ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

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Call Rectory to Arrange:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM....... Prep Required - Prepare during Pregnancy SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY...... Prep Required - Arrange 6 months in advance



July 18, 2021

Mass Intentions This Week					
	Sat.	July	17	5:00 PM	Stanley Monnat by Norma & Family
	Sun.	July	18	8:30 AM	Members of the Aucter Family Reunion
				2:00 PM	Our Lady of the Lake Chapel, Number Four
	Mon.	July	19	8:15 AM	Bernadette Planty by Kevin Boliver & Family
	Tues.	July	20	NO MASS	
	Wed.	July	21	8:15 AM	Russ Houppert Family by Russ Houppert
	Thur.	July	22	8:15 AM	Edna Ritz by Brenda & Tony Tabolt
	Fri.	July	23	8:15 AM	Robert Monnat by Mike & Chris Tabolt
	Sat.	July	24	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Maynard & Catherine
					Monnat Family by The Family
	Sun.	July	25	8:30 AM	Joe Ferrel by Connie & Gary Kohler

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.... Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM

Pray for the Sick: Kevin Boliver, Millie Monnat, Jeanne Merry, Mary Presler, Charles Pominville, Keith Gerow, John Lashbrooks, Nicole Brown, Ronald Bush, Susan Weaver, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included in this weekly list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call the rectory (346-6958) to have a name included on this list.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, people from towns all over Galilee hurried to see and hear Jesus. His heart was moved with pity for they appeared to be "sheep without a shepherd". Jesus is that shepherd. He is our shepherd and has invited us from different households and different families.

In this same Gospel, Jesus invites his disciples to "take a break" and rest awhile. He invites us to do the same. He asks us to listen to God's word. In the first reading Jeremiah tells people one day a Shepherd will bring justice to the land -that person is Jesus. St Paul tells us peace will be established among all peoples. Jesus is the person who will do this by giving us his life in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

May we rest in the promise of Jesus who shares his life with us and nourishes our faith life.

"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly"

Our Holy Father states "these words are the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you, dear grandparents and my elderly friends... I am aware this message comes to you at a difficult time for this has been a terrible time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. I want to tell you that you are needed to help build up the world of tomorrow with our children and grandchildren at our side."

Please offer the prayer for Grandparents & the elderly each day as we are united with the intentions of our Holy Father. This prayer is found on the reverse side of the bulletin...

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, tor the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.

CROGHAN STREET FAIR...JULY 29TH, 3-7 pm. FOOD AND FARMERS MARKET! In addition to the 20+ amazing vendors who will be on site, Croghan's small businesses are in on the fun, with extended hours, specials, contests and more. Please make plans to make an afternoon of this, walk the village, and support all the local growers, producers, artists, entrepreneurs, and others who work so hard to make this such a great community.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Collection 7/11/21:\$ 4,508.00 Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,618.00

Thank you for faithful support to St. Stephen's Parish

PRESENCE: MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

How blessed we are to have the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist! The very Body and Blood of the Lord is given to us to be our "food for the journey." The more we appreciate and love this special gift from God, the closer we are to the Lord and to one another as members of the Body of Christ.

Deacon Bill O'Brien will be presenting a 6-week series on the Holy Eucharist. It will begin on August 4th at both 9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM each Wednesday for 6 weeks. Our sessions will be held in Brzana Hall, the lower Cathedral, St. Mary's Cathedral in Odgensburg. Workbooks will be provided. Please sign up by emailing Deacon Bill @ billob315@gmail.com by July 25th to ensure you'll have a workbook for the study. You can pick up your workbooks after all Masses on the weekend of July 31/Aug 1.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND-Support our missionaries with the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO) Collection.

This collection will help with a number of causes including: •Support missionary priests and religious who work here in our diocese: Sisters of Chavanod, Archdiocese of Caceras, Philippines, The Herald of Good News • Continued support for Church in Latin America • Further our solidarity efforts in the Diocese of Latakia Provide for our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru any other mission project throughout the world that Bishop Terry LaValley, deems appropriate as part of our evangelization efforts. • Give hope and new life for so many in desperate and imminent need such as those impacted by flood, famine, earthquakes and war around our world. It can serve as a source of funding in a crisis or emergency conditions.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did You Know... the Monique Burr Foundation endorses 5 Safety Rules to help keep children safe. **Rule #1 – Know What's Up**. Talk to children and listen to them. Ask them questions about their activities and people they spend time with. Learn about technology and devices they are using or can access. For more information,

visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.