



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
55756 TULIP ROAD • NEW CARLISLE, IN

July 19, 2026 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matt 28:19-20)



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Weekly Worship Schedule

July 20-26, 2026

Rosary: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am

Adoration: Wednesday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Mass Schedule: See page 2

Confessions:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

Mass Schedule

Monday July 20, 8:00am

Intention: Ray and Donna Reese (anniversary)

Tuesday July 21, 8:00am

Intention: Tom Horvath+

Wednesday July 22, 6:30pm

Intention: Jerome and Josephine Golubski+

Thursday July 23, 8:00am

Intention: Frank and Anna Golubski+

Saturday July 25, 4:00pm

Intention: Hiatt and Jesswein Families +

EMHC: John Barrett

Lector: Gina DeMeyer

Sunday July 26, 8:00am

Intention: People of the Parish

Lector: Jonathan Griffee

Sunday July 26, 10:00am

Intention: Lilah Kirsch

EMHC: Tenison Stone

Lector: Justin Jeffress

Please pray for

Leona Doms, Carolyn Tuszynski, Sharon Strieter, Ann Marie Osgood, Connie DeCocker, Dawn Reid, Linda Maxwell, Haley Huton, Gloria Ferick, Gene Smith, Mark Stone, Alexa Montenaro, Alan Tobolski, Mary Montenaro, Kathi & Bob Carpenter.



The Sanctuary Lamp

is burning

July 19 - July 25

In memory of

Frank & Josephine Marek

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters,

We had a fun and engaging session on AI this week. The conversation raised many thoughts and ideas, which I've shared in the bulletin insert.

One concern that came up warrants immediate attention. That is the issue of AI scams. At the session, one parishioner shared that she received a scam call, apparently from her son, claiming he was arrested after an accident and needed an attorney. This was the second parishioner to tell me this story in the past month. The first person was scammed of a significant sum of money, as the AI system emulated the voice of a relative.

One of the roles of a pastor is to protect his flock. Most often this is from spiritual danger but given that at least two of our parishioners have received this call, I feel the need to make everyone aware of the dangers. AI can be used for good or bad. It can place phone calls with voices and images that sound and look like real people we know. It can learn your family tree and any information you or others have posted online, making it seem like the real person it is imitating. This is why it is important not to fall prey to these scams. I told my mom and family about this and reminded them that if I am in jail, I am safe and they have time to verify my request. If I am in a hospital, I am going to receive care; payment is not required in advance. Scammers want you to think it is urgent to send money. Remember, legitimate reasons to send money can wait a few days. You have time to verify the request.

I fear the day when an AI system will imitate my voice and image during a time when we are having a fund raiser. The system will learn of the fundraiser from the online bulletin and then call parishioners pretending to be me asking for a donation. Remember that I will never call you insisting for immediate funds. If I do, call the office (you need to initiate the call using the parish phone number, as someone who calls you may or may not be who they claim to be) or better yet, speak to me in person.

Remember to be safe. Hang up, call back, and verify.

Peace,

Fr. Brian



**Our 2nd Annual Parish Picnic will be
August 15, 2026
following the 4:00pm Mass**



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Inquiries: Contact Fr. Brian
via email or call the parish office

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bringing in your items.**

**If after parish office hours call
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THE CHOSEN

Sign up to watch the series with other parishioners and visit with Fr. Brian on questions about the movie.

Sign-up sheets are in the church at both entrances.

The Chosen is a groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ (Jonathan Roumie), seen through the eyes of those who knew him.



This Week in the Parish

There are no meetings / special events currently scheduled this week.



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Mary Virginia Merrick, founder

Christ Child Society Clothing Center

The Christ Child Society Clothing Center will open on August 5 at 8:30 AM. New clothing is available for children from birth to 14 years who are eligible for free school lunch.

The Clothing Center will be open every Wednesday through mid-December, plus six Sunday afternoons and nine Thursday evenings. A referral from a local agency or child's school is required. A schedule and a list of referral agencies are available at, <https://www.christchildsb.org>.

Stewardship Report as of July 12, 2026

Weekly Mass Collection.....	\$6,139.00
Fiscal YTD Collections.....	\$8,997.00
Fiscal YTD Expenses.....	\$7,559.07
Fiscal YTD Variance.....	\$1,437.93

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Parish AI Roundtable Summary

Summary of the July 13, 2026 roundtable discussion at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish

Round I: AI's Influence on My Daily Habits

We discussed the manner in which AI is all around us. Even those who did not realize they were using AI (online purchases, recommendations for what to watch, social media, etc.) began to see that AI is the great influencer, the water in which we swim, the air we breathe. It filters what media we see and do not see. It determines what information is presented, and which information is buried and never considered.

Many spoke about generative AI. Some did not know what it was, while others have used it to write, generate graphics, and create PowerPoint slides, noting that it saves time. But time for what exactly? This raised questions about our purpose, and how we view time.

