

Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30—4:40 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass
Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

March 2, 2025



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As the test of what the potter
molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Mission Statement

We are a Catholic Community that is called by God to follow Jesus Christ. We believe that we are called to worship God together, to lead God's people along the path of hope laid down by Jesus, to share his message through preaching, through the education and formation of our people, young and old, and through caring service and sensitive outreach to those in need.

Rev. David Schunk, Pastor



March 2, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are grateful to God for the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation that was bestowed upon our 8th Graders on Saturday by our Vicar General, Father Stephen Howell. I want to extend a special word of thanks to our catechists who help prepare our students for receiving the sacrament: Malia Peterson, Ginger Trumpbour, and Mary Molly Mullaney. May our young people and all of us continue to be led by the Holy Spirit throughout our lives.

Last Friday, our new superintendent of schools, Chris Fisher, came to visit our parish school and witness all the wonderful things our students, faculty, and staff are doing. Mrs. Allen and I are grateful for the support the Department of Catholic Schools gives to our schools as we continue to strive for excellence in educating our young people and I am grateful for the hard work of Mrs. Allen and her team that make it all possible.

This week, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the sacred season of Lent. We have a brief reflection on Lent in the bulletin this week by my former seminary colleague, Father Kurt. On Ash Wednesday, we will have three Masses with the distribution of ashes: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM (school Mass), and 6:30 PM.

To help us enter into the season of Lent, we are making available to the parishioners a special Lenten Companion from Magnificat. The booklet has reflections for each day of the Lenten season, and we hope that this will be a way in which your household may grow spiritually during this special time of year. The booklets are available in the vestibule and we ask that you please take just one per household so there will be enough for everyone.

Finally, this weekend we are announcing our 75th Anniversary Fund. Like all our homes and businesses, things break down over time and need repairs and replacement. We have identified three critical items at our parish that need our attention now: replacing the office (former convent) roof, replacing the boiler in the rectory, and inspecting/repairing the terracotta roof of the church and rectory. All three are not optional projects but necessary for us to address at this time. You may read about the projects more in the special insert. All three of these projects will take significant funds and so during this year of 2025 when we celebrate our jubilee, our goal is to raise \$250,000 to pay for these necessary repairs. If we exceed this goal and/or the projects end up coming under their estimated costs, we will use the monies to fund other much needed maintenance projects on our campus. Because of bulletin space, this week is just announcing the information. I will be writing further about this in the coming weeks and outline how you may give to our fund-a-need for the coming year.

Father Schunk

St. Katharine Drexel 1858-1955

Contemplation and generosity vied for first place in St. Katharine Drexel's life. The heiress from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wanted most to withdraw to a cloister, but her circumstances and gifts pulled her to Christian service.

Francis A. Drexel, a world-renowned banker and a man of faith, provided his family a life of ease. And Emma Bouvier, her stepmother, trained Katharine and her two sisters in generous giving. Both parents died by 1885, leaving Katharine and her sisters to share the annual income from a fourteen-million-dollar estate. Right away Katharine began to donate thousands of dollars to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions for the construction and staffing of schools for Native American children, which became her life's passion.

At this time, however, Katharine's spirit was in turmoil. Bishop James O'Connor, her spiritual director, thought she should remain a single woman serving in the world. But she wished to become a contemplative nun. My heart is very sorrowful, she wrote him in 1886, because like the little girl who wept when she found that her doll was stuffed with sawdust and her drum was hollow, I, too, have made a horrifying discovery and my discovery like hers is true. I have ripped both the doll and the drum open and the fact lies plainly and in all its glaring reality before me: All, all, all (there is no exception) is passing away and will pass away.



The Season of Lent

Lent consists of forty-four days. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes immediately before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At that time, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins.

The season of Lent aims at preparing us for the celebration of Easter and has a twofold character. First of all, it directs the Christian faithful to recall their own baptism when they rejected the devil and confessed their faith in Christ. They are also asked at this time to engage more deeply in prayer and penance. Secondly, for those who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, it serves as a more intense time of preparation as the moment of their baptism draws near.

During Lent, the disciplines of fasting and abstinence from meat apply on Ash Wednesday, and the discipline of abstinence from meat applies on the Fridays of Lent unless a solemnity occurs on those days.

