



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JULY 9 - 10, 2022

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Father Mike Resop, Father Andrew Showers, Father John Hedrick

This weekend marks our last weekend with Father Andrew. Please join us for refreshments after Mass to thank him and wish him well.

Father John (St. Thomas/St. Jude) is retiring, effective sometime in mid-August. We wish him a wonderful, relaxing retirement!

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JULY 9th

+ St. Augustine Zhao Rong +

4:00pm - 4:45pm - Confessions

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 10th

8:00am - 8:45am - Confessions

9:00am - (+) Peter Goessl

**Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

MONDAY, JULY 11th

+ St. Benedict +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

TUESDAY, JULY 12th

No Mass at St. Stephen's

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th

+ St. Henry +

8:00am - (+) Jerry Tragesser

6:00pm - 8:00pm - TBD

THURSDAY, JULY 14th

+ St. Kateri Tekakwitha +

No Mass at St. Stephen's

FRIDAY, JULY 15th

+ St. Bonaventure +

8:00am - (+) Addie Kostelecky

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JULY 16th

+ Our Lady of Mount Carmel +

4:00pm - 4:45pm - Confessions

5:00pm - For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 17th

8:00am - 8:45am - Confessions

**9:00am - (+) Lawrence & Genevieve
White**

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

Liturgical Ministers July 16 - 17

Saturday, July 16 - 5:00pm

Servers: Nathan Jones

Lector: **Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, July 17 - 9:00am

Servers: Garrett & Kelby Schneider,
Mackenzie Walter

Lector: Mary Farrell

Dear St. Stephen's Family,

Two years have come and gone, and as I look back, I am amazed at how much has happened in that time. I came to you, a young and zealous first-time pastor during one of the most unique times in history that many of us may experience. I can imagine there was a great deal of uncertainty – perhaps even worry – about who this young chap was and why he was being sent to Clinton. All these thoughts and emotions are part of who we are as humans and how we react to change and transition. I cannot thank you enough for the warmth you showed me as a first-time pastor, and your patience the last two years as not only was the learning curve steep, but many difficult decisions had to be made as we lived through a pandemic.

As I prepared for my arrival, there were two things in my heart and mind that I knew needed to be at the core of my service to the St. Stephen's community: prayer and love. "Apart from me you can do nothing..." and "love never fails." As a priest of Jesus Christ, I needed to pray daily for myself and all of you, and from that prayer I would derive the strength to, as I mentioned in my first homily, love you to the best of my ability. If there are any times I failed in my promises or duties, and I ask your forgiveness and mercy. For as difficult as the pandemic was on so many aspects of life, in God's Providence it helped to remain focused on the goals of prayer and charity. Without a deep understanding of our divine filiation and a growing relationship with God, we quickly lose sight of what this is all for, and in whom we have an abundance of life, liberty, and joy.

Thank you, thank you, thank you – for your patience and willingness to try new things (or "old things" renewed by the Spirit, "ever ancient ever new") and see how God used these two years to draw us closer to Him. From praying the rosary and weekly Eucharistic Adoration to more frequent Confession and greater reverence at Mass. My friends, please do not doubt for one second the Father's invitation to draw closer to Him; to become more aware and awe-struck in His presence; to renew and reinvigorate our lives of prayer and relationship with Him. May this flame only continue and reinvigorate this community of believers for the next 50 years.

I am grateful for the many individuals that stepped up and took on new tasks or positions, the growth of the Faith Formation Program, and the many little voices we hear at Mass each week. These are signs of life, and they will only continue to grow if we remain committed to our Lord and the life of grace, frequenting the Sacraments, coming to Mass every Sunday, and deepening our lives of prayer each day. My cup is still overflowing with gratitude for the 50th Celebration a few weeks ago. Many individuals offered their time and talents to provide a fitting celebration, and may God continue to bless this community. Thanks be to God for the willingness of Fr. Prabhakar to leave family and homeland to come and serve in our Diocese and may his youthfulness and fidelity to the Lord continue to help you all grow in holiness, and as always, glorify Him.

St. Stephen's will always be my first assignment as a Pastor, and for the many memories we shared, please know that I am deeply grateful. Lastly, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support during my own valley of losing my father, and the comfort of having a parish

family to lean on during that time. May your 3-dessert days be abundant, may you desire to grow in prayer and love of the Lord and His Church each day, and may we always remain united in the greatest gift He has given us – the Most Holy Eucharist. God Love You, I Love You, and let us continue to pray for one another!

In Christo per Mariam,
Fr. Andrew

Ministry of Giving ~ Offertory

June 5: \$1,698.00 Received to Date: \$145,250.27
 June 12: \$5,213.00 Budgeted to Date: \$125,008.00
 June 19: \$1,599.00
 June 26: \$1,169.00



Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal them with concrete acts of love.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

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CALENDAR

July 15 - Father Prabhakar's Birthday

July 16/17 - Father Prabhakar's First Weekend at St. Stephen's



WELCOME FATHER PRABHAKAR

Our new priest, Fr. Prabhakar, will join us the weekend of July 15-16. Please plan to stay a few minutes after Mass to welcome him, introduce yourselves, and share some light refreshments.

STATEMENT FROM +BISHOP DONALD HYING



"Every human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value. This must always be proclaimed anew with the courage of the Word and the courage of actions." –Pope Francis (March 25, 2020)

Madison – After nearly half a century of federal legalized abortion, more than 65 million precious lives lost, and countless others enduring profound pain and suffering in the aftermath, today's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision effectively returns the question of abortion to the states, and is a long-awaited answer to decades of prayer and sacrifice by millions in our country. It offers us great hope for a deeper flourishing of human dignity. Many fewer lives will be lost to the grave injustice of abortion, which is the deliberate and direct killing of a human being, and a culture of life can begin to take root where it was previously not possible. It also offers the Catholic Church in the United States, and all those of good will who stand with us in upholding the sanctity of human life, the opportunity and privilege to redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, as well as supporting parents in their care for their sons and daughters. We will continue to welcome all those in need of assistance and offer to them the best we have to give, with sensitivity and compassion, so that children born in crisis situations have what they need to truly grow and flourish.

For many states, this decision does not end the scourge of abortion, and in other states elected officials are vowing not to enforce bans or restrictions. Therefore, the work of the Pro-Life movement will go on. We need to continue to transform hearts and minds, expand our network of pregnancy help centers ... so that parents are truly equipped with the resources they need to succeed.

*Read the article in it's entirety on the Diocese of Madison's website: <https://madisondiocese.org/>

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