



# St. Stephen's Parish

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## January 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ our light has come to dispel the darkness of despair, division, and death; His light brings hope and abundant joy to all who hear his word and open their hearts to Him. Let us release all that holds us bound to the darkness by repenting of our sins and failings. Let the light of Christ's mercy and forgiveness break the chains that separate us from His Glory.



### Saturday, January 24 (5:00 pm)

Maynard & Katherine Monnat Anniversary by  
The Proulx Family

### Sunday, January 25 (8:30 am)

Roy Everard by Jeff & Penny Merry & Family

### Monday, January 26 (8:15 am)

Pat Golden by Don & Cindy Sauer

### Tuesday, January 27 (8:15 am)

Les & Norma VerSchneider by Kurt VerSchneider

### Wednesday, January 28 (11:00 am)

**FUNERAL MASS FOR NORMA MONNAT**

### Thursday, January 29 (8:15 am)

Gilbert & Dolores Monnat by Pauline Murphy

### Friday, January 30 (8:15 am)

Marie Nortz by Brud Kirschner

### Saturday, January 31 (5:00 pm)

Elwood Virkler by Etta & Family

### Sunday, February 1 (8:30 am)

Father Jim Vacco

### Pray for the Sick

Sandy Bush, Joe Bush, Virgil Widrick, Patti Clemons, Dennis Schneider, Howard Nortz, Susan Schwendy, Carolyn Schwendy, Steffany Peters, Bernice Ardison, Mary Knight, Bruce Tabolt, Bruce Chapman, Peter VerSchneider, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, 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:	\$2,736.78
Plate:	\$ 668.00

*Jesus*  
began to preach,  
and to say,  
*Repent:*  
for the  
kingdom of heaven  
is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

## RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION



The Diocese of Ogdensburg Respect Life Second Collection will be held in our parishes this weekend. The collection supports efforts that affirm & promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death. Last year, grants helped five Gabriel Projects, Birthright, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Heart Well Homestead Maternity Home, Malone Catholic Charities, Liferight of Watertown, Light of Truth Educational Programing and Fourth Coast Companions Eldercare. Thank you for your generosity.

## BOWLING AND GAME DAY!



We will once again be having a bowling and game day for students grades K-12 on Monday, February 16, 2026. The activities will begin at 9:30 and end at 3:00. We will have snacks, hot dogs and hamburgers. Students are invited to bring their friends and favorite games. Information will be sent home with students with a sign-up sheet.

## DAY OF REFLECTION Embracing Discipleship and Accompaniment

All Catechists, Catechetical Leaders, Commissioned Lay Ministers, Youth Leaders and Candidates in Formation for Ministry Program are invited. Presented by Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP. Cost is \$15. Norfolk Parish Center, March 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Mass at 9 a.m. Register: [www.rcdony.org/dayofreflection](http://www.rcdony.org/dayofreflection) by 3/12. For more information, contact Cathy Russell: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org)

## SAFE DWELLING COLLECTION

The Rosary Society will be collecting items for the Lewis County Safe Dwelling from January 17-February 8<sup>th</sup>. Items needed include: toilet bowl cleaner, trash bags, toilet paper, wash cloths, paper towels, laundry soap and baby wipes. It is asked that people use this list when making donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## COFFEE HOUR

There will be a Coffee Hour on Sunday, Feb. 1 after the 8:30 Mass hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors. Please join us for great conversations and good food.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The Knights of Columbus will hold a chicken barbeque on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. **This is a pre-order only event.** The cost is \$8 for a half and \$12 for a meal. Please contact Don at 315-346-6202, Gil at 315-771-1832 or Bob at 315-376-8876 to place your order. The chicken will be ready at 10 am and payment can be made at pick up.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

PROMISE TO  
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO  
HEAL

The TAKE IT DOWN Act is a landmark law criminalizing the posting of non-consensual sexual imagery and AI-generated deepfakes. The Act mandates the timely removal of the images and establishes clear federal enforcement standards. The **National Center for Missing and Exploited**

**Children** (NCMEC; <https://www.missingkids.org/home>) provides a free service called, "Take It Down," that can help one remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos of minor who are under the age of eighteen.

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## PLANNED GIVING

The following are steps to make sure your life is in order before God calls you:

1. Draft a Will.
2. Leave enough liquid cash in an obvious location to sustain your survivors to pay your expenses of your estate.
3. Plan your own funeral.
4. Leave no financial debt.
5. Write your own obituary.
6. Organize your records.
7. Choose a time to openly discuss these plans with loved ones.