

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2024

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and **5:30\* PM (\*Note New Mass Time)**  
Reconciliation: Wednesday 7:00-8:30 PM, Friday: 5:00-6:00 PM &  
Saturday: 9:30-10:30 AM, or by Appointment (Call Main Office)  
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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Listing of Parish Staff on the back inside page

Dear St. Anthony and St. Stephen parishioners,

Fall is upon us! I always look forward to this time of year, the students back in school excited for the year and various programs starting at the parish. This includes faith formation for all ages and sacramental preparation. Please check both parish bulletins/webpages for ways to join and participate soon! Our faith is about prayer and sacraments but also about community, learning, and service in the name of Jesus.



We are hoping to provide some liturgical minister training as well this fall at both parishes. See more information soon and if you are interested in joining a ministry please contact the parish office.

Thank you to all our teachers, catechists, and liturgical ministers who serve our communities so well throughout the year. May the Lord bless you abundantly!

This month as I rotate through the weekend masses, I will provide a foundational homily about how we form our conscience and participate in the political process of our country as faithful citizens. This is in the context of the upcoming presidential election. If you need other resources, please see [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or [www.wacatholics.org](http://www.wacatholics.org). Continue to pray for all in our country, for civil discourse, and let us continue to support each other in following Jesus.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,



Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, pastor

### Weekly Readings

**September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**September 9 Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

**September 10 Tuesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

**September 11 Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

**September 12 Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

**September 13 Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

**September 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**September 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday September 8

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Mass**  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mass**  
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Mass**

### Monday September 9

9:00 am - 10:30 am Darling Dusters  
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (drive by only)  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

### Tuesday September 10

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Girl Friends Lit & Latte Meeting  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass** (live-streamed)

### Wednesday September 11

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Campus Crew  
 10:00 am - 10:45 am Rosary Group  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Food Pantry (drive by only)  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **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 September 12

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass (live-streamed) - NOTE NEW TIME**  
 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

### Friday September 13

6:30 am - 7:30 am Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)  
 10:00 am - 11:45 am Food Pantry (Drive by only)  
 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - **NEW TIME**  
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer  
 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass (live-streamed) - NOTE NEW TIME**

### Saturday September 14

6:30 am - 7:30 am Saturday Morning Holy Hour  
 7:30 am - 8:30 am Exodus 90  
 8:30 am - 9:15 am **Mass** (live-streamed)  
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil Mass**

## Food Pantry Current Needs

Spaghetti Sauce  
 Peanut Butter  
 Dry beans in 1 lb bags

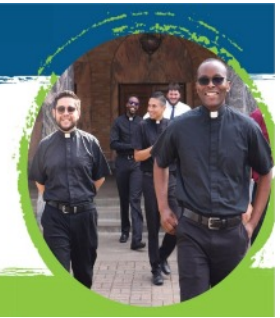


**Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry!**



## Annual Catholic Appeal

**One Mission,  
 One Family,  
 Together in Christ**



### Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

*Thank you to all who have participated! Over the last few months, we have received gifts of **\$162,000 towards our goal of \$184,300**. Through the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, your generous gifts support the needs of our faith family with the centralized services supporting our parish staff, formation, outreach ministries, and support for Deacons and Seminarians. Your gift makes an impact. **If the parish does not meet our goal, we are billed to make up the difference**, which can affect our ability to fund our programs and ministries. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time. You can donate using the QR code, fill out a pew envelope, or go online to [archseattle.org/GiveACA](https://archseattle.org/GiveACA).*



### Adoration Invitation - At St.

Stephens we enjoy Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the chapel/church. That means Jesus is exposed in the Monstrance 24 hours 7 days (except during scheduled Masses). At this time we find ourselves with open hours needing to be filled by committed adorers. Is Jesus calling you to Come and Adore Him? Please go to the Adoration sign up table in the narthex and find up-to-date information on what hours are available and/or need to be filled or visit <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact

coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.

Weekly Collections	August 5- August 11, 2024	July 29- August 4, 2024	FY To date July 1 2024-July 31, 2024
Collections-actual	14,117	18,942	69,574
Collections-Budget	23,053	14,248	82,497
Variance	(8,936)	4,694	(12,923)
*EFT-Actual	7,484	10,650	36,000
*EFT-Budget	11,451	6,171	44,777
Variance	(3,967)	4,479	(8,777)
Total Collections	(12,903)	9,173	(21,700)
Variance			

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	951	996	1873
Food Pantry	615	2000	2940

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

\*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

*Note: these numbers are repeated from last week due to the holiday weekend.*



# Faith Formation Programs

## Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

This is for children and teens through 12th Grade, as well as Adult Scripture Study. Check out your areas right away, as things are happening fast! If you have questions, we're happy to help. We will also be in the Narthex after all the Masses on September 7 and 8. Join us, build community, and grow in our Lord!

Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

**For Registration Please Visit**

<https://ststephenslife.com/fall-2024-registration-children-and-teens>



## Our EDGE and Life Teen Youth Groups for Middle and High Schoolers

(respectively) are starting up again! The people have spoken, and so we will be running **both programs side-by-side every Sunday from 3-5pm**. All teens are invited to our joint **Kickoff Night on Sunday Sept. 8 at 3pm in the Social Hall!** Please RSVP to the invite that Michael has sent out to let us know you're coming! Start the school year off right celebrating with the Lord and your friends! (Note: The event will lead into 5:30pm mass).

