

St. Stephen's Parish

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January 23, 2022

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.	Jan.	22	5:00 PM	Kathy Widrick by Ethel Hoch
Sun.	Jan.	23	8:30 AM	Special Intention
Mon.	Jan.	24	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Tues.	Jan.	25	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Wed.	Jan.	26	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Thur.	Jan.	27	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Fri.	Jan.	28	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Sat.	Jan.	29	5:00 PM	Gabrielle Thomas by Bob & Deb Mullin
Sun.	Jan.	30	8:30 AM	Elwood Virkler by Etta & family

Pray for the Sick: *Charlie Halladay, Theresa (Brownell) McCane, Robert Peters, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, Elizabeth Tabolt Jasinski, Jeff Bruckman, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We gather today to worship the Lord as faithful people have done throughout history. Two noteworthy examples are described in our readings. Ezra proclaims at the end of the first reading "Today is holy to the Lord" for his people were able to gather for the first time in over fifty years to worship the Lord. The second example is Jesus who reveals himself in the Gospel as the one God has sent to bring liberty to captives and freedom to the oppressed.

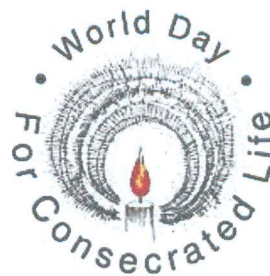
As we listen to the scripture readings and share in the Eucharist, let us be grateful we can gather here to worship the Lord and receive Jesus' very life as those who have inherited God's many blessings.

FATHER DON AWAY FOR VACATION... Father Don will be away for the next two weekends visiting his family in Virginia and Florida. Father David DeLuca will cover for the weekend Masses and Deacon Peter will have Scripture Communion Services as listed in the bulletin. This week Father Don will have Mass on Monday morning and Deacon Peter will hold a **Scripture Communion Service Tuesday thru Friday at 8:15 am each day.**

One of the important ministries of the Permanent Deacon is to bring Communion to the sick and provide Communion services for parishioners when a priest is not available. (The Eucharist distributed at a Communion Service is consecrated at Mass by the priest and 'reserved' in the tabernacle.)

RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION: The Respect Life Second Collection is held in parishes each January, near the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. In 2022, this collection will be held this weekend, January 22/23. Grants from the collection benefit pro-life projects in our diocese. Thank you for your support of efforts to build a culture of life.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: February 2, 2022



As the Second Vatican Council clearly stated, by our Baptism all are called to holiness. All who are baptized are consecrated "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" to live the Christian life in faith, hope and love. Living the Christian life, a call is given to each of us to live His love in a particular way of life to love Him more and to serve others.

Many are called to live the married life, others to priesthood, others to the single life. Some are called to live the consecrated life as a religious sister, brother or priest. Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men who live the consecrated life. The universal day of celebration is **February 2** which is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This day is known as **Candlemas Day** on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the Light of the world. Consecrated religious live their vowed life of poverty, chastity and obedience as prophetic witnesses of joy and hope of the Christian message. They offer a radical commitment to God "calling into question the this-worldly values of power, sexuality, and material possessions. Consecration to the evangelical counsels challenges the importance of these things to human dignity." (Prophetic Witnesses to Joy, Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ)

Parishes will celebrate the **World Day for Consecrated Life on February 5-6**. There are religious communities within our diocese that continue to serve the People of the North Country by their daily prayer, active involvement in parishes, Catholic schools, Religious Education programs, Diocesan Offices, etc.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER:

Did You Know...VIRTUS released a new version of Protecting God's Children which is the safe environment training program required for all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The updated version includes more emphasis on diversity and activities involving technology. There are new survivor stories from the perspective of a minor as well as from an adult survivor. For more information, or to register for VIRTUS training, contact the Diocesan Safe Environment Office at (315) 393-2920.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Regular Collection 1/16/22 : \$ 2,995.11
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00
Fuel: \$ 525.00

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

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

Creation Care Tip: Most medical professionals note that people function best when the relative humidity is between 30% and 50%. In winter this property of indoor air can fall well below this range. To make the air more comfortable and healthier, try using a humidifier, especially one that disperses a stream of cool mist from an ultrasonic system. This will often allow you to turn down the thermostat by a degree or two without making you feel chillier.

Faith Formation

+ **Confirmation Candidates...** will gather this Sunday evening, Jan. 23 at 6:30. The topic for the week is "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

+ **Children's Liturgy of the Word** worksheets to go with the mass and coloring sheets on the saints students are learning about are located in the back of the church. Please take them to use at home!