

MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/20/2017

St. Stephen High School Class of 1957 is celebrating their 60th class reunion on Sunday, Aug. 20th @ 11 AM
Fundraiser Committee will meet Monday, August 21 @ 7 PM in the Club Room
Steven Ripple & Jadira Yacila will wed Friday, August 25 @ 4:30 PM Congratulations!

PRO-LIFE CORNER: THE POPE AND THE

ABORTIONIST On the morning of April 11, 2014, the Holy Father Pope Francis spoke to the Italian Movement for Life. Here is an excerpt of his address: "Human life is sacred and inviolable.... Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature.

... Therefore it is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offence against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes'. ...I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man". priestsforlife.org

REFLECTION: The Biblical revelation established that for many years the Jews looked at the Gentiles as impure, or unclean and great sinners in the world. This negative attitude towards the Gentiles came to an end when during their exile the Jews discovered the Gentiles were morally right, they cared for strangers, respected human life, and their religion was not all evil as they thought. This important discovery helped the Jews remove all the barriers between them and foreigners, regardless of their race, language or cultural differences as they share the same right as people of God. For the Christians this universal love of God is revealed in Jesus. His Divine Mission was for all both Jews and the Gentiles. He preached, healed, and performed miracles in all these communities. He demonstrated one time to the Apostles his love for the Gentiles by healing a daughter of a foreign woman, the Jews considered as "house- dog." The Lord commissioned the Apostles to preach the Good News to the whole world and stay with them and eat what they provide. We are all sinners in need of God's mercy. It is the responsibility of Christians to preach unity and love among all people and welcome them as brothers and sisters of same Father. – Rev. Benjamin Koka, AJ

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Once the way was cleared for additional Eucharistic Prayers, those who were appointed to compose them had to look deep within the tradition for sources. One of the prescriptions for new prayers was that they be "unencumbered by useless repetition." From the start, therefore, the writers knew that the old Roman Canon, which had the priest bowing and crossing himself many times in a long, complex prayer, was not a model of simplicity.

Aside from the prayers treasured by Eastern Christians, there is an obvious model from ancient Rome. For about a hundred years now, the historical text "Apostolic Tradition" has shed some light for us on the shadowy shape of worship in the early church. In it, its author, Hippolytus, took care to record the actual texts of worship used at the time. He himself has a shadow side, since he was so ardently conservative in his tastes that he broke ties with the Bishop of Rome and became first in the line of history's anti-popes. At the eleventh hour, however, he reconciled with his enemies and actually died a martyr. In fact, he was shipped off to the Sardinian mines as a slave with the true pope as his companion in chains. Because his tussle with the pope was over theological innovations and not liturgical texts, we are sure that his account of the style of Eucharistic Prayer in the third century is accurate. It forms the core of today's Eucharistic Prayer II.

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THANK YOU! The Society wishes to thank all who supported *Stephenfest* at the German Cultural Center on August 5TH. The event was a great success with music, great food and great parish participation. The door prizes were all won by parishioners, including the grand prize, the white gold ring!

ATTENTION - ALL VOLUNTEERS OF ST. STEPHEN

If you have offered your service, in any way, for the Parish, you are cordially invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Mass and Reception on Sunday, September 24, 11:00 Mass. Please contact the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633, if you plan to attend the reception in the gym at Metro Catholic right after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, September 24.

ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR ST. ANDREW ABBEY

Sunday, September 24, 2017, for more information www.standrewabbey.org

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

MASS TIME:	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Aug. 19 & 20	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. Emmanuel
Aug. 26 & 27	Rev. B. Kotlinski	Rev. B. Koka	Rev. B. Koka
All Sundays & Holy Days at 9:30 AM: Rev. Bede Kotlinski			

August 12 & 13 Offertory Contributions

General Collection: \$3,147.12 Children: \$2.68 (7)
Issued: 205 Returned: 90
Mission Appeal: \$991.00
Building Fund: \$462.00
Thank you for each and every contribution!

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017

Please pray for the following:

Father Franz	Laurel Miller	Burley Blankenship
Agnes Hogan	Judith Kenny	Roger Gregory
Colin Hogan	Ann Miller Kufner	Hans Speier
Sharon Sneed	Theresa Dailey	Victoria Bailey
Michalyn Blasius	Lawrence Blasius	Sidonia Speier

The community assisted by our St. Vincent DePaul Society and our Community Kindness Food Pantry.

If you would like someone added to this prayer list, please call the Parish Secretary at 216-631-5633. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>August 19 & 20</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Russell Nieling	Barb Rieth	Matt Minarik
Euch.Min	Russell Nieling	John Rieth	Diane Beargie
Acolytes:	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES <u>August 26 & 27</u>			
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8 AM	Sunday 11 AM
Lector	Doris Durica	Barb Rieth	
Euch.Min	Candra Krisch	John Rieth	Paul & Diane Beargie
Acolytes	Terry Shannon	Kevin Kroesen	Matthew & Michael

SAINTS/OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 8/20 (o) = Optional

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima
Thursday: St. Bartholomew
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READ THE BIBLE WITH THE CHURCH (Daily Mass Readings)

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Faith & Values Appeal for Catholic Education

Imagine the impact you can have when you give a deserving student a Catholic Education. This weekend, a special parish appeal, the Faith and Values Appeal for Education, will be held to raise funds to help provide tuition assistance to needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes. You can also make a secure donation online at:

www.CatholicCommunity.org/eddonate or call Karen Joyce at 1-800- 869-6525, ext. 1910.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING. There will be a new Eucharistic Minister training session at St. Colman's on Sunday, August 27, from 2:00 – 4:30. Please call the Parish Office to register. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, August 22.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, August 19 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary
5:00 PM Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, August 20 Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM †† Madeline T. & Roland M. Sittley

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

11th Sunday after Pentecost
† Coletta Spuhler

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the Class of 1957
†† Russell and Dawn Sutherland

† Chrisann Blankenship
† Dawn Tucker

The Deceased Members of the Smith Family
The Living & Deceased Members of the Bewley Family

Monday, August 21 Chapel

6:30 PM The Members of this Parish

Tuesday, August 22 (Church)

* Please note earlier start **6:45 AM Latin**
(Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Intentions of Lily Warner

6:30 PM The Members of this Parish

Wednesday, August 23 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Phillip Benizi, Confessor)
Intentions of the Yvonne Sankovich Family

7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, August 24 Church

6:30 PM Latin Mass (St. Bartholomew, Apostle)
The Catholic Church

Friday, August 25 Chapel

6:30 PM The Living and Deceased Members of this Parish

Saturday, August 26 Church

4:15 - 4:45 PM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

5:00 PM Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
† Maria Lourdes Becerra

Sunday, August 27 Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM The Members of this St. Stephen Parish

9:00 AM Reconciliation (Confessions Heard)
Pray the Holy Rosary

9:30 AM Tridentine Latin Mass

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Intentions of Grace Wyrnn

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Intentions of Susan Hollowell

Call the office at 216.631.5633 to schedule a Mass.