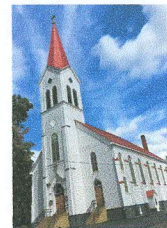


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November 21, 2021

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.	20	5:00 PM	The People of the Parish
Sun.	Nov.	21	8:30 AM	John Tabolt by His Brothers & Sisters
Mon.	Nov.	22	NO MASS	
Tues.	Nov.	23	8:15 AM	Ellon Grunert by Tony & Brenda Tabolt
Wed.	Nov.	24	8:15 AM	All Souls
Thur.	Nov.	25	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for God's Blessings
Fri.	Nov.	26	NO MASS	
Sat.	Nov.	27	5:00 PM	Allyn & Doris Turck by The Family
Sun.	Nov.	28	8:30 AM	Philip Widrick by Bruce & Patty Flint

Pray for the Sick: Raymond Moser, Ann Lee, 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 included 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.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today we recognize Jesus' role as Lord of all, the ruler over all humanity and the heavenly King of the eternal heavenly kingdom. To his followers, Jesus referred to this kingdom as the kingdom of his Father.

Throughout history Jesus Christ has been acknowledged as King. Even before he was born of Mary, Daniel prophesied that one like the Son of man would come from heaven to earth and be regarded as King and Lord. The author of the Book of Revelation calls him the "faithful witness of the kingdom". In the Gospel we hear Jesus witness before Pilate that he is a King.

We pray that we will be found worthy and ready for his kingdom to come into our lives as we open our hearts to the truth which continues to be revealed by Christ our Lord and Savior.

THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD:

What is a Synod? Synod literally means "journeying together" or "together on the way." The purpose of a synod is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church through all the members of the faithful: Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Laity, young and old, those at that center of the faith community and those on the periphery. We need to listen to the Holy Spirit and listen to each other so that we may discern the path ahead.

What is this Synod About? The Title of the Synod is *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. We are asked to consider how we journey together and how we are co-responsible for the mission of the Church. It is a synod about practicing synodality. Pope Francis put it this way: "What the Lord is asking of us is already in some sense present in the very word 'Synod.' Journeying together – laity, pastors, the Bishop of Rome – is an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice." (Pope Francis) Deacon Peter will serve as the Official Representative for St. Stephen's Parish.

A BLESSED PAST – A FAITHFUL FUTURE

HOW HAS ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH IMPACTED MY FAITH LIFE ?

Thank you to the following parishioners who have offered a personal testimony.

+ The Meyer and Marilley families have worshipped at St. Stephen's since the late 1800's. My grandmother and grandfather were married in and buried from this church. As a child, I remember traveling to 6 am Mass in Croghan and then going to the family farm for breakfast. As a family, we supported the church and the school by working in bazaars, lawn socials, the Mother's Day chicken bbq, and Sunday night bingo. We worshipped as family together, sometimes four generations in a couple pews. After Bruce and I were married at St. Stephen's, we raised our children with the same tradition: having breakfast with their Boliver grandparents and then attending Mass. They were baptized here, received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, and were married from St. Stephen's. Today one of my greatest joys is watching my grandsons support their faith by being altar servers at Mass. The family tradition then continues as they come to Grandma's after Mass for breakfast. St. Stephen's is the focal point of our family faith.

- Dorrie Boliver

THANKSGIVING MASS WILL BE AT 9 AM

This Thursday, November 25th is our national day of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for our many blessings as we are called to improve the quality of life for others by sharing these blessings. Outreach to the poor, sick, lonely in our families, church, community and friends is an indication of our gratitude to God. Take time this week to perform some act of kindness or offer words of love and support in a spirit of thankfulness to God as we share the blessings we have received.

Faith Formation Upcoming Dates

Sun. Nov. 21 - Children are asked to bring a food item to class as a donation to the food pantry. We are thankful to be able to help those who are less fortunate.

Sun. Nov. 28 - No religion classes

Sun. Dec. 5 - The Tree That Tells a Story

The children will decorate the tree at the start of class time. Everyone is welcome!

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Collection 11/14/21 : \$ 3,877.00
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00
Restoration: \$ 500.00

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

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

"Maple and Mistletoe"

Saturday, November 27th

11:30 AM - Parade,

Several Vendors, Petting Zoo @ firehall,
Fried Dough @ Monnat & Nortz's starting at 10 AM
Mac & Cheese, Chili & Clam Chowder
St. Stephen's Parish Hall starting at 11 AM

Kick Off for the Holidays!



Due to continuing "Covid 19" concerns our parish "**GIVING TREE**" will continue the same as last year. We are asking for Gift Card/Certificates or monetary donations. We will pass these on to families in need.

If you know of anyone from our community who may need help or a little Christmas joy to brighten their day, please contact the Office (315-346-6958).

All names are kept in confidence.

Our parish Giving Tree serves the communities of Belfort, Beaver Falls, Castorland, Croghan, Indian River and New Bremen regardless of religious affiliation. Gift Cards/Certificates or donations may be placed in the collection basket or left at the parish office.