

ST. STEPHEN

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Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS Monday & Tuesday 8:30am-12:00 noon
Thursday 9:00am-4pm
Please call the parish office to register.

PARISH STAFF

Father Ed Suszynski, *Presbyteral Moderator*fred@ststephen.ws

Deacon Pete Foradori, *Parish Life Coordinator*deaconpete@ststephen.ws

Paula Winrod, *Parish Secretary*secretary@ststephen.ws

Wendy McKee, *PSR Coordinator*

Patricia Foradori and Laura Fryman, *Organists*

Ronald Boehm, *Maintenance*

PARISH COUNCIL — Christina King, Danielle Stiegelmeier,
Robert Williams, Marlene Zeigler, Christy & Jimmy Johnson, Tom Kilner

FINANCE COUNCIL — Sharon Gebura, Jim Linn,
Todd McKee, Joyce Smith, Joe Dempsey

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism of Children Please contact the parish office before the birth of your first child to prepare for this sacrament.

Baptism of Adults (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA)

The process for becoming a Roman Catholic for adults and older children who have not been baptized or have been baptized in a different tradition. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

First Communion Celebrated every year after the children have completed sacramental preparation.

Confirmation Celebrated every other year for those in the eighth and ninth grades.

SACRAMENTS OF LOVING SERVICE

Marriages Please consult with the Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the desired date is set.

Holy Orders Contact the parish office for information about the priesthood or the diaconate. We will also provide information about vowed religious life for men & women.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Reconciliation Saturday, 3:00-3:45pm

Anointing of the Sick As needed, and as requested.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Saturday Vigil..... 4:00pm
Sunday 11:00am

Weekdays Monday, Tuesday — No Mass
Wednesday 4:00pm
Thursday, Friday — No Mass

Holy Days — Consult bulletin for times

Eucharistic Adoration — Every Wednesday from 1:00pm - 8:00pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through Him...

We celebrate the sanctity of life.

With Him...

We worship God as we prayerfully tend to the needs of body and spirit.

In Him...

We remain faithfully Catholic as a small rural parish community.

Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

A Word from Father Ed,

Dear Parishioner,

Happy Easter! I hope your Easter Season is going well. Our Gospel this weekend from John (Jn 21:1-19) offers us a few things to reflect and pray about. First, we hear Simon Peter say that he is going fishing. We recall that before Jesus called Simon Peter, he, as well as some of the other disciples were fishermen. This act of going fishing seems like Simon Peter is at a loss for what to do and so he reverts back to what he knows or what is comfortable to him. This is a cautionary scene for us because we know we are called to be and live as the new creations we've become in Christ through our Lenten journeys. However, there are moments where we will be tempted to revert and choose old and even sometimes bad habits or behaviors that we've worked so hard to leave behind. Thus, we should be aware of any reversion moment temptations that pop up in our lives. Also, in Simon Peter going fishing, this allows us to see that the disciples hadn't quite grasped the fullness of what the Resurrection means and so they're just kind of living their lives, so to speak. But we see the Lord call them once again. This reminds us to always keep unpacking what the Resurrection means for our lives as disciples – who we are, who we're called to be, how we're called to live. Lastly, we see Jesus ask Simon Peter if he loves Him not once but three times. Scholars suggest Jesus' threefold questioning of Simon Peter is an undoing of the threefold denial Simon Peter had during the time of Jesus' trial and Passion. This threefold action though, can remind us to always claim the love of Christ when the world may tempt us to deny our faith or otherwise.

Before I conclude my article, I want to make mention that this is my last bulletin article as your Presbyteral Moderator. Fr. Pete has most likely mentioned to the parish that he, along with myself and Fr. Rod Kreidler, have been working hard to make better arrangements to provide the best pastoral care for the parishes in the area. The result of these efforts is a new parochial vicar being assigned to the area and a change in leadership. Fr. Pete will remain as St. Stephen's Parish Life Coordinator (PLC) and Fr. Rod Kreidler will take over as Presbyteral Moderator effective June 1, 2025. This means my time with you will be coming to a conclusion at the end of the month. I thank everyone for the opportunity to get to know you, your prayers, and your support. Please know that you remain in my prayers!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Ed Suszynski

Mass Schedule

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday, May 3 | 4:00pm Ronald Bourdess+ |
| Sunday, May 4 | 11:00am For the People |
| Wed., May 7 | 4:00pm Bob Jack+ |
| Saturday, May 10 | 4:00pm For the People |
| Sunday, May 11 | 11:00am Carolyn Sage+ |

THANK YOU from the Ladies Guild for the wonderful response to the Lenten Food Drive. Deacon Pete said we received a TON of food donations for the West Salem Outreach Food Pantry which was very much needed. We appreciate all your support!

