



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

# St. Stephen's Catholic Parish

*JUNE 11 - 12, 2022*

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Adoration This Week*



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY REQUESTS  
THE PLEASURE OF YOUR PRESENCE  
TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS

JUNE 12, 2022

MASS AT 10 A.M. WITH +BISHOP HYING  
LUNCH AND PROGRAM TO FOLLOW  
IN THE FAMILY CENTER

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*Welcome to the 50th Anniversary  
Celebration of St. Stephen's  
Catholic Church*

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Dear St. Stephen's Family,

## The Most Holy Trinity

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11th**

+ St. Barnabas +

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

**5:00pm - (+) Marcia Hobbs**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12th**

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

**10:00am - For the People of the Parish  
(50th Anniversary)**

*\*Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

**MONDAY, JUNE 13th**

+ St. Anthony of Padua +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14th**

No Mass at St. Stephen's

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th**

No Mass at St. Stephen's

**6:00pm - 8:00pm - NO Adoration &  
Confessions**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16th**

No Mass at St. Stephen's

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17th**

No Mass at St. Stephen's

## Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18th**

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

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19th**

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

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

*\*Please maintain a respectful silence in  
the church for those who wish to pray.*

## Liturgical Ministers June 18 - 19

**Saturday, June 18 - 5:00pm**

**Servers:** Nathan Jones

**Lector:** Alice Wellnitz

**Sunday, June 19 - 9:00am**

**Servers:** Carl Hahn, Noah Hahn,  
Mackenzie Walter

**Lector:** Leo Mullooly

The day is finally here! A most blessed 50th Anniversary to all of you and St. Stephen's Parish! What a beautiful time for our community to celebrate the 50+ years of a Catholic community in Clinton, and the many ways he has worked in the lives of so many. Rooted in prayer, nourished by the sacraments, and united in the faith, we give praise and thanks to God for His generosity to us over the years.

*"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." [Ephesians 2:19-22]*

Just as the term *Church* refers to the *living temple*, God's People, the term *church* also has been used to describe "*the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the Word of God, to pray together, to receive the sacraments, and to celebrate the Eucharist.*" Even as this community gathered to celebrate with deep faith these mysteries in the original chapel, God's presence and the faith of the believers continued to grow and strengthen. This faith and love of God was beautifully manifested by the building of the current church as a place where God comes to dwell with His People - a place of prayer and celebration of the sacred mysteries. This church is a sign of God's presence in this community and a place where the Mystical Body comes to be united by the one Spirit.

As we reflect on the Most Holy Trinity this Sunday, we are reminded that we too have been invited into this most intimate relationship through the sacraments and grace. Just as the church is a sacred place, set apart from this world and a place to not only experience God and long for eternal union with Him, we are reminded of how He has done the same through us, the living stones, for the last 50 years, and calls us to joyfully and zealously do the same for the next 50 years. May we be the great saints He has called us to be, and starting always with prayer and the eucharist, may we continue to be sent out as His missionary disciples.

Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU! I cannot thank you all enough for all you have done to make this such a special weekend for this community. All the planning, patience, time, and love you have put in have truly shown the depth of faith and love you all have, and I am truly grateful to have been a part of this community. Leo Mullooly, Kay Wildenberg, Pat Wendtland (our fearless leader of the 50th Celebration for the last year!) and so many others, Thank You! There is great momentum at St. Stephen's and my prayer is that you will all continue to say "Yes" to the many ways our Lord wants to continue to bless and sanctify this community and your families for years to come. May God who has begun this great work in all of you and this community bring it to fulfillment, and may we celebrate abundantly for the many good things He has done for us! God Love You and I Love You!!

In Christo per Mariam,  
Fr. Andrew

## Ministry of Giving ~ Offertory

May 15: \$1,614.00      Received to Date: \$137,269.27  
 May 22: \$1,382.00      Budgeted to Date: \$117,796.00  
 May 29: \$1,813.00  
 June 5: \$1,698.00



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday, June 16th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Did you miss out on getting your picture taken for our 50th Anniversary Directory? Make up pictures will be taken on **Thursday, June 16th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm**.

## No Weekday Masses at St. Stephen's June 13th - June 17th

### Cluster Schedule for Weekday Masses:

**OLA:**                    Tuesday: 5:00pm  
                               Wednesday: 8:15am  
                               Thursday: 8:15am  
                               Friday: 8:15am

**St. Thomas:**      Tuesday: 5:00pm  
                               Thursday: 8:00am

**St. Jude:**            Wednesday: 8:00am  
                               Friday: 8:00am

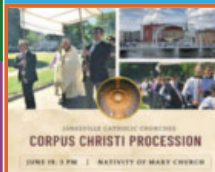


## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Next weekend, June 18th - 19th, begins the three-year Eucharistic Revival. The intended goal is to revive the Church by strengthening and awakening a living relationship with the person of Jesus Christ present in the Most Holy Eucharist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has begun a three-year Eucharistic revival effort which will culminate with a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 17 -24, 2024. You can find more information about the National Eucharistic Revival and sign up for the e-newsletter at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)

