# The Cornerstone



# Please Consider These Options....

# For Your Children's Education St. Stephen Catholic School



During these uncertain times, St. Stephen Catholic School can be a refuge of peace for your children. This is a wonderful time to consider the life-long benefits of a Catholic education.

Visit our website at https://sscsfl.org/ to find out more about our reopening plan, and the many safety precautions we have put in place for a safe 2020-2021 school year.

# For Your Family's **Spiritual Nourishment**



## We are celebrating Mass safely at St. Stephen!

We encourage you to view **the video** above to view **HOW** we able to offer a safe, warm environment in which you can worship with your St. Stephen family.

# **Employment Opportunity**

**St Stephen Catholic School** 



#### **Extended Day Coordinator**

St. Stephen Catholic School is seeking a motivated and energetic coordinator for our aftercare program. This is a part-time position from 2:30-6 Monday-Friday.

#### **Substitute Teachers**

St. Stephen Catholic School is seeking experienced substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Apply online at https://www.dosp.org/schools-office/position-openings-2/or contact Gina Robles at 813-741-9203 ext. 1206.

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

### Marty Diebold Extraordinary Minister Coordinator



Marty Diebold has been an active parishioner at St. Stephen since 1990! When she joined the parish there were only 800 families, now there are over 4,500!

Over the years, Marty has been involved in so many of our ministries, but her most visible volunteer position is probably as the Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers. Extraordinary Ministers assist the clergy in distributing Holy Communion during our Masses. As the Coordinator, Marty recruits, trains and coordinates scheduling of the volunteers in this vital ministry.

#### Marty, what makes St. Stephen so special?

It's home. The people are "family" and we are "fed" so well here! We are so very blessed with our clergy.

What do you like most about being an Extraordinary Minster? It is such a privilege to serve! I still feel honored after all of this time to be able to serve.

If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful ministry, please contact us at EM@ststephencatholic.org.

### **Faith Formation News**





# **Children Baptism Ministry**

Our parish has been extremely blessed to be able to continue celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. We are so thankful to all our families who have been incredibly supportive of the social distancing guidelines implemented within our parish community. Our goal is to minimize the risks associated with COVID-19 for all of our parishioners and visitors to our parish.

For more information and to complete the Baptism Registration Packet, please visit our website **HERE**. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Bridges at 813-671-4434 or email at **Rosie@ststephencatholic.org**.

**Save The Date** 



# Consecrated Marian Ministry August 1, 2020 1st Saturday Devotional 10:30 am VIRTUAL Meeting

Everyone is invited to join us in consoling Jesus through Mary every first Saturday of the month.

Our new Consecrated Marian Ministry is growing, but due to Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to have meetings by phone (until further notice).

Join us via phone conference August 1st at 10:30 am by dialing in 1-605-475-2875 access code: 1209238#

For more information, email Consecrated Marian Ministry



Knights of Columbus #14084 Historical "Blue" Mass St. Stephen Main Church September 15, 2020 6:30 pm

St. Stephen Parish and Knights of Columbus would like to extend their gratitude to all First Responders including Police, Firefighters, EMS, State Troopers, and Healthcare Workers including Doctors, Nurses by hosting a Mass in honor of their service and to request protection while they serve.

All Law Enforcement/Healthcare Care Personnel, their families and friends, as well as our church community are invited to take part in this celebration. Please plan to attend either in person or via Livestream!

For more information, please contact deputygrandknight@kofc14084.org



## **APA Update**

We would like to thank all of the families who have donated to the Annual Pastoral Appeal.

Over the past month, 36 additional families have contributed to APA!

The average donation per family is \$544. If 120 more families donated \$544, we could reach the \$65,454 balance. OR

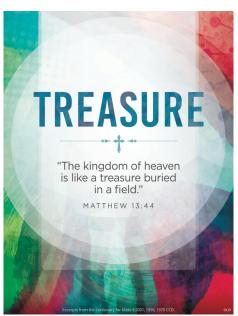
If the remaining 3,936 families in our parish donated just \$17, we would be at 100% of our goal.

