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SAINT STEPHEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Miracle of the Sun
Fatima, Portugal, October 13, 1917

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 OCTOBER 2025

CONTACT OUR
PARISH OFFICE

ststephenberwick.org

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

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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

Dear Parish Family,

SPIRITUALLY MOVING PILGRIMAGE

This Friday evening, I returned from pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Fatima with 38 of our parishioners. Know that I prayed for you and our entire parish family at every holy sight and in every Mass. I know many of our pilgrims had profound spiritual encounters along the way. It was a powerful and spiritually-uplifting experience for me, as well. It was the first international pilgrimage I have led as a priest, and each day was a joy. There will certainly be more opportunities for pilgrimage in the future. I'm also grateful to the many priests who offered Holy Mass in my absence.

PARISH PETITIONS DELIVERED TO SHRINES

Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who submitted petitions for Fatima and Lourdes. These petitions were placed on the altar for each Mass. I then personally delivered them to each shrine (the Grotto at Lourdes and the Apparition Chapel at Fatima).

BLESSED MEDALS FROM LOURDES & FATIMA

Available on Table in Back of Church

Blessed medals from each of the shrines are available for you in the back of church. These were brought back from each of the shrines.

The medals from Lourdes bear an image of Our Lady's apparition to St. Bernadette. They were blessed at Lourdes with Lourdes water. The medals from Fatima contain soil from the shrine itself, where Our Lady appeared to the three shepherds. They were blessed at Fatima.

- Fr. Istre

ALL SOULS CANDLES

Available in the Office Starting Wed., October 1

This year, we continue our tradition of offering All Souls Day Candles. Candles can be reserved in memory of a departed loved one. This year, the Feast of All Souls will be celebrated at all the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2 (Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7am, 10am, and 6:30pm). The candles will burn throughout ALL the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2.

Candles can be reserved in the parish office for \$5 each.

Pickup Procedure: Candles will be available for pickup beginning on Monday, November 3 outside of the church office.



THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Father Istre at Diocesan Priest Retreat

This Monday evening, Fr. Istre will travel to the yearly retreat for priests of the Diocese of Lafayette in Grand Coteau. He will return Wednesday. Please pray for Father in these brief days of retreat. Daily Mass will continue as normal this week.

Third "Theology in a Bottle" Night

Our third night of the Theology in a Bottle series will be offered this week. Thank you to all who will join us. We welcome Dr. Denise Benton, professor at UL Lafayette. She will speak on living lives of service in a busy world.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the November finale of this years series, which will be offered at the 180 Downtown.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

13 October - Votive of the Trinity

Calvin Leleux

14 October - Votive of Holy Angels

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

15 October - St. Teresa of Jesus

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

17 October - St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

18 October - 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), Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot

19 October - 7am Mass

Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D)

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Horace Pete, Annalee Daigle, Onesime & Hazel Richard, Margaret Williams fly. (L&D), Jimmy Joseph Hue

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Trees on Back Side of Church Removed

Four trees on the back side of church were removed and the stumps ground. The roots of these trees damaged the shed and were beginning to reach the foundation of the church. I never like to cut down trees, but this was necessary to protect the integrity of the church's foundation. I'm grateful to the parishioners who tackled this job. I'm also grateful for the assistance of the town of Berwick.

Ongoing AC Repairs in Church

The large air conditioning units in church have presented ongoing issues over the past two months. We've been able to help them along with multiple repairs this summer. These units are 25 years old, and have served the church well. But, this week, we spoke with three local companies to discuss possible next steps for a long-term plan. I'll keep you updated when I return from Europe.

-Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 14 at 6 pm

We welcome Dr. Denise Benton, Professor at UL Lafayette

ALL SOULS CANDLES AVAILABLE

Candles can be reserved in the church office until Wed. Oct 29

ALL SOULS MASSES

Saturday, November 1 at 4pm

Sunday, November 2 at 7am, 10am, 6:30 pm

All Souls candles will burn at all Masses.

SAVE THE DATE for NOEL NIGHT

Thursday, December 11, 2025,
6 pm at the Petroleum Club



Tickets will be available beginning October 20.

For advance information, call Ros in the parish office.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Haloween Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 8,315
Building & Maintenance	\$ 2,868
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 11,183

ONLINE GIVING

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"THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" DATES:

"SIPPING & SERVING"

Living Lives of Service



Dr. Denise Benton
UL Lafayette,
Professor

October 14, 6 pm

"PRUNING THE VINE"

Digital Overload & Toxicity



Fr. Jamin David
Vicar General,
Baton Rouge

November 13, 6 pm
at One80 Downtown