

January 30th
4th 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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Psalm 71



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Registration packets are available at the information center.

Intercession— Day 2

May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection

Countless children's lives have been ended by abortion, and countless parents and family members suffer guilt, grief, and regret—often in silence. Yet God's greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He says to us, "Don't be afraid. Draw close to my heart." Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But his father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all His children who come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with contrite hearts, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

Acts of Reparation (Choose one.)

- Abstain from meat today.
- Pray the [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#) for today's intention.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for today's intention.

One Step Further

If a friend confided in you that she had an abortion, would you be able to listen and respond in a way that brings her closer to forgiveness and healing?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. This sacred sacrament distinguishes us from every other Christian faith tradition. With that being said, the sacredness and handling of the sacred species must be adhered to at all times according to *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, the *Instruction on the Eucharist* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, series 15.

#80 – “The Church’s doctrine shows that it is necessary for each person to examine himself at depth, and that anyone who is conscious of grave sin should not celebrate or receive the Body of the Lord without prior sacramental confession.”

#84 – “When Holy Mass is celebrated – care should be taken, lest out of ignorance non-Catholics or even non-Christians come forward for Holy Communion, without taking into account the Church’s Magisterium in matters pertaining to doctrine and discipline. It is the duty of Pastors to inform those present of the authenticity of the discipline that are strictly to be observed.”

#85 – “Catholic ministers licitly administer the Sacraments only to the Catholic faithful.”

#92 – “special care should be taken to ensure that the host is consumed by the communicant in the presence of the minister, so that no one goes away carrying the Eucharistic species in his/her hand.”

For those bringing Communion to the homebound or the sick, a blessed pix must be used to transport the sacred species from the Church immediately to the communicant after Mass. What is not consumed at that moment must then be consumed by the person distributing Holy Communion. The tabernacle in the Church is the “ONLY” place that the blessed Sacrament may be held in reserve, under any circumstances.

If there are any questions regarding the proper reception of Holy Communion, please see Fr. Robert, or either Deacon Bob or Deacon Stan. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this sacred tradition for which we Catholics hold near and dear to our faith.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ST. STEPHEN'S MORTGAGE UPDATE

Current Balance \$27,580

January payment \$14,232

January Interest \$74

Total January Payment \$14,306

Although we are about to pay off the bank's portion of our mortgage loan, it has to be noted that we did not collect the \$14,306 payment dollars in full for the past 7 months. So each month we needed to supplement the loan payment from our budgeted dollars and supplement from our checking account (cash). The difference, those funds that we need to replace from the past seven months is \$44,363; in order to have a balanced budget and avoid a negative balance (loss) at the end of the fiscal year in June 2022. Thus, you will continue to see the Mortgage donation line on your Stewardship letters you receive monthly. Thank you for your continued support of St. Stephen's!



Lenten Save the Date

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| March 2 nd | Ash Wednesday Mass | Wed. 8am/6pm |
| March 2 nd | Adoration | Wed. 9am-5:45pm |
| March 2 nd | Benediction | Wed. 5:45pm |
| March 4 th - April 15 th | Friday Fish Fry | Fri. 4-7pm |
| March 25 th | Annunciation | Fri. 8am |
| March 30 th | Lenten Communal Reconciliation | Wed. 5:30pm |
| April 9/10 | Palm Sunday | Weekend Masses |
| April 14 th | Holy Thursday | Thurs. 6:30pm |
| April 15 th | Good Friday | Fri. 1pm |
| April 16 th | Easter Vigil | Sat. 8pm |
| April 17 th | Easter Sunday | Sun. 8:30/10:30am |

BURN THE MORTGAGE EVENT RESULTS

Harvest Feast \$1,569

Christian Women Holiday Bazaar \$3,411

Tenderloin Dinner \$2,285

Sweet Shoppe \$4,464

St. Stephen's Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 1st

2pm-6:30pm

In the commons

Call 877-232-4376 to make an appointment. Walk in accepted.

If you donate blood you can put another check on your random act of kindness sheet



Readings for the week of January 30th, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk
5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4,
5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-
40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-
34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1
Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic
Schools Week
Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for
Consecrated Life
Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Tuesday, February 1st

9:00am Food Pantry
1:30pm Blood Drive
7:00pm KOC Meeting

Wednesday, February 2nd

8:00am Feast of the Presentation Candle Blessing
1:00pm-7 Adoration
6:00pm Religious Ed. Grades K-5

Thursday, February 3rd

8:00am St. Blaise
9:00am Food Pantry
4:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 4th

Nothing scheduled at this time

Saturday, February 5th

11:00am First Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

Sunday, February 6th

9:00am Religious Ed. Grades 6-11

January 30th
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 1st

8:00am † Keith Maciolek

Wednesday, February 2nd

8:00am † Joanne Wach

Thursday, February 3rd

8:00am † In Honor Of The Holy Spirit

Friday, February 4th

8:00am † Poor Souls In Purgatory

Saturday, February 5th

4:30pm † Sister Mary Alice Walters

Sunday, February 6th

8:30 am † William Jackson

10:30am † For the people

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