

SAINT STEPHEN CONGREGATION

"We're Moved by the Spirit"



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Pastoral Office

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Hours Mon-Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Coordinator of Religious Education:

Sr. Mary Alice Walters, C.S.A.

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Debby Pizur

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Christian Formation

PREP Programs (414) 762-0552

Family Life Center (414) 762-0552

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days: See schedule in bulletin.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. & Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

Parish membership is required. Baptismal preparation for parents and sponsors is held monthly. Pre-registration required.

Marriage

Parish membership is required. Arrangements need to be made a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office.

Hospitality Sunday

First Sunday of the month. All Catholics 18 and older who regularly worship with us are invited to join our parish community. Formal registration is required for persons wishing to participate in any Sacramental Preparation and Christian Formation Programs.

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



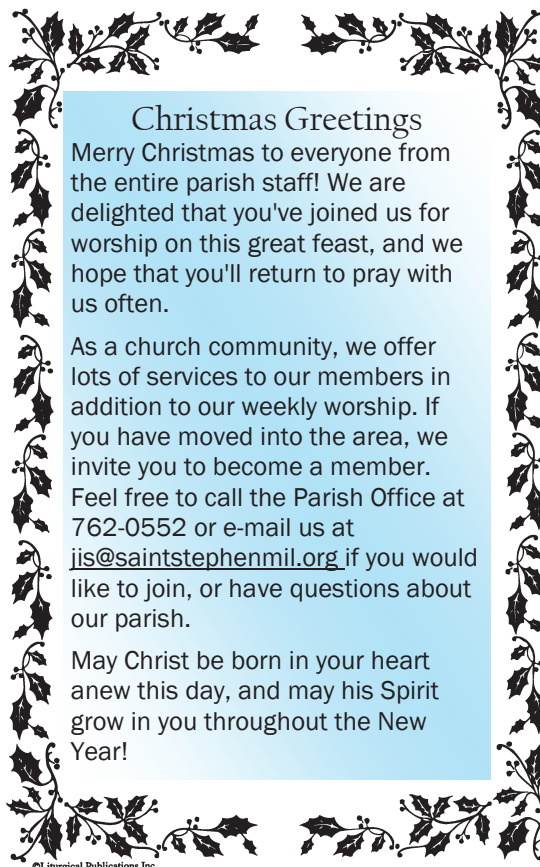


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New Year's Day Mass Schedule at St. Stephen

New Year's Eve - 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day - 8:30 a.m. &
10:30 a.m.



Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas to everyone from the entire parish staff! We are delighted that you've joined us for worship on this great feast, and we hope that you'll return to pray with us often.

As a church community, we offer lots of services to our members in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Feel free to call the Parish Office at 762-0552 or e-mail us at jis@saintstephenmil.org if you would like to join, or have questions about our parish.

May Christ be born in your heart anew this day, and may his Spirit grow in you throughout the New Year!

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A Christmas Video Message from Archbishop ListECKI

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI would like to share a special Christmas video message for the faithful of southeastern Wisconsin. For his thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas, and his wish for a blessed new year, please visit tinyurl.com/ListECKIChristmas.

Thank You

"Ask and you shall receive." This was told in the Gospel message. We asked for food and toys and you answered our plea. Thank you so much for the great generosity shown this month. Our Children's Food Party was restocked and families of The Congregation of the Great Spirit were given boxes of food. We truly are beacons of Christ's light here on earth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mass Intentions for 2012

Are you looking for a Christmas gift? Have a Mass said for a loved one who has been born to eternal life. Many dates available. Call the Parish Office.



Southern Cross Collaboration

St. Louis Parish
stlouis.4LPI.com
13207 County Road G, Caledonia, WI
262-835-4533
Mass Schedule: Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary by the Lake
www.stmarybythelake.org
7605 Lakeshore Drive, Racine, WI
262-639-3616
Mass Schedule: Saturday, 5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

St. Matthew Parish
www.stmattoc.org
9303 S. Chicago Road, Oak Creek, WI
414-762-4200
Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

A Christmas Message from our Family Life Center Director

This will be my seventh opportunity to send a holiday message to you, the parishioners of St. Stephen. Some of you may not know me. I am Debby Pizur the Director of your Family Life Center (FLC). The FLC is a family resource center, like most resource centers we branch out into the community to provide, fun activities, learning opportunities and assistance to the needy. Over 2,000 people a year take advantage of the FLC offerings and approximately 175 children per month receive basic needs. To learn more about your FLC you can go to the parish website or pick up a FLC activity booklet in the Communication Center or in the Parish Office. Like an evergreen tree needs its needles to survive, the FLC needs its supporters. Parishioners and community members at large give their time and talents and make generous donations to help the FLC meet its mission. On

behalf of the people the FLC serves, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Stephen, our wonderful volunteers and donors, as well as, extending warm holiday wishes. Gratefully yours, Debby

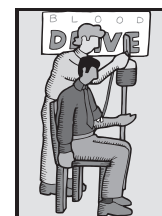


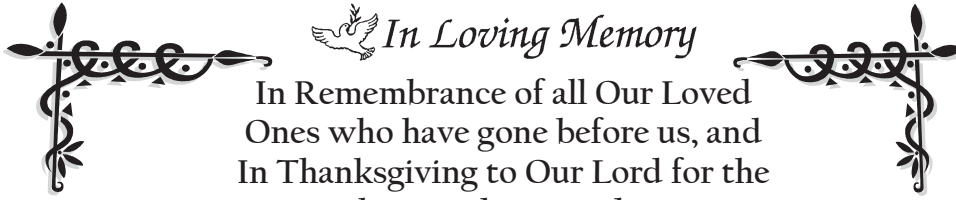
Blood Drive Reminder

Just a reminder to our volunteer donors who have appointments for the upcoming blood drive. The Blood Drive is scheduled for this Thursday, December 29, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please remember to bring a photo ID and do eat a healthy breakfast and lunch on the day of donation.

If you would like to donate and have not yet made an appointment, please contact Florence Tello at 414-482-3382