

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 11 - 12, 2021

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He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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OLP

Wednesdays
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 - 8:00pm
Benediction ~ 7:50pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

4:00pm - 4:45pm - *Confessions*

5:00pm - (+) *John Schroeder*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

8:00am - 8:45am - *Confessions*

9:00am - *For the People of the Parish*

**Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

+ *St. John Chrysostom* +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

+ *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* +

5:30pm - *For the People of the Parish*

~6:15pm - *Thirsting Tuesdays*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

+ *Our Lady of Sorrows* +

8:00am - (+) *Arnold Wallace*

6:00pm - 8:00pm - *Adoration*

& *Confessions*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

+ *Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian* +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

+ *St. Robert Bellarmine* +

8:00am - (+) *Raul Gonzales*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

4:00pm - 4:45pm - *Confessions*

5:00pm - *For the People of the Parish*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

9:00am - 9:45am - *Confessions*

10:00am - (+) *Sue Skaiife*

11:00am - 2:00pm - *Pork Chop Dinner!*

Ministry of Giving



Offertory

August 8: \$2,266.00

August 15: \$1,627.00

August 22: \$1,991.00

August 29: \$1,465.00

Budgeted to Date = \$21,636.00

Received to Date = \$24,234.79

Dear St. Stephen's Family,

I pray you are well and this finds you enjoying a lovely start to fall! The Pork Chop Dinner is only a week away and I am looking forward to an amazing day! Thank you, so very much, to everyone that has given their time and talent to make this a successful event!

In addition to all the excitement of next weekend, I am all the more excited to share with you even more good news! David Jaramillo, a seminarian for our Diocese, has been assigned to St. Stephen's for the next four years. For those that may not be as familiar, a seminarian is a young man who is in formation and studies for the priesthood. This process can last anywhere from 6-10 years. Men without a previous undergraduate degree first complete a four-year undergraduate degree before moving on to study theology. David completed an undergraduate degree before deciding to enter seminary, so he was able to complete his philosophical studies in two years at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, WI. Once a man transitions to theological studies, he is "received as a candidate for Holy Orders" and makes a public declaration of his intention to become a Catholic priest at the end of the next four years. Seminary Formation consists of the "Four Pillars of Formation" know as Human, Intellectual, Spiritual, and Pastoral. David will live and study at the Seminary, but he will have scheduled times and weekends - which will vary over the course of the 4 years - when he will come and stay in Clinton, learning about the pastoral side of priestly ministry in the parish and applying his training to real-life situations. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to get to know David and walk with him during the next four years of his vocational formation! Say hello! Have him over! Show him some great Clinton hospitality! Here is a short introduction from David himself!

Dear parishioners,

I am so blessed to now be part of your community. Your parish, St. Stephens, is my "teaching parish" for the next four years as I begin my theology studies starting this Fall. I am very excited to grow and be formed as a priest with all of you and with Fr. Showers. I can't wait to get to know you and to share life with you. Please know that I am already praying for you; please pray for me as well. May the Holy Spirit and our Lady of Guadalupe transform us into Saints!



I was born in Quito, Ecuador, and came to the USA when I was 19 years old. I came to attend university and study Piano Performance. I did my undergrad at Kent State and grad school at Ball State. Just before starting grad school, I encountered the Lord on a retreat back home in Quito. This was a life-changing experience, and since then, I have been a new man. I was part of a thriving community during undergrad that formed me spiritually and started a prayer life. After grad school, I served five years with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). This was a fantastic time evangelizing college students, showing them Jesus and His way. The Lord called me all this time to join Seminary to be formed as a Priest of Jesus Christ. I started two years ago with the Diocese of Madison at St. Francis de Sales Seminary, and it has been a blessing. One is just happy to be doing God's will! I am starting Theology studies this year and look forward to continuing formation. God is good!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 17th - Rock County Young Adult Night
- Fr. Andrew "The Greatest Act of Freedom" - Food & Fellowship after - 6:30p @ Nativity Parish J'ville

Sun., Sept. 19th - PORKCHOP DINNER -
MASS 10:00am, Dinner 11:00am-2:00pm



FAITH FORMATION

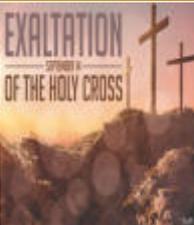
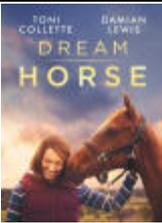
Archangels Pinata Fun, Ice Cream Social & registration night will be **Sept. 29th at 6:30pm.**



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Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church invites you to a free outdoor movie September 18 at 7:30pm on the church lawn. Dream Horse is a family friendly movie. Bring your own chairs.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of an instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. Legend holds that the relic was found by St. Helena during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326. The Chapel of St. Helena inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by the Crusaders in her honor, and below it lies the Chapel of the Finding of the True Cross, in which the cross of Christ's crucifixion was reportedly discovered.

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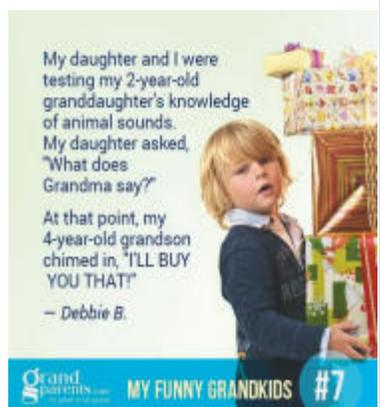


These quotes were taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds when they were asked "What is a Grandparent" and published anonymously.

1. Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other peoples.
2. A grandfather is a man, and a grandmother is a lady!
3. Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.
4. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.
5. They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'
6. Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear.
7. They can take their teeth and gums out.
8. Grandparents don't have to be smart.
9. They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'
10. When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.
11. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.
12. They know we should have a snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.
13. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him.
14. It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

10 Funny Quotes About Being a Grandparent

1. To a small child, the perfect granddad is unafraid of big dogs and fierce storms but absolutely terrified of the word 'boo'.
2. If I had known grandkids were so much fun, I would have had them first.
3. It's funny what happens when you become a grandparent. You start to act all goofy and do things you never thought you'd do. It's terrific.
4. Grandchildren: the only people who can get more out of you than the IRS.
5. You know you're a grandparent when you laugh when your grandkids do the same things that made you so angry when your kids did them.
6. If your baby is 'beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time,' you're the grandma.
7. When a grandparent enters the door, discipline flies out the window.
8. Grandparents are there to help the child get into the mischief they haven't thought of yet.
9. I don't spoil my grandkids, I'm just very accommodating.
10. The best babysitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to Florida.



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