February 23rd, 2020
7th 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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“I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” - Mt 5:44

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

All ushers and security staff require AED training and this update for the health and safety of our parishioners!
There will be a mandatory AED meeting on Saturday, March 7 from 10-10:30am.
A certified professional will lead the training session.
Building & Grounds may join us for the ½ hour session.
Please save the date, and plan to join us.
A half-hour of your time may save a life!

2020 Lenten Parish Mission
St. Stephen will have a Parish Mission featuring Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske. Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer & Recording Artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Saturday, February 29th 4:30pm Mass
Sunday, March 1st 8:30 & 10:30am Mass
Sunday, March 1st 6:30-8pm
Monday, March 2nd 6:30-8pm

Did you know by the 28th week of development in your mom’s womb, you have eyelashes and you can blink your eyes?

Service of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday March 14th following 4:30pm Mass
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is an ancient custom, having its origins in the practice of Christ himself and his apostles. As a Sacrament, all Roman Catholics are welcome to attend. The special grace of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life

Lenten Fish Fries
Spread the “word” about our outstanding “one of the best” Church fish fries. Beer battered or baked and all the trimmings. New feature: Now offering DRIVE-UP service on South side entrance manned by our PREP students!
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. Together 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!

Calling all St. Stephen’s Bakers
Can you believe we will be having our first Lenten Fish Fry on February 28th?
We are kindly requesting your home baked, non-refrigerated desserts to offer to our guests once again. Your desserts were a huge hit last year with the wonderful variety offered. In addition, we have some ingredients like chocolate chips, nuts, coconut, etc. that we had in excess from our Holiday Baking that is available to you on a first come/first serve basis.
Thanking you in advance for your generosity and participation. Please bring all you family and friends to enjoy a great

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!

We are very happy to see that so many people are taking and using the holy water bottles. We would like to remind you that you can refill them at any time! God bless you!
- St. Stephen Council of Catholic Women
Readings for the week of February 23rd

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
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday, February 24th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, February 25th
9:00am-Noon Food Pantry

Wednesday, February 26th
8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass
5:30pm Family Program
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 27th
9:00am-Noon Food Pantry
6:00pm Choir

Friday, February 28th
4:00pm Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, February 29th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Sunday, March 1st
8:05am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:30am Council of Catholic Women Meeting
The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, February 25th**

- 8:00am  † Cornelia R. Fadrigon

**Wednesday, February 26th**

- 6:30pm  † Deanna Mlynczak

**Thursday, February 27th**

- 8:00am  † For the people

**Friday, February 28th**

- 8:00am  † Liz Lampe

**Saturday, February 29th**

- 4:30pm  † Helene Nagel

**Sunday, March 1st**

- 8:30 am  † For the people
- 10:30 am  † Bob Widenski