February 16th, 2020
6th Sunday in ordinary time

SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

“We’re Moved by the Spirit”

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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

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“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

Come Join Us!
We would love to officially welcome you into our family. Registration packets are available at the information center.
Did you know that you started sucking your thumb about 98 days into your existence? That’s right, by the 14th week of development in your mom’s womb, you were sucking your thumb.

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!

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!

Pipe Organ for sale!
If interested contact the Parish Office.
HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

This standing committee of the Parish Council discerns and identifies resources to fulfill the justice dimensions of scripture and our church tradition acknowledging that every Christian is called to service and work for justice. Responsibilities include:

1. Helping to educate parishioners on social justice issues and Catholic social teaching.
2. Meeting immediate needs of the poor by way of direct service (ex: Family Life Center)
3. Working for structural changes in society when there is injustice or oppression.

Committee members are not responsible to do all of the work, but rather to involve others in accepting the responsibility of their Baptism. Special interests or examples can include:

1. Respect Life events
2. Parish health (Blood Drives)
3. Senior assistance/Nursing facilities
4. Bereavement Ministry
5. St. Vincent DePaul Meal Program

Outreach
Parish members needed with a compassionate heart for helping others and to assist in the development of services, programs, or resources for those in need. As Mother Teresa would say, “Helping one person at a time!”

Please prayerfully consider joining a newly formed Human Concerns group of parishioners that would meet approximately once a month for one hour. To-gether you can make a difference in the lives of others. Please check the bulletin for the next upcoming formation meeting. Please keep all who work in the Lord’s vineyard in prayer!

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.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NOW NEEDED!

Do you like greeting people with a friendly “Hello” and a genuine smile? Your help is now needed to form a team of greeters who can make our parish a “welcoming environment” for those who come to worship with us. We are most in need at this time for our 4:30pm Saturday Mass and our 10:30am Sunday Mass. Very simple, yet very rewarding! If interested please contact Lynda after Masses or call her in the office, 762-0592. You can make a positive difference as a “first impression” for Christ’s Church.

St. Stephen Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

St. Stephen Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at www.disciplemakerindex.com from February 23-March 23, 2020 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Robert and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don’t use the computer - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the Gathering Space after the survey begins (February 23rd).

Thank you for helping with this important project!

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:  Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday:  Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:  Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:  Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:  Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday:  Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday:  1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday:  Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26th
8:00am & 6:30pm Masses

Mark Your Calendar
Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

Monday, February 17th
6:30pm   Cameo Bingo

Tuesday, February 18th
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
9:00am     Meal Program Prép
4:00pm     Meal Program Serve

Wednesday, February 19th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Thursday, February 20th
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
6:00pm     Choir

Friday, February 21st
Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, February 22nd
Nothing scheduled at this time

Sunday, February 23rd
8:45am     Family Program
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People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 18th**
8:00am † Michael & Theresa Gursky

**Wednesday, February 19th**
8:00am † Harry Timmers

**Thursday, February 20th**
8:00am † Judy Richards & Susan Belski

**Friday, February 21st**
8:00am † Michael Kacalo

**Saturday, February 22nd**
4:30pm † Michael & Ralph Siettmann

**Sunday, February 23rd**
8:30 am † Alan Behr
10:30am † For the people