



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

# St. Stephen's Catholic Parish

MAY 28 - 29, 2022

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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### Wednesdays

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

Benediction ~ 7:50pm



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
MASS  
Monday, May 30th  
8:00am at OLA  
(Mass followed by  
prayers at the  
cemetery)

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Dear St. Stephen's Family,

## The Ascension of the Lord

**SATURDAY, MAY 28th**

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

5:00pm - (+) *Raul Gonzales*

**SUNDAY, MAY 29th**

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

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

*\*Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

**MONDAY, MAY 30th**

*Memorial Day*

*No Mass at St. Stephen's*

**TUESDAY, MAY 31st**

*Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:30pm - *Holy Mass*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st**

*+ St. Justin +*

8:00am - (+) *Donella Ross Groleau*

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2nd**

*+ Sts. Marcellinus and Peter +*

*No Mass at St. Stephen's*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd**

*+ St. Charles Lwanga +*

8:00am - (+) *Sophia Henschler*

## Pentecost Sunday

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4th**

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

9:00am - *Holy Mass*

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

5:00pm - (+) *Ron & Char Colborn*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5th**

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

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

## Liturgical Ministers June 4 - 5

**Saturday, June 4 - 5:00pm**

**Servers:** Nathan Jones

**Lector:** Brian Wellnitz

**Sunday, June 5 - 9:00am**

**Servers:** Joe Collins, Brooks Benisch,  
Wesley Brueggen

**Lector:** Mary Farrell

Memorial Day – originally known as Decoration Day – was established to honor those fallen in battle during our nation's Civil War. However, today Memorial Day honors those who have died in the wars that have taken place since. We owe these fallen heroes – and the families who mourn them – our gratitude for their sacrifice and our prayers for their eternal repose.

To recall to our memory those who have died in war means also to commit ourselves to the cause for which they died. To honor their memory, we too must also be resolved to serve our country, to safeguard its promise, to accept responsibility for its destiny – “that these dead shall not have died in vain.” This we do through assuming the responsibilities of good citizenship, by voting responsibly and paying our taxes; we do through putting the common good ahead of private self-interest and in “giving back” through volunteer service.

President Lincoln's words at Gettysburg still challenge us today:

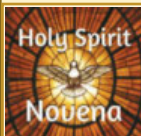
“...(the) great task remaining before us...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

*Love is the capacity to transcend oneself, to make a gift of oneself to another.* We must make our families once again the schools where such love is taught and experienced and the gift of self is made possible, where children learn such love from parents – from mothers and fathers who are committed to each other in that stable and permanent relationship called marriage. This love aids us in a tangible way to understand the immense love of God the Father, and how He desires that His children live authentic freedom in their pursuit of happiness, fulfillment, and holiness.

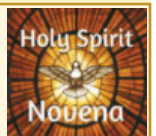
Freedom is not the ability to do as we please but to do as we ought. It means that we can and do assume responsibility for our actions, to do good and not to do evil. To have the freedom to, above all, *choose the good* in all situations. It is not just a *freedom from*, but also a *freedom for* – *for the good, for love, for make a gift of oneself.* As Americans, we honor the sacrifice of those who died in the service of our nation and whose sacrifice has won for us the blessings of liberty. We thank, in a special way, those from our families and community who have given their lives for our freedom.

As Jesus tells us, blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. May the souls of all the faithful departed, especially those fallen in the service of this great nation, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

In Christo per Mariam,  
Fr. Andrew



**\*Keep Praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit\***



## Ministry of Giving ~ Offertory

May 1: \$2,643.00      Received to Date: \$133,758.27  
May 8: \$3,288.00      Budgeted to Date: \$112,988.00  
May 15: \$1,614.00  
May 22: \$1,382.00



## TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROJECT

OLA - Assumption Hall  
Thursday, June 9 at 6:30pm

Presentation by Family service representatives John Pfleiderer, Executive Director, and Kelsey Hood-Christenson, Program Director. *Topic: Next Step Transitional Living Project* - an initiative to provide a range of services for homeless single parents with young children.

The plan is for a twenty-unit apartment building with an attached day care facility. Participants will have access to the resources of the facility while also accessing a variety of services such as: case management, advocacy, counseling, childhood cognitive development, and financial education. Access to tangible resources: food, clothing, and assistance acquiring resources that make independent living possible.

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to **Rolando Peralta Jr.** and **Tim Arnold**, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **May 21st** at OLA.




## SECULAR CARMELITES



Did you know that there is an Order of Secular Carmelites in our community? Members come from all walks of life: men, women, young, not-so-young, married, and single. Anyone interested in deepening their spiritual life is welcome to attend our meetings and learn more. No obligation..

This small group meets in Marian Hall at St. John Vianney Parish, Janesville, on the second Sunday of each month. For more information contact:  
**OurLadyStarSea@gmail.com** or call **608-295-6674**.

## CALENDAR

May 29 - Baccalaureate Ceremony at Clinton High School, 6:00pm  
May 30 - Memorial Day Mass at OLA, 8:00am  
May 30 - Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day  
May 31 - Feast of the Presentation of Mary Mass, 5:30pm  
May 31 - Thirsting Tuesday, 6:00pm  
June 4 - First Saturday Mass, 9:00am  
June 6 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Mass, 8:00am  
June 6 - 50th Anniversary Meeting - Gilbank Room, 6:00pm  
June 9 - Mass, 5:30pm  
June 11 & 12 - 50th Anniversary Celebration 

## BRAT STAND

Country Pride Meats  
Saturday, June 4, 11:00am - 1:00pm



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church is hosting a brat stand on **June 4**, from **11:00am - 1:00pm** (or until sold out) at Country Pride Meats in Clinton. \$5.00 for brat, drink, and chips.