# Join Us This Week in Prayer

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

#### Mass in Main Church/Livestream on Facebook

Join us in person or Livestream
for
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm



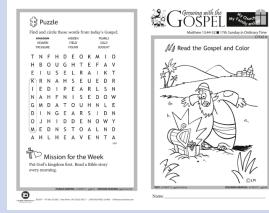
Adult Mass Prep

Sunday's Readings

**Gospel Reflection** 

**Children's Mass Prep** 

Click on the photo to download



#### **Sharing the Gospel to Your Children**

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

#### **Prayer**

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

#### **Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.

#### **Mission for the Week**

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

## Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays

Pray the Rosary Livestreamed Facebook and St. Stephen Catholic.org 3pm



Tuesdays and Thursdays
Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Livestreamed Facebook and St. Stephen Catholic.org
3pm



Wednesday, July 29 St. Martha St. Martha, her brother, Lazarus and her sister, Mary were all good friends with Jesus. When Jesus would visit them, Martha was a very devoted hostess who dedicated her time to cooking, cleaning and serving Jesus. Her sister, Mary preferred to sit and listen to Jesus. One day, a frustrated Martha asked Jesus to speak with her sister about her choice to sit and listen to Jesus and to leave Martha to complete all of the chores alone. Jesus reminded Martha, that although her work is important, it was even more important to sit and listen to the Word of God.

On this day that we celebrate, St. Martha, let's reevaluate our priorities so that we are choosing daily to "listen" and seek to follow the Lord instead of busying ourselves with what the world says is important.

#### Wednesday, July 29 Eucharistic Adoration After 8:30 am Mass-6:00 pm St. Stephen Chapel

May we suggest adding a prayer for July Seminarians, Christain Galvan and Andrew Zsebedics.



# Thursdays, July 30 and August 6 12:00 pm Diocese Livestream Rosary

A Rosary for Peace Healing and an End to the Pandemic. Live streamed from the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

Facebook.com/diostpete & dosp.org/livestream

### In and Around the Diocese News

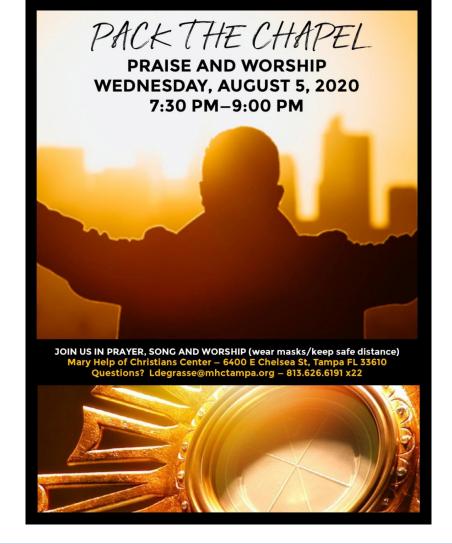


A View From the Top
Bishop Gregory Parkes
Podcast

In this episode of **A View From the Top**, Bishop Gregory Parkes reflects on his brother, Father Stephen Parkes, being named Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah.

Bishop also speaks on the economic impact of the COVID pandemic on churches and government assistance through the Paycheck Protection Program, as well as the need for the Rosary, prayer and the Holy Spirit during this time.

To Listen to the Podcast



# Ordinations to the Priesthood August 15, 2020



The Diocese of St. Petersburg joyfully announces the upcoming Priesthood Ordination Mass on Saturday, August 15, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg.

Candidates for ordination are:
Reverend Mr. Joshua Anthony Bertrand
Reverend Mr. Connor David Penn
Reverend Mr. Mark Andrew Woodke
The candidates will be ordained by Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, Bishop of St. Petersburg.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to spacing limitations resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Ordination Mass will be a ticketed event. Only priests and guests of the ordinai will attend the Ordination Mass in person.

However, all are invited to view the Mass via livestream on our diocesan website: http://www.dosp.org/livestream.

If you are available to attend the Vespers Service, on Friday, August 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, all are welcome, as social distancing permits.

Tickets for the Vespers Service are not required, however we ask that you use a face covering if you plan on attending in person. The Vesper Service will also be

live streamed on Christ the King Parish's website: https://ctk-tampa.org/live-mass.

# Did you Know?

# Catholic News Service U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Have you ever wondered whether a movie was appropriate for your children?

Check out the movie reviews for the past 100 days at the site below. The list is in alphabetical order and linked to the review. It will help you to make an informed decision when deciding whether a movie is appropriate for your children prior to them watching!

To look up a movie

# Ways to Grow In Prayer



# While You Are Out "Come Home"

CULTIVATE THE SOIL and GROW IN FAITH!!!

#### Private Prayer Chapel

Monday-Saturday After 8:30 am Mass-3:00 pm

# Adoration Chapel

Wednesdays After 8:30 Mass-6:00 pm

#### Reconciliation Chapel

Friday and Monday after 8:30 am Mass Saturday 2:45 pm

#### Mass Main Church

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm

# Links

Daily Readings

Facebook Live

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Diocese Covid-19 Assistance

Emergency Mgmt

our website

Diocese Livestream Mass

St. Stephen Prayer

