

St. Stephen's Parish

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November 7, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Donald J. Manfred

Deacon: Peter Woolschlager

Trustees: Susan Gydesen
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Reconciliation (Penance): Saturday 4:15 -4:45 PM

Marriages: Six months' notice

Baptisms: By Appointment. Godparents must
be confirmed and practicing Catholics.

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat.	Nov.	6	5:00 PM	Tinker Kloster by The Daughters
Sun.	Nov.	7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Mon.	Nov.	8	8:30 AM	Cecelia Fuller by Glen & Dorothy Gagnier
Tues.	Nov.	9	8:15 AM	All Souls
Wed.	Nov.	10	8:15 AM	Barbara Widrick & Harland Company by Theresa Campany
Thur.	Nov.	11	8:15 AM	Bernard Nortz by Yvonne Kirschner
Fri.	Nov.	12	NO MASS	
Sat.	Nov.	13	5:00 PM	Deceased Veterans of St. Stephen's Parish
Sun.	Nov.	14	8:30 AM	Harold Boliver by The Family

Pray for the Sick: Steve Farney, Tom Monnat, Robert Peters, Kathy Widrick, Jeanne Merry, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, Elizabeth Tabolt Jasinski, Jeff Bruckman, Nicole Brown, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes. (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be on this list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call to have a name included on this list.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

During November we remember and honor all those who have preceded us in death. We recall especially those who have died this past year.

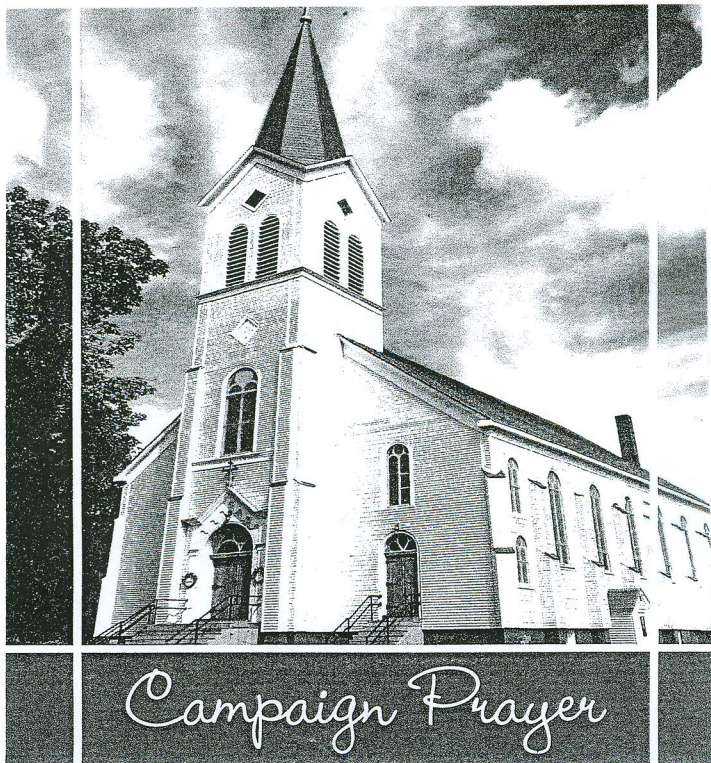
The readings this Sunday focus on two women whose powerful faith sustains them in their grief. Though we know very little about their backgrounds we know both women are widows and experience emotional and financial pain. One widow has no money but two small coins and the other has no food. Yet, each is willing to offer what little she has to God's work

We gather each week at the table of the Eucharist to be strengthened and comforted as we pray for those whom we have lost knowing Jesus has welcomed them to their heavenly home.

National Vocation Week begins November 7-13, 2021. Let us fervently pray for more dedicated men and women to hear the call from God to serve as priests, deacons and consecrated religious for the service of the Church. May the Good Shepherd inspire these men and women to listen to the voice of the Shepherd as the Church and parish communities fervently pray for more vocations. Is the voice of the Shepherd calling you? Please contact Fr. Chris Carrara, Vocation Director or Sister Mary Eamon Lyng, Vocation Coordinator, Diocese of Ogdensburg, 315-393-2920.

Annual Financial Report - For fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Bob Buholtz, Chairperson of the Financial Council, will present the annual financial report to parishioners at Mass this weekend. Copies will be provided BEFORE Mass.

A BLESSED PAST – A FAITHFUL FUTURE



Gracious and Loving God,

We thank you and give praise for the abundant blessings which you have bestowed upon St. Stephen's Parish. We are especially grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of our community who made it possible for the restoration of our church to its original beauty.

We pray for a successful campaign to help eliminate our debt as we prepare for a future and fulfill our mission of bringing your love to more people.

This prayer we make through the intercession of St. Stephen, the martyr and St Francis of Assisi, special patron of all who share the Good News with others.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior who lives among us now and forever.

New altar server training will be starting soon. Student in grades 4-9 are invited to sign up.

Confirmation Candidates will gather Sunday evening 6:30-8:00 PM. The theme this week is "Who is Jesus?"



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (Peter 4:10)

We all have received unique gifts from God. He calls each of us by name to use these gifts for the service of others in our parishes, communities and diocese. We all strive to live lives with a deeper purpose and to make a difference in the world and in the lives of those around us.

Next weekend we will observe Stewardship Sunday in parishes across the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I ask that you prayerfully reflect on the many gifts that God has entrusted to you and ask yourself, "How can I serve God? What is He calling me to do with the gifts He has given to me? How can I use my gifts, talents and time to serve others in my parish and community?"

I invite you to speak with your pastor about the various ministries in your parish in which you can participate. I encourage you to become energized and engaged in those ministries. It is through our service that each of us become Living Stones, contributing to the vibrancy of our parishes as we support one another in our common journey with Christ.

I am grateful to the many parishioners who are generously sharing their time, talents and resources. Thank you for saying "Yes" to God's call to serve your family of faith here in the North Country. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and hearts.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Collection 10/31/21 : \$ 4,666.00
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00
Restoration : \$ 2,600.00

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