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROCESSION - SATURDAY, JUNE 11

On Saturday, June 11, at 6:30pm, Parishioners of St. Stephens will be processing from the site of the old Chapel downtown to St. Stephens Church.

- All Parish Members are invited to meet at the Chapel (Old Copper Falls Building - now Hickory Wood Events) in downtown Clinton.
- Members may walk, ride on a wagon, or drive to St. Stephens. A police escort will be provided.
- Members may meet at the church and drive downtown together.
- After a short prayer service at church, beverages and snacks will be provided outside. Please bring a lawn chair.
- Members are encouraged to wear their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary t-shirts.

**\*\*Please remember to RSVP for the 50th Anniversary by contacting the office: [parish@ststephensclinton.com](mailto:parish@ststephensclinton.com) or 608-676-2241 or sign up in the entry area\*\***

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will have practice for the 2 songs they will be singing at the hall as part of our 50th celebration on: **Wednesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 8 from 6:00 - 6:30pm at the family center**. We hope to see all the Faith Formation students there.



# ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS · 1972 - 2022

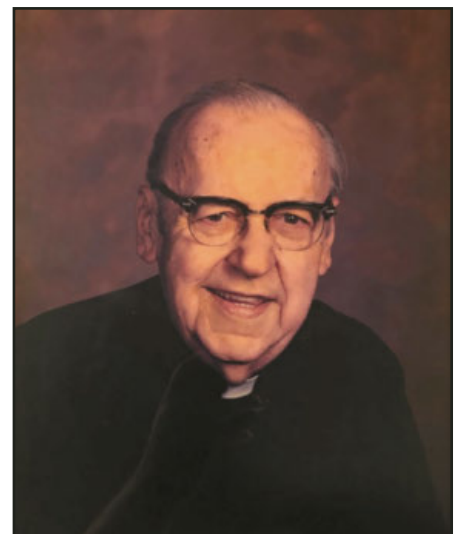
### St. Stephens Catholic Church: Did You Know?

#### Did You Know It All Started at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Sharon, WI?



St. Catherine's in Sharon is one of the oldest congregations in the State of Wisconsin. It served as the Mother Church to Clinton Catholics. St. Catherine's was built in 1911 and Father Stephen Peil became the pastor at St. Catherine's in 1940. Father Peil served a large area in his early years at Sharon. It stretched from the Lake Geneva-Fontana area to Clinton. When Father Peil came to Clinton in 1940, it was the practice to hold church services in Clinton once a month, during the months of October through April. In 1945, church was held in Clinton once a month all year long. Permission for a chapel was granted in 1948, and since that time, one Mass has been said every Sunday. In 1946, the Madison Diocese was established with the Rock-Walworth county line as the southeast boundary, with the exception of St. Catherine's parish which was to remain in the Milwaukee Diocese. In 1940, Father Peil became

the pastor of St. Catherine's and also pastor of the Clinton mission until 1970, when the Clinton area was large enough for its own parish. Father Gerard Healy was assigned to the parish in July of 1970. Members selected a name and created a separate church which was to be known as St. Stephen's Catholic Church. The name was to honor Father Stephen Peil. A parish council was formed and a constitution written. St. Stephen's became part of the Madison Diocese.





ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Stephen's Catholic Church: Getting to Know Parish Members



### **Sandy Brandl**

I married John Brandl in June 1969 at St. Catherine's Parish. John passed away in November 2013. We were both from large families, John having twelve siblings and I having seven. We were blessed with two children: Todd (Brenda) and Tammy (Bill); grandchildren: Kayla (Pete), Taylor (Cameron), Hannah, and John; and great-grandsons: Kaidyn and Wyatt.

I was baptized and confirmed Lutheran. John and I joined St. Stephen's in the late 70's. I then took instruction of the Catholic faith with Fr. Pat and was confirmed. I've been involved with parish functions such as: salad luncheons, pancake breakfast, pork chop dinner, and church cleaning. I have good memories of helping with Bingo many years ago.

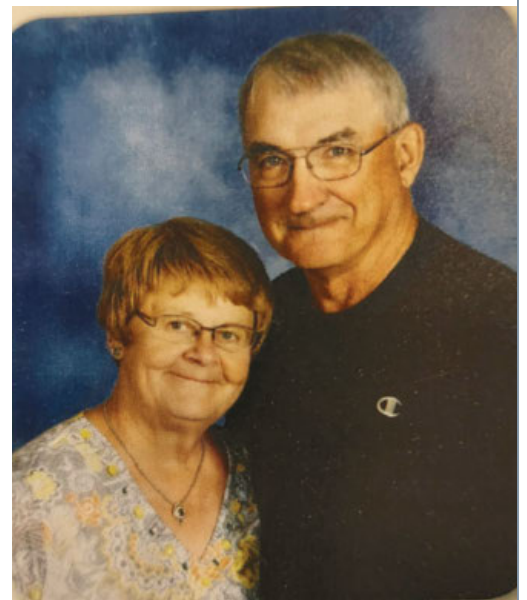
I retired from Beloit Clinic as a CMA in 2013. In my spare time, I enjoy baking, reading, quilting, and spending time with family and friends. I'm looking forward to making more good memories with our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of St. Stephen's.

### **Mick and Donna Mullooly**

We live west of Avalon, WI. We were not around when the church was built but joined the parish shortly after getting out of the service. We have 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandson.

We have been active in the church the last 45 years. Donna worked on bingo at the parish hall. We worked at the chicken barbeque and the pork chop dinners. We chaired the St. Patrick's Dance for many years, starting at Beloit Catholic High gym, then at OLA gym, and finally at the parish center.

People of the parish have always cleaned the church. Father Pat would always make meat loaf and homemade bread for the bingo crowd. We have made many great friends and memories at St. Stephens.



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