



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2023

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM Sunday 8:30,11:00 AM and 7:00 PM* (Summer Mass Time*) Reconciliation: Friday: 9:15 AM & Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM

or by Appointment (Call Main Office)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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Report: Steubenville Northwest

Hey everyone! I hope you all are still riding the wave in the wake of this year's World Youth Day! As we welcome back our pilgrims from Europe, I'd like to talk about another group of young people who sought out and encountered Christ closer to home.

In mid-July, 12 of our teens (the "New Apostles" as I call them) journeyed with 50 of their peers from four other parishes to the Steubenville NW Conference held in Spokane. This weekend-long gathering brought together hundreds of teens from all over Washington, as well as groups from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and British Columbia.

As usual, the conference assembled a crack team of influential Catholic speakers, including Dan Harms, Lisa Cotter, Michael Gormley, Paul J. Kim, and Fr. Agostino Torres, CFR, all of whom spoke on the overarching theme of Refuge. This theme was lifted from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." With the conference's slate of events, including several opportunities for praise and worship, small group discussion, Confession, and interaction with various religious orders, it felt like there was very little time for (physical) rest! Yet, while in Mass and Adoration, I can personally attest to the deep sense of repose and renewal that our Lord provided me and showered upon the teens.

Equally as impressive was seeing the spirited enthusiasm and profound reverence shown by our 12 teens. For most of our group this was their first Steubenville Conference. Whether a newbie or regular attendee, I saw a different side of each one of our teens emerge over the course of the conference as they surrendered themselves to the goodness and refuge found only in Jesus Christ. We even had three young men consider a call to the priesthood! Just think of blessing for our Church and Archdiocese if even one of those young men go onto Holy Orders!

We are so fortunate here in the PNW that these gatherings are held all around the country. As an Ohio native, I thought that these powerful youth programs only happened at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. When people had asked me if we would ever take



teens to the conferences again, I shuddered at the idea of organizing a cross-country flight with a bunch of rowdy youths. Imagine my relief to find out that the conferences were also held here in our own state of Washington, and that our own young people are absolute angels to travel with...phew! Though it's been nearly 20 years since I attended a Steubenville Conference, I must say that this year's event was just as impactful (if not more so) than that first time!

But don't just take my word for it: "Although my mom had originally forced me to go on this trip," stated one teen to one of our volunteers, "I'll definitely be here next summer!" Ringing endorsements don't get much better than that!

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish's youth, and be assured of my prayers as you enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Christ Michael Joseph Youth Minister

Weekly Readings

August 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

August 14 Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

August 15 Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

August 16 Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

August 17 Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21–19:1

August 18 Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

August 19 Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

August 20 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Parish Calendar

Sunday August 13

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass** 11:00 am -12:15 pm **Mass**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Mass (Summer Mass Time)

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm Apologetics

Monday August 14

9:00 am – 9:30 am
10:00 am – 11:45 am
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
Darling Dusters
Food Bank (drive by only)
Mass (live-streamed)

Tuesday August 15 Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day Obligation

Wednesday August 16

8:00 am – 12:00 pm 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Campus Crew Food Bank (drive by only)

Mass (live-streamed)

7:15 pm – 7:45 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Young Adult Group
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Adoration & Reconciliation

Thursday August 17

8:30 am – 9:30 am Mass (live-streamed)

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus devotion

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Friday August 18

6:30 am –7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)

8:30 am – 9:30 am 9:00 am – 10:00 am 10:00 am – 11:45 am

Mass (live-streamed) Sacrament of Reconciliation Food Bank (Drive by only)

Saturday August 19

7:30 am – 8:30 am 8:30 am – 9:30 am 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Second Hall Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm **Vigil Mass**

Parish Financials - Included are last weekend's collection, the week- end before, and the fiscal year to date through the last full month.

