

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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Be like servants who
await their master's return
from a wedding.*

Luke 12:35

August 10, 2025

**Save the
Date!**

**Parish 75th
Anniversary
Celebration
October 19,
2025.**

**BBQ to
follow in
Donworth
Hall
after the
10:30 AM
Mass.**



**Coming Soon!
August 11, 2025
Doors Open at
12:30pm**

**All Seniors are
Invited to join
the 50+ Club
for snacks,
camaraderie,
Bingo or Bridge.**

**Located in
Donworth Hall**



August 10, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This coming Friday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have two Masses on Friday, 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. As we have been announcing, after the evening Mass we will have a special concert to honor our Blessed Mother and celebrate our 75th Anniversary year. There will be light refreshments following the Mass. The concert is free, but offerings will be accepted. I hope many of you will be able to make it for the event and please spread the word about the event. You may attend another Mass earlier during the day and just come for

the concert.

As we approach the end of summer, this an invitation for our families who attend the public or other private schools to sign up their children for faith formation. Last year's families should have already received and email invitation with the registration link. If you have not received the registration information, since Mary Molly is still out on medical leave, please email Father Schunk (fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org) for the link.

At this time of year, we also want to invite adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or being Baptized, entering the Catholic Church from another Christian community, or adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation to join our adult faith formation program that prepares people to receive the sacraments in the spring (Easter time). In the interim, please also reach out to Father Schunk for more information.

Thank you for all your well wishes as I enjoyed vacation time away with my parents last weekend. As many of you are aware, it is important to be able to spend time with family members. We are grateful to Father Adams for coming to our parish to preach on the missions and the important role all of us have to share our faith in Jesus Christ in our world.

Father Schunk

Background on today's Gospel Reading

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives.

**FEAST of the ASSUMPTION
of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - A Holyday in the life of our Church. Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on this day.

**Mass are as follows:
8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**



Thoughts on the ASSUMPTION

Mary's Assumption gives us the assurance and hope of our own resurrection and assumption into heaven on the day of our Last Judgment. It is a sign to us that someday, through God's grace and our good life, we, too, will join the Blessed Mother in giving glory to God. It points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate Mary's fidelity and obedience to God's will.

Since Mary's Assumption was a reward for her saintly life, this feast reminds us that we, too, must be pure and holy in body and soul, since our bodies will be glorified on the day of our resurrection. St. Paul tells us that our bodies are the temples of God because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. He also reminds us that our bodies are members (parts) of the Body of Christ.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Aug 11

8:00 a.m. † **Michael Amaral**
(By: Peter & Margaret Schunk)

Tuesday, Aug 12

8:00 a.m. † **Amalia Quiroz Luna**
(By: Terry & Mike Mullaney)

Wednesday, Aug 13

8:00 a.m. † **Otto Herber**
(By: a friend)

Thursday, Aug 14

8:00 a.m. † **Colin King**
(By: Luis Gaerlan)

Friday, Aug 15

8:00 a.m. **St Stephen Parishioners**
(By: FDS)
6:00 p. m. **Benefactors of St. Stephens**

Saturday, Aug 16

8:00 a.m. **Honesto Agoo, bday blessing**
(By: family)
4:30 p.m. **People of the Parish**
(By: FDS)

Sunday, Aug 17

8:00 a.m. † **Harry Over**
(By Dorothy Over)
10:30 a.m. † **Rochelle Celedon**
(By: John Celedon)
6:30 p.m. † **Morrison Gardner**
(By: A friend)



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2022

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. *Psalms 33:20*

TODAY'S READINGS August 10, 2025

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:1,12,18-22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-48

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **Saint Clare**
Tuesday: **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**
Wednesday: **Saints Pontian and Hypolytus**
Thursday: **Father Kolbe, Like Jesus, Offered Himself**
Friday: **Assumption of Mary**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections August 2-3, 2025

\$ 5,036.50 Sunday Collection
\$ 1,371.20 Online Offering
\$ 906.00 Second Collection—Maintenance
\$ 56,756.00 AAA- Annual, to date.

Faith Formation for Children 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, 4:15-5:30pm, during the school year. We also prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation (8th grade).

We have now opened the online registration process for the 2025-2026 school year. As Mary Molly Mullaney is still on medical leave, please reach out to Father Schunk (fr.schunk@saintstephensf.org) in the parish office for more information and/or the online registration link.

75th Anniversary Fund

Our Goal: **\$250,0000**

Total received to date: **\$74,545**

We are looking to raise \$250K for our Anniversary Fund this year to help pay for critical maintenance issues. Flyers are in the vestibule with more info. Households who donate at least \$1000 to the fund during the year will have the opportunity to engrave a leaf on our donation tree. For donations of \$10k or more during the year, the priests will cook you dinner!

No gift is too small as we hope everyone in the parish will participate to strengthen Saint Stephen's for another 75 years!



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.

Daniel W., Edna Amora, Cristina Young, Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Rodney Clark, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

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

Celebrate the Assumption of Mary

Friday, August 15, 2025 - 6:00 pm

Come for Mass - Concert immediately follows

Contributing artists

Phoebe Choe, Soprano Soloist

Griselda MacDonald, Organ, Piano

Vaughn Jones, Organ

Compositions by Gounod, Schubert, Mozart, Chepponis, Foster, Alstott

Free Admission - Donations much appreciated!
Light reception follows



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