Mission Statement

Saint Stephen Parish, as guided by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Sacraments, is sent forth to know, love and serve God. For the salvation of souls, we endeavor to evangelize the Gospel message through Christ-centered ministries and truthful witness. Our parish pledges fidelity to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church. We offer traditional, orthodox and reverent practice of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the edification of the faithful and for the making of saints. The Saint Stephen parish family seeks to actively build a culture of life and recognizes the dignity of all persons as children of God.
This Week’s Church Services

**Mass Schedule**

We welcome all Parishioners and Visitors to Mass at St. Stephen. The Confession schedule is as follows—
- **Saturday:** 4:15—4:45pm —Church—Confessional box
- **Sunday:** before 9:30am Mass—Church—Confessional box

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a private Confession.

**Saturday, January 20, 2024—Church**

Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 5:00 PM † David Becerra

**Sunday, January 21, 2024—Church**

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM † Laura Sue Lakner
- 11:00 AM Dianna Hosta

**Monday, January 22, 2024—Rectory Chapel**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- 6:30 PM For those Grieving the Loss of a Child

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

Weekday
- 6:45 AM Latin Mass (Church) — Erica Lichter
- 6:30 PM (Rectory Chapel) — For the Intentions of Ken and Chris Koncelik and Family

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024—Church**

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 6:30 PM For those Most in Need of the Mercy of Christ
- 7:00-8:00 PM Confession, Holy Hour, Benediction

**Thursday, January 25, 2024—Church**

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
- 6:30 PM Latin Mass—Joseph Rotsaert

**Friday, January 26, 2024—Rectory Chapel**

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
- 6:30 PM For those Struggling with Same Sex Attraction and Gender Confusion

**Saturday, January 27, 2024—Church**

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 5:00 PM † Josefine Krizan

**Sunday, January 28, 2024—Church**

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 8:00 AM For those Suffering from Serious Illness
- 11:00 AM †† William and Patricia Kroesen

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633 to schedule a Mass intention. The customary stipend (offering) is $10.00.

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**Celebrant & Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 20, 2024—January 21, 2024**

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All Sundays at 9:30am & Holy Days: Rev. Bede Kotlinski

**Readings for the Week of January 21**

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Day of Prayer—Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; USA: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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A Prayer for Friends and Benefactors

O God, bountiful in forgiving, and lovingly desirous of man’s salvation, we humbly beseech Thy mercy in behalf of our friends, relations and benefactors, who have passed from this world, that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin and all the Saints, Thou wouldst permit them to come to the full participation of everlasting happiness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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DailyVerses.net
In the First Reading of this Sunday, God called Prophet Jonah to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. He was to proclaim that “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be destroyed”. Surprisingly, this Gentile community readily accepted God’s word. It was the first sign that even Gentiles have the possibility of conversion. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaimed the universal Kingdom of God to both the Jews and Gentiles. What Jesus expects from the people is simply turning away from their own ideas and believing in His New teaching about God’s Kingdom. Like the Ninevites in Jonah’s time, the Fishermen: Simon, Andrew, James and John accepted the call of Jesus. They abandoned their own profession, the daily activities, boats, nets, etc. The Lord transformed them into fishers of men. Their submission to God’s reign was made possible because they truly believed in Jesus, that the Life in God’s Kingdom surpasses earthly life. It is on this point that we are called to share this Good News in words and deeds to fish people for God.

~ Fr. Benjamin Koka, A.J.

**Traditions and Treasures**

What does this “fishers of men” mean? In the Greek original text, one reads halieis anthropos (ἁλιεῖς ἄνθρωπος). Whereas we might all be a bit more familiar with the meaning of the word anthropos (Greek for “men”), halieis is more complicated to translate. Halieis applies not only to fishermen, but to all those who work at sea. It implies fishing — but also sailing, boating, roaming, and the like. In sum, it implies a set of skills that do not refer only to catching fish.

Some biblical scholars claim Jesus was referring to a passage found in chapter 16 of the Book of Jeremiah, which refers to the restoration of Israel.

If scholars are right when pointing out Jesus used the phrase “fishers of men” as evoking Jeremiah, then in doing so he was telling Andrew and Peter that he was indeed the Messiah, and that they were to participate, following his lead, in his own salvific mission. That is, that Jesus was not simply trying to connect with Andrew and Peter, using words that matched their occupation. By using the prophet’s expression, Jesus was presenting himself as the one who would restore Israel (as the text from Jeremiah explains) while also describing the apostles’ own calling: that of co-participating in the history of salvation. These halieis would then not only “catch” men, but would take them to a safe harbor in the bark of St. Peter, as the Church has been referred to since its early days.

~ To read the entire article, go to: [https://aleteia.org/2019/02/10/what-does-the-expression-fishers-of-men-mean/](https://aleteia.org/2019/02/10/what-does-the-expression-fishers-of-men-mean/)

**Pro-Life Corner**

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in the Roe vs. Wade decision, made its worst mistake in history. By declaring that children in the womb are not “persons,” it opened the door to tens of millions of abortions. Fortunately, that decision was reversed in 2022. Yet much work remains to be done to protect the unborn.

