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Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS Monday & Tuesday 9:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Please call the parish office to register.

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH COUNCIL — Christina King, Danielle Stiegelmeier,
Robert Williams, Marlene Zeigler, Christy 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 10:30am

Weekdays Monday 8:00am
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 4:00pm
Thursday..... 8:00am
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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

A Word from Fr. Jim

Have you ever wondered where the word *parish* comes from? It's not a word you're likely to hear outside a church setting, but there was a time when it was part of everyone's everyday vocabulary—and it didn't even mean your local church! In classical Greek, the word *paroikia*—from which we get “parish”—referred to people living outside their homeland. Whether you were a merchant setting up a trading post or a soldier conquering new lands, anyone living in a foreign land described their temporary home as a *paroikia*. For the earliest Christians, this term took on a deeper meaning. Since they saw themselves as people whose true home and “citizenship is in heaven” (Phil 3:20), they used *paroikia* to describe their communities in this world as temporary dwelling places, preparing them for eternal life to come. While our parishes may be temporary, they still serve as real and true homes. What makes any place a true home is not just its permanence, but what happens there. A home provides shelter that protects, tables that nourish, and spaces for common living as well as rest. In heaven, it is God Himself who will shelter us and feed us; in Him we will find our true rest and perfect communion. Until that day, our parishes are meant to be a foretaste—a living sign—of our heavenly home. Parishes prepare us for life in our heavenly home through worship, faith formation, service, and community life. As we live our mission, we are called to give rise to hope in others by striving to make our temporary home on earth reflect, as much as possible, the reality of heaven: showing mercy, bringing healing to the sick and brokenhearted, and fostering a community of compassion and love. One day, our time as “sojourners” will end, and we will finally arrive at the home for which every parish—and every act of love within it—has been preparing us. Until then, may we work to make our parishes places where others can already glimpse what it will be like to live in God's house forever.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 2 4:00pm Ronald Bourdess +
Sunday, August 3 10:30am For the People
Monday, August 4 8:00am For the Special Intention of Janet Jack
Wednesday, August 6 4:00pm For the Intention of Zachary King (Military)
Thursday, August 7 8:00am Mark Haburay +
Saturday, August 9 4:00pm For the People
Sunday, August 10 10:30am For Active Military and Veterans

Meals & More Bakers this week:

Terry DeRodes, Cheryl Cricks,
Shannon Gavel, Cecilia Harman, &
Monika Paulo



Readings for the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday **Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**
Num 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday
Num 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pet 1:16-19, Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday Num 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday **Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest**
Deut 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Deut 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 18:6-9, Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48

The Week Ahead

Saturday, August 2
3:00pm First Saturday Devotion
3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass
7:00pm AA

Sunday, August 3
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:45am Rosary
10:30am Mass
Offertory Counter Team 2

Monday, August 4
8:00am Mass
6:30 pm Ladies' Guild Meeting

Tuesday, August 5
Wednesday, August 6
1:00-8:00pm Adoration
4:00pm Mass
5:30pm Meals & More

Thursday, August 7
8:00am Mass

Friday, August 8
Saturday, August 9
3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass
7:00pm AA

Sunday, August 10
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:45am Rosary
10:30am Mass
Offertory Counter Team 4



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.
Christopher Adkinson, Ron Barker, Ed Brazis, Pat Brown,
Kerry Collin, Charly Dunn, Sandra Green, Richard Grewther,
Ingrid Harkinson, Joan Johnson, Carol Jones, Margie Keep,
Kay Kelling-Owen, Laurel King, June Kost, Irmie Packard,
Mia Preston, Betty Ross, Heather Smith, and those on our prayer
board.



Please Pray for the

Recently Departed – Ray Kna and Bonnie Yoho
God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives
change but do not end. We pray in hope for Ray and Bonnie,
in company with Christ, who died and now lives. May they
rejoice in Your kingdom, where all tears are wiped away. Unite
us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and
ever.

Collection Report

July 27, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offertory:	\$1,653.00	\$2,020.00	-\$367.00
Parish Use Only	\$565.00	\$960.00	-\$395.00
Total:	\$2,218.00	\$2,980.00	-\$762.00

Happy Birthday!!!

Be sure to wish a "Happy Birthday"
to the following members of our parish!!

Edward Arnold, Sr. (August 5), Bryan Lundrum
(August 7), Michael King (August 8), & Marlene Zeigler (August
9)



Eucharistic Procession and Ice Cream Social:

Join us on Sunday, August 17 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for a
short walk, or if unable to walk, stay in church and pray. We
will return and repose the Blessed Sacrament. All are
invited to the Ice Cream Social afterwards. The Ladies'
Guild will be providing sandwiches, chips, vegetables, and
of course, ice cream. Please sign up in the Gathering Room
so we know how many people to plan for food.

Men's Prayer Group: The next Men's
Prayer Group will be on Monday,
August 11th at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Jim will lead
the group in a book study Show Us the



Father.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, 1:00-8:00pm

*"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we
meet the merciful love of God that passes through
the Heart of Jesus Christ."*

-Pope John Paul II



First Saturday Devotion: The next First
Saturday Devotion will be at 3:00pm on
Saturday, September 6. 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.

PSR Registration:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 PSR Program! It's that time of year again
to sign up for St. Stephen's PSR Program. There will be sign-up
sheets in the Gathering Room for anyone who is interested in signing
their children up for PSR in the fall. Since Mass time has changed,
PSR time will change as well. The new time will be 9:15 am to 10:15
am. Please feel free to invite neighbors, friends, and family members
to sign up. Please feel free to reach out to Stephanie Arnold with any
questions. Thank you!!

Ladies' Guild:

The next Ladies' Guild meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, August 4
at 6:30 p.m. Please enter through Door #3 in Hackman Hall. All ladies of
the parish are invited to join us for fellowship and planning future events.
Fresh ideas are welcome!

National Catholic Youth Conference:

Every other year, there is a convention for high school youth called the
National Catholic Youth Conference. This year, the pilgrimage is at
Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention will be held
from Thursday, November 20 through Sunday, November 23. It will be
jam-packed full of Catholic students, speakers, song, music, Mass, and
more! A group from St. Peter Church in Loudonville is planning to attend
and would love to have high schoolers from St. Stephen's join them! If
you are interested in attending, you need to contact Katie Reedburn at
St. Peter's by Sunday, August 17. She can be reached at
kareelburn@loudonvillecatholic.org.



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: _____
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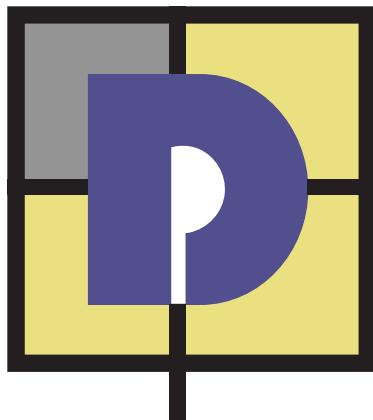
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