

St. Stephen's Parish

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February 6, 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.	Feb.	5	5:00 PM	John, Marian & Robert Ardison by The Family
Sun.	Feb.	6	8:30 AM	Robert Monnat (2 nd Anniv.) by Millie & Family
Mon.	Feb.	7	No Mass or Communion Service	
Tues.	Feb.	8	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Wed.	Feb.	9	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Thur.	Feb.	10	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Fri.	Feb.	11	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Sat.	Feb.	12	5:00 PM	Nancy Boliver by Her Children
Sun.	Feb.	13	8:30 AM	Harry & Mary Pate by John & Cindy Pate

Pray for the Sick: Linda Tabolt, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In all of today's readings, people hear the Lord calling them to service. Isaiah recounts his glorious vision of the Lord and his commissioning. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel he preached to them and tells of the appearances of the resurrected Lord and his own call and conversion. In the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples to put out into deeper water and they catch a great number of fish and this leads Peter, James and John to follow Jesus.

Young and old, we all have the responsibility to listen for the Lord's call and answer with enthusiasm.

Breakfast of Champions - the Eucharist - A note from Deacon Peter

While attending a Youth Conference at Franciscan University the teens and leaders were enjoying breakfast together in the hotel when into the room entered Father Leo Patalinghug, the primary celebrant for the weekend. He is nationally known for his cooking show on EWTN - **Savoring Our Faith** (Check it out on youtube.com, he's very entertaining!). He also takes credit for "Beating Bobby Flay"!

One of the teens there asked him "Father, what is your favorite breakfast food?" Without hesitation he turned and answered, "the Eucharist, of course!". How true it is. I can think of no better way to start the day than hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and receiving His Body in the Eucharist.

If you are available in the mornings, please consider attending daily Mass. Rather than sleeping late, listening to the media or surfing the internet, consider energizing your day by coming to Mass, praying with fellow Catholics, hearing the inspiring words of Sacred Scripture and, of course, receiving the very Body of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is truly the "Breakfast of Champions"!

Check out the Parish Website: ststephenscroghan.org Our parish website is a great place to stay updated on what's happening here at St. Stephen's. The Bulletin is there, the parish calendar, the liturgical assignments, and other articles and videos of interest. For Families, there are links to religious education activities, schedules of Confirmation classes and plenty of inspiring links as well. Save it as a bookmark or link on your phone or computer. Stay faithful, stay connected!

Reporting Misconduct - If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, LMHC, PhD. Email: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day time is 518-651-2267, evenings: 518-569-0612 or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar of Personnel at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340. As part of the efforts of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries, it is important that your report identify:

- + The child or children in danger
- + The name of the suspected abuser
- + As well as your name, address and phone number as part of your report.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg will report all allegations of suspected abuse to the appropriate law enforcement or civil authority. Making a report to the Diocese of Ogdensburg, in no way, means that you should not make a report to police or child protective agencies.

Pamphlets entitles "Protecting God's Children in the Diocese of Ogdensburg" are available for those desiring additional reading material. This publication is found near the front entrance.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP:

Creation Care Tip: To improve the quality of indoor air during winter, try adding a few house plants to rooms in which you spend the majority of your time. Many types of house plants are well known for filtering an assortment of contaminants from the air, and also release oxygen and small amounts of water vapor which helps with a person's respiratory system.

END OF THE YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: If you would like a financial statement of your contributions to the parish for 2021, contact the parish office, 315-346-6958.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Regular Collection 1/30/22 : \$ 3,492.00
 Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00
 Respect Life: \$ 269.00

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

"Jesus does not want to come merely in the little things of our lives, but also in our own littleness: in our experience of feeling weak, frail, inadequate, perhaps even "messed up". Dear sister or brother, if, as in Bethlehem, the darkness of night overwhelms you, if you feel surrounded by cold indifference, if the hurt you carry inside cries out, "You are of little account; you are worthless; you will never be loved the way you want", tonight, if this is what you are feeling, God answers back. He tells you: "I love you just as you are. Your littleness does not frighten me, your feelings do not trouble me. I became little for your sake. To be your God, I became your brother. Dear brother, dear sister, don't be afraid of me. Find in me in your measure of greatness. I am close to you, and one thing only do I ask: trust me and open your heart to me.""

Pope Francis

As part of Bishop LaValley's Eucharist Initiative, he is calling us to Renew our Belief and Devotion to Jesus Christ's True Presence in Holy Eucharist.

To Believe, Celebrate & Live!

We have an opportunity to come together and do just that!

You are invited

Saturday, Feb. 26th @ 1:00 PM

in St. Stephen's Church Hall to:

A Prelude to Lent

A gathering focused around the Bishop's Eucharist Initiative.

We will have an opportunity to *learn, share, and participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation followed by 5:00 PM Mass. John 1:39 "Come & See"*

Sign Sheet is in the back of Church

Upcoming Dates

Mon. Feb. 7 - K of C meeting, 7 PM

Fri. Feb. 11 - Secular Franciscans, 9AM in chapel

Faith Formation

+ **Save the date:** Monday, February 21st we will have a **Bowl-a-Thon and Game Day** for all religious education students.

+ **Confirmation Candidates** will gather this Sunday evening @ 6:30