Readings for the Week of May 4, 2025

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 3

First Saturday Devotion

| | |
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| 3:00pm | Reconciliation |
| 4:00pm | Mass |
| 7:00pm | AA |

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

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| 10:00am | PSR – Last Day of Class |
| 10:15am | Rosary |
| 11:00am | Mass |

Offertory Counter Team 2

Monday, May 5

6:30pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

Election Day in Hall

Wednesday, May 7

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| 1:00-8:00pm | Adoration |
| 4:00pm | Mass |
| 5:30pm | Meals & More |

Thursday, May 8

6:00pm Men's Prayer Group

Friday, May 9

Saturday, May 10

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| 3:00pm | Reconciliation |
| 4:00pm | Mass |
| 7:00pm | AA |

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

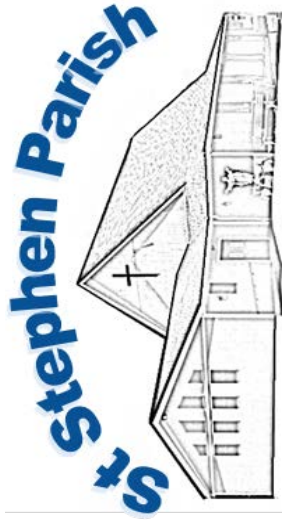
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| 10:15am | Rosary |
| 11:00am | Mass |
| 12:00pm | Mother's Day Brunch |

Offertory Counter Team 3

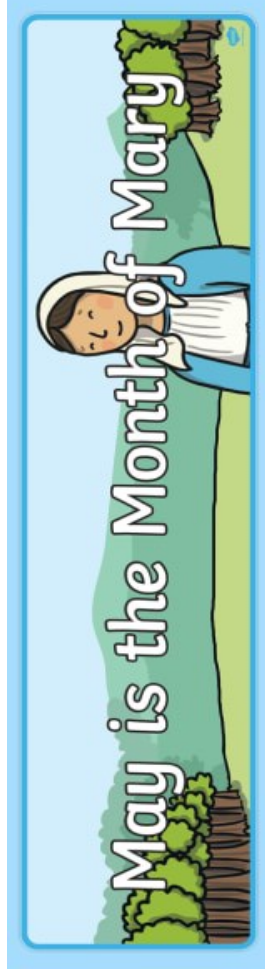
Meals & More Bakers this week:








Wednesday, May 7, 2025: Terry DeRodes,
Georgia Garman, Shannon Gavel, Cecilia Hartman,
& Monika Paulo

Meals & More



May 2025



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|--------|--|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 First Saturday Devotion 3pm Reconciliation 4pm Mass 7pm AA |
| 4 10am PSR -Last Day 10:15am Rosary 11am Mass | 5 6:30pm Ladies Guild  | 6  | 7 1pm—8pm Adoration 4pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More | 8 6pm Men's Prayer Group  | 9 | 10 3pm Reconciliation 4pm Mass 7pm AA |
| 11 10:15am Rosary 11am Mass 12pm Mother's Day Brunch  | 12 | 13 | 14 1pm—8pm Adoration 4pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More | 15 | 16 | 17 3pm Reconciliation 4pm Mass 7pm AA |
| 18 10:15am Rosary 11am Mass | 19 | 20 | 21 1pm—8pm Adoration 4pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More | 22 6pm Men's Prayer Group  | 23 | 24 3pm Reconciliation 4pm Mass 7pm AA Memorial Day Bake Sale |
| 25 10:15am Rosary 11am Mass Memorial Day Bake Sale | 26 Parish Office Closed  | 27 | 28 1pm—8pm Adoration 4pm Mass 5:30pm Meals & More | 29 Ascension of the Lord  | 30 | 31 3pm Reconciliation 4pm Mass 7pm AA |



Easter Altar Flowers

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Deceased Veterans.....
Deceased Family Members.....Deacon Pete & Pat Foradori
Fr Uhler.....