Weekly Collections			
	July 29 & July 30 2023	July 22 & July 23 2023	FY To date July 1 2022- June 30 2023
Collections-actual	13,738	14,279	1,042,290
Collections-Budget	13,253	12,314	1,096,071
Variance	485	1,965	(53,781)
*EFT-Actual	5,860	8,529	484,743
*EFT-Budget	6,148	8,316	505,898
Variance	(288)	213	(21,155)
Total Collections Variance	197	2,178	(74,936)

^{*}EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections) New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2023



Share your Gifts and Talents at St. Stephen's

Here are a few needs at our parish. Contact Beth Nieva for more information (253-480-7105, bnieva@ststephenslife.com).

Screen Operator - Once a month run the screens at the Saturday 5 PM Mass or Sunday 8:30 AM Mass. Ideal candidates are comfortable using a PC, attentive to the action of the liturgy, able to confidently "go with the flow." *Thank you to the parishioners who stepped up to fill every Sunday at the 11 AM Mass!*

Collection Counters - Monday mornings a fun team counts the weekend collections. If you are proficient with 10-key and like numbers, we need you. Contact dblakey@ststephenslife.com

Eucharistic Minster to the Homebound - Sunday morning Communion is brought to the residents at Benson Rehab and the Chateau. If you assist with this valuable opportunity please contact Marijean at mheautmaker@ststephenslife.com

Food Bank - Helpers needed to unpack and pack large orders of Food on Thursdays.



Adoration Invitation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Stephen's is now perpetual!

- Jesus is exposed daily from midnight to midnight
- No adoration during regularly scheduled Masses
- To sign up or for more information: visit the website:

https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration or visit the adoration table in the Narthex after Mass. All hours have room for more adorers. Call one of the coordinators: Tina (206) 715-8462 or Bernie (206) 427-6085

Liturgy of the Hours https://ststephenslife.com/holy-mass-live-stream

Mon - Fri 6:30 -7:30 AM Holy Hour, Office of Reading Morning Prayer

Mon - Fri 12:00 PM Angelus
Mon - Fri 3:00 PM Divine Mercy
Mon - Fri 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sat - Sun 7:30 PM Evening Prayer

Faith Formation Programs



Children and Teen Faith Formation and Sacrament programs K-12th grade continue!. For updates on our programs please access our website at: https://www.ststephenslife.com/faithformation. Families - We need Volunteers! Please ask in prayer: are

you called to help in some way? If God says, "Yes!", then let us know. We will find the right place for you. We look forward to meeting you!! For our Faith Formation Office contact Maria Trejo at mtrejo@ststephenslife.com or at (253) 631-6175, ext. 115. For K-12th grade and our overall Director, contact Shannon Battles at sbattles@ststephenslife.com or at 253-480-7112.



Baptism Classes In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. **Preregistration is required to attend.** Class size will be limited, and you must have proof of pre-

registration to be admitted. Please, only 2 parents, baby, 2 godparents (5 total) per family. Pre-register by calling or emailing Anne Merklin at 253-480-7108 or AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.



Parents: Please sign-up for Flocknote so you can get program and parish news, as well as emergency updates! To sign up for Flocknote, go to bottom of the first page of our website: ststephenslife.com.



Day Custodian Position Open Now Description: 30 hours per week; benefit eligible. Responsible for opening campus gates and building exterior doors as well as restroom cleaning, garbage, vacuuming, cleaning worship spaces, offices, and other common spaces. Works as a team with the Custodial Crew. Works to support the mission and ministry of the Church. Hours start at 7:30 am. Possible flexibility in hours per day working 5 or 6 days a week will be determined upon mutual agreement. Pay range is \$15.74 to 16.58 per hour, D.O.E. Benefits include, PTO, medical, dental and vision. Requirements: Speak, read and write English; Able to lift 50 lbs.; Able to work independently and with volunteers; Support parish safety policies; Assist with room preparation and set-ups; Basic computer skills; For an application or questions, please contact Kim Anderson at kanderson@ststephenslife.com or Tom Jones at tjones@ststephenslife.com.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Etienne - All are encouraged to read Archbishop's Etienne's latest pastoral letter on Partners in the Gospel. Click the image to view the PDF at https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Pastoral-Letter-Partners-in-the-Gospel_English.pdf

Partners in the Gospel - As part of the Partners in the Gospel strategic pastoral planning process, we have launched the Current Reality Report.

