



St. Stephen's Parish

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today, we acknowledge that while leaders of nations in this world come and go, Jesus Christ, Son of God is ruler over all people both now and forever. The idea to celebrate this feast was born out of a growing nationalism and secularism one hundred years ago. The world has just lived through the horrors of four years of war. This led Pope Pius XI to institute this feast recognizing Christ's preeminence and people were asked to pray for peace to prevent war and aggression in the future.

Today's readings speak of King David being anointed as leader of the tribes of Israel. St. Luke speaks of Jesus' kingdom as one of peace welcoming all into the "kingdom" of heaven.



Saturday, November 19 (5:00 pm)

Harold Boliver by His Children

Sunday, November 20 (8:30 am)

People of the Parish

Monday, November 21 (8:15 am)

Nicole Brown by Duane and Elaine Brouty

Tuesday, November 22 (8:15 am)

Kathleen Noftsier by St. Francis Secular Franciscans

Wednesday, November 23 (8:15 am)

Rosie Boshart by Marie Campeau and Flo Updegraff

Thursday, November 24 (9:00 am)

Mass of Thanksgiving for God's Many Blessings

Friday, November 25 (No Mass)

Saturday, November 26 (5 pm)

Allyn and Doris Turck by Their Children

Sunday, November 27 (8:30 am)

DiAnn Kloster by Julie Reape

Pray for the Sick

Gary Buckingham, Ronald Monnat, Steven Merry, Alice Moore, Anna Hirschey, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes:	\$4,290.18
Plate:	\$ 501.00

Confirmation

Candidates will meet this Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 pm. Please bring bible and workbook. This week's topic is "Why Be Catholic?" The next gathering will be December 4 with parents and the topic will be "Entering Advent."

St. Stephen's Silver Maple Bowls Auction

These unique items are made from a Silver Maple that stood beside St. Stephen's Church for over 100 years. The bowls are one of a kind, hand turned and numbered by Tracy Pominville.

You could own a piece of this historic tree. Bidding starts on November 26 at the Maple and Mistletoe event and continues online until December 3 at 8 pm. Bids will be in the comment section. All proceeds to be donated to the church.

Advent Candlelight Service



St. Stephen's Church invites you to a simple **Advent Candlelight Service**, where we will hear God's Word, pray, and sing together as we hear the *Christmas Story* (Luke 1:26-45) proclaimed.

The service will be held at St. Vincent DePaul's Oratory in Belfort, On December 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Hurricane Relief Collection

Thank you for your donations to this relief collection to assist the people of the Southern United States. To date the parish has contributed \$1,719.00.

Special envelopes have been placed in church pews to be used for this special collection. **This will be the final weekend for this appeal.**

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE!

Singing at Brookside

Music Ministry is singing at Brookside Senior Living Community Center in Lowville on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Gil Monnat with any questions.

The Giving Tree

At this time, we are soliciting names from our community of those who may have a special need this year. Our parish "Giving Tree" serves the communities of Belfort, Beaver Falls, Castorland, Croghan, Indian River, New Bremen, and surrounding areas.

If you know of anyone that needs help to make this special season a little brighter, please call the parish office at 315-346-6958. All names are kept confidential.

Youth Hockey Trip



On Saturday, November 5th 20 enthusiastic hockey fans traveled from St. Stephen's to enjoy an evening of pizza and hockey. We enjoyed cheering Clarkson to victory over RPI with a final score of 3-0. More youth activities will be planned throughout the year. Stay tuned!

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 24

Since the Covid pandemic that has claimed millions of lives, many families continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, homes, health, etc. and find it difficult, if not impossible to count their blessings.

At a time like this we remember that Jesus did not come to end suffering, but to help us find peace and hope in His promise of new life in His kingdom.

In Jesus' name we offer God our praise and gratitude for the blessings we have. This Thanksgiving, reach out and invite a family member, a friend, or neighbor to attend Mass with you.

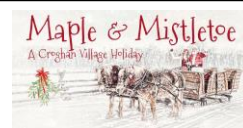
MASS ON THANKSGIVING WILL BE AT 9 AM.

Great Adventure Bible Study

There will not be bible study Wednesday, November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next gathering will be November 30. Anyone may join at any time!

Pastoral Council Elections

Nominations for and election of new members to the Parish Pastoral Council will end this weekend. Those nominated will be contacted to write a brief paragraph for next week's bulletin. The election will be held the weekend of December 3 and 4. Parishioners are asked to nominate three parishioners by writing their names on these forms. (Please consult the person you are nominating to receive their permission to put their name on the ballot.)



Come join the fun on Saturday, November 26th. There will be a parade at 11:30. There will be chili, clam chowder, and macaroni and cheese in the church hall for \$3.00. All hot drinks, bottled water, and baked goods are \$1.00. There will be a quilt raffle and Christmas centerpieces for sale. Our own Kathy Wooschlager and Kerrigan Mahoney will provide live music from noon until 2 pm. Lastly, back by popular demand will be fried dough at Monnat's Service Station. All proceeds benefit the St. Stephen's Debt Reduction Fund.

RECITAL WITH CHRISTINE BOOKMAN

The First Sunday of Advent, November 27, at 3 pm, there will be a final 2022 recital at Saint Mary's Cathedral, with a reception following. There is no cost to attend. Come hear Mrs. Christine Bookman on both the new organ as well as the antique Steinway.