Round II: The Human Mirror

In this round, we asked what AI can do better and more efficiently than humans. If AI can do the same work as humans, only more efficiently, what is the value of the human person and human work? People can (and millions do) turn to AI for companionship and mental therapy in the form of chatbots rather than seeking these in humans. The question was posed: If my AI chatbot can speak to me like a human friend and make me feel loved, what is the difference between that and real love or real human presence?

In response to these questions, some mentioned that AI can be wrong at times. So it needs to be fact checked. But how do we determine what fact checking sources are correct, as humans can be wrong as well (and, in some areas, are more likely than AI to be wrong)? Others mentioned that an AI cannot hug you. But one person countered that it is possible to envision an AI robot in the future that could hug you. So the fact that it cannot do something today does not mean it cannot do it tomorrow (this is the same logic as the God-of-the-gaps).

It was then noted that what differentiates AI from the human person is that the human person is made in the Image of God; AI is not. The encounter with another person communicates something of the image of God. AI cannot do this. The distinction between AI and the human person is not a matter of what AI cannot do; it is a matter of what AI cannot be.

Round III: Co-Creators of the Kingdom

This round dealt with the importance of work. In Genesis 2, God placed the man and woman in the garden and instructed them to cultivate it. Work is not something that we do begrudgingly so that we can meet our needs. It is an invitation from God to participate in his creative work. The highest value of work is not the work done (the objective dimension) but the way in which work forms the human person (subjective dimension). When Michelangelo sculpted the Pieta, it not only brought forth the beauty hidden in a block of marble. It brought out a greater beauty – that of Michelangelo himself. He was a co-creator with God. Work is not oriented toward a future good but is a participation in God's kingdom.

One person mentioned he had thought about how he brings his Christian values to his work, but had not considered that his work was a participation in God's Kingdom. Another pushed back on the idea of work being formative, stating that AI is simply like power tools that replaced manual tools. Another objected, questioning the difference between Michelangelo sculpting marble with a chisel and a person using AI and a 3D printer to generate an object. Someone else observed that AI tries to prevent suffering of any kind, which is a different worldview from the Christian claim that the path to salvation begins by taking up your cross. Lastly, someone pointed out that AI is made in the image of fallen/sinful man, so it will reflect our sinfulness.

Parish AI Roundtable - Fr. Brian's Thoughts

The Power Tool Distinction: A power tool changes the efficiency of physical labor. It does not change how you think about the task (what you decide to build, why it matters, or who you are becoming in the process). AI interferes in the space of human formation when it decides what to write, how to structure arguments, what data/choices we see and do not see, or how to respond to someone seeking therapy and companionship. Unlike a power tool, it is not speeding up the execution of a decision we already made (such as drilling a screw into the wall); it is making the decisions for us.

The AI 3D Printed Sculpture: A person using AI and a 3D printer could create something that is genuinely his own, if he had a vision and merely used AI and the printer as a means to carry out the vision. This would be using AI and the printer in the same way Michelangelo used the chisel. But if AI is generating the design and making the aesthetic decisions while the person simply approves or rejects the design, then the formative process on the human person has been lost. The person is only developing a capacity to evaluate AI outputs, not to create. And the formative value comes from the person being a co-creator with God.

Suffering and The Cross: The technological worldview and the Christian worldview are fundamentally opposed. The technological worldview seeks to avoid suffering and inconveniences. Technology is the means to a better tomorrow. Christians proclaim that the Kingdom of God is not tomorrow but is at hand in the present moment. Suffering is not a curse to be avoided but is the path that leads to union with God who himself suffered. This is the clash we see in our society. Do we believe that technology will produce a bright beautiful tomorrow, or do we take up our cross and follow him?

AI Reflects Fallen Humanity: This is the topic I have written and researched the most. AI optimizes our work, making it more efficient. But it is trained on all of human data, not just the best versions of ourselves. This means it contains our biases, and these are extremely difficult to remove. Shannon Vallor documents this in her book *The AI Mirror*. She noted that a risk prediction algorithm used by hospitals nationwide replicated racial discrimination even though race had been removed from its training data. This happened because the AI predicted patient care needs by a different variable: cost. Because black patients in the past had been denied access to more expensive tests and treatments given to white patients with similar symptoms, the algorithm unwittingly rated black patients (without knowing they were black) as needing less care than white patients. AI was not told to be biased or filter out the black patients. It simply found and reproduced the pattern of racial bias that was present in the historical data (Vallor 42-43). The data AI collects on us includes our sinfulness as well as our virtues. And it replicates both.

Parish AI Roundtable - Where Do We Go From Here?

We ended the conversation realizing we need more discussion on these important topics. My question to the parish is, Where do we go from here? Do we have another discussion? Do we bring in a speaker? Do we form study groups? Are there other ideas? Let me know your thoughts. Email me with your ideas. I want to build on the momentum. Even if you did not attend the session, your ideas are welcome.