## CALENDAR

**June 23 - Solemnity of St. John the Baptist Mass, 5:30pm**  
**June 24 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Mass, 8:00am**  
**June 27 - Blood Drive at the Family Center, 12:00pm - 5:00pm**



## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

June 19, 3:00pm

Please join us for a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Janesville. The event begins at 3:00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Nativity of Mary Church, 313 E. Wall St. Participants will walk the less-than-a-mile path to St. Patrick Church, 315 Cherry St. While walking, we will sing and pray the Rosary. The procession ends with Benediction in St. Patrick Church. All are invited to tailgate in the St. Patrick parking lot following the procession until 6:00pm. The Knights of Columbus will provide grilled meats and music. Bring your own beverages, snacks, seating, shade, & games. Bathrooms available at St. Patrick Church. Go to [saintpatrickofjanesville.org/corpus-christi](http://saintpatrickofjanesville.org/corpus-christi) for information.

## DIAPER DASH

Saturday, June 18th, 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
 21 S. Jackson St., Janesville



The Pregnancy Helpline & Resource Center of Janesville will host their annual Diaper Dash in the Hometown Pharmacy parking lot located at **21 S. Jackson St., Janesville on Saturday, June 18th from 1:30pm - 2:30pm**. Please call **608-755-9739** with questions.

## TOTUS TUUS

June 19 - 24 at OLA



Registration is still open for Totus Tuus - a week long "parish mission" for the Catholic youth in 1st through 12th grades. Go to [www.olabeloit.com](http://www.olabeloit.com) for a registration form.

## BAPTISM

Congratulations to Austin & Kate DeLong on the baptism of their son, Nathan David DeLong. Nathan was baptized on June 5th, 2022.





ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Stephen's Catholic Church: Did You Know (Original Church) - Continued

The original cross that hung behind the altar was the resurrected Christ cross that now hangs on the rear wall of the church. Sometime in the 1980's it was determined by the diocese that the cross behind the altar had to be the crucified Christ cross. A new cross was purchased and installed, while the original was preserved by moving it to the present location.

The original sound system was very basic and for only the front portion of seating. It has been upgraded to accommodate the needs of our present church.

The tabernacle existed for approximately 45 years in the brick opening to the right of the altar. It was moved to the present location directly behind the altar when mandated by the diocese.



Before the addition of the drive thru canopy and gathering space, the front entrance contained no stained-glass windows, and the inside area was half the size. The area above the brick on the exterior of the church was originally vertical steel siding that was a dark olive green when originally installed and faded to a dull army green. This was then replaced with the existing surface that was originally a sandstone color. This

just recently was repaired and became a shade of red.

The original parking lot was approximately a quarter the size of the existing lot. It extended to only about 40 feet past the north edge of the building. It was added on to when attendance increased and eventually became the existing size when the parish center was built.

When the original church was built, we did not have a rectory. Father Healy and Father Pat commuted from Beloit from 1973-1977. In 1977 our new rectory was blessed and dedicated.

As mentioned previously, the growth of the parish spurred the need of the rear portion of the church for permanent seating and in 1987 our present Parish Center was constructed.



# 50 ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATING 50 YEARS · 1972 - 2022

## Did You Know that the Original Church was much different than it is today?



The original church was divided in half by a large accordion door that recessed into pockets at either side when opened. The front portion was the main church with blue carpet on the altar and down the aisles only. All the remaining area was tile. The back half was all tile and was originally intended to serve as our parish hall. This area was used for Faith Formation, church meals, anniversary parties, wedding receptions, card parties, St. Patrick's Day Dances, and many other events.

There was a kitchen located where the church office is now, which was used also as a bride's room. There was a large serving window located just to the right of the existing door. As our parish gradually grew, Mass attendance at both the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses grew and eventually reached capacity. This would result in opening the doors to allow additional seating on folding chairs in the hall. This eventually led to consideration for building our current parish center building.

The original confessional was a curtain covered opening in the wall to the right of the main double door entrance into the church. After the hall portion became additional church seating, the confessional was moved to its current location.



The original baptismal font was located on the left side of the altar. It also was moved to the current location in the rear of church when permanent seating was established. Along with the simulated sloped roof and stone on the wall, a raised platform was installed with a stone font that had flowing water to it. This was eventually abandoned in favor of the existing baptismal font.

The original lighting came from cans mounted on the face of the roof beams. Father Pat was instrumental in the fabrication and installation of the current stained glass chandelier lights. These originally contained spotlights that produced ineffective lighting and a lot of heat when you stood underneath. These have since been raised slightly and are now LED lit. All the original church windows contained clear glass. Again, Father Pat was instrumental in getting donors and the stained glass installed as we know it today.

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