**Teen Sacramental Prep** is now open for registration! Confirmation classes are open for any teen 7th grade and over, classes will take place Monday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the Social Hall. Middle and high schoolers will meet separately twice a month. The first middle school session (7-8th grades) will begin on Monday Sept 16. The first high school (9-12th grades) session will begin on Monday Sept 23. If your teen needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please register here or contact Michael Joseph ([mjoseph@ststephenslife.com](mailto:mjoseph@ststephenslife.com)) for more info!



**Baptism Classes** In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. Pre-registration 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 (253) 480-7106 or emailing Ellen Golden at [egolden@ststephenslife.com](mailto:egolden@ststephenslife.com).



## Adult Bible Study: First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community*, an eleven-part Bible study, learn how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift—the Eucharist. We will begin the Bible study *First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community* on **September 10**. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively small group discussion and fellowship.

**We have two Bible study sessions.** One session meets Tuesday morning in the Social Hall from 9:20-11:30 and the other meets

Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 in Room 128/129. We'd love to see you at one of them! For more information or help with registration contact: Karen Buchert at [kasbuchert@comcast.net](mailto:kasbuchert@comcast.net) or the Faith Formation office at [mtrejo@ststephenslife.com](mailto:mtrejo@ststephenslife.com) or 253-631-6175.



**ST ANTHONY SCHOOL**

**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 have spots available in all grades for this upcoming school year, 2024-2025. Please visit our website at [www.sasr.org](http://www.sasr.org) or email Jean Dang at [dang@sasr.org](mailto:dang@sasr.org) to set up a school tour or to learn more info.





# Where Are You on the Path to Jesus?

Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Becoming a Catholic Christian?  
Join Us for Inquiry Sessions Starting Tuesday, September 24th

## **How to Begin Your Catholic Faith Journey:**

Inquiry Sessions are the first step in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).  
These Sessions are for:

- ◇ Seekers and Inquirers who want to learn about the Catholic Faith, Traditions and Sacraments.
- ◇ Adults in other Faith Traditions who are interested in learning about the Catholic Church.
- ◇ Baptized Adult Catholics who have not received ALL their Sacraments.

**Inquiry Sessions Are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Social Hall**

If you have Questions, please contact, Anne Merklin,  
[AMerklin@ststephenslife.com](mailto:AMerklin@ststephenslife.com) or 253-480-7108 (direct line)





**September 8 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?



**The Gabriel Project** is in need of diapers and wipes for their young Moms. They especially need sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as unscented wipes. You may leave them at the Food Pantry Baskets in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support for our Moms who chose life!



### Grief Ministry

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, come find strength and compassion with the St. Stephen's Grief Support Group on Sunday, September 15th at 1:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel as well as on Zoom. Our topic will be "Stages and Tasks of Successful Grieving" and "The Anger Within". For more information and to register, please contact Sharon Rasmussen at [srasmussen910@yahoo.com](mailto:srasmussen910@yahoo.com). "God, the Father of compassion encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may encourage those who are in affliction." 2 Corinthians 1: 2, 3



**Spiritual Adoption** - Thank you for praying for me. I am seven months old now. I am growing every day. I am between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get hiccups!



**Terrific Tuesday Meals** will once again be serving dinner in the hall on the last Tuesday evening at 6:00pm on Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. All are welcome.

**Terrific Tuesday Meals** is also in need of meal prep help from 2:00-4:00. Please contact Chari at [terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com](mailto:terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com) to get information and sign up to help. Food handlers permits are needed but very easy to obtain online.



**St. Stephen Housing Association Wine Tasting** - St. Stephen Housing Association is gearing up for its November 2nd 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 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 families experiencing homelessness, we would love to talk to you! Please contact us at 253-638-9798 or [SSHAfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:SSHAfundraiser@gmail.com). Thank you!



### Blessed Virgin Mary Lady of La Vang Mass Celebration this Saturday September 7th

*Our Vietnamese community members are sponsoring a special Our Lady of La Vang celebration this Saturday, September 7th for the whole parish family at St. Stephen the Martyr. An outdoor Rosary procession around the church grounds begins at 4 PM, following by Mass at 5:00 PM and a reception in the social hall featuring a Children's dance performance and Food. All are welcome! Food will be provided by the Vietnamese community!*



## Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at [www.ststephenslife.com](http://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](mailto:ourbulletin@gmail.com).

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St Stephen Housing Association		253-480-7122	<a href="mailto:office@ststephenhousing.org">office@ststephenhousing.org</a>
SVDP Help-Line		206-767-6449	

**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 civilly divorced). For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), [AMerklin@ststephenslife.com](mailto:AMerklin@ststephenslife.com).

**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](mailto:sstmassociate@gmail.com)

### Praying For Sick

Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol, Jeff Tobin, Estrellita Staehli

*Please note we are revising the list of those who are ill and in need of prayers. Names will be posted for 3 weeks unless we receive further notification. 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

Conrado Redila, Peter Olson, Charito Rubis Galindo, Buddy Day,  
*Names will be posted for 3 months.*

### Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Jack Cullers US, Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland,  
PFC 2 Anthony Vogeler, Poland.

To add names to the box, please email [ourbulletin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

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