



St. Stephen's Parish

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December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

Today we rejoice with full hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. He shall put an end to suffering and sorrow, and all shall know healing, wholeness, and joy. Let us prepare the way for his coming by examining our own lives and asking the Lord to restore and strengthen our faith as we open our eyes and ears to the wonderful news of His birth



Saturday, December 13 (5:00 pm)

Lisa Chisholm, Kathy Widrick & Kevin Widrick by
The Family

Sunday, December 14 (8:30 am)

Beth Ann Meyer & Shirley Boliver LaTray by Bruce
Boliver Family

Monday, December 15 (No Mass)

Tuesday, December 16 (11:00 am)

FUNERAL MASS FOR LEROY SCHINDLER

Wednesday, December 17 (8:15 am)

Gabrielle Thomas by Mom & Dad

Thursday, December 18 (8:15 am)

Beverly Aucter 31 Year Anniversary of Her Death
By A Friend

Friday, December 19 (8:15 am)

Jean Golden by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 20 (5:00 pm)

Donald Schwendy by Phyllis

Sunday, December 21 (8:30 am)

Bill & Audrey Lyndaker by Patti Clemons

Pray for the Sick

Steffany Peters, Bernice Ardison, Mary Knight, Bruce Tabolt, Bruce Chapman, Peter VerSchneider, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, Corbin Pominville, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, Alice Moore, Julie Fuller, Venetha Houppert, Tom Pate, Casey Kloster, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Your Support for The Parish

Envelopes:	\$ 3,420.32
Plate:	\$ 682.00
Fuel:	\$ 1,327.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 518.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of
Junior, Sally, Jeff, Amy & Todd Kloster
By
Walt & Deb Hartshorn*

**Be patient and stand firm,
because the Lord's coming is
near.**

James 5:7-10



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:00 PM Christmas
Anticipated Mass at St.
Stephen's
*Children will participate in the
Christmas Story as the Gospel is read.

6:00 PM Christmas
Anticipated Mass at St.
Francis Solanus

Christmas Day (December 25) 9:00 AM at St. Stephen's

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GRADES 6-12

Movie Night Sunday, December 14, 6:00- 8:00 pm in the church hall featuring the film "King of Kings"! Wear your pajamas if you like, bring a pillow and invite friends! Popcorn and Snacks will be provided!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Second Collection, This Weekend

This weekend our Diocese will join in the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, supporting sisters, brothers and priests who have spent their lives serving in classrooms, hospitals, missions and parishes with little financial compensation.

Now, many face the challenges of aging and rising healthcare costs, yet their prayers continue to sustain the Church.

Your gift is more than financial help – it is a message of gratitude and care. It ensures they receive the dignity they deserve while supporting younger members who carry forward their mission. Please give generously and keep our consecrated religious in your prayers.



Advent Wreath Week Three: Joy (Gaudete Sunday)

The third week of Advent we remember the gift of Joy we have in Christ. We remember the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her- a child who would save and deliver all people. Joy is the gift we receive from the unconditional love Christ has for us.

God wants us to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people-for to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." As we light this candle, we remember that Christ came to bring true and everlasting joy to all people. As we light this candle, we are reminded that Christ came to save all people.

Let us pray: Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by helping us see that Christ came for every person we meet wherever we go. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Jesue our Lord. Amen.

BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL ADVENT CONCERT

Beaver River Central will hold its annual Advent Concert at St. Stephen's on Wednesday, December 17th at 7 pm. All are invited to attend and enjoy this beautiful concert as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

GIVING TREE

Please return all gifts with the tag attached to the church by Wednesday, December 17th!

CALENDARS

2026 calendars are now available. A special thanks to Jim Scanlon and Scanlon Funeral Home for providing them to our parishioners.