter did not come to this knowledge on his own. Are we relying only on our own intellect, or are we open to what the Lord is trying to tell us? If we confess, like Peter, that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, there should be evidence of this in our lives. If we truly believe Jesus is who He says He is, it must affect how we act and what we do. If Jesus is Lord of Sunday morning, He should be Lord of Saturday night and really every day and night. He should also be Lord of our speech and our actions. When we walk closely with Jesus as disciples, we will begin to look more like Him.

Dear Parishioners,

Reminder, prize donations are still needed for our “Give Thanks” Calendar Raffle. The prizes may be an item, a craft, or a gift card and are **due September 19**. Donations may be dropped in the collection basket with your name or may be simply mailed to the church (2270 Main Street, PO Box 723, West Warren, MA 01092). Your continued support of our church is greatly appreciated! Thank you all for your generosity!

Adoration is from 5PM to 7PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

The website for St. Stanislaus is www.ststanislauswestwarrenmass.org, and the website for St. Carlo Acutis parish is www.parishesonline.com/organization/blessedcarloacutis.

Are you or someone you know House Bound and are unable to attend church services? Have you or someone you know lost loved ones, had recent hospitalizations, or do you just need a friend to talk to? If you or the person you know wish to be visited by a Eucharist Minister to receive the Eucharist or have someone from the parish to stop by to say hello, please send an email to ststanoffice@gmail.com or call either the office at 413-436-8020 or me directly at 774-200-6868.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Dom

Quote: “Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care - allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities: “*The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEACON DOM’S IN-OFFICE SCHEDULE: Deacon Dom plans on being in the rectory office Monday (08/24) and Friday afternoon (08/28). He may always be reached at ststanoffice@gmail.com or 774-200-6868.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. John’s Cemetery System/Diocese of Worcester is seeking a **full-time Administrative Assistant**. Contact St. John’s Cemetery Office at 508-757-7415 or email George DiLorenzo, Cemetery Director at georged@stjcemetary.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: For over 60 years **The Holy Rood Guild at St. Joseph’s Abbey in Spencer**, Massachusetts, known for the exceptional quality and fine tailoring of liturgical vestments, is seeking **Experienced Stitchers**. Excellent communication and positive

interaction skills required. Enjoy a calm, organized, and respectful working atmosphere where craftsmanship and attention to detail are appreciated. This is a **full-time position** with health & life insurance, paid time off, and other benefits available. For more information and to apply, contact Fr. Stephen Shanahan at (774) 315-3107 or by email frstephen@holyroodguild.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove Street, Worcester is seeking a **part-time Parish Secretary**, 15 to 18 hours per week. Skills required: good communication skills; knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and Canva; excellent organizational skills; bookkeeping knowledge is beneficial but not mandatory. A successful candidate must have an appreciation for the Catholic Faith. To apply, please submit a resume to icworc@live.com.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

PROJECT RACHEL: Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Contact our confidential helpline at 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 22, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4PM, St. Stanislaus
† Rose Gratton by Family

Saturday, August 29, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4PM, St. Stanislaus
† Stan Soltys by Louise Mundell

COLLECTIONS WEEKEND (08/09/2026):

Church budget:	\$1050
Total offertory:	\$1103

Breakdown:

General Offertory	\$823
Maintenance	\$185
Higher Utility/Energy costs	\$25
Mass Intentions	\$20
Assumption of Mary	\$50
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$162

COLLECTIONS WEEKEND (08/16/2026):

Church budget:	\$1050
Total offertory:	\$810

Breakdown:

General Offertory	\$631
Maintenance	\$10
Mass Intentions	\$40
Votive candles	\$27
Assumption of Mary	\$102
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$20