

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.

Pentecost **SUNDAY**

May 24, 2026



Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Christ,

Happy Birthday Church! Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Church. Sometimes we like to refer to this day as the birthday of the Church. This day also concludes the Easter season and the Easter mysteries, though the Risen Jesus continues to live with us in the sacraments and within all the baptized. We believe God the Holy Spirit continues to come down upon us to accompany and help guide us as we look to be missionary disciples of the Gospel.

While today we celebrate the birthday of the Church, in a little over a month we will celebrate the birthday of America and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many groups and organizations have been planning special commemorations and the Catholic bishops in the United States are making a Catholic contribution to the celebration by consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11 (eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart [June 12]). This week, we will include in the bulletin a reflection by Archbishop Alexander Sample on the upcoming consecration of our nation and then the following two weeks, another reflection (in two parts) from the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) to help us prepare for this special spiritual event.

One bit of news for me, back in the fall of 2022 in preparation for concluding my ministry at the North American College in Rome and returning to the Archdiocese, I requested a sabbatical period for priestly growth and renewal. I was hoping I would be able to do it between assignments upon returning in July 2023 but was asked to wait. Well, the wait is over and I was approved for the sabbatical from July through December 2026, which means I will be away from the parish during this time and another priest will be here as Administrator. I have been informing the leadership of our parish the past few weeks, but I have been holding off informing our wider community because the number one question that arises is who will be the priest here in my place, and as I write this, I do not yet know. Years ago, a generous benefactor of the Archdiocese created an endowment for the purpose of sabbaticals and clergy continuing education. It has been common for priests in the Archdiocese to go for sabbatical periods, though since the pandemic, there has been a bit of a pause. Some parishioners will recall that our former pastors, Father Joe Walsh and Father Paul Warren, both went away for sabbaticals during their pastorates at Saint Stephen's. People tell me that Father Walsh spent part of his sabbatical traveling around as a passenger on a cargo ship (yes, you can book passage on cargo ships). I will update you later what I will be doing as part of the sabbatical, but it does encompass the four dimensions of priestly life and formation (human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral). Once we also learn who will be coming in my place, I will pass along that information as well. I am aware that there are a lot of recent changes with the departure of Father Liliedahl and now my leaving for sabbatical, but I am looking forward to returning in January renewed and continuing to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ with all of you.

As I mentioned last week, Deacon Dereck Delgado who was with us for his pastoral year has accepted an invitation to come and visit us the weekend of May 30-31. We will have the opportunity to hear him preach the homily at the 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil, and 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses.

Father Schunk

The Sacraments for Adults

We continue to accompany, support, and pray for those women and men who received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As our adult faith formation program draws to a close this season, now we invite adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and/or seeking Baptism entering the Catholic Church from another Christian community, or adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of the First Eucharist and/or Confirmation to join our adult faith formation program that begins in September.



For more information, please reach out to our Director of Faith Formation, Mary Molly Mullaney. **Email:** faithformation@saintstephensf.org

Looking for that perfect space?

Host your next event at
Donworth Hall or Gym

Please Contact the Shay, the
Hall Director for additional
information.

Shay@SaintStephenSF.org

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, May 25

8:00 a.m. † **Silvia Bramante**
(By: Margarita Solis-Tucker)

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 a.m. † **Ian Brown**
(By: Anna Maria Mendieta)

Wednesday, May 27

8:00 a.m. † **Mariana Mendieta** *Healing*
(By: Anna Maria Mendieta)

Thursday, May 28

8:00 a.m. † **Lourdes Infante**
(By: A. Jison)

Friday, May 29

8:00 a.m. † **Cesar Jimenez**
(By: Lia-Com 65)

Saturday, May 30

8:00 a.m. † **Chris Weinman**
(By: St. Stephen Parish)

4:30 p.m. † **Albert Gragnani**
(By: Diane Gragnani)

Sunday, May 31

8:00 a.m. † **Liisa Conneally**
(By: Kevin Conneally)

10:30 a.m. † **People of the Parish**

6:30 p.m. † **Pat and Betty Moriarty**
(By: Kirwan Family)

Pentecost Sunday

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*
God's Spirit renews the earth.

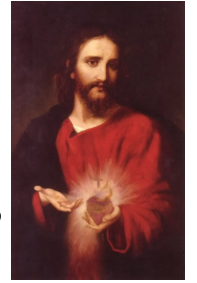
Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*
We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading *ohn 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection on the Consecration to the Sacred Heart

by Archbishop Alexander K. Sample,
Chairman of the Committee for
Religious Liberty, United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops.



On November 11, the bishops of the United States voted to consecrate this nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The consecration will take place on [June 11, 2026] to celebrate America's semi-quincentennial, that is, the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. What does this mean? Why consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart?

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has developed over the centuries following the experiences of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the apparitions she witnessed in the seventeenth century. Popes have lauded the practice of consecration of the self, home, and even whole nations to the Sacred Heart. In his encyclical instituting the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Pius XI, drawing on the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, commended the "pious custom" of consecrating the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a way to recognize the kingship of Christ. By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to "infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life."

With his encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis brought devotion to the Sacred Heart to the forefront of our contemporary Catholic life and culture. He noted: "In contemplating the pierced heart of the Lord, who 'took our infirmities and bore our diseases,' we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love. As we meditate on Christ's self-offering for the sake of all, we are naturally led to ask why we too should not be ready to give our lives for others." In *Dilexi Te*, Pope Leo invited us to contemplate Christ's love, which moves us out on our mission to attend to our sisters and brothers suffering in the world today, particularly in our care for poor and vulnerable people. As we reflect with gratitude on the blessings God has bestowed on our country, our devotion to the Sacred Heart demands that we consider how we might foster truth, justice, and charity in American life. We are called to bring our faith into the actions we take and the lives we lead in our communities. We celebrate the ways the Church has contributed to a more just world, and we invite all in our society to see the face of Christ reflected in each sister and brother. We welcome God's "kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity," remembering that "God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." This anniversary and consecration will be a great opportunity to promote the beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and to encourage the laity to offer their lives in service to God and their country.



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Stewardship: A Way of Life
Sunday Collections - May 17, 2026
\$5,153.45 Sunday Offertory
\$1,552.22 Online Giving

50+ Club!

Monday, June 1, 2026
12:30 pm in
Donworth Hall

Join the St. Stephen seniors for a warm and welcoming afternoon of fellowship and fun. Each gathering offers Bingo, Bridge, great company, and a variety of



tasty snacks. Members also enjoy specialty desserts and popcorn at every meeting, along with a catered holiday lunch each Christmas season.

The group meets on the **first Monday of each month**, with breaks during the summer. All seniors of the parish community are invited to participate and enjoy time together.

If you are interested, please contact the St. Stephen Parish



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DATE: THE START OF JUNE

DAY & TIME: WENESDAY & SATURDAYS AT
10:00 AM



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.

Jim Thompson, 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 & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.