

Saint Stephen Parish

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August 2, 2026

**The Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

All who thirst, come to the water!
You without money, come to the feast!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 145:8-9

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over.

Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 am.

Vigil Mass Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 6:30 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm or 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass



From Pilgrimage to Mission

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,

Peace and blessings to all of you!

As I return from our pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, I want to thank you for your prayers. Please know that I also remembered our parish community in a special way during the pilgrimage.

A pilgrimage reminds us that faith is always a journey. We do not simply go to a holy place and return the same. We go with prayers, hopes, burdens, and gratitude, and we ask God to renew our hearts.

This weekend, our parish also welcomes a missionary priest who will share with us the needs and mission of the Church in another part of the world. In a beautiful way, this reminds us that our Catholic faith is bigger than our own parish, our own city, and even our own country. We belong to one universal Church.

Pilgrimage and mission are connected. In pilgrimage, we go closer to God. In mission, we help bring others closer to God. One renews our hearts; the other opens our hearts.

As we continue getting to know St. Stephen together, may we also grow as a parish that prays, welcomes, serves, and supports the mission of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your love for our parish.

God bless you all,

Fr. Marvz
Parish Administrator



Mission Appeal for Kabalekabale Diocese (Uganda) - Mission work and needs

Purpose of Appeal

- 1) Continued development of Our Lady of Good Health Rushoroza Hospital for the rural poor (Phase III) - Construction of the labor and delivery unit, children's ward, emergency room, and dental and ophthalmology units. Our goal for 2026 is to complete construction of the children's ward.
- 2) Long-term Kabale Diocese Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program - We provide these less fortunate children with tuition, school supplies, healthcare, and assistance with personal needs at a cost of \$350 per child per year. We are currently supporting 510 children, out of well over 20,000 who remain in critical need of assistance. Our goal for 2026 is to support 100 more children.
- 3) Formation and training of seminarians and catechists — We currently have 89 major seminarians and 55 catechists in formation. The total education and formation cost is \$450 per seminarian per year and \$150 per catechist per year.

Yours most gratefully,

Rev. Frederick K. Byaruhanga
Diocesan Representative

Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug 3		
8:00 a.m.	†	Rochelle Celedon (By: John Celedon)
Tuesday, Aug 4		
8:00 a.m.	†	Maria Paz Dierks (By: Nellie Hizon)
Wednesday, Aug 5		
8:00 a.m.	†	Dodge Espina (By: Dorothy Over)
Thursday, Aug 6		
8:00 a.m.	†	Alberto Esteva (By: Betty Esteva)
Friday, Aug 7		
8:00 a.m.	†	Jeanie Barry (By: Nancy Smith)
Saturday, Aug 8		
8:00 a.m.	†	Cecilia Prete (By: St. Stephen Book Club)
4:30 p.m.	†	Michael Gagnani (By: Diane Gagnani)
Sunday, Aug 9		
8:00 a.m.	†	Leonard Davey (By: Davey Family)
10:30 a.m.	†	John Armanini (Tony & Teresa Devincenzi)
6:30 p.m.	†	People of the Parish

Remembering sick Family & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Tomas Arceo, Marie Bachand, Larry Barbieri, Ana Caballero, Araceli Caparas, Sean Chan, Tony Devincenzi, Genevieve Dy, George Farralles, Kenneth Fambrini, Eden Finn, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Mark Gutierrez, Greg Iorio, Robert Liam, Mary MacKinny, Tresa Matthews, Glenda Miller, Antoinette Mishirsky, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Byron Petty, Joel Rivera, Jim Thompson, Jovita & Richard Thompson, Franz Tittiger, Al Vicente Jr., Michelle Vicente, Gwendolyn Walsh, Michelle Weeks, Daniel W., Perry Young, Alex & Marie.

Sunday Collections
July 26, 2026

\$ 4,631.45 Sunday Offertory
\$ 1,985.22 Online Giving

Thank you for your donation

Background on the Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:13-21

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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(Faith Formation, OCIA, Children's Liturgy)

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Faith Formation for Children Now open for registration

Our parish offers religious education for children in our Faith Formation Program for students who attend public schools or non-Catholic private schools.

Children in grades 1st thru 8th meet Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30 pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th grade)

Please reach out to Mary Molly Mullaney in the parish for more information

email: faithformation@saintstephensf.org



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Thanks go out to all our participants of “A Grand Day” - our grandparents celebration. It was a day of family fun and making memories. We painted sand dollars, played games, read stories while cuddled up in the storybook corner, and captured smiles in the photo booth.