

Saint Stephen Parish

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Daily Mass: Mondays thru Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 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.

Third Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to
Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”*

John 21:17

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May 4, 2025



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we rejoice as over 25 of our young fellow parishioners received Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the very first time! As I often like to ask, do you remember your First Communion? Of course, the occasion is not about dressing up or a chance for a party, but it is about God coming close to us in a very important and unique way. We are grateful for everyone who has helped to form and prepare our youth for this special occasion. First, we thank their families who by their own faith brought them to the font of Baptism and now bring them to the altar to receive the Lord's Body and Blood. We are also grateful for the work of their catechists who strive by their own faith to inspire and accompany them, especially Ms. Madison Clarke, Mrs. Karen Leach, Ms. Mary Molly Mullaney, and our principal, Mrs. Sharon McCarthy Allen. May the grace these children receive in the sacrament strengthen them and be their divine food for all eternity.

This weekend we kick-off the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. As I mentioned earlier in the year, parishioners advised me to delay the start of promoting the AAA this year because we wanted to promote our 75th Anniversary Fund. By now, you likely have received my letter outlining the AAA for our parish this year and our monetary goal of \$80,916. It is our hope that all of our parishioners will participate in the AAA and will contribute or make their pledge to the AAA by July so that we will be done with it for the year. A reminder that funds we raise in excess of our goal are returned to the parish while any shortfall in our goal this year must be paid from our parish funds.

Thank you for those of you who have returned to the parish office the information slips that we included with the first packet of the new offertory envelopes. Having the updated information is helpful as we confirm the information we have in our directory which means more efficient office operations and saves our parish money in time and postage.

A reminder that you may drop off the Mother's Day remembrance envelopes at the parish office or in the collection. Extras are located in the vestibule of the church. We will place these on our altar for Mother's Day weekend as we pray for and remember these special women in our lives.

Father Schunk

Stories from the AAA

Your gifts to the AAA support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. Here is one example:

Marriage & Family Life - you support our new **Life-Giving Wounds Ministry**. It helps heal, restore, and provide peace of mind to adults whose parents divorced when they were children. Through tears, a participant at one of the retreats said, "...my parents' divorce was so traumatic that I didn't even know if I believed in love." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings." A woman said "It just feels so good to know I'm not alone in feeling this way."

Rest in Peace

Two children, a four-year-old and a six-year-old, gave their mother a houseplant for Mother's Day. They had used their own money, and she was thrilled. The older child said with a sad face, "There was a bouquet at the flower shop that we wanted to give you, but it was too expensive. It had a ribbon on it that said, 'Rest in peace.'" A parent, particularly a mother, gets little chance to rest in peace this side of Heaven. Parenting is intensive leadership, 24 hours per day.

The Bible describes parental leadership as follows: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Our Scripture for today is about leadership. In John's Gospel, chapter 21, the risen Christ meets the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He cooks breakfast for them. Afterward, he turns to Simon Peter and asks him the same question three times: "Simon, Son of John, do you love me...?" Each time, Simon Peter answers yes. Then three times Jesus commands him to shepherd the sheep of his flock; that is, the people of the infant Church.

OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Joseph the Worker

Patron Saint of workers

God wanted a working man to father Jesus. St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

"Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God," Pope John Paul II had once said.

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 5

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Robert Liam**
(By: Nana & Nono)

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 a.m. † **Aaron Denise**
(By: Papa & Mama)

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Kiara Angeli**
(By: Ali & Ajoba)

Thursday, May 8

8:00 a.m. † **Joseph Ho, Sr.**
(By: Viet Ho)

Friday, May 9

8:00 am *Sp. Int.* **Zeny Agoo**
(By: Family)

Saturday, May 10

8:00 am † **Beatrice Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

4:30 pm **All Mothers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

Sunday, May 11

8:00 a.m. **All Mothers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

10:30 a.m. **All Mothers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

6:30 p.m. **All Mothers**
(By: Fr. Schunk)

TOAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41*
The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.



Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13*
A song of praise to God who rescues us.

Second Reading *Revelation 5:11-14*
John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading *John 21:1-19*
Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

“The world will recognize the disciples of Jesus by the way they love one another. Love, in other words, is the Christian’s identity card, the only valid ‘document’ identifying us as Christians.”

— POPE FRANCIS
Homily, April 24, 2016

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - April 26-27, 2025

\$ 3,878.05 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,795.90 Online Offering

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

St. Stephen's Book Club

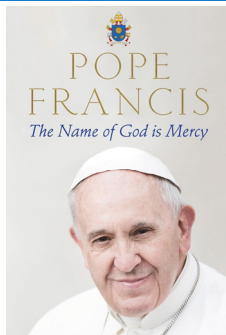
May's book:

The Name of God Is Mercy
by Pope Francis

In his first book as pope, Pope Francis explores the universal theme of mercy, as a spiritual inspiration to both followers of Christianity and non-Christians around the world.

Drawing on his own experience as a priest and shepherd, he discusses mercy, a subject of central importance in his religious teaching and testimony, and in addition sums up other ideas – reconciliation, the closeness of God – that comprise the heart of his papacy. Written in conversation with Vatican expert and journalist Andrea Tornielli, *The Name of God is Mercy* is directed at everyone, inside or outside of the Catholic Church, seeking meaning in life, a road to peace and reconciliation, or the healing of physical or spiritual wounds.

Meeting: Friday, May 30 @ 4pm in parish office. Contact Mary Molly for info.