Towards the very end of Lent, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when we commemorate his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and read the Passion of the Lord from one of the gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. On Thursday of Holy Week, in the morning, the bishop concelebrates the Chrism Mass with his priests and blesses the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick and consecrates the chrism that will be used throughout the year.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA www.liftupyourhearts.church

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Mar 3

8:00 a.m. † **Jeanie Barry**
(By: Nancy Smith)

Tuesday, Mar 4

8:00 a.m. † **Louise C. Marcal**
(By: Maria Xavier)

Wednesday, Mar 5

8:00 a.m. **Ash Wednesday**
11:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**
6:30 p.m. **School & Parish Benefactors**
Newman Club Members

Thursday, Mar 6

8:00 a.m. **Corallia Angulo** *Sp. Int.*
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)

Friday, Mar 7

8:00 a.m. † **James "Bill" O'Sullivan**
(By: Malvina Farrell)

Saturday, Mar 8

8:00 a.m. **Debbie McAuliffe** *Sp. Int.*
(By: A Friend)
4:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, Mar 9

8:00 a.m. † **William Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)
10:30 a.m. † **Clara Armanini**
(By: Tony & Teresa Devincenzi)
6:30 p.m. † **Anita Fraglulia**
(By: 50+ Club)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Sirach 27:4-7
In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16
The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 6:39-45
Each tree is known by its yield.

Online Giving

Our new online giving system with OSV is up and running.

Thank you very much for your sacrificial giving to our parish community.



www.osvhub.com/saintstephensf/giving/funds

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - February 22-23, 2025

\$3,544.55 Sunday Collection

\$ 966.00 Online Offering



Join the FUN!
Tomorrow!
Monday, March 3, 2025
in Donworth Hall
Doors Open 12:30pm
All Seniors are invited!

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

There are three Masses when ashes will be distributed:

8:00 AM
11:00 AM (School Mass)
6:30 PM



NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLUB

AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE

Newman Nights: Thursday from 6:30-8pm

Join us at St. Stephen's every Thursday at 6:30pm for fellowship + fun, with different activities each week!


Student Mass: Sunday @ 6:30pm, Thursday @ 12:30 Student mass is held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Sundays and the rectory on Thursdays. Located at 601 Eucalyptus Drive.

Sunday Supper: Sunday evenings at 7:30pm Share a free meal with other college-aged students! Dinner is in the rectory of St. Stephen's, located along Eucalyptus Drive.

Pizza & Prayer: Wednesday from 6-7pm

Join us for pizza and a time to learn more about how to pray and different forms of prayer.



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get connected!



St. Stephen Men's Club Presents the Annual

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Saturday, March 8 in Donworth Hall, 5:30 PM

Corned Beef Dinner & Entertainment

Please RSVP by Monday, March 3, using either payment method:

- Check: turn in payment to school office with check payable to St. Stephen Men's Club
- PayPal: to ststephenmensclub - be sure to include family name and number of adults/children attending in payment notes. (No need to return form if paying via PayPal)

Family Name: _____

#Adults @ \$25/each: ____ #Children @ \$10/each: ____ Total amount enclosed: _____



Lenten Soup Suppers

**Wednesday,
March 12
&
Tuesday,
April 8
6:00-8:00 PM**

**6:00 PM—7:00 PM—Soup Potluck
7:00 PM—8:00 PM—Guest Speaker
in Donworth Hall**

Signup Sheets are in the vestibule if you want to bring some food to share.

March 12: A Modern Day Emmaus Journey: A Pilgrimage Across the United States with Jesus Christ Seminarists Dereck Delgado and Jimmy Velasco were blessed to have been perpetual pilgrims on the St. Junipero Serra route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in the summer of 2024. They will be sharing their experiences from their two month journey traveling from San Francisco to Indianapolis and the graces they received.

