SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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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

ST. STEPHENS FISH FRY

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

We wish to thank the parish for your support for our recent pancake breakfast. Your contributions raised $1043 for Our Mother of Mercy Chaldean Church in a war torn region of Iraq. Included with funds raised over the last 12 months we have now contributed $2533 towards our two year goal of $5000. I am sure that our brothers and sisters in Iraq are grateful to you for the help to rebuild their church that was destroyed in the fighting.
If you could not attend the breakfast or wish to share this project with family and friends please go to https://donate.kofccharities.org/team/242794

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 that your taste buds are developed by 10 weeks in your mom’s womb? Now you know why you love tacos!
**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

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**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.

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**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](http://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!

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**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!

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**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!
Readings for the week of March 1st

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:  Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:  Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:  Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:  Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:  Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:  Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:  Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 2nd
6:30pm  Lenten Parish Mission

Tuesday, March 3rd
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
7:00pm  Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, March 4th
1:00pm  Eucharist Adoration

Thursday, March 5th
9:00am-Noon  Fish fry prep
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
6:00pm  Choir

Friday, March 6th
4:00pm  Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, March 7th
Hospitality after all Masses
10:00am  AED Training

Sunday, March 8th
Hospitality after all Masses
9:00am  Prep 9th, 10th, Confirmation
What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don’t, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, March 3rd**
8:00am † Lawrence Rohrwasser

**Wednesday, March 4th**
6:30pm † Patricia Sobocinski

**Thursday, March 5th**
8:00am † Michael & Theresa Gursky

**Friday, March 6th**
8:00am † Parents of Clarence & Judy Magerowski

**Saturday, March 7th**
4:30pm † Michael & Ralph Siettmann

**Sunday, March 8th**
8:30 am † Helene Nagel
10:30am † For the people
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