Please Remember the Sick in Your Prayers: Mighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of Your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may

render thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Janet Nekl, Jennifer Bishop, June Kost, Luna Riffle, Trudy Schmidt, Reggie Vants, Jaimie Packard, Mike Paulo, Ed Brazis, Heather Smith, Ron Boehm, Terry Ryan, Fred Pachasa, Marlene Sanger, Kelly DuRell, Jerry King, Rea King, Tom King, Betty Ross, Joan Johnson, Randy Kanz, Dianne Pachasa, Sandra Green, Christopher Adamson, Carol Jones, Sandy Gliesner, Kate MacNeil, Tim Hennessey, Eileen Hennessey, Bart Ansbro, Judy Ansbro, John Howard, Pauline Tretok, Kerry Cullin, Barb Helms, Barb Herrick, Margie Keep, Don Kelling, Daniel Theodosion, Joe Marcsik, Rick & Deb Spake, Ray Kusa, Nick Soika, Ken Sage, Hazel Nicks, Bruce Corrigan, Kay Kelling-Owen, Allison Husk, Julianne Gaspar, Gabriela, Julie Long, Bella Mitchell and those on our prayer board.

Collection Report

April 20, 2025 (Easter)

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory: | \$2,963.00 | \$2,020.00 | \$943.00 |
| Parish Use Only | \$930.00 | \$960.00 | -\$30.00 |
| Total: | \$3,893.00 | \$2,980.00 | \$913.00 |



Happy Birthday!!!

Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday" to the following members of our parish!!
Nicholas Thomas (May 4), Robert Williams (May 17), Kathryn Kelling-Owen (May 17)

Men's Prayer Group: The Men's Prayer Group will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting for the Men's Prayer Group will be Thursday, May 8th. They will meet at 6:00pm near the altar in the church.



Mother's Day Brunch: There will be a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11th after the 11am Mass. Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Room.



Father's Day Basket Raffle Themes

The Ladies Guild is looking for sponsors to donate items for various baskets to raffle off at this year's Father's Day Brunch. Basket themes and suggested items needed are on the table in the Gathering Room. Please sign up for items you are willing to donate. Please turn in items by May 18th so baskets can be assembled for display on May 31st.



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent Adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

-Pope Benedict XVI



First Saturday Devotion: The next First Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, June 7th. Everyone is invited to attend. Chrissy

King is organizing the endeavor. She has pamphlets available with more information. She

also can be reached at 216-308-1434.

St. Stephen PSR Classes for grades Pre-K through 12 will resume Sunday, September 7, 2025. Class is 10:00am-10:50am in the Parish Hall. Stephanie Arnold has graciously offered to become the PSR Coordinator while remaining one of the volunteer teachers. Please thank her when you see her. Stephanie is passionate about teaching children the Catholic Faith and has been a PSR teacher here for many years at St. Stephen's.

Please feel free to invite your neighbors, friends and relatives to enroll and register children in St. Stephen's Parish Faith Formation Program (PSR-Parish School of Religion). Parents of current and returning students will be given registration forms this month during class which may be returned to Stephanie Arnold or Wendy McKee. New and incoming students will have an opportunity to register this summer, or parents may contact the church office or Stephanie any time prior to this as well.

Thank you, parents and students who participated in PSR this year. Our parish can be very proud of these young people who are knowledgeable, courteous and great role models to other youth as they themselves grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Our students have excellent attendance records, too! Our last PSR class for THIS school year will be May 4, 2025.

Thank you!! Soup Sales raised slightly over \$3000.00 for the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue repair. We received two very generous donations from a parishioner family. Thank you again!!



Registration Information

New to the Parish?

We welcome all newcomers to our parish and encourage everyone to register and get involved. If you need to register or update your information,

clip the form below from the bulletin, complete the information, and drop it in the offertory basket. Someone from the office will reach out to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am new to St. Stephen: _____ Updating Info _____

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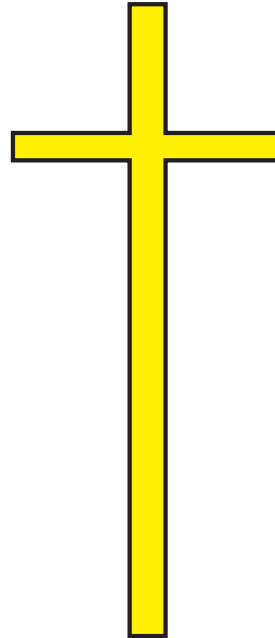
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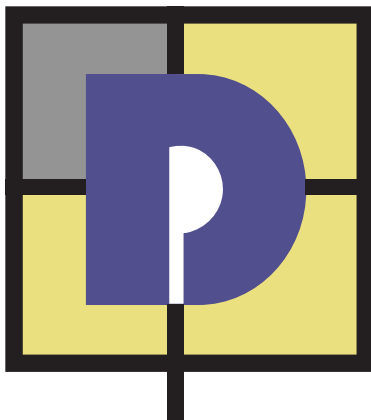


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