



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**May 7, 2023**

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

As we continue our Easter celebration, we give praise and thanks to God for sending the Son who sacrificed his life to save us and who has shown us the way to eternal life. Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "I am the way, the truth and the life." During the Easter season we are invited to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' Resurrection and his promise to be with us always.

As the early Church grew and expanded it began to minister to everyone and Jesus' disciples put their trust in the Lord for guidance and help in spreading the Good News of the Christian faith to the far ends of the Earth.

Like those first disciples, we are called today to share the same Good News by the goodness and example of our daily lives that we may one day reach God's dwelling place in the heavenly Father's house.



### **Saturday, May 6 (5:00 pm)**

Grandpa Donald Schwendy by Peter, Tracy & Cayden Duffer

### **Sunday, May 7 (8:30 am)**

Elmer Golden by Bill & Monica Plantz

### **Monday, May 8 (8:15 am)**

Edna Ritz by Diane & Joe Csizmar

### **Tuesday, May 9 (8:15 am)**

Pat Golden by St. Stephen's Rosary Society

### **Wednesday, May 10 (8:15 am)**

Charlie Halladay by Laurie & David Halladay

### **Thursday, May 11 (No Mass)**

### **Friday, May 12 (8:15 am)**

Bernard Ardison 1 Year Anniversary by Family

### **Saturday, May 13 (5:00 pm)**

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Allyn J. Truck 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by Family

### **Sunday, May 14 (8:30 am)**

#### **MOTHER'S DAY & MAY CROWNING**

Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers

### **Pray for the Sick**

Linda Bush, Connor Fulin, Marietta Virkler, Duane Schwendy, Charlie Brown, Janet Monnat, Alice Moore, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

### **Your Support for The Parish**

Adult Envelopes:	\$2,915.00
Plate:	\$ 244.91

### **Secular Franciscans**

The Secular Franciscans will meet Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Resource Room.

### **Great Adventure Bible Study**

The Great Adventure Bible Study will gather on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with Session 20. All are welcome to attend.

### **Rosary Society**

Rosary Society will meet on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Sanctuary Candle**

*The Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of Pat Golden requested by*

Ellen Bush and Family

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
**2023 Mother's Day Appeal**

This year's special collection will aid funding for new wraparound support services to aid individuals and families in our communities. The collection will be held the weekend of May 13 and 14. In honor of Mother's Day and the spirit of fierce determination, consider making a gift to Catholic Charities and allow us to continue making the world a better place. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of members of our community who need it most. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**DIOCESAN AND UNIVERSAL CHURCH  
COLLECTIONS AND APPEALS**

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support the weekend of May 27 and 28 to Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps them meet faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**GUGGENHEIM SUMMER CAMP**  
**The 2023 registration is open!**

The 2023 season starts July 5th and ends August 11th. The cost to attend the mini-session is \$200 and the remaining 5 weeklong sessions cost \$425 per camper. To sign up for camp please visit: [www.rcdony.org/youth/camp](http://www.rcdony.org/youth/camp) or call, Jeannie Grizzuto at 315-393-2920 ext. 1413.

**PLEASE SEE FATHER DON IF INTERESTED. WE  
HAVE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!**

**HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION  
COLLECTION**

The children collected money during Lent for the Holy Childhood Association. The children raised \$244.91 to assist children in other countries who are less fortunate.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation retreat is this Sunday, May 7 beginning after the 8:30 am Mass. **Sunday's Confirmation Retreat will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration at 2:30. Please consider joining us in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.** Prayer before Jesus is powerful.

Confirmation will be May 17 at 7 pm at St. Peter's Church in Lowville.

**YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY**

There will be a rehearsal Thursday, May 11 from 6:30-7:30 for students in grades 6-12 who would like to prepare music for the May Crowning/Mother's Day Liturgy on May 14. We are developing a new group of young musicians to begin leading music on Sunday mornings. We are blessed here at St. Stephen's to have many talented young musicians! Let's use our talents to praise God!!

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO A MORE ACTIVE  
ROLE IN YOUR PARISH?**

**Formation for Ministry Enrollment for  
2023-2025**

The Formation for Ministry Program prepares men and women to serve in their local parish. This program is a two-year program. Classes are online through Boston College. Candidates also meet a few times a year as a group for workshops. If you're interested, register to attend the virtual information session scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 6 p.m.. More information is also available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Or contact Cathy Russell at: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org) - (315) 393-2920.

**Annual Lawn Social**  
**Save the Date**

The Lawn Social will be held on June 29. We are trying to line up most of the past features. Please contact Bob Buholtz at 315-347-8876 or Tony Tabolt 315-376-6604 for any questions. Thank you.

**Basket Raffle**

There will be a basket raffle at the Lawn Social this June. We are looking for basket donations. Please contact Brandy Cummings at 315-778-6467 with any questions.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY  
ROSARY**



Parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary each day. Leaflets giving information on the various decades of the rosary are available on the tables in church.

**THE ROSARY WILL BE SAID AT 4:30 PM  
EACH SATURDAY IN MAY BEFORE THE 5:00  
PM MASS.**