February 9th, 2020
5th Sunday in ordinary time

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Mass Schedule:
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism
Parish membership is required. Baptismal preparation for parents and sponsors is held monthly. Pre-registration is required. Baptisms are held the 1st Sunday of each month. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

 Marriage
Parish membership is required. Arrangements need to be made a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact Fr. Robert for more information.

Anointing of the Sick
Please contact the Parish Office

Be sure to visit and “Like” our Facebook Page: St. Stephen’s Catholic Church

Come Join Us!
We would love to officially welcome you into our family. Registration packets are available at the information center.

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
“We’re Moved by the Spirit”

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Your are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14
SCHEDULING REMINDER

If you are planning a Funeral Mass at church or a Memorial Service at a funeral home and want a priest to preside: Call the Parish Office before you schedule the day and time with the funeral director to make sure that Fr. Robert is available. A little pre-planning helps to ease the burden of an already challenging situation.

Easter Flower Memorials

Each year parishioners have the opportunity to offer support toward our Easter Environment. We provide an envelope for a free-will donation and the memorial names are listed in the bulletin. In addition, this year we will offer the opportunity for parishioners to donate toward an entire plant. One name for each donation of $20 will be listed separately in the bulletin under a special heading. EASTER SPRING MEMORIAL: A LIVING TRIBUTE. Both free-will and Live Plant Memorials are greatly appreciated as we look forward to another glorious Easter Season!

A big thank you to Dave Sumner from the Knights of Columbus who spoke to our high school students about religious persecution. He shared a wealth of knowledge including how blessed we are in the Unites States to have Freedom of Religion.

Did you know that you’ve been able to hiccup since you were about 11 weeks old in your mom’s womb?

St. Vincent De Paul Meal Program
A St. Stephen Outreach Ministry

The THIRD Tuesday of each month, the Family Life Center and many volunteers work to provide a warm meal at the St. Vincent De Paul Site at 931 W. Madison in Milwaukee. 1-2 volunteers are needed to shop. 6-8 volunteers are needed to prepare the meal and 14-18 volunteers are needed to transport and serve the meal.

On December 17th we served 178 patrons a scrumptious and hearty Christmas ham dinner with all the fixings!
On January 21st we served 173 patrons a fantastic dinner including a delicious loaded baked potato with shredded pork, broccoli, etc. The patrons were most gracious and really enjoyed the meal.

Our next date to shop, prepare and serve is Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.

Check out our St. Stephen website at https://www.saintstephenmil.org/ and go to the VOLUNTEER tab to sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius link!
We need volunteers to shop and prep... and 14-18 volunteers to serve the meal! Please sign-up today!
WHAT’S HAPPENING

Save the date!
Valentines Dinner Night!
Saturday February 15th 5:30pm
Supper club style, Prime rib, baked potato, vegetable, relish tray, ice cream cocktail Grasshopper for dessert, plus a rose for your sweetheart!
$25/person Sign up today!!
Please call the office with any questions you may have!

We need YOU!!!!
We need Volunteers to help in our St. Stephen Family Life Center Food Pantry.

We need a few more volunteers to help us in our St. Stephen food pantry. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 8:30 A.M. to about 12:15 P.M.
Volunteers will assist our patrons by distributing needed emergency food.
Our FLC volunteers are crucial and vital to the operation of our St. Stephen food pantry.
If you are interested or need any additional information, please contact Gail at gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org or call the Parish Office.
Our needs are expanding and more help is appreciated.

All you can eat!
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, 02/16/2020
St. Stephen’s Parish
1441 W OAKWOOD ROAD OAK CREEK, WI
9:00 – 12:00 noon
Free will donation
ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES

Altar Servers Training
February 22, at 9am St. Stephens,
Open to students in grades 4 and up

Many of our Prep Students have expressed interest in becoming altar servers!

Thank you for answering the call to serve at the Lords table!
If you are unable to make this training we are happy to schedule a time that works for you.
Lynda Trani’ ltrani@saintstephenmil.org
Readings for the week of February 9th

Sunday:  Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
          [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:  1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10
          [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5
          and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37
          and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:  1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-
          11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-
          7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,
            33-34 [1h]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
            27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday, February 10th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, February 11th
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
6:30pm   Parish Council
6:30pm   Prayer and Worship

Wednesday, February 12th
5:30pm   Family Program

Thursday, February 13th
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
12:00pm  Sheep's Head
6:00pm   Choir
6:00pm   Human Concerns

Friday, February 14th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, February 15th
5:30pm  Valentines Dinner (BTM)

Sunday, February 16th
9:00am  KOC Pancake Breakfast
9:00am  Prep 9th, 10th, and Confirmation
February 9th, 2020
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus’ words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, “To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

But it doesn’t end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 11th
8:00am † John & Stephanie Udziela

Wednesday, February 12th
8:00am † Janet Frederick

Thursday, February 13th
8:00am † Cindy Bray

Friday, February 14th
8:00am † Steve Stecker

Saturday, February 15th
4:30pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Kay & Jerry Deshler

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 am † For the people
10:30am Health of Bill Wagner
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St. Stephen’s Family Life Center
We meet the needs of people in our area including:
Food Pantry, Meal Program and Problem Solving

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