

July 4th, 2021
14th 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. 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.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office



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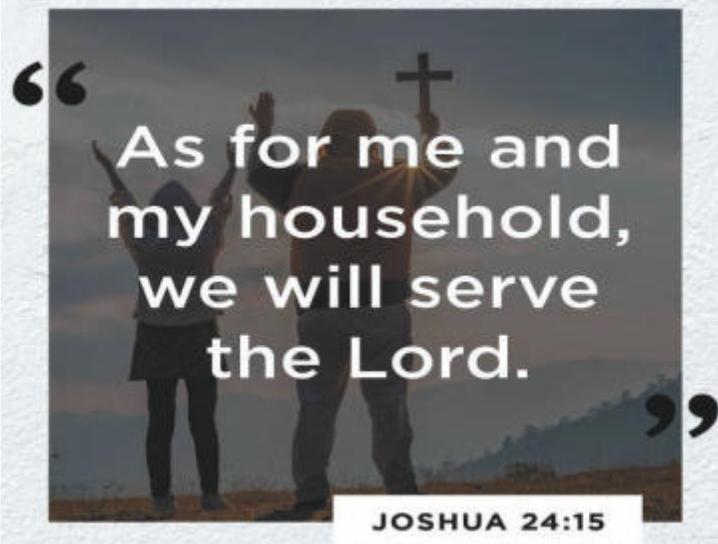
Come Join Us!

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

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Current Balance: \$213,683
 July Principal Payment: \$13,598
 July Interest Payment: \$708
 Total July Payment: \$14,306

Attention golfers! Parish council is looking to form a committee to help put on the first St. Stephen Golf Outing! If you have any interest or experience in golf, raffles, soliciting businesses for sponsorships, or putting on events, please contact Dylan McHugh at dtmchugh26@gmail.com or 414-422-5234. We would like to start meeting this summer to plan for the event, which will take place in the summer of 2022! Please reach out today!



Join us for Eucharist Adoration the first Wednesday of every month.
WEDNESDAY, July 7th, 2021
1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
St. Stephen Chapel

Come for one hour of prayer. Sign up at the table in the church lobby or through the website link below:

<https://www.saintstephenmil.org/eucharist-adoration>

(Go to St. Stephen website and click on the Eucharist Adoration tab and sign-up!)

Please join us!

The Eucharist is the center of the life of the *Church* and by giving Honor to *God*, Eucharistic Adoration touches the heart of her mission as expressed in the Our Father: “Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done...” Jesus is truly present under the appearance of bread with His body, blood, soul and divinity. Christ loves us to the point of dying on the Cross for us as St. Paul exclaims, “He loved me and delivered Himself for me.” In Adoration we respond to Jesus’ prayer: “Pray with me, stay with me, watch and pray.”



In the Eucharist, Jesus offers Himself to the Father and He deserves our worship and adoration. *Pray as you like*. Reading and meditation lead to communion with the Lord or just bask in the light of the Eucharist. St. John of the Cross said: “One instant of pure love is more precious in the eyes of God and more profitable to the whole Church than all good works put together.” Come before the Blessed Sacrament to share your pure love.

Allow Christ to work on you and through you. By coming before the Eucharist, you tell the world that the Eucharist is the Word of God made Man. St. Pope John Paul II said about adoration: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MISSA PACEM: Dedicated to those who lost their lives on 9/11

On September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. In August of this year, we will begin learning new Acclamations dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Missa Pacem (Mass of Peace) is a regal setting that will be easily learned and retained. Strong rhythmic patterns and repeated thematic material give this Mass an expansive and stately feel that will add a sense of dignity to the celebration of the Eucharist. The composer, L. Randolph Babin, is a native of Baton Rouge, La. He has received degrees in music education and a Ph.D. in music education from LSU. He is currently the director of St. Jude Thaddeus Chorale in Beaumont, TX.



Our Choir has begun learning this new Mass. Lynda will begin playing excerpts from the Mass before we begin liturgy in July so that we will become familiar with the melodies.



Religious Education

Now is the time to register for religious education and sacrament preparation for 2021-2022! Visit our communication center, or visit our website for the registration form. Please drop off at the parish office, mail or scan to Steven by July 14th. Don't delay-we can't wait to be part of your faith formation!

Contact Steven with any questions at 414-762-0552 or at storres@saintstephenmil.org

St. Vincent De Paul Meal Program A St. Stephen Outreach Ministry is Back In Action

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 **6-8** volunteers are needed to transport and serve the meal.

**Our next date to shop, prepare and serve is
Tuesday, July 20th, 2021**

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!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d44aba923a7ff2-svdp11>

Or... go to the July calendar and sign-up on the July 20th date

<https://www.saintstephenmil.org/events/07/2021>

Or... contact Gail at gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org

**We need volunteers to shop and prep...
and 6-8 volunteers to transport and serve the meal!**

Please sign-up today!

We need you!



Readings for the week of July 4th

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

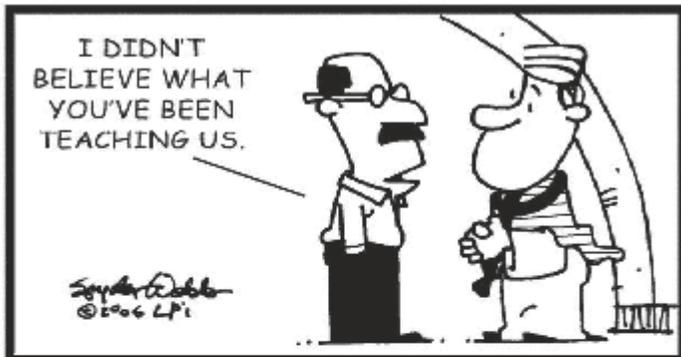
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, July 5th

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6th

9:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 7th

1:00pm Adoration

Thursday, July 8th

9:00am Food Pantry

Friday, July 9th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, July 10th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Sunday, June 11th

Nothing scheduled at this time

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It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 6th

8:00am † Keith Maciolek

Wednesday, July 7th

8:00am † John & Stephanie Udziela

Thursday, July 8th

8:00am † Marlene Wilkowski

Friday, July 9th

8:00am † Peter Muszynski

Saturday, July 10th

4:30pm † Janet Frederick

Sunday, July 11th

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Leocadia Bohn

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