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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.

**Sunday 8:30 am Mass is also available
by Live Stream or Recording on
SSM Facebook Page**

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for appointment and preparation.

Confession:

- By appointment

Marriage: Please contact priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline-Monday Noon

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Vision:

To be a community that loves and serves God and one another

St. Stephen Martyr

Parish Mission Statement:

To worship God as a Catholic faith community for the salvation of all

**Why Do We Do That
Catholic Life Explained**



What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”



Readings for the week of 06/27/2021
Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Mon: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tue: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
Thurs: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Sat: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sun: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Time, Talent and Treasure
 Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

“...according to what one has, not according to what one does not have; not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs....”
 2 Corinthians 8:12-14

Stewardship is about seeking a balance in one’s life. Stewardship recognizes that we are to share our blessings in a loving and just way in proportion to the manner in which we have been blessed. .

Parish Support

06/19/2020 - 06/18/2021 = \$381,252.00
 06/19/2019 - 06/18/2020 = \$463,844.56

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... and for all our sick and homebound.

... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

Pray for our Parish Community

LITURGICAL LIFE.
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul’s appeal?

Gospel:

In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus’ daughter and the hemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life?

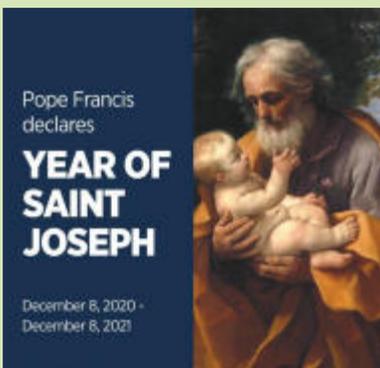
Dear Friends in Christ,

By the grace of God, we made it through our first weekend together. The Lord Jesus has calmed a few storms for us. Of course that doesn't mean that there will not be more storms in the future. But when they arise, we can remind ourselves of His words: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

I would like to offer you my sincere thanks for the warm welcome you have shown me. I even remember some of your names, though I've already forgotten far more than I remember. It usually takes me several reintroductions to make them stick, so please be patient with me. Archbishop Kurtz is great with names; me, not so much, so please keep reminding me.

I also offer my humble gratitude to Fr. Harry, for making the transition go so smoothly. This has been a challenging few weeks. Please keep us in your prayers, and know of our prayers for you. And as Celeste Fautz said so beautifully in last weeks bulletin: May "Fair Winds and Following Seas" be with us all.

I'm also very grateful that Mrs. Britt has agreed to stay on as the principal of our school. What follows is a statement that she has asked me to share with you:



"This is the Year of St. Joseph. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows. I encourage you to read *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"). It was very enlightening. The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life." The lives of saints are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

We can spend our whole life trying to explain why things happen. Why did the pandemic happen? Why did this or that happen? I think this year gives us the opportunity to model St. Joseph. There is a trust in St. Joseph worthy of our imitation; he simply opened his hands in acceptance of God's plan. Let us all open our hands to what God has allowed to happen in our lives and accept this is God's permissive will. We may not always understand it, but God allows it to help us grow in holiness.

I am excited to continue to serve St. Stephen Martyr for my sixth year as principal. I look to St. Joseph to teach me that putting my faith in God means doing so through my frailties, my fears and my weaknesses. He teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. We want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

I look forward to working with Fr. Peter Bucalo as we strive to meet our community's needs. We will pray to St. Joseph to bless our new road and follow his example."

Thank you Mrs. Britt for your profound words of wisdom. And thank you all for making St. Stephen Martyr such a warm and welcoming parish.

Fr. Peter

St. Joseph, pray for us!
St. Stephen Martyr, pray for us!
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



Sports Sign-Ups Online
CSAA/SSM is now using a new signup system - Gameday.
Please create a new account or update your account and sign-up.
<https://gameday.loucsaa.net/login>

FOOTBALL -
3rd - 8th Grade Boys
Cost - \$100 (\$20 registration fee and \$80 equipment fee to be paid when receive equipment)
Signups end July 2nd .

CROSS COUNTRY -
K - 8th Grade Boys and Girls
Cost - K - 2nd - \$25.00 per child
3rd - 8th - \$50.00 per child
Signups end July 25th.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL -
3rd - 8th Grade Girls
Cost - \$50.00 per child
Signups end July 25th.



Prayer to St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr

O holy martyr and deacon St. Stephen,
I come before you on behalf of all deacons
who faithfully serve the Church.

I pray that you ask the Lord to fill
their hearts with compassion,
their minds with the wisdom
of the Holy Spirit,
their hearts with zeal and a deep desire
for the salvation of souls.

I ask you to pray that their families are
supportive, understanding and willing
to allow them to serve the Church
whenever the need arises.

O dear Stephen, thank you for your
Intercession. Amen.

Written by: Ann Fitch

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF June 27, 2021

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Monday: St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Thursday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Saturday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Independence Day



Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

The Optional Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome is a relatively newer feast, created in the 1969 reform of the General Roman Calendar. It was added to June 30, the day after the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and honors the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome, persecuted and killed by the Emperor Nero. It makes sense to connect these two feasts, because Peter and Paul were also killed in the same year under Nero.

Nero's persecution was connected with the Great Fire of Rome which began on July 18 in 64 AD, lasting six days and seven nights, destroying almost three-quarters of the city of Rome. Many Roman citizens believed Nero to have been at fault, so the Emperor used Christians as the scapegoats to blame the destruction. These were nameless Christian men, women and children from all professions and walks of life who were brutally tormented and killed. The total number is unknown, but estimates are in upper hundreds to a couple thousand. The persecution continued over a some time, not just this one night. It is these martyrs that are honored as the First or Protomartyrs of Rome.

The Church's protomartyr is St. Stephen, deacon, whose death is detailed in the Acts of the Apostles. St. Thecla is considered the protomartyr of the female martyrs although she was miraculously spared from dying three times. The First Roman martyrs are the protomartyrs of Rome, the first of many martyrs during persecutions in Rome and the Roman Empire. Nero's persecution was the original, setting a pattern for the bloody persecutions that would follow for many centuries. And these protomartyrs set the example on how to love Christ above all, even in enduring intense suffering and giving their life for Christ. They responded to God's graces to help them triumph in this greatest trial of their lives.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/commentary/protomartyrs-rome-remembering-our-firsts/>

Masses for the Week of 06/28/21 – 07/04/21

Tuesday, June 29 - †=deceased
8:15 am Jeanne Lechleiter †

Wednesday, June 30 -
8:15 am Ellen Bidwell †

Thursday, July 01 -
8:15 am Ann Welch †

Friday July 02 -
8:15 am Our Parish Community

Saturday, July 03 -
4:00 pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, July 04 -
8:30 am U.S. Military Service Members & Veterans
10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †

Parish Calendar—Church and School Offices are Open -
School Office Summer hours are 8:00am—1:00pm.
SSM facilities will begin to open up to activities and
events over the next few weeks. Please contact the Par-
ish Office to request use of any room or facility on campus
and we will see what can be worked out.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry—

Wednesday – 06/30/2021 -

4:00-5:30 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

Many thanks and much gratitude are extended to Dcn.
Steve DaPonte and our food pantry volunteers for this
valuable service that they continue to provide to the com-
munity at large.

Church Ministry Schedules -

As the parish returns to regular mass schedules, your
assistance is needed to help update the church ministry
lists.

Someone from the parish office will be calling soon to
confirm whether you and your family members still wish to
participate in the following church ministries

Altar Linen Launderer	Altar Server
Holy Communion Minister	Gift Bearer
Sacristan	Lector
Usher	

and which mass times are preferred

8:15am weekdays	8:30am Sundays
4:00pm Saturdays	10:30pm Sundays

in order to update the current listings in our parish files.

Or you may call the parish office at 635-5813 to volun-
teer for any ministry.



Monday July 19 through Friday July 23

6:00–8:30pm

Holy Family Saffin Center

PreK–4th Grade

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