- This report provides a snapshot of the archdiocese today and outlines data and trends as well as forecasts for demographic changes over the next decade. It also outlines the urgent need for change and why we must re-envision parish life.
- The Current Reality report is available online at the Archdiocese of Seattle website and we have a link to it on our own website as well.
- I highly recommend that everyone take time to read this report or watch the online video presentation. This will help ground all of us in the reality we share before we begin the process of reviewing potential parish family configurations this fall. For all Partners in the Gospel parish materials: https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/forparishespartners/ Current Reality Report link: https://archseattle.org/partners



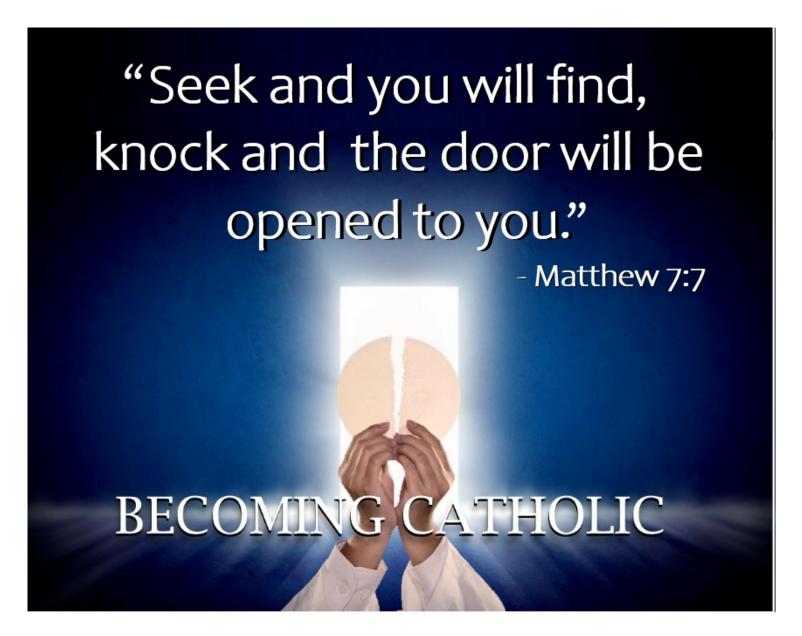
St Stephen's Nears ACA Goal - Current Total: \$193,000

Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal. Can you give \$1 a day? If you have already turned in your pledge-Thank you! We are almost there. Please consider making your gift online at www.archseattle.org/GiveACA



Respect Life - The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974). Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship

is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc.,10,121:PL 15 1834A.). We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support pregnant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love to those who are ill or aging? Do we care for them in a way that respects God's gift of life? Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Wondering about Becoming a Catholic Christian?

Do You Know Someone Who Might Be Interested in Becoming a Catholic Christian?

Join Us for Inquiry Sessions Starting Tuesday, September 19th; 7:00-9:00 PM

Inquiry Sessions are the first step in RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). These Sessions are for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith in a non-judgmental atmosphere, these include:

- + Seeker and Inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith, Traditions and Sacraments.
- + Adults from other Faith Traditions who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.
- + Baptized Adult Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments.

Inquiry Sessions are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, in the Parish Social Hall and meet current COVID guidelines. For Information or Questions contact: Anne Merklin at AMerklin@ststephenslife.com or 253-480-7108 (ext.126)

















August 13: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

Faith Insights from Bishop Fulton Sheen - Close to God - Imagine a large circle and in the center of it rays of light that spread out to the circumference. The light in the center is God; each of us is a ray. The closer the rays are to the center, the closer the rays are to one another. The closer we live to God, the closer we are bound to our neighbor; the farther we are from God, the farther we are from one another. The more each ray departs from its center, the weaker it becomes; and the closer it gets to the center, the stronger it becomes.

Darling Dusters - We Need Your Help! The Darling Dusters, who serve the church by helping to keep it neat and tidy, need more helpers. Please join us for an hour on Mondays, starting at 9 am. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call Betty in the church office (253-631-1940).

