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St Steven's Parish

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY REPORT JULY 1 - DEC 31 2022

Past Event Photos

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Volunteers Appreciation Dinner



Rosary procession



Halloween Staff party



Trunk or Treat



St. Steven's Parish July 1 – December 31, 2022 Stewardship Summary Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, glory and praise to God for blessing our community of St. Steven's throughout the last half of 2022.

When we started the new fiscal year on July 1, 2022, St. Steven parish was in Covid 19 protocol lock down. Our goal was to open the parish to function similar to pre-covid 19 time. I pledged to serve the parish, each parishioner, with an open-door policy and to keep you informed as decisions were made. At calendar year end I wish to let you know the efforts we, as a community, have accomplished:

Pastoral Council: There were 4 members on the pastoral council without defined roles. We selected a chairperson, vice chairperson, and

secretary as required by canon law. We are in the process of growing the Council to 7 members, per diocesan policy.

Finance Council: There were 3 members on the parish finance council without defined roles. We selected a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary as required by canon law.

We are in the process of growing the Council to 7 members, per diocesan policy. Both councils hold a meeting every month.

Parish Annual Budget: The first item to be addressed was the parish budget. It was approved and submitted it to the diocese.

Parish Annual Report: The second item to be addressed was the parish annual report.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend of January
28th & 29th

Pro Populo

✠ Paul Hester
✠ Ann Mary Morrissey

Monday, January 30th
✠ Richard Sporleder

Tuesday, January 31st
✠ Ronald Porell

Wednesday,
February 1st
(S.I.) Fr. Bill Schwartz
65 Years Ordained
Anniversary

Thursday,
February 2nd
✠ Hilary Gilles

Friday, February 3rd
✠ Hilary Gilles

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Monday—Friday
8:00am

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday
8:00am & 10:00am

Confession
Saturday
2:45pm—3:45pm

Adoration
Monday-Thursday
8:30am—4:00pm
Friday
8:30am—1:30pm

The Pastoral and Finance councils along with staff worked on the 2021/2022 report and it was sent to the diocese. I presented the report to parishioners from the pulpit. A copy of this report can be accessed through the parish website.

Parish Office: The office hours were updated to Monday - Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with a lunch break from 12:00-1:00 pm. We hold our weekly staff meetings on Wednesday at 11:00 am.

Addressing the needs of our parish community necessitated the hiring of staff for the following positions: Music Director, Liturgy Coordinator, Bookkeeper, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant II, Parish Business manager along with the generous service of office and gift shop volunteers. We were blessed to receive Fr. Joe Karikunnel as our Parochial Vicar in November 2022.



Ministries and Organizations: Many of the existing ministries were revived and new ones were created. Below is a list of active ministries including names of ministry leaders and their contacts.

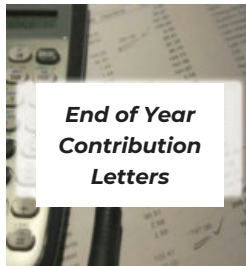
MINISTRIES	LEADERS	CONTACTS
Altar Servers	Deacon David Runyan	480-751-9005
Arts & Environment	Jane Douglas/Jack Lally	480-319-3130
Audio/Visual	Andrew Gaitan	480-895-9266 x120
Bible Study Group for Women	Vivian Arendt	480-387-9500
Divine Mercy	Lyne Boucher/Elaine Thie	480-612-4746
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Hill	annfrombrewster@gmail.com
Events Planing	Sandra Fogarty	925-234-3433
Finance Council	Billy Ferguson	480-636-7302
Flame of Love Cenacle	Deanne Gribble	206-498-6791
Gift Shop	Karen Call	480-895-9266 x114
Grief Support	Bette Wheaton	480-802-6982
Hospitality	Gene De La Torre	480-226-2940
Ladies Guild	Kathleen Parkhurst	480-299-9611
Lectors	Virgina Sigillo.	sigillovirginia@gmail.com
Legion of Mary	Ruben Chairez	480-326-5628
Maggie's Place	Amy Sailors	480-203-5583
Money Counters	Liz Fenn	lfenn60@comcast.net
Ministry of the Sick	Dennis McMullen	480-895-6540
Music	Nick Garza	480-895-9266 x107
Pastoral Council	Veronica Beamer	480-818-2927
Patriotic Rosary	Harry Hyra	480-802-0992
Prayer Line	Carol McIntyre	carolandjay.mc@gmail.com
Sacristans	Tom Juran	mrtom@ststevensaz.org
Respect Life	Anne DeRose	480-802-9127
Seven Sisters Apostolate	Lyne Boucher	480-612-4746
Spirit Fire Charismatic	Jan Mclean	508-423-2402
Spirit Fire Prayer Group	Marie DiBone	623-217-6633



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In serving as an
Extraordinary Minister
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Ministry Leader,
Ann Invandino Hill
to get started.
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The ministries are growing in numbers and becoming effective in service to the community. The altar server ministry is blessed with additional altar servers (10). The liturgical ministries (Altar server, hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, lectors etc.) have 91 volunteers. The Choir has 24 choristers. Fifteen volunteers are active in pastoral ministry to the sick. We have front office and giftshop volunteers as well.

ORAGANIZATIONS -

American Heritage Girls (AHG)	Theresa Walton	509-496-9500
Knights of Columbus	John Caravella	520-423-9244
SVDP	Jerry Castro	6023217284

Knights of Columbus were suspended and were having their activities outside the parish. We were able to resolve the problem and they are back to the parish.

St. Steven's Saint Vincent De Paul conference was closed completely. We reached out to SVDP headquarters downtown for help to have it restored. A Vincentian has been assigned to St. Steven and is currently hosting the formation process.

Confession: We extended confess time to 1 hour; 2:45 – 3:45 pm every Saturday and every first Friday of the month from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

1st Friday adoration inside the church: We started 1st Friday adoration inside the church, Jesus is exposed by 8:45 am. Parishioners sign up for different hours to be with Jesus throughout the day. Liturgy of the Hours (evening pray) is said at 4:45 pm and Benediction is at 5:00 pm to conclude adoration.

Bible Classes: We started bible classes to all parishioners inside the church. The first bible class series lasted 5 weeks. We intend to passionately continue doing this, the priests and parishioners will facilitate and teach the classes.

Religious Education: For a year we didn't have baptisms, first reconciliation, first Communion or Confirmation in the parish due to the pandemic lock down. We started Religious Education in September, and 40 children have been registered. We look forward to bearing witness to growth in their faith and to those receiving Sacraments in May 2023.

New and Returning Parishioners: We are witnessing a steady increase in parish membership registration, both new and returning parishioners. We are currently working on the parish membership register to get the records right.

Plate Collections

We sincerely appreciate and thank all parishioners and friends of St. Steven parish who continuously support the parish so generously. Below are the comparisons from 2021 to 2022:

	2021	VS	2022
July	68,819		61,621.97
August	83,561.65		78,376.33
September	74,924.25		73,121.73
October	71,914.35		81,540.00
November	92,846.38		106,788.72
December	113,466.27		136,403.12
Total	505,531.90		537,851.87

Mass at Robson Reserve: The pastoral care of the sick team has been working hard to reach out to the sick and homebound within our parish boundaries. We also provide Mass and sacraments of anointing and Confession to resident Catholics at Robson Reserve (Assisted living) once a month. If you or family member needs sacraments of anointing, Holy communion and confession call the parish line 4088959266 option #2 and you will be attended to.

Updated the parish website: Work has been done and is ongoing on our parish website to improve and update the happenings in our parish and the Diocese of Phoenix.

Improve church bulletin: Work has been done to improve the bulletin and we will continue to do more. We are encouraging all ministries and organizations in the parish to always publish their activities in the bulletin so that parishioners will know what is going in the parish.

Church projects: A big thank you St Steven's parishioners for funding the projects listed below. Within the past 6 months we have supervised these projects: - Parking lot crack sealing and marking, stain glass windows, -new lighting in the church and additional camera inside the church, - new sanctuary speakers' installation.

New Landscape company: We contracted a new landscape company that is affordable and thorough in their service. So far they are doing a great of trimming the plants and sweeping the parish surroundings.

Parish Celebrations and Events:

In the spirit of building a strong community and unity: we started our after Sunday Mass fellowship with donuts and coffee to welcome new and returning parishioners; we had a successful Trunk or Treat at Halloween; parish Movie Night; and a parish Christmas Music Concert. To acknowledge and thank the volunteer parishioners who humbly give their time and talent in service to the entire St Steven's faith community we held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. I hosted a Christmas party for the staff at the rectory and a combined Pastoral/Finance Council Christmas party in the parish hall to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to St. Steven parish.

I want to personally invite everyone to sign up for First Friday adoration and/or attend Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction. If you haven't had this experience, please try it. The power of prayer as a community is beyond words, the blessings flow in the most amazing ways. Please consider joining a ministry or organization, all are welcome. Most of all I want to thank each person for their generosity of time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful for you!

Fr. Wilfred Yinah, VC



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Spirit Fire Charismatic Praise & Worship Prayer Group

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

PSALM:

Blessed the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)

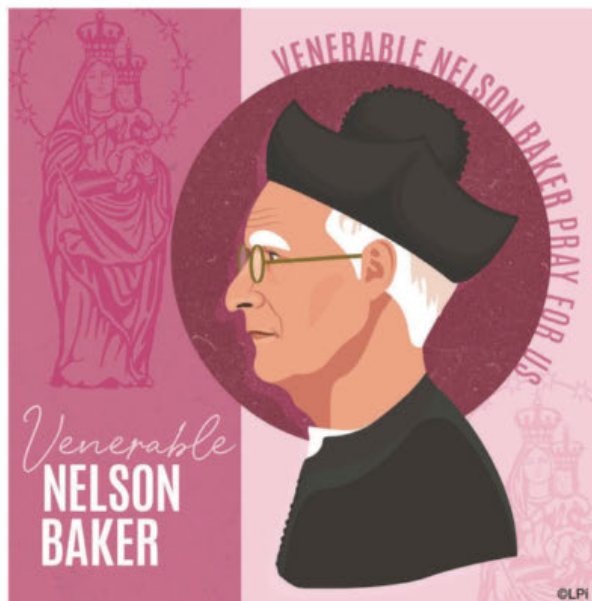
GOSPEL:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the Week

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

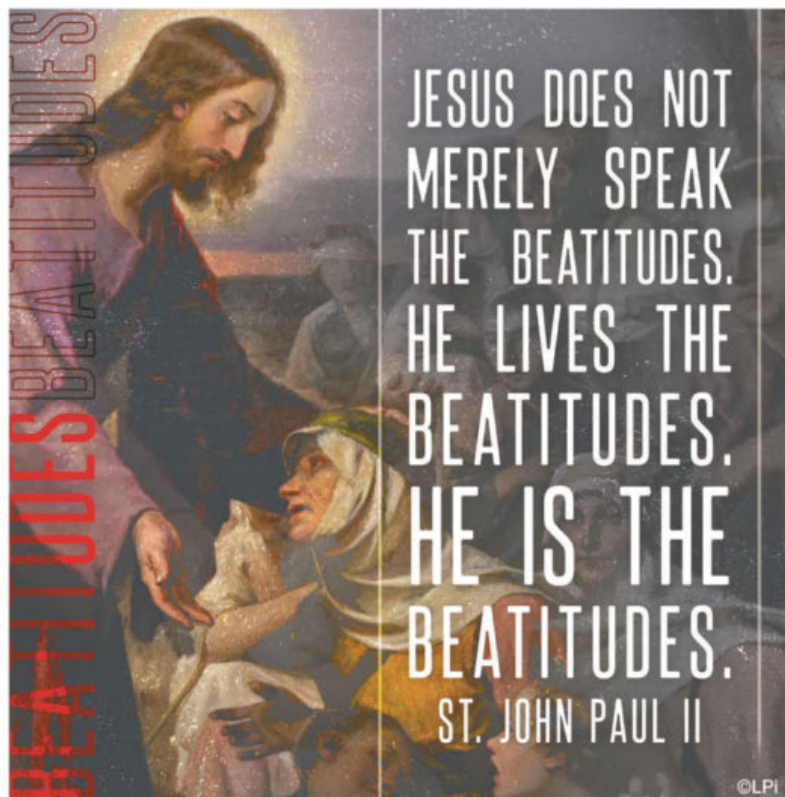
Prayer

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.



1st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Or February 3rd We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Steven's following the 8am Mass until 5pm with confessions from 3:45pm - 4:45pm followed by Evening Prayer & Benediction.



Ministry Meetings

Monday, January 30th

9:00am Spirit Fire Charismatic Rm 2
9:00am Grief Support—Rm 3

Tuesday, January 31st

9:30am Divine Mercy —Foyer

Wednesday, February 1st

8:30am Arts & Environment—Foyer
9:00am Church Cleaning—Church
9:15am Legion of Mary—Rm 2
5:00pm RE Class Rm 2 & 3
6:00pm Adult Choir—Foyer

Thursday, February 2nd

8:30am Flame of Love Cenacle—Rm2
10:00am Courageous Women—Hall
1:30pm Courageous Women—Hall
5:30pm American Heritage Girls—Hall

Friday, February 3rd

11:00am Patriotic Rosary—Hall



Saturday, February 4th

Aid to Women Baby Bottle Drive pickup
—Courtyard
K of C Cancer Awareness—Parking Lot, Hall &
Courtyard 9am — 2pm
CDA Kick off —Church

Sunday, February 5th

Aid to Women Baby Bottle Drive pickup
—Courtyard
CDA Kick off —Church

Tuesday, February 14th

Auxiliary Bishop Nevares Mass—Church 10:00am

Sunday, February 25th

K of C Pancake Breakfast—Hall

Office Hours

MONDAY—THURSDAY 8:30 am—4:30 pm **FRIDAY** 8:30 am—2:00 pm

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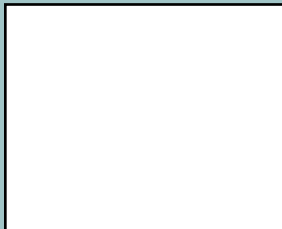
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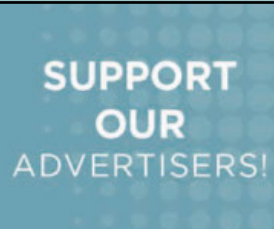
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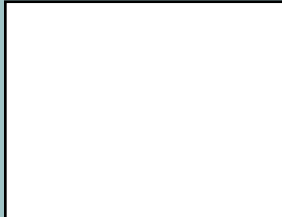
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