



St. Stephen's Parish

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September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The reading from Sirach sets the theme this Sunday. Sirach counsels us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven. Showing mercy to all those who have wronged us is equally important because it is a response to God's goodness and mercy.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us a parable which helps inspire us with compassion to share God's loving mercy for others. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. Therefore, we resolve to live lives of mercy and forgiveness.



Saturday, September 16 (5:00 pm)

Ronald Bush (Birthday) by Bev Bush

Sunday, September 17 (8:30 am)

People of the Parish

Monday, September 18 (8:15 am)

Kevin Boliver by Bev Moore

Tuesday, September 19 (8:15 am)

Tiny Gerow by Ethel Hoch

Wednesday, September 20 (8:15 am)

Scripture/Communion Service

Thursday, September 21 (8:15 am)

Edward Grunert by James & Karen Hoch

Friday, September 22 (8:15 am)

Verna Schack by Family

Saturday, September 23 (5:00 pm)

People of the Parish

Sunday, September 24 (8:30 am)

Janice Kampnich (Birthday) by Paul, John,
& Tim Kampnich

Your Support for The Parish

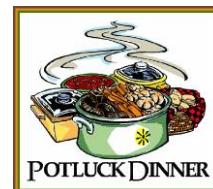
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| Adult Envelopes: | \$ 3,125.54 |
| Plate: | \$ 669.00 |

Pray for the Sick

Wilfred "Stump" Proulx, Joe Strife, James Hall, Cindy Bush, Joe Strife, Shayleigh Proulx, Bill Meyer, Stephen Brownell, Linda Bush, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Knights of Columbus

Attention Knight of Columbus Members-Sign up to receive text notifications of K of C events by texting the message @a32fah to 81010. Contact Bob Bulhotz or Gil Monnat if you have questions.



A parish potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, September 23 following the 5 pm Mass. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend. Ham and beverage will be provided. Bring a dish to pass if able, however, it is not mandatory. Please come and bring a friend.

Genesis to Jesus Bible Study

Join us Wednesday evening in the church hall for our Bible Study program: "Genesis to Jesus." Please feel free to bring a friend.

Confirmation

Parents of Confirmation candidates will meet this Sunday evening, September 17 at 6:30 in the church hall.

Catechetical Sunday

"Come to Me All You Who Labor and Are Burdened"

This Sunday, September 17th is Catechetical Sunday. We take this time to thank and bless our catechists for their willingness to teach our children. The theme this year is from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened." This year's theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them. Catechists are called to be close to Jesus as a disciple and be a witness and accompany others. Our catechists this year are:

Kindergarten: Lynn Herzig

First Grade: Bobbi Sue Murphy

Second Grade: Patty Flint and Lillia Campeau

Third and Fourth Grade: Yvette Edick

Fifth and Sixth Grade: Michelle Pominville and Mikalya Ferguson

Seventh Grade: Traci Boliver

Eighth Grade: Anne Davis

Ninth Grade: Michele Nikitich

Confirmation: Deacon Peter Wooschlager

We are grateful for the commitment of our catechists.

St. Peter's Cemetery

On September 20, work will get underway to improve the grass at St. Peter's Cemetery in New Bremen. We are adding a new layer of topsoil and hydroseeding an area of the cemetery that had become too sandy to grow grass. We will be deploying multiple hoses and sprinklers on the newly seeded area throughout the rest of September and into October. Careful efforts will be taken to protect the ornamental plantings in the area where the work is being done; however, we ask for your patience and understanding. We anticipate doing more grass and cemetery improvements in 2024 and expect that it will take several years to see the improvements desired. Please contact Tony Tabolt at 315-376-6604 or Mary Glenn-Croft at 315-376-6778 if you have questions.

Bishop's Fund Appeal Commitment Weekend

As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the 2023 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we will be successful this year. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is "**We Share the Burden.**" This year any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further assist families in need in our community and throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider supporting the many ministries of the Diocese. Every gift is important. Every gift makes a difference. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Donation envelopes are available in the church pews.

Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat

The Saint Andre Bessette Women's Group of Malone is sponsoring Our Lady of the Rosary Healing Retreat October 5th-8th at Wadham's Hall in Ogdensburg. If you would like to defray costs of the retreat for the participants, any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations to Wadham's Hall/Women's Retreat, c/o Mr. William Seymour, 6866 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 133669.

Eucharistic Congress

Excitement has been building for the NYS Eucharistic Congress taking place over 40 hours on October 20-22nd at the Shrine of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. Come for the entire 40 hours or just part of it! **Registration is required and is free!** Information about the schedule, the speakers, and to register either as individuals or a group, please go to <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org/>. Questions may also be sent to: Asoltero@rcdony.org.

Living Stones: Faith in Motion

Join us Thursday, September 21st for Mass at 5:30 at St. Anthony's Church in Watertown followed by dinner and concluding with a presentation. The presentation will feature Lori Hanno, Kathy Allen, and Christopher Lapointe, who will discuss how their parishes make people feel welcome and open to our call to become more involved. If attending the dinner, the cost is \$20 per person. Please register at www.rcdony.org/clm-event.

Rosary Society Annual Auction

Auction items will be on display in the church basement from September 23-October 29. Donated auction items are accepted up to September 22. Please drop off in church basement or Marcie Buell's. Thank you in advance.