



# St. Stephen's Parish

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## February 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our popular culture gives honor to those with power, money, and influence, but these are human standards, not God's. Instead, the Lord lifts up the humble, the meek, the poor, and the lowly as His chosen ones, richly blessing those whom the world considers most weak and helpless. As we prepare ourselves for the Sacred Liturgy, let us ask the Lord to make us poor in spirit and clean of heart that we might receive His blessings in abundance.



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

Elwood Virkler by Etta & Family

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

Father Jim Vacco

### Monday, February 2 (5:00 pm)

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday, February 3 (8:15 am)

Bev Moore by St. Stephen's Hospitality Kitchen Crew

### Wednesday, February 4 (8:15 am)

Pat Golden by Don & Cindy Sauer

### Thursday, February 5 (8:15 am)

Les & Norma VerSchneider by Kurt VerSchneider

### Friday, February 6 (8:15 am)

Marie Nortz by Brud Kirschner

### Saturday, February 7 (5:00 pm)

Barb Monnat by Rich, Becky, Emily, Matthew & Jasmine

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

Jimmy & Leona Briot by Jeff & Penny Merry & Family

### Pray for the Sick

Sandy Bush, Joe Bush, Virgil Widrick, Patti Clemons, Dennis Schneider, Howard Nortz, Susan Schwendy, Carolyn Schwendy, Steffany Peters, 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:	\$ 2,834.00
Plate:	\$ 674.00
Respect Life:	\$ 1,452.00

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Mass will be held at **5 pm this Monday** and will include a Blessing of Candles used for the various liturgies of the Church during the year. Parishioners are invited to have their throats blessed at this Mass or on Tuesday morning at the 8:15 am Mass.

## WONDERFUL NEWS

# SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

St. Stephen's Parish has recently received **two substantial bequests**. These generous bequests were given by Ms. Linda O'Leary and Ralph Grimmer. Please remember these very thoughtful people in your prayers in gratitude for their remembrance of St. Stephen's Parish.

The Finance Committee, chaired by Bob Buholtz will discuss how these bequests will be used to meet the needs of the parish.

### 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.

### CHURCH PHOTO BOOKS

The church photo books will be available for purchase in the back of the church starting January 31st. It will be a self-service sale. There will be a container available to put money in. The books are \$20 each. Books continue to be available at the rectory office during office hours.

### 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### TRUST IN HIS STRENGTH": Ignite 2026 Catholic Men's Conference (Syracuse)

On March 28, The Diocese of Syracuse's 18th IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers: Father Larry Richards and Brandan Powell. Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass at Bishop Ludden-Grimes Jr/Sr High School. Discounts on registration are available when you register a Team of 5 or 10. Visit [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org) for details and registration. Ticket Prices go up after March 9. Contact Ed Kirk at [lekirk3@gmail.com](mailto:lekirk3@gmail.com) or at 315-560-9170 for more information.

### ALPHA



Give Alpha a Try! Build community as you join us for dinner that's prepared for you. Enjoy laughs, great video presentations, and profound encouragement. Share as much as you'd like or not at all. YOU are most welcome!

Please let us know that you're interested by Sunday evening, February 1<sup>st</sup> so preparations can be made! Call 315-222-6743 now to register. Seats are limited and we don't want you to miss out. If you'd like to help by making a dessert for one evening, please give Rose Tabolt a call at 315-346-6202.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come and spend time with Jesus.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please be sure to email Debbie at [crogandre@rcdonny.org](mailto:crogandre@rcdonny.org) or [debbiehoppel@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiehoppel@hotmail.com). You may also text her at 315-222-8236. All announcements for the weekend bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday evening. Thank you for our cooperation.