The date of January 22 will always be a sad commemoration in American history. It should lead us to a deep repentance as a nation for ever having tolerated abortion. It should motivate us each day to speak up for the unborn, promote alternatives to abortion, and get involved in the pro-life movement.

~ priestsforlife.org
Parish Announcements

We Could Use Your Help!

We are looking to purchase new Altar Cloths for our Church. The altar cloths we are using are tattered and worn out. If you would like to help with this very important purchase, please place your donation in a plain white envelope marked “Altar Cloths” and place it in the collection basket at any of the Masses.

Just as the altar is a sign for us of Christ the living stone, altar cloths are used “out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord and the banquet that gives us his body.” By their beauty and form they add to the dignity of the altar in much the same way that vestments solemnly ornament the priests and sacred ministers.

~ Bishops Committee on the Liturgy, Newsletter March 2001

Parish Registration Appeal

We are blessed to have so many people from different parts of the area, but understand you belong to a local ministry or have strong ties with your neighborhood. This is a natural extension of having a family, which we especially celebrated last weekend with the feast of the Holy Family. Registering with St. Stephen does not replace registration at your home parish. You will have both.

Your registration will cover verification as a Catholic (to be a Godparent or to serve as a Confirmation sponsor). Please consider registering to show your support of St. Stephen and support of the Latin Mass. For your convenience, parish registration forms are available on the back table in the Church, as well as in the club room.

If you are a regular visitor to our St. Stephen Parish, please consider becoming a registered Parishioner. For any questions you have regarding registration, please contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

On-Line Giving

New! For those that have utilized our St. Stephen Website for any ON-LINE Giving, we are additionally now offering ON-LINE Giving for both scheduled and recurring donations. Click on the YELLOW BOX—“Schedule a Gift” and follow the prompts. Note: This is in addition to the ON-LINE Giving already in use. Please contact the Parish Office with any issues or questions.

Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum provides the chant for the 9:30am Latin Mass on Sundays and they are actively seeking additional members! Any training or experience with music and any knowledge of Latin is appreciated, but is not necessary. If interested, please contact Nate Marinchick at: natemarinchick@gmail.com or Matt Eccher at email: cantor.eccher@gmail.com or call the parish office.

Latin Mass Social

We are excited to announce that in addition to our 2nd Sunday social, an additional social gathering after the 9:30am Mass has been added to the 4th Sunday of every month! Come join us for a presentation by Fr. Bede, some delicious coffee and doughnuts, and opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and guests! Anyone who would like to contribute homemade or store bought goodies is encouraged and invited to do so.

This 4th Sunday event is a new endeavor and we are excited to see how it develops. We are open to gathering in the club room on the remaining Sundays throughout the month as well. If anyone is interested in volunteering labor or ideas, please call the parish office or speak to Jason at the social.

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MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday, January 21  Schola Practice (CR)...............8:00am
Thursday, January 25  RCIA (St. Colman)..............6:00pm
Saturday, January 27  PSR (1st Communion) (CR)......9:00am
(C) Church • (CR) Club Room • (SFR) Saint Francis Room • (R) Rectory

News from the Pews

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
Mr. and Mrs. Liam and Anna Donnelly, who were united in the Holy Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, January 20, 2024!

Weekday Latin Mass

If you wish to bring your own copy of the daily reading for the weekday celebration of the Novus Ordo Mass in Latin, please go to the USCCB website at: https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar. Other phone/online resources for daily Mass with readings: iBreviary.org or at the updated address/link of: https://www.divinumofficium.com/cgi-bin/missa/missa.pl
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LENTEN FISH FRY

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Eat in or Takeout available on ALL Dinners and A La Carte Orders

Dinners
- Breaded Fried or Baked Fish Dinner (2 Pieces)  $12.00
- Half-Order Fish Dinner (1 Piece)  $9.00
- Breaded Fried Shrimp Dinner (8 Pieces)  $14.00
- Combination Dinner (1 Fish & 4 Shrimp)  $13.00
- Pierogi Dinner (6 Pierogi)  $12.00

All Dinners include:
- Coleslaw or Applesauce
- Roll & Butter
- Dessert
- Choice of 2: French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Cabbage & Noodles, or 2 Pierogi

A La Carte (Side) Orders
- Coleslaw  $1.00
- Applesauce  $1.00
- Shrimp (1 Piece)  $1.00
- Dessert  $2.00
- Homemade Cabbage & Noodles  $2.00
- Homemade Pierogi (Sauerkraut or Potato & Cheese) 2 pieces  $3.00
- Pop (can) or Water (bottle)  $1.00
- Coffee or Tea  FREE

French Fries  $2.00
Fish (1 Piece)  $3.00
Mac & Cheese  $2.00
Roll & Butter  $1.00

SERVING EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 4:30 – 7:00 PM
EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY
Parish Community Advertisements

Contact the Parish Office at 216-631-5633.

Help defray our costs of printing with your “freewill offering” and see your advertisement here in future Weekly Bulletins! GOD BLESS and THANK YOU!

In acknowledgement and thanksgiving for prayers mercifully answered through the intercession of St. Jude.

“O praise ye the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.” ~ Ps 117:29

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