



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 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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Dear St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr parishioners,

As we approach another election cycle, we are reminded to focus our lives on Jesus, to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our country and the world, and to participate in our political process as faithful citizens. In doing so, each person is obliged to form their conscience by the life and teachings of Jesus, the intercession of Mary and the saints, observe the 10 commandments, live the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, grow in the practice of the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, consider your own cultural and educational background, and understand the four basic principles of Catholic Social Doctrine.



These principles are the dignity of the human person, subsidiarity, the common good, and solidarity. As the Catechism states in #2423: "The church's social teaching proposed principles for reflection; criteria for judgment; and guidelines for action". The church developed these social teachings especially in the complexities of the modern and postmodern age. Starting with Pope Leo XIII's document Rerum Novarum in 1891 in response to workers rights. The Second Vatican Council wrote about the church in the modern world, and John Paul II promulgated the compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church in 2004. More recent, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have written on contemporary issues. Current resources can be found at the U.S. Bishops conference webpage www.usccb.org and the Washington State Catholic Conference www.wacatholics.org. I would also encourage you to read the section in the Catechism on Life in Christ #1691-2557 and Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship from the USCCB in 2019. Most recently, the U.S. Bishops also released a pledge of civility.

The current contemporary social teachings of the church are the life and the dignity of the human person, a call to family, community and participation, rights and responsibilities of individuals in society, option for the poor and vulnerable, the dignity and rights of workers, solidarity with all people, and care for God's creation. Considering these teachings, we are called to promote the protection of all life and the common good, charity and justice, promote peace, religious freedom, economic justice, accessible health care, safe migration, quality education, combat racism, unjust discrimination and violence, be proper stewards of communication, media and culture, and promote global solidarity. In short, as Catholics we are called to care for all.

The church is involved in the political process but is not partisan. Our ongoing efforts involve prayer, participation, advocacy, tithing, and ongoing formation, all in hopes of sanctifying the political system. Let us continue to find ways to support one another in following Jesus as we respond to his calling. We pray for wisdom, courage and strength in all things to help promote the kingdom of God in the world.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

September 22 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-6, 8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

September 23 Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18

September 24 Tuesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

September 25 Wednesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

September 26 Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2-11: Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

September 27 Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

September 28 Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

September 29 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Parish Calendar

Sunday September 22

Monday September 23

9:00 am - 10:30 am Darling Dusters

10:00 am – 11:45 am South 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 - 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Family Meeting

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm **Mass** (Fr. Dolejsi)

Tuesday September 24

9:15 am- 11:30 am
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Scripture Study
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Evening Prayer
Terrific Tuesday Dinner
Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)
Scripture Study
OCIA Class

Wednesday September 25

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
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sevening Prayer

Mass (Fr. Marlo)
Apologetics Meeting

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 26

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday September 27

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)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Our Lady of Rosary Makers Meeting

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday September 28

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 (Fr. Marlo)

8:30 am – 9:00 am St. Lawrence Ruiz Feast Day Reception

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (Fr. Marlo)

Food Pantry Current Needs

Syrup Pancake Mix Canned Fruit Dry beans in 1 lb bags





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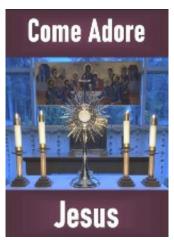
Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

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.



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	Sept 2-Sept.	Aug 26-Sept	FY To date July 1
	8, 2024	1, 2024	2024-August 31, 2024
Collections-actual	16,621	19,605	141,038
Collections-Budget	18,855	16,740	156,103
Variance	(2,234)	2,865	(15,065)
*EFT-Actual	10,573	8,966	72,753
*EFT-Budget	2,639	9,872	83,695
Variance	7,934	(906)	(10,942)
Total Collections Variance	5,700	1,959	(26,007)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	100	40	4501
Food Pantry	280	975	6253

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)

Faith Formation Programs

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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!

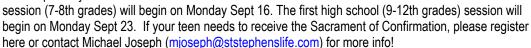
Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

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 All middle schoolers are invited to the first part of the "Unfolded" series this Sunday at 3. All high schoolers are invited to learn about the papacy at this Sunday's LT session "Head of the House" (Note: These will lead into 5:30 pm 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



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.