April 8: Fr. Michael Lilledahl will speak about "Jubilee." (more info to come)

CALLED TO LEAD

SF Bay Area Catholic Men's Conference

March 8, 8:30am – 3:30pm

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City
Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547 | HopfnerE@sfarcho.org

Info and Registration:

www.sfarcho.org/event/catholic-mens-conference/

Join fellow Catholic men to be encouraged and inspired at our annual event, featuring Doug Barry (EWTN host, founder of Radix – an apostolate for fathers and sons) and Fr. Jerome Magat (St Patrick's seminary). Cost is \$50 (\$25 for teenage sons) - includes Mass with Archbishop, opportunities for confession, and a delicious lunch. Please register and make lunch selection.

37th Annual Charismatic Seminar Conversion Repentance and Renewal

DATE: Saturday, Mar. 8, 2025

TIME: 8:00am (Doors Open); 4:00pm Vigil Mass

LOCATION: St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center
1111 Gough St, San Francisco

Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC & Fr. Raymund Reyes

Healing Service: Fr. Andrew Ibegbulem, OSA & Bob Canton

Mass Main Celebrant: Fr. Jerald Geronimo

Registration: SFSpirit.com

Contact: Tess Garze (650)784-6352

Sick Friends & Relatives

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.

Gerianne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, Ana Caballero, George Farrales, Perry Young, Antoinette Mishirsky, Al Vicente Jr, Debbie Nunes, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Edileide Jose Barbosa, Kenneth Fambrini, Larry Barbieri, Carol Dominguez, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names of people that we should pray for this month.

St. Stephen's Book Club

will meet Friday, March 7, at 4:30pm in the parish office. We are reading *Encyclical of Pope Francis: On The Human and Divine Love of The Heart of Jesus Christ*. Download free copy:

www.bit.ly/Pope-Heart-of-Jesus



April's book: *The Spear* a novel of the Crucifixion by Louis De Wohl, a distinguished and internationally respected Catholic author. A panoramic historical novel of the last days of Jesus Christ. It tells the full story of all the participants involved in the dramatic execution, including the seldom remembered Roman soldier who thrust his spear into Christ as he hung on the Cross.

From the Archive

This page is from the St. Stephen's Parish History booklet 1950—1953



Mrs. Ernest C. Locher

St. Stephen's Women's Guild



Mrs. Joseph E. Tinney

From a small spontaneous meeting of ten women who met at the home of Mrs. Joseph E. Tinney, a movement was started which resulted immediately in raising sufficient funds at the home of Mrs. Harold Anderson for the purchase of the Chapel Organ and ultimately in the formation of St. Stephen's Women's Guild.

The first formal meeting of the Guild was held November 13, 1950, at the Town House for the purpose of installing the first officers. Mrs. John J. Murray was the installing officer and the duties of each office were entrusted to the patronage of a particular saint.

The first officers were: Mrs. Ernest Locher, President; Mrs. Joseph Tinney, Secretary; Mrs. Joseph Meagher, Treasurer; Mrs. George Railton, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. George De Vincenzi, Mrs. John Hally and Mrs. William Rowe were respectively First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Vice-President. Mrs. Mervyn Johnson was Liaison Officer and Mrs. Gregory Hobson Representative to National Council of Catholic Women.

The momentum imparted by Mrs. Ernest Locher and her corps of officers and committee members during the first year has been reflected in every Guild undertaking, whether it be the first social event of the Guild, a Parish Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bonsor or the sponsoring of "Cradle Song", a Catholic Theater Guild production at Riordan High School.

Surpassing all expectation was the Guild's first Fashion Show and Luncheon at Lakeside Country Club on April 5, 1951, under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. George De Vincenzi and Mrs. George Gaetke. With the proceeds augmented by the first Telephone Bridge conducted by Mrs. Donald Monaghan, Mrs. Raymond Cauwet and Mrs. Helen Stricker the magnificent Tabernacle was donated to our Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton McGraw were gracious hosts to the Guild's "At Home" party in the fall of 1951 and this most successful endeavor furnished the impetus for the superb success of the Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon presented by Mrs. Joseph Meagher and Mrs. Elton McGraw as co-chairmen at the St. Francis Hotel in 1952. The facilities of the Hotel were filled to capacity and the proceeds purchased the Altar for our Church. A principal feature was the excellent returns from the prize award conducted by Mesdames Jack

Leishman, William Rowe and Raymond Cauwet.

Meanwhile, spiritual activities under the direction of Mrs. William Rowe and Mrs. George Rotenkolber were keeping pace with the success of the social and fund-raising functions.