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.

Peggy Teshara, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, Pacita Calimlim-Sagun, Araceli Caparas, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Eden Finn, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Carlota Plondaya, Robert Liam, Larry Barbiere, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Catherine Scosseria, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Please call the office to add or remove names



Papal Transition

In the exciting times during a transition from one pope to another there are a lot of questions about what happens, who does what, and what people should be looking out for. Here are some answers to some frequently asked questions:

Who is in charge until a new pope is elected?

Answer—The title of this position is the *camerlengo* or chamberlain. The pope always has somebody appointed to this position should anything happen to him. The camerlengo takes charge of the administrative and financial issues of the Vatican until the next pope is elected. The camerlengo is also in charge of organizing and running the conclave to elect the next pope. The camerlengo in charge right now is Cardinal Kevin Ferrell (from Ireland but was a priest and bishop in the United States).

How does a conclave work to elect the next pope?

Answer— Every Cardinal under the age of 80 the day the pope dies is eligible to participate in the conclave. Some cardinals who are eligible may not participate due to health or other personal reasons. All the cardinals are sequestered inside the Vatican and the actual voting takes place inside the Sistine Chapel. There are up to four rounds of voting per day. Once a candidate has two-thirds plus one of the votes, he is elected pope. Pope Benedict XVI was elected on the fourth round of voting and Pope Francis was elected on the fifth round of voting. There are 135 Cardinals who are eligible to participate in the conclave which begins May 7.

Who is eligible to be pope?

Answer—According to canon law any baptized Catholic male is eligible to be pope. However, it has been over 800 years since the man elected pope was not one of the cardinals participating in the conclave. Although there are many surprises that can come from a papal conclave, it would be a surprise beyond all surprises if the next pope were anybody not a cardinal participating in the conclave.

What will I be looking out for?

Answer—After every round of voting the ballots are burned and the smoke coming out of the chimney is the only sign to the world that a round of voting has taken place. The person in charge of burning the ballots ensures that the smoke is black if the vote was inconclusive and that the smoke is white if the voting has successfully elected a pope. So...we wait for white smoke to tell us we have a pope and about an hour after seeing the white smoke from the chimney the new pope will be introduced to the world on the balcony of St. Peters with the great proclamation that includes the Latin words “Habemus Papem”. “We have a pope”



Prayer for the Election of a Pope

*O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



50+ Club

Join the FUN!

Monday,

May 5, 2025

in Donworth Hall

Doors Open 12:30pm

All Seniors are invited!

Bingo, Bridge, Snacks

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
AT ST. STEPHEN**

NEWMAN NIGHTS

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YEAR END BARBECUE

THURSDAY, MAY 8

6:30-8:00 PM

601 EUCALYPTUS DR.

BRING A TREAT TO SHARE!

St. Stephen's Men's Club

**Cougar Classic
Golf Tournament
Friday May 9, 2025
TPC Harding Park**

11AM Check in | 12PM Shotgun Start

Scramble Format | Food | Drinks

Longest Drive | Closest to the Hole | Raffle

Prizes | Free Parking

\$300 per player

Benefitting the St. Stephen

Athletic Department

Register at

StStephenCougarClassic.com



First Communion Blessings

We congratulate the students who received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 3. Welcome to the Banquet of the Lord:

Kate Arroyo

Liam Carroll

Sebastian Climaco

Juliette Elizondo

Leah Fitzpatrick

Daniel Flynn

Guinevere Gargas

Elise Gerodias

Cormac Halton

Hannah Kwan

Emily Lazares

Irene Lazares

Stella Levy

Madison Loder

Merrick Macfarlane

Morgan Macfarlane

Isla Maguire

Ella Marquez

James McHugh

Olcan McMahon

Dylan Mendiola

Sydney Mueller

Lani Peralta

Blake Poon

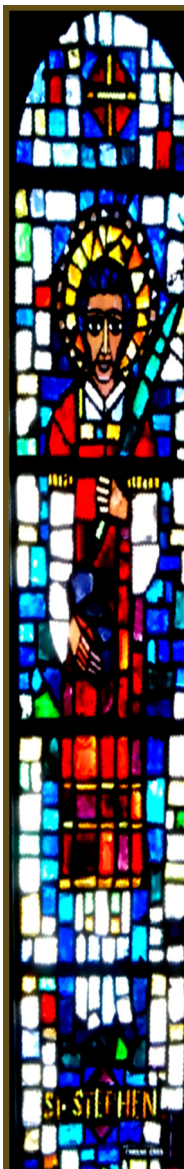
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| • Fifty Plus Club | Helga D'Arcy |
| • Finance Council | Laura Birsinger |
| • Front Ofc Lead Volunteer | Fely Boquiren |
| • Grief Support | Clergy |
| • Head Sacristan | Ed Quan |
| • Liturgy Committee | Pastor |
| • Marriage Preparation | Clergy |
| • Men's Club | John Gartland |
| • Newman Campus Ministry | Fr Michael Lilledahl |
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| • Religious Education
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| • Women's Guild | Jamie Allen |

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Saint Stephen 75th Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks
for 75 years of faith, love, and service
at Saint Stephen Parish.

Bless all those who came before us
who built this community
through their faith,
devotion, and sacrifice.

May Saint Stephen continue to be a place
where your people gather
to celebrate the Eucharist,
encounter your love,
and be given the grace
to be true missionary disciples,
bringing your love to the world.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.