

## Saint Stanislaus

**Directions:** Read the biography and answer the questions.

As a priest Saint Stanislaus became a well-known preacher and spiritual director for the people in Krakow, Poland. He led many people in their spiritual conversions. He served the Bishop of Krakow closely until he was made bishop of the city himself in 1072. As bishop he entered into a political controversy with an unjust and immoral king. He excommunicated the king from the Church and the king accused of him of treason and ordered him to be killed. When his soldiers refused to execute him, the king killed the bishop himself in the middle of the celebration of Mass. Afterwards the king fled to another country and—according to tradition—he spent the rest of his life as a penitent monk in sorrow for his sins. Saint Stanislaus is the patron saint of Poland.



1. Why did the people of Poland love Saint Stanislaus so much?

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2. Why did the king order Saint Stanislaus to be killed?

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3. Why is it hard to stand up to someone who is doing something wrong?

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4. In what ways should people your age act differently? How can you encourage them to change the way they act?

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