March 8th, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Come Join Us!
We would love to officially welcome you into our family. Registration packets are available at the information center.
St. Stephen’s PREP Families began their Lenten Journey by providing and assembling over 100 hygiene bags for our Family Life Center!

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

“If you can’t feed 100 then feed just one.”

SAINT MOTHER TERESA

The Prep families will also spend lent writing on a calendar special moments where they felt God’s presence each day.

ALWAYS EVERYWHERE GOD IS PRESENT
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!

Did you know that you could hear the voices of your parents, siblings, and grandparents, by the 20th week in your mom’s womb? That’s where you first heard mom’s heartbeat! And its only been 140 days since conception.

GIVE GOD YOUR WEAKNESS, AND HE’LL GIVE YOU HIS STRENGTH.

Pope Francis’ Lent Advice: “Put Down Phone, Pick Up Bible!”

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!

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!
Readings for the week of March 8th

Sunday:  Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:  Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:  Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:  Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:  Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:  Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:  Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:  Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 9th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Tuesday, March 10th
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
6:30pm  Parish Council
6:30pm  Prayer and Worship Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th
Nothing scheduled at this time

Thursday, March 12th
9:00am-Noon  Fish fry prep
9:00am-Noon  Food Pantry
12:00pm  Sheepshead
1:00pm  Human Concerns
6:00pm  Choir

Friday, March 13th
4:00pm  Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14th
Anointing of the sick after 4:30 Mass

Sunday, March 15th
Nothing scheduled at this time
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Second Sunday of Lent

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn’t go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, March 10th**
8:00am † Souls in purgatory

**Wednesday, March 11th**
6:30pm † Helen Borkowitz

**Thursday, March 12th**
8:00am † Michael Kacalo

**Friday, March 13th**
8:00am † Souls in purgatory

**Saturday, March 14th**
4:30pm † Helene Nagel

**Sunday, March 15th**
8:30 am † For the people
10:30am † Annamarie Winters