The present year has brought the Guild to new prominence and likewise new responsibilities in connection with the many activities of the Mother's Club incident to our new Parish School. Social highlights were the Barn Dance in the summer of 1952 in conjunction with the Men's Club, the Open House in the fall of 1952 in the home of the ever co-operative Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bonsor with Mesdames Don Monaghan, Earl Mull and A. Grossman as the chairmen. Mrs. Charles Rush and Mrs. Albert Majoulet presented a Christmas Party at Lakeshore Plaza replete with Santa Claus, gifts and joviality.

Once again the Guild attained artistic and financial success with the Fashion Show and Luncheon presented on the last day of January 1953, at the St. Francis Hotel under co-chairmen Mrs. Edmund Rhein and Mrs. Clarence Nelson and once again Mrs. Jack Leishman and Mrs. William Rowe conducted the prize awards in such a splendid manner that the proceeds made a valuable contribution to our Altar furnishings. No avenue of parish endeavor has been left unexplored. Substantial contributions to our school equipment have resulted from the paper drive conducted by Mrs. Fred Watson and from the rag drive conducted by Mrs. Don Monaghan.

On March 8, 1953, Mrs. George Rotenkolber as Chairman presented the annual Communion Breakfast at the Town House to a Guild attendance so large as to assure success to every future Guild undertaking.

The present officers of the Guild are: Mrs. Joseph Tinney, President; Margaret Buckley, Secretary; Mrs. James Eagan, Treasurer, and Mesdames Donald Monaghan, George Rotenkolber, John Scully, Jack Bonsor and Jack Christ, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Charles Rush, Liaison Officer; Mrs. William Rowe, Delegate to National Council of Catholic Women and Mrs. Jack Doyle, Publicity Chairman.

St. Stephen Parish

Fund Our Need

*Rooted in Faith
Growing with Love*



For over 75 years, our parish has been a place of faith, service, and community. We have accomplished so much together, from our first church and school to our current facilities. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to contribute to our 75th Anniversary Fund.

Like all homes and buildings, over time, our parish facilities need some TLC. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are reaching out to gather funds for some critical repairs that will help us continue serving our community. We have put together a list of projects that need our attention.

Your support means the world to this community, not only for these special projects but also for our regular collections and maintenance efforts throughout the year. Let us come together to celebrate our parish's legacy with a special donation this jubilee year. Thank you for being such a vital part of our community!

Rectory Heating Boiler - Estimated Cost: \$60-100k

We have identified a critical issue with the rectory's boiler. A technician confirmed in September that our 60-year-old boiler has reached the end of its lifespan and was leaking natural gas. Shutting it down stopped the leak but also cut off heat to the rectory since last July 2024.

We are replacing the boiler and evaluating estimates, which are expected to range from \$60,000 to \$100,000, especially if additional work on the baseboard radiators is needed. This repair is essential for ensuring a safe and comfortable living space for our priests and the campus ministry using the rectory.



Parish Office Roof - Estimated Cost: \$100,000

Our Parish Office is essential for managing the day-to-day operations of our church community, providing a central point of contact for parishioners seeking information or support.

You may not have noticed but the roof of our parish office is in urgent need of replacement. Over the past few years, we have had to call roofers for emergency patches, but unfortunately, the roof continues to fail in different areas. The photo shown, included some of the damage in September 2024, just before we had to arrange for yet another patch job ahead of winter.

We have been proactive and worked closely with our building department to get bids for the project. The lowest bid we received is around \$100,000, and we plan to have this crucial work done in the summer of 2025.

Church Roof Inspection & Repair - Estimated Cost: TBD

Our church plays a vital role in providing spiritual support to the community. Together with the rectory, its beautiful terracotta tile roof reflects our shared spirit. However, recent storms have dislodged several tiles and damaged a significant portion of the gutters, putting our cherished space at risk from the elements.

While the wires securing the tiles still have some life left, we need to assess their integrity. Loose tiles can create hazards, and water infiltration could jeopardize the long-term health of our church. We are in the process of securing estimates for an inspection of repairs, but the costs will likely be substantial, especially since a lift will be needed for safe access.

