



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**October 15, 2023**

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Isaiah speaks of a great feast. In the Psalm, the Lord leads us to restful waters and spreads the table before us, and in the Gospel, we are invited to the King's wedding banquet. Let the grace of God surround us and lead us to this feast - the Mass - where his Son, our Lord Jesus feeds us the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation that overflows with eternal life. With hearts washed clean by God's forgiveness, let us approach this table in rejoicing and thanksgiving.



**Saturday, October 14 (5:00 pm)**

Peter & Gen Lyndaker by The Family

**Sunday, October 15 (8:30 am)**

People of the Parish

**Monday, October 16 (6:00 pm)**

Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

**Tuesday, October 17 (8:15 am)**

Troy Chartrand by Mom & Dad

**Wednesday, October 18 (8:15 am)**

Scripture/Communion Service

**Thursday, October 19 (8:15 am)**

Martha Jane Company by Lindsay & Brenda Nortz And Family

**Friday, October 20 (8:15 am)**

Jean Golden by Eleanor Campeau

**Saturday, October 21 (5:00 pm)**

Harold & Barbara Peters by Their Children: Sue, Randy, Bob & Rich

**Sunday, October 22 (8:30 am)**

Jean Golden 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary by The Children

### Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,248.00
Plate:	\$ 856.00

### Pray for the Sick

Barbara Looby, Betty Pound, Wilfred "Stump" Proulx, Cindy Bush, Shayleigh Proulx, Bill Meyer, Linda Bush, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

### Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of*

*Thomas Louie*

*By*

*The Folk Group*

### Religious Education/Confirmation

Religious education classes start after the 8:30 Mass every Sunday. This year the theme is The Eucharist. The students will learn through Scripture why God gave us the gift of the Eucharist. At the end of our study, students will learn about and participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

Confirmation classes meet at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings. The program Chosen is used to guide lessons. Students also learn about the saints and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**World Mission Sunday  
October 22, 2023**

World Mission Sunday is on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be celebrated in parishes throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The World Mission Sunday Theme is "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." To learn more about this year's theme you can go to the following link to view a letter from Pope Francis. [World Mission Sunday 2023-Pontifical Mission Societies: \(phillymissions.org\)](https://www.phillymissions.org/).

To learn more about the work of The Pontifical Mission Societies, Inc. of the Diocese of Ogdensburg go: [Welcome \(rcdony.org\)](https://www.rcdony.org/).

**A Big Thank You  
Father Dan Chapin!**



A big thank you to Father Dan Chapin for a recent donation of \$10,000 to St. Stephen's Parish. We are most grateful to Father Chapin for "another" very large donation to St. Stephen's to assist in helping reduce the parish debt. In accord with Father Dan's wishes the total amount of his donation will be directly applied to the loan from the Diocese.

The current debt now owed on the loan is \$ 512,973.

**Andrew Dinners: Men of High School Age  
and Above  
Sunday, October 28, 2023**

Come and join Bishop LaValley to learn more about being a priest. Any man of high school age and above is welcome to attend the Andrew Dinner sponsored by the Vocation Office. Parents are welcome to attend. The program begins at 5 pm followed by Holy Hour and dinner with Bishop LaValley, and area pastors and priests. If you are interested in attending, speak to Father Don and register for the Jefferson-Lewis event at St. James Parish Hall in Carthage on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the site <https://www.rcdony.org/andrewdinners>.

**Annual Financial Report**

The annual financial report for St. Stephen's will be issued next weekend. A verbal presentation will be given by Sue Gydesen at the Saturday 5 pm Mass and by Bob Buholtz at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday. A written report will also be distributed.

**Bishop's Fund Appeal  
Congratulations Parishioners of St.  
Stephen's Parish**

The parish has met and surpassed our parish goal! At present time 134 parishioners have pledged or donated \$21, 578. This is \$1,170 over our goal!

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
AND SUPPORT.**



**Prayer for Synod of Synodality**

We pray before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You along to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

**Rosary In October**

The Rosary will be said every Saturday before the 5 pm Mass during the month of October.

**Rosary Society**

The Rosary Society will meet on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Rosary will be at 5:45 with Mass at 6 pm. A potluck dinner will follow for Rosary Society Members.

**Rosary Society Auction**

The Rosary Society's Auction is set up in the Church Hall until October 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to check it out!

**Parish Potluck Dinner**



A parish potluck will be held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm Mass. Ham and beverage will be provided. Please bring if a dish to pass if you are able. This coincides with the last weekend to bid on items in the Rosary Society Auction. Please come and invite someone to join you for a great meal and fellowship.