

St. Stephen's Parish

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February 20, 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.	19	5:00 PM	Karen Vout by Norma Monnat & Family
Sun.	Feb.	20	8:30 AM	John & Anastasia Meyer By Bruce Boliver Family
Mon.	Feb.	21	8:15 AM	Scripture Communion Service
Tues.	Feb.	22	8:15 AM	Spiritual Well Being of my Mom, Dad & Sister by Steven Brownell
Wed.	Feb.	23	8:15 AM	Eddie Boliver by John Widrick
Thur.	Feb.	24	8:15 AM	Angeline Zehr by Don & Cindy Sauer
Fri.	Feb.	25	8:15 AM	Terry Favreau by His Mother
Sat.	Feb.	26	5:00 PM	Allyn & Doris Turck by The Family
Sun.	Feb.	27	8:30 AM	Linda Gerow by St. Stephen's K of C Council #2175

Pray for the Sick: Mary Tabolt Beckwell, Natalie Tabolt, Janet Moser, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Before Jesus taught his disciples the importance of showing mercy, David put such a lesson into action when threatened by Saul. He and his comrades could have killed the king, but David ordered that his life be spared.

"Love your enemies" Jesus tells us in the Gospel. This command challenges society's values and even common sense. Why should we love those who have hurt us? A partial answer is found in the psalm response "The Lord is kind and merciful" and in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians which challenges us to bear the image of "the heavenly one", that is to reflect Jesus and his love to others.

We pray we may be instruments of God's mercy and forgiveness in our lives.

UPDATED AND CLARIFICATION ON NYS LIFTING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Statement of Bishop LaValley, "The governor has lifted the state-wide mask requirement. Effective Friday, February 11, all indoor public places, including houses of worship, should advise all persons over the age of two that wearing a mask is optional, not required."

"All parish employees, visitors and students in faith formation programs are required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing. Visitors to our parish offices have the option to wear a facial mask, but it is not required.' Hand sanitizer should be available and parish offices should be disinfected daily...employees are not required to complete a COVID -19 self-monitoring check list any longer"

Bishop also stated "the distribution of Holy Communion will continue to be under one form, namely the Sacred Host"; the sign of peace may be offered depending on one's comfort level; Holy Water fonts will have fresh water after thoroughly cleansing; churches should continue to be kept clean with periodic sanitizing of frequently touched objects.

Feb. 26th - Prelude to Lent
Bishop LaValleys Eucharist Initiative

Sign-up sheet is in the back of Church.

Music Ministry providing a Pot Luck Supper after
Mass Everyone is invited!

THE SEASON OF LENT

In two weeks, we will begin the Holy Season of Lent. We enter into this season by renewing our hearts and lives through prayer, the reading of Scripture and acts of penance.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Mass and the distribution of Ashes will be at 8:15 am and 7 pm Masses.

Stations of the Cross will be on the Fridays of Lent. The time will be determined in the future. Parishioners are asked to indicate during the next two weeks if they are interested in having a simple meal of "soup and bread".

Daily Mass schedule for Lent:

Mondays and Fridays at 8:15 am

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 Noon

Wednesdays at 5 pm

"always know in your heart that
God is by your side; he never abandons you!

Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow
it to die in our hearts!"

— Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

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 2/13/22 : \$ 4,258.50

Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00

Fuel: \$ 190.00

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

PRAYER HOOKS to pray throughout the day...

Reciting Scripture verses can break unhealthy thought patterns and shift our gaze from the passing things of this world to what is eternal.

- Jesus, You take over.
- Jesus, I trust in You.
- Behold, I am with you always. (Mt 28:20)
- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Ps 51:10)
- I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. (Ps 16:8)
- God, You are my shepherd, I shall not want... You lead me beside still waters, You restore my soul. (Ps 23:1-2)
- God, You are my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? You are the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps 27:1)

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~ Lenten Program ~

Biblical Walk through the Mass

Sign-up sheet is in the back of Church.

Info can be found on our
Parish Website & Facebook Page.

Dates are all on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
after the 6:00pm Mass

Starting Wednesday 3-9-22 / 3-16-22 / 3-23-22 / 3-30-22 / 4-6-22. Five Sessions.

Faith Formation News:

+ No Classes February 20th.

+ **Youth Bowl-a-thon and Game Day:**

Monday Feb. 21st

Elementary - 10:00 am,

Middle School/High School - 12:20 pm.

Lunch will be provided (hot dogs, chips
and punch). Soda and Baked Goods

will be on sale as well. All money raised will be
donated to the Debt Reduction Fund.

