

# St. Stephen's Parish

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**February 27, 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.	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
Mon.	Feb.	28	8:15 AM	All Souls
Tues.	Mar.	1	8:15 AM	Ron Bush by Bill & Tina Campeau Family
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Helen Louis by Lana &amp; Rick Cornaire</b>
			<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
Thur.	Mar.	3	12:00 Noon	Dolores (Laurie) Monnat - 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by The Family
Fri.	Mar.	4	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the St. Stephen's Rosary Society
Sat.	Mar.	5	5:00 PM	Doug Robbins by The Family
Sun.	Mar.	6	8:30 AM	The People of the Parish

**Pray for the Sick:** Mary Tabolt Beckwell, Natalie Tabolt, Janet Moser, Linda Tabolt, Charlie Halladay, 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.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In a few days we will begin the season of Lent when we will be reminded of the lessons Jesus taught us as he anticipated his eventual death. Today we hear Jesus teach everyday wisdom for ordinary times in our lives.

The Scriptures this Sunday alert us to the relationship of what is in our hearts and minds with what is on our lips. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel that a person with a store of goodness in his or her heart produces good, while a store of evil produces evil.

May we find the wise words we hear today in the Scripture readings be a guide to help us in our relationship with others.

## THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

Masses and the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes  
will be at 8:15 am and 7 pm at St. Stephen's  
(A Collection for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe  
will be taken up at the Ash Wednesday Masses)

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE THIS FRIDAY AT 7pm

## LENTEN REGULATIONS 2022

March 2, 2022, is Ash Wednesday,  
which marks the beginning of the Season of Lent.

**ABSTINENCE** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

**FASTING** All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: **Ash Wednesday** (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15). Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals.

**PRAYER AND PENANCE** The entire season of Lent should be observed in a spirit of prayer and penance. Spending extra time in prayer or Bible study, attending daily Mass, voluntary sacrifice, and self-denial, combined with works of charity and service to others, are all excellent ways to obey the Lord's command to reform our lives and to prepare for the joyful celebration of Easter.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UKRAINE** Pope Francis asks us to pray for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine. Pope Francis said: "I encourage all believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fast on Ash Wednesday. May Mary, Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

### **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 2/20/22 : \$ 3,508.00  
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00  
Fuel: \$ 315.00

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

### **~ 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.

### **BISHOP LAVALLEY'S LENTEN LETTER**

Copies of Bishop LaValley's letter for Lent will be found on the tables at the entrance of the church.

**LENTEN READING MATERIALS** Copies of "Little Black Book" and "The Word Among Us" will be found on tables near the front entrance. Please help yourself and perhaps take one to a relative or parishioner unable to attend Mass.

### **SUCCESSFUL "BOWL-A-THON"**

A great day was had by over 30 young parishioners whose family and friends donated food and over \$1,750 to the Debt Reduction appeal for St Stephen's. Many thanks to all parents and adults who helped with this event for our youth. Thank you to the folk group for donating prizes.

### **MANY THANKS AND GOOD LUCK TO LISA**

**BROUTY** After fifteen years plus as secretary to St. Stephen's Parish and its religious education programs, Lisa is leaving to take a new job. We are most grateful for her very faithful and dedicated ministry to parishioners of St. Stephen's and people of the community. **THANK YOU, LISA, AND GOD BLESS YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!**

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give