

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

Giving Tree 2025



Above: Judy & Katya arrive with the Catholic Charities van on December 19, 2025, to pick up the donated gifts from the St. Stephen's Giving Tree. Below: Katya has to ride with a large bag of gifts in the front seat of the van.



Above & Right: St. Stephen Parishioners were so generous in donating gifts that they filled the van to the roof!



Below & Left: Two rooms in the parish offices were filled with the donated gifts.



Left: There were so many gifts that Judy had to return on Monday, Dec. 22, to haul the remaining gifts back to Catholic Charities. The van was filled for the 2nd time with the generosity of gifts literally overflowing!





January 11, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Along with the Epiphany and the Wedding Feast at Cana, this event from ancient times has been associated with the manifestation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the human family. It also serves as a reminder of how our own baptism has transformed our lives as we are adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. May each of us realize the gift of God's closeness we have received in baptism and always live as sons and daughters of His light.

This coming week, I will be away Monday through Thursday attending the second in-person session of the Eius priestly leadership and formation program in Saint Louis. You may recall that I was away in October for the first meeting and will be away again in April for the final session. During the interim, we have had group and one on one online meetings, so this is another opportunity to gather in-person to meet for discussion.

This weekend, we will conclude praying our 75th Anniversary Prayer after the final blessing of Mass. You may recall that we began to pray the prayer last year on the Baptism of the Lord, and so it is fitting to conclude on the same liturgical day a year later.

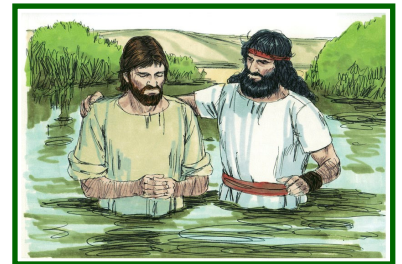
As the year changes over, we are also ending our 75th Anniversary Fund since we are moving into our 76th year! As I write this, about 151 households have donated just over \$130k over the course of the year. This is a display of the incredible generosity of our parishioners and friends for our parish community. As we wrote when we began this one-year campaign, our plan was to use the funds for some specific maintenance projects we identified that needed to happen around the parish. This past year, we used the funds to replace the roof of the parish office building (former convent) and pay for almost all of the work replacing the heating boiler for the rectory. These two projects alone cost about \$142k. The third project we identified was inspecting the terra cotta roof of the church and rectory. We are arranging to have a roofing company take a look and give things a "tune up" as I was able to secure some other funds for that project since it is necessary. When they are up there, they will be able to let us know if additional work (and money) will be needed to make sure the roof is in a good state for the near future. As I wrote last week, we are preparing the leaf plaque request forms for the donors who gave \$1k or more during the course of the year for the 75th Anniversary Fund. It is our goal to begin to mail out those forms to households by the end of this week so we can make sure to recognize the generosity of our donors. If you made this donation, you should be receiving something in the mail before the end of the month.

Father Schunk

Background on the Gospel Reading
The Baptism of the Lord

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).



The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians. This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Jan 12

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Lisa Boquiren**
(By: Fely Boquiren)

Tuesday, Jan 13

8:00 a.m. † **Neil Jeremias Yu**
(By: Edison Ongpin)

Wednesday, Jan 14

8:00 a.m. † **Harry Over**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Thursday, Jan 15

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* **Bernard Remollino**
(Birthday)
(By: Racquel Amora Malig)

Friday, Jan 16

8:00 a.m. † **Diana & Graziano Cerchiai**
(By: Cremen Family)

Saturday, Jan 17

8:00 a.m. † **Jorge Illenberger**
(By: Marilu Illenberger)
4:30 p.m. *Sp. Int.* **Rosalio & Africa DY**
(Marriage Anniversary)
(By: Dy Family)

Sunday, Jan 18

8:00 a.m. † **Cleofe Galac Ramos**
(By: Shanna Ramos)
10:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**
6:30 p.m. † **MyAnna Hua Thompson**
(By: Bautista Thompson Family)

During this holiday season we were saddened to receive news of the passing of two longtime St. Stephen Parishioners.



May they rest in peace.

Graziano Cherchiai
Cristina Tapia Jurado

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*

The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10*

The Lord will give peace to the people.

Second Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 3:13-17*

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections — January 4, 2026

\$4,932.16 Sunday Offertory
\$1,611.96 Online Giving
\$1,040.00 January 1 (Feast of Mary, Mother of God)
\$1,566.00 Maintenance Fund

75th Anniversary Fund

Total received to date:

\$131,564

Thank you for your generous support of St. Stephen Parish 75th Jubilee Fundraiser. Your gift of over \$131,564 helps strengthen our mission and ensures that our parish community continues to grow in faith, service, and fellowship.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday, 1/12: **St. Aelred of Rievaulx**
Tuesday, 1/13: **St. Hilary**
Wednesday, 1/14: **St. Felix of Nola**
Thursday, 1/15: **St. Paul the Hermit**
Saturday, 1/17: **St. Anthony**
Sunday, 1/18: **St. Margaret of Hungary**

Sick Friends & Family

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.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevieve Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallagher, George Farralles, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbiere, 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.

Donate Online To
St. Stephen's



75th Anniversary Fund

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we wish to thank the many households who have contributed to this year's 75th Anniversary Fund.

No matter the amount of the gift, we are appreciative of your generosity to our parish community for now and for generations to come in the future.

Anonymous
M. Abad Family
T. Abad Family
Amora-Illenberger Family
E. Amora Family
M. Amora Family
R. Amora Family
S. Allen Family
Altamirano Family
Asfaha Family
Ayson Family
Azevedo Family
Bayol Family
Benas Family
Bennon Family
Bessolo Family
Birsinger Family
Blanco Family
Boquiren Family
Brady Family
Brien-Holper Family
Broadus Family
Burgoyne Family
Bustos Family
Cabatic Family
Cadotte Family
Cagalingan Family
Cajilig Family
Cardozo Family
Carrillo Family
Casserly Family
Cassinelli Family
Celedon Family
Chen Family
Cheng-Zhao Family
Cierra-Cruz Family
Conti Family
Crupi Family
Cruz Family
Cuevo Family
D'Arcy Family
D'Aura Family
Darcy Family
Dee Family

Delgado Family
Devincenzi Family
Diaz Family
Driscoll Family
Duffy Family
Duggan (J&J) Family
Duggan (J&M) Family
Duggan-Jackson Family
Dy Family
Elizondo Family
Enriquez Family
Faziola Family
Francisco Family
Frost Family
Gallion Family
Ganduglia Family
Garcia Family
Gardiner Family
Gargan Family
George Family
Gong Family
Gragnani Family
Gregson Family
Grimes Family
Guzman Family
Ha Family
Halloran Family
Hargarten Family
L. Hayes Family
P. Hayes Family
Hayes-White Family
Hazard Family
Hizon Family
Ho Family
Hock Family
Houghton Family
G. Hrvatin Family
R. Hrvatin Family
Illenberger Family

Jacob Family
Jison Family
Juan Family
Juarez Family
Jurado Family
Kelly Family
Kern Family
Kirwan Family
Krauss Family
Lacsonn Family
Leach Family
Lee Family
Leehane Family
Leung Famil
Marquez Family
Martin Family
Martinez Family
Mazely Family
Mazzola Family
McGrail Family
McGurk Family
Mendiola (D&J) Family
Mendiola (D&E) Family
Mishirky Family
Montalbano Family
Moore Family
Mullaney Family
Neuebaumer Family
Nightingale Family
O'Callaghan Family
M. O'Connor Family
R. O'Connor Family
On Family
Onken Family
Orais Family
Parini Family
Patane Family
Piini Family
Pineda Family
Poon Family
Prete Family

Quan Family
Rayos Family
Reidy Family
Ritchie Family
Rodis Family
Roque Family
St. Stephen Class of 2025
St. Stephen Faith Formation Families
St. Stephen Preschool Families
St. Stephen School Students
St. Stephen Simbang Gabi Families
Salvamini Family
Sanchez Family
Sanchez-Corea Family
Santos Family
Schneider-Lobo Family Trust
Foundation
A. Schunk Family
D. Schunk Family
Sebastian Family
Sequeira Family
Simpson Family
Smith Family
Sotto Family
Stefanelli Family
Sulayao Family
Tam Family
Taylor Family
P. Teshara Family
Thompson-Bautista Family
Torres Family
Ty Family
Ubungen Family
Wagner Family
Wilde Family
Yiu Family
Ysip Family

AS of January 5, 2026