

January 16th  
2nd 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  
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registration is required. Contact  
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information.

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## BELL TOWER BALANCE

As of 12/31/21 we have an ending balance of \$83,047 in our Bell Tower Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions!

## 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, January 18, 2022

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-svdp17>

Or... go to the January 18th date on our St. Stephen calendar to sign-up

Or... contact Gail at [glicht@saintstephenmil.org](mailto:glicht@saintstephenmil.org)



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"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit."  
(1 COR 12:4)

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Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It was several years ago now, but the scene is still vivid in my mind. My son stood confidently in front of the altar as the music rose in a crescendo and his bride stepped into sight. The love and joy he felt trickled down his cheek as she walked down the aisle. He broke into a smile as she joined him, and proudly took her hand to promise to become one with her forever. Isaiah writes: "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, "different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit," St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. *All* spiritual gifts come from God, and *all* are important and necessary: "To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." God's gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to "announce his salvation, day after day," and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

You are a masterpiece! This message was conveyed at the camp our diocese held each year to help teens recognize that they are God's beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is "telling" us. Jesus then says to the waiters, "Fill the jars with water." We can "fill our jars" with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, "Draw some out." We can "draw" on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to "draw some out" to share with others. In sharing the "good wine," the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too.

**PRAYER** As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

The St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign, which benefits pro-life causes, will run from January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **How you can participate:**

- Pick up a baby bottle after mass the weekends of January 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> or January 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.
- Fill the baby bottle with coins, bills, or checks made payable to the Knights of Columbus.
- Return your baby bottle before or after mass the weekend of January 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.
- 100% of the money raised will be donated to pro-life groups in the Milwaukee area.
- Last year's campaign raised \$3,500 and that money was contributed to the Women's Care Center and Milwaukee Birthright.
- Our goal is to surpass last year's total raised so please join in.

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### **BURN THE MORTGAGE >>>>>>LEGACY FUND**

Before June 5<sup>th</sup>, our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will have achieved another milestone for our parish. The original mortgage from six years ago at \$2.4 million will be paid off in FULL! Thanks be to God and thanks to all of you who either contributed to our Capital Campaign, the numerous Burn the Mortgage events and fundraisers, and the numerous memorials given. Overall, a total labor of love for our parish and it's financial well-being! Thanks!

The second of our goals you voted for in our Capital Campaign is our Bell Tower project; to restore the original bells from the old Church and have them ringing the Angelus once again. Shortly, we will secure a local Milwaukee company, one of our parishioners works for them, who have agreed to build the steel tower for us in the \$68,000 range. In addition, we are currently working with the Verdin Bell Company to obtain a contract where they would provide the bell ringing system, the Carilion system, lighting, and other mechanical and electrical systems. That will probably cost us approximately \$65,000 as well. The project needs to be done well and as you know that will come at a cost. We have raised a little over half of the total project cost, but we can not proceed until we have it fully funded.

In addition to the other goals discussed during our Capital Campaign, included the installation of stained glass in the main window over the sanctuary and the side windows, that did not get accomplished when the new Church was built due to a lack of funds. You have also heard me say that the carpeting in the Narthex of the Church is coming to the end of its life expectancy. The ideal and long-term solution would be to replace it with a hard surface, cleanable material.

With these other projects on the horizon, I am establishing a LEGACY FUND, to assist us in moving forward with these items without incurring debt ever again. So the current BURN THE MORTGAGE fund/account will now be called the LEGACY FUND. Legacy would imply by its' name that we will be leaving our parish in excellent shape for future generations of St. Stephen's parishioners. That is a Legacy we can be proud of! God be with us always!

**Readings for the week of January 16th, 2022**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/  
Jn 2:1-11  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk  
2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk  
3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-  
13/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20  
-21  
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor  
12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Observances for the week of January 16, 2022**

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot  
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn  
Children

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**Tuesday, January 18th**

9:00am Food Pantry  
9:00am Meal Program Prep  
4:00pm Meal Program Serve

**Wednesday, January 19th**

6:00pm Religious Ed. Grades K-5

**Thursday, January 20th**

9:00am Food Pantry  
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 21st**

Nothing scheduled at this time

**Saturday, January 22nd**

11:00am 175th Anniversary Meeting

**Sunday, January 23rd**

9:00am Religious Ed. Grades 6-11

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, January 18th**

8:00am † Judy Richards & Susan Belski

**Wednesday, January 19th**

8:00am † Rudolph Bey

**Thursday, January 20th**

8:00am † Sister Mary Alice Walters

**Friday, January 21st**

8:00am † Lilla Bey

**Saturday, January 22nd**

4:30pm † Warren Johnson

**Sunday, January 23rd**

8:30 am † Gerald Grassman

10:30am † For the people

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