St. Stephen Housing Association is gearing up for its November 4th Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser "HOPE FOR HOUSING". We are looking for auction items, such as tickets to events, rounds of golf, and restaurant and spa gift certificates, or brand new items you've just never used, just to name a few. Or if you love to make gift baskets and would like to make one for the auction, we would be thrilled! Do you have a skill you would be willing to donate that could be auctioned off? If you have something to donate that could be used in our auction to raise money for homeless families, we would love to talk to you! Please contact us at 253-638-9798 or SSHAfundraiser@gmail.com. Thank you!

Grief Ministry - If you are grieving the death of a loved one, come find strength and compassion with the St. Stephen's Grief Support Meeting on Sunday, August 20th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Guilt—If Only...". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at srasmussen910@yahoo.com. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes...for the old order has passed away." Revelation 21, 4

Our Lady of La Vang Celebration September 10th

A wonderful event put on by the Vietnamese community of St. Stephen, we would like to **invite everyone** to join the Blessed Lady of La Vang festivities in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mother. Rosary & Procession outside around the church starting at 10 AM. Holy Mass inside in the church at 11:00 AM. Reception in the Social Hall: Children dance performance and Food

We would also like to **invite all children to join the procession flower dance** for our Blessed Virgin Mother. If you have children from 5 years old and up (both Boys and Girls) who are interested in joining this wonderful event. Dance practice schedules as follows: Thurs 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7 from 5:30 to 7pm, Rehearsal: 9/9 from 3 to 5pm. Please contact Quyen Ho at (206) 858-3870 or email: Quyenho6and4@gmail.com.

Food will be provided by the Vietnamese community. Please feel free to bring your favorite desserts and fruits to share with others. Please contact Monica Schwarz at monicas001@yahoo.com or Phuong Truong at phuong.truong@gmail.com and let them know what you will be bringing.



St Anthony School

Now Enrolling: St. Anthony School - Are you interested in your child receiving a mission-based, community-focused Catholic education? For nearly 100 years, St. Anthony School has educated the whole child to better the world and serve others. We still have spot available in all grades for this upcoming school year, 2023-2024 and will continue to register through fall. Please visit our website at www.sasr.org or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set up a school tour or to learn more info.

St. Anthony School in Renton is looking to hire teacher for 3rd grade. If you would like to inquire about this open position please email your resume to Deacon Michael at cantu@sasr.org.

Friday Morning Men's Prayer & Reflection Social Hall opens at 6:15 AM for coffee and donuts. Morning Prayer begins at 6:30 in the chapel, followed by reading and reflection of the coming Sunday Gospel. We conclude no later than 7:30 AM. Participants are encouraged to download the app, I-Breviary for use with the Morning Office of Readings.

Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **Bulletin Notices:** The **content deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

Main Office Phone: TEL 253-631-1940 / FAX 425-255-2943 Ten digit phone numbers listed below are direct lines.

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SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449		
Lead Custodian	Luke Sanchez		Lsanchez@ststephenslife.com	

Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact See contact information above to reach a Staff person for Marriage or Baptism.

Annulments: (for those who are divorced): For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions and for help through the annulment process, please contact our parish Tribunal Advocate, Veronica Smith-Casem, at vsmithcasem@gmail.com or 425-301-0356.

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Renato Desiderio, Linda Marie Parker, Grace Ragonesi, Kelley Chaves, Angelina Rivera, Leila Rivera-Abada, Jojo Castillo If you or a loved one would like to be included in the bulletin listing please contact Betty Mencke at 253-631-1940.

Recent Deaths

Joseph Marci, Adrian Perez, Walter Joseph Koczor, brother of Mary Kasprzyk, Terry Strom, Rose Heryla, Jim Steckler, Violeta Castaneda, Mary Claire Duncan and Adrian Abada, Robert Paulsen, Ingeborg Hoffman (Brier), Kay Boyle, sister of Mike Nolan

Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland, Pv. 2
Anthony Vogeler, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs

To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146: 7-8. When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and be free again. Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series. English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 Email projectrachel@ccsww.org Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services. You are loved with an everlasting love!



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