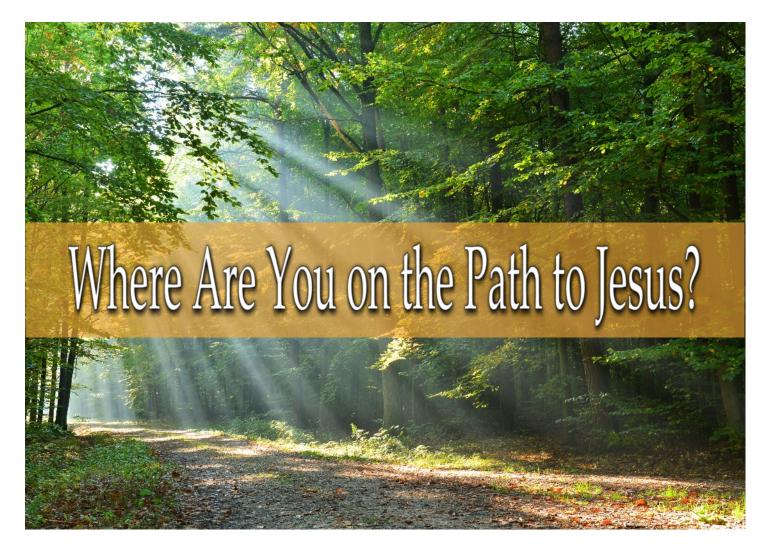
Phishing in Churches Please beware of email and text "phishing". Fraudulent email and text requests for money wire transfers and gift cards in the names of Fr. Bryan and other clergy continue to circulate around our parish. The names on these attempts may be familiar, but the email address or phone number used will not be the one you know. No one from St. Stephen's will ask you for gift cards or similar items (for themselves or for others) via email or text. Please don't answer these messages! Nobody's email or phone has been "hacked". Phishing and whaling are when someone creates a NEW email or profile to impersonate a real person. Mark these phishing or whaling scams email addresses as spam, block, and report them to your provider. Phone numbers should be blocked. You may also report these attempts to the government on the Department of Homeland Security page (https://www.dhs.gov/report-incidents). Learn more: *Phishing Scams Targeting Pastors: Who's Next?* from Government Technology

(https://www.govtech.com/ blogs/lohrmann-oncybersecurity/phishing-scams-targetingpastors-whos-next.html) Please stay safe! Take caution in responding to any message that seems unlikely or suspicious.

Fr Ed's New Wheels!

God is so good! As are the people of St Stephen's! Thanks for keeping me safe on the road to Forks. You remain in my prayers. With great gratitude, - Fr Ed.





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 or 253-480-7108 (direct line)

















September 22 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

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!

Response the Seattle Times Op Ed Regarding Sexual Abuse Survivors

The Seattle Times recently ran an opinion piece regarding the ongoing sexual abuse crisis, and the Church's response to the needs of survivors. Use the QR code (or address below) to the left to read an Op-Ed response to the Seattle Times article from the Archdiocese.

https://files.ecatholic.com/11284/documents/2024/9/Seattle%20Times%20Op%20Ed%208.23.24.pdf?t= 1726505628000

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 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. Thank you!

Girlfriends - Please join the Girlfriends at our upcoming events. All women (age 18+) are invited! The Lit & Lattes group is meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. We will be meeting offsite in October and have a Zoom option. Please RSVP to Vicki Kennerud at vkennerud@comcast.net for location details or Zoom link. New members are welcome!

Safe Environment Are you helping with Faith Formation or vulnerable adults? Please check your Safe Environment Status at www.virtusonline.org If you haven't taken a class or filled out a background check yet, please log in and sign up for a live class. There are many local class times, St. Stephen's is offering a class on September 26 at 6:00 pm. For any questions, please contact Beth at bnieva@ststephens.com

Respect Life - Upcoming Dates

September 25th - November 3rd - Renton Prayer Days for Life 2024 - In solidarity with 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. Contact Mary K at 19jmj54@comcast.net or Katie B at kati1754@comcast.net for information.

September 26th - Respect Life Ministry meeting at 7:00 PM sharp in Classroom 130

October Respect Life Month

October 6th - Life Chain 2024 in Renton. Contact Bernie W at bkwit6gc@msn.com or Richard Bray at rgbray7@yahoo.com for information.

October 1st -October 31st- Respect Life Rosary - 30 minutes Before weekend and weekday Masses. -For sign up and information contact Gina B at gina28891@gmail.com

October 17th - Respect Life Ministry meeting at 7:00 PM sharp in Classroom 130

October 20th - Coffee & Donuts sponsored by Respect Life Ministry. Contact Mary K at

19jmj54@comcast.net

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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St Stephen Housing Association		253-480-7122	office@ststephenhousing.org
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.

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

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, Mike Romero 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.

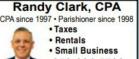
To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940. To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com

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

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