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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6 JULY 2025

CONTACT OUR
PARISH OFFICE

ststephenberwick.org

Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

Phone 985-385-1280

Email ststephenchurch@atvci.net

THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

“ASK THE MASTER OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS”

– Luke 10

Dear Parish Family,

In this weekend’s Gospel, Christ sends out 72 disciples to begin the work of ministry – teaching, preaching, and converting souls.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Christ asks the disciples to pray for more “laborers for His harvest.” The Lord is asking His people to pray for priestly vocations. Each of us has role to play in fostering vocations.

PRO-LIFE SUPPLY DRIVE CONCLUDES

Thank you to the many who donated to our June Supply Drive in support of a local pro-life pregnancy shelter – we had an outstanding response! I’m grateful to Kathy Labouve for spearheading this apostolate.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Are you interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion, First Confession, Confirmation)?

OCIA is a program of classes that prepare individuals to receive sacraments as adults (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation in Adults). It is an updated version of RCIA that the Vatican has asked the Church across the world to adopt.

Classes begin in September and are held twice a month. Simply call the parish office at 385-1280 to sign up or to receive more information.

UPDATE ON RECTORY PROJECT

This weekend at all Masses, I will offer an update on the rectory project during the sermon. You can find more information in the notice on the facing page.

– Fr. Istre

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: FAITH & PATRIOTISM

Fulton Sheen speaks about what it truly means to be an American – the intersection of Faith and Patriotism:

In a 1955 telecast, Sheen said, “Jefferson set down in the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence that the Creator has endowed man with certain unalienable rights. Meaning, rights that cannot be taken away – among which are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That is our democracy. It is based on the recognition of God-given gifts.”

“See, our country has theological foundations! In other words, our Declaration of Independence is a declaration of dependence. We are independent because we are dependent on God. If we wish to keep our rights and liberties, we must also keep our God! Piety and patriotism go together. That is the first glory of being an American.”

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

7 July - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), In honor of our Blessed Mother, Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Irvin & Carla Loupe fly.(L&D)

8 July - Votive of Holy Angels

Mrs. Hazel Richard

9 July - Votive of St. Joseph

Cyril Bourgoyne fly. (L&D)

11 July - Friday Requiem

L.P. Lipari, Frank Russo, Sr. fly. (L&D), Cyril Bourgoyne fly. (L&D), The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

12 July - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Mr. B.A. “Red” Adams, Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, Madge Comeaux, Jane Beadle, Cyril Bourgoyne fly. (L&D), John Tholen, Alden Vining, Jr., Eljean Nesmith, Bob Radtke

13 July - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D),

10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljean Chauvin Nesmith, Bob Radtke, Cyril Bourgoyne fly. (L&D)

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

THE RECTORY PROJECT (3RD NOTICE)

On Thursday, June 19, I met with our architect and his team in Baton Rouge. The architect has completed preliminary drawings to submit to the diocese for approval. On August 10th, I will go before the Diocesan Building Review Board and defend this proposal. This is an additional step required for all new constructions in the diocese. Once we receive their approval, our architect will be able to begin planning work with a contractor. *This phase of the construction-planning process is always slow-going. But know that progress is being made each week. I will continue to keep you updated, and let you know when we have a timeline for work.*

– Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Weekend:

Introducing an Upcoming Ministry at St. Stephen’s THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

“Faith, Conversation, and Good Wine”

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASSES

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

August 14 – 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

August 15 – 12:10 pm Mass

WELCOMING BACK DEACON COLE ZAUNBRECHER



This Monday at Daily Mass, we welcomed back newly-ordained Deacon Cole Zaunbrecher. In August, Cole will return to Maryland to complete his seminary studies. He will be ordained to the priesthood in June of 2026.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 10,282
Peter’s Pence	\$ 440
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 10,722

ONLINE GIVING

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