



St. Stephen's Parish

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this day in the middle of November, the month in which we remember in a special way all those who have died, we reflect on our baptism. When we were baptized in Christ, we were baptized into his death. Therefore, we were with the Lord in his life and death. Those who have died in the Lord are with the Lord eternally while we here today gather to receive him in the Eucharist.

We take consolation that we are always with the Lord, in life and in death. Our scriptures invite us to take consolation in that we are always with the Lord in life and in death.



Saturday, November 11 (5:00 pm)

Happy Veteran's Day!

Arthur Houppert by St. Stephen's Music Ministry

Sunday, November 12 (8:30 am)

People of the Parish

Monday, November 13 (No Mass)

Tuesday, November 14 (8:15 am)

Kelly Garrison by Parents

Wednesday, November 15 (8:15 pm)

Kevin Boliver by Norma Monnat

Thursday, November 16 (8:15 am)

Stanley Monnat by Bernard & Dorothy Monnat

Friday, November 17 (8:15 am)

Harland Campany & Barbara Widrick by
Theresa Campany Family

Saturday, November 18 (5:00 pm)

Harold Boliver (35th Anniversary) by Children

Sunday, November 19 (8:30 am)

Earl & Marie Lashbrooks 65th Anniversary
By Family

Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,922.29
Plate:	\$ 686.00
Fuel:	\$ 1,560.00
All Saints Day:	\$ 919.00

Pray for the Sick

Mike Houppert, Barbara Looby, Betty Pound, Cindy Bush, Shayleigh Proulx, Linda Bush, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Confirmation

The next class will be held November 19.

Rosary Society Meeting

The monthly Rosary Society meeting will be on November 13th at 6:30 pm.



If you know of a family, child, or adult who would benefit from our Giving Tree program please contact the parish office.

Religious Education Advent Wreath Making



Parents are invited to join their child(ren) on Sunday, November 19th to make a family Advent wreath. We will be creating the wreaths during class time (beginning at 9:30 am after the 8:30 am Mass). We are excited that all families with children in religious education will have a wreath to use during the Advent season.

Candlelight Advent Service St. Vincent de Paul Oratory, Belfort

As we prepare ourselves this Advent Season, you are invited to a night of Scripture, Song & Prayer in a simple setting in candlelight with friends on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 7 pm.

This night 180 years after construction, the bell rings again calling us all to worship, singing and prayer in a simple 1843 country Church. May this remind all of us of the simplicity of life, family, friends, and neighbors during this Advent Season!

Kissing Balls and Centerpieces

We will be making kissing balls and centerpieces **this Sunday, November 12 at 1:30**. Anyone wishing to help is invited. We will meet in the church hall. We are in need of aluminum bread tins, wet foam, candles, fake poinsettias, and other Christmas decorations. We look forward to you joining us and appreciate any donations.

Prayers for Safe Travels

Deacon Peter and Kathy Wooschlager will be traveling to El Salvador November 10-17 on an Unbound Awareness Trip. Please keep them and the work of Unbound in your prayers!

November is All Souls Month



It is our tradition to remember in a special way our beloved deceased who have gone before us. You are invited to write the names of your deceased friends and family members in the book on the stand at the front entrance. Envelopes are also provided for those who wish to write the names of the deceased and make a donation for ALL SOULS MASSES.

Letter From Bishop LaValley



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

As Catholic Christians, we know that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. The gifts we have received are varied and unique. No gift or talent is insignificant. God gives us these gifts as an opportunity to help one another grow in our faith and strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. God calls us to accept His gifts with **gratitude**; to develop and nurture His gifts **responsibly**; to share His gifts with **generosity** and have a **willingness** to accept His call without counting the cost.

This Stewardship Sunday, I encourage parishioners all across the diocese to speak with your pastor about those ministries in your parish in which your gifts and talents can enrich the vitality and life of your parish. Please also take a moment to personally invite your family and friends to return to Mass and encourage others to share in your parish ministries. The longevity and vibrancy of our parishes is enriched by every member of the parish putting their gifts and talents to work and brings others and ourselves closer to God.

I am thankful to the many women, men and children who serve in our parishes in a wide variety of ministries throughout the year. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and hearts. May His blessing be upon you and your family.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley

Coffee Hours

Going forward, Parish Coffee Hours will be held on the first Sunday of the month. We are looking for groups to host these gatherings. Groups do not have to be formal organizations within in the parish. Please consider hosting as a group of extended family or friends. There will be a sign-up sheet located at the back of the church. Please contact Sue Gydesen at 315-771-7038 with any questions.