

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.

January 25, 2026

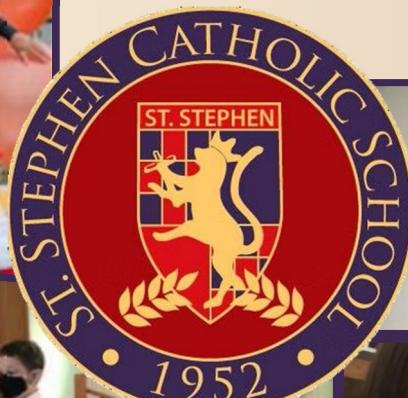
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Archive: Saint Stephen School—PART 2

Returning Stronger Together: St. Stephen School's Pandemic Journey. On March 15, 2020, St. Stephen families received the message no one expected: the school would be closing for quarantine. What began as a presumed two-week pause became months of uncertainty and a completely new way of learning. From the start, Principal Sharon McCarty Allen remained steadfast—students would return to campus as soon as it was safe. Within two days, every student had an iPad, teachers transformed classrooms into Zoom rooms, and beloved traditions were reimagined through virtual fashion shows, livestreamed graduations, and a heartfelt Teacher Appreciation Day car parade. When San Francisco's Department of Public Health released reopening requirements, St. Stephen met everyone. Desks were fitted with protectors, Donworth Hall became a classroom, cleaning routines intensified, and teachers stepped into expanded roles. Reopening rolled out in phases, and students adapted beautifully, embracing new routines and the joy of being together again.

This extraordinary effort was made possible by the generosity and resilience of the St. Stephen community. Years of fundraising by the Women's Guild provided the resources needed for safe reopening—face coverings, hygiene supplies, ventilation improvements, cleaning equipment, signage, and virtual learning tools. That support was more than financial; it was an act of love that gave parents peace of mind, teachers confidence, and students the chance to thrive. "Community is alive and well here," Mrs. Allen reflected. "When things are tough, that's when you show

what you're made of." Through her weekly messages of encouragement and the unshakable spirit of Cougar Country, St. Stephen School emerged from the pandemic stronger, more united, and deeply proud of what it accomplished together.





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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week here at our parish, in the Archdiocese, and throughout our nation. When Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint John Neumann laid the foundation of parochial schools in the United States in the early 19th century, likely they could not have imagined the contribution they were making to the whole of American society. Since that time, Catholic schools have formed countless young people, both Catholics and non-Catholics, because of our Christian mission to bring knowledge to all. We are grateful for the work of our school Principal Mrs. Sharon McCarthy-Allen, our preschool director Mrs. Kerry O'Shaughnessy, and their fine team of teachers, aides, and staff. We are also filled with gratitude for all the volunteer hours of our parents and grandparents whose contributions strengthen our school as well as the work of our Athletic Director Anthony Renteria and the many volunteer coaches of our athletic program. Without the dedicated work of all these people, along with our generous benefactors, we would not be able to carry out the work of preaching the Gospel in our words and deeds.

With the end of the calendar year, we are receiving the final totals from the 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish assessment was \$80,916 and with your generosity, households contributed \$73,964 towards our assessment. That left a deficit \$6,952 that our parish pays from our savings. I am very grateful with your generosity, knowing that we also asked for contributions this past year to the 75th anniversary fund.

On a related note, knowing our parish's unhealthy financial situation, last spring I wrote to the Vicar for Administration and CFO of the Archdiocese requesting if any financial consideration could be given to our parish. I submitted a proposal which included projected budgets and some cost cutting measures we were going to take, along with some reasons for our need. This summer, we received a one-time subsidy of \$115,000 from monies that are set aside to assist parishes in financial need. With these funds, we were able to proceed with the rectory boiler project even though we had not yet raised the money through the 75th Anniversary Fund. Because we were able to raise the funds, we proceeded with a sorely needed maintenance project in the rectory of replacing much of the carpeting with laminate flooring (one of the cases I made for the subsidy). For those of you who had been in the rectory recently, you would know the carpeting needed to be replaced for health and safety reasons. We had solicited some bids for new flooring in the fall of 2024 but the cost was not doable at the time. With the subsidy, we could proceed once again and going back to the vendors, we went with Armstrong Carpet and Linoleum located in West Portal. The final cost of the project was \$50,500, a hefty sum, but considering this is a product that should last decades, it is a wise investment. With the remaining funds from the subsidy, we will be also looking at proceeding with some of the tile roof work on the church and rectory as well as some other issues that are coming on the radar and will need to be addressed in the near future. Stay tuned.

Father Schunk



St. Stephen's Men's Club presents the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Join us Saturday, March 7th in Donworth Hall for a
corned beef dinner with all the fixins'.**

**We will have the Bagpipes,
Murphy Irish Dancers
and a DJ.**

Tickets: \$30 for adults \$10 for kids

**Payment can be a check made payable to:
St. Stephen Men's Club
or via PayPal @ststephenmensclub**

Volunteer opportunity: The Healing WELL is looking for 1-2 volunteers to help prepare lunch for about 15 people on Fridays. The shift is from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Please reach out Kathy Curran, the Director of The Healing WELL for more info. (415) 500-2099 Email: kcurran@healingwellsf.org www.healingwellsf.org 374 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan 26

8:00 a.m. † **Eduardo Memije**
(By: Nellie Hizon)

Tuesday, Jan 27

8:00 a.m. † **Vera & Vin Greely**
(By: Joan Leehan)

Wednesday, Jan 28

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

Thursday, Jan 29

8:00 a.m. † **Hilaria Ysip**
(By: Elvie Ysip)

Friday, Jan 30

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

Saturday, Jan 31

8:00 a.m. † **Father Ted Shipp**
(By: Father Schunk)

4:30 p.m. † **Camile Torres**
(By: Father Schunk)

Sunday, Jan 25

8:00 a.m. † **Ho Family**
(By: Viet & Connie (Mary) Ho)

10:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

6:30 p.m. † **Jessie Gomez**
(By: Elizabeth Mamon)



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.
— Psalm 27:14

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23
Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday, 1/26: **Sts Timothy & Titus**

Tuesday, 1/27: **St. Angela Merici**

Wednesday, 1/28: **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Saturday, 1/31: **St. John Bosco**

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections — January 18, 2026

\$4,351.50 Sunday Offertory

\$1,457.51 Online Giving

St. Stephen's Men's Club Super Bowl Squares

Super bowl squares! Get some action going for the big game, and raise funds while you're at it....

Game Details

Website: [www.footballsquaresonline.com/
game/1358337](http://www.footballsquaresonline.com/game/1358337)

Password: Cougars2026

Deadline: **2/8/2026** 1-hour prior to game start or when all squares are filled.

Buy In: \$100 per square. Pay via cash, check (made payable to St. Stephen's Men's Club [drop off at parish office]) or PayPal: @ststephenmensclub

Total Raised: \$10,000

Payouts:

\$5,000 to support the parish/school.

\$5,000 to be paid out via below:

Q1 Winner: \$500

Q2 Winner: \$1,000

Q3 Winner: \$500

End of Game Reverse:
\$500

End of Game Winner:
\$2,500



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.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevie Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & N elson 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.



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World Day of the Sick

Healing Mass

Saturday Feb. 7, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
St. Dominic Parish

The Order of Malta San Francisco Region and Shrine of St. Jude are hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick. This year, we are collaborating with St. Jude Shrine, and World Day of the Sick will be part of the Lourdes Novena organized by the Shrine from February 3–11.

Prayer cards for your intentions will be available during the Mass, and members of the Order of Malta take the cards to Lourdes, France, during their annual pilgrimage at the beginning of May. A reception will follow the Mass.



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• Altar Servers	Giovanna Hrvatin
• Altar Society	Joan Leehane
• Bridge Group	Virginia Stefanelli
Caritas	Nellie Hizon
• Eucharistic Lay Ministry (Word & Eucharist)	Mary Molly Mullaney
• 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	Patrick Kennedy
• Newman Campus Ministry	Fr Michael Liliedahl
• Parish Council	Vicky Francisco
• Religious Education	Mary Molly Mullaney (Faith Formation, RCIA, Book Club, Hospitality)
• Ushers	Pastor
• Women's Guild	Mandy Fesko & Jen Garlasco

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50+ Club

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 12:30 PM in Donworth Hall
Join us on the first Monday of each month for a lively and welcoming gathering of St. Stephen seniors! Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Bridge, tasty snacks, and great company.