

WELCOME TO

ST. JAMES ♦ ST. PIUS ♦ ST. STEPHEN



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. JAMES
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
THURSDAY	11:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	ST. PIUS

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY	4:00 PM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	ST. PIUS
SUNDAY	11:15 AM	ST. STEPHEN

RECONCILIATION

MON, TUES, WEDS, FRI	AFTER 9:00 MASS	
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	ST. STEPHEN
SATURDAY	9:00 AM AND 3:00 PM	ST. PIUS

STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 27-28, 2021

Envelopes \$1,195
Loose \$582

Dailey Readings

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tues: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Weds: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thurs: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 26:

9:00 am Mass St. Pius Parish & Visitors

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28:

9:00 am Mass Leonard Riina Requested by Brenda McDonald

FRIDAY, APRIL 30:

9:00 am Mass Thomas Ortega Requested by MaryLu Goodman

SATURDAY, MAY 1:

10:00 am Mass St. Pius Parish & Visitors

4:00 pm Mass Art Beauchesne Requested by Gene & Geri Dow

SUNDAY, MAY 2:

8:00 am Mass St. James Parish

9:30 am Mass Margaret & Dennis Michalski Requested by Joan Hemker

AROUND ST. PIUS



Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what "wolf" comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another. Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.



Thank You!

A special note to thank everyone for the get well cards, calls, and caring thoughts during my recovery. It's nice to be remembered by so many who mean so much to me.

Thank you, Barb Stayer

Thank you to all for your cards and prayers. It was very much appreciated.
Carolyn Kunz

St. Pius Annual Rummage Sale **Friday, July 9 (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)** **Saturday, July 10 (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)**

We will only be accepting **RESALEABLE** donations such as housewares, books, toys, linens, pictures, electronics (no TVs or Computers), and sporting goods can now be dropped off at church Monday and Wednesday during the hours of 8:00 am to noon.

This is a great time to start spring cleaning and donate your overflow!

STAY INFORMED!

As we continue to strive to keep our parishioners informed and up-to-date during this time of Covid-19 and beyond, we encourage our parishioners to submit their email addresses. In order to assist in communications, please email your name, parish, and email address to deaconbrenth@gmail.com.

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon. Please bring your own bag lunch and follow all guidelines.

Chris Nuttall, 989-257-2331

Knights of Columbus

The Knights meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. There is an officers meeting preceding at 6:30 pm.



Maggie French, Michael Kozak, MaryLu Goodman, Anne Kaffenberger, Louise Parkinson, Carolyn Kunz, Marion Ratelle, Walt Seitz, Mary Cmach, Pat Rose, Debbie Van Hevele, Neil Hamilton, Doris Dear, Andy Higgins, Sally Jordan, Stella Myers, Bob Pero, Dolores Ruth, and Edna Schumacher.

SPECIAL PERSON

Maggie French
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Eternal Life

Sympathy and prayers to the families of Lesly Blood, Jey Zemaitis, and Bob Pero who passed away last week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Food Pantry

Thank you for your financial donations. Five families were served this week. We are in need of personal care products. Donations can be dropped off at the parish on weekends or Wednesday mornings.



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Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH

10:15 am Rosary in the Church. Confessions 10-10:45 A.M. in the Chapel.
11:00 am All sick and homebound of St. Stephens.

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND

10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel
11:15 am Jimmy and Nicole By Jim and Shelby.



ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS

Sick: Steve and Nancy Baranyai, Gail Stephenson, Tammy Buchoz, Barb Dolata, Barb Pillsbury, Lisa Thompson, Rick Dolata, Dawn Szymanski and Gerri Turner.

Names will be dropped after 30 days unless terminally ill or a new request for illness or injury has been made.

Home Bound: Kate Stohon, Mary Cunningham, and Richard Preston.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the wonderful season of spring. During this sweet time, I ask you for a fresh beginning in each of our hearts. Please guide each of us to bloom in your word, just as the flowers are blooming. Let our petals grow and leaves extend to bring joy, comfort and peace to others.

Confessions are Thursday's before Mass starting at 10 A.M. until 10:45 A.M.

We still have many Mass intentions and monthly candles available. See Barb if you are interested.

Our gardens are blooming and in desperate need of some TLC. If you can volunteer a few hours it would be much appreciated!!

C.C.W. NEWS

2021 dues of \$10 are due anytime from now until May 31st.

Rummage sale donations are steadily trickling in, Thank you!!! Donations can be dropped off during office hours, on Sunday, or you can make an appointment. Have you started your spring cleaning? There are always treasures you no longer use or need that would be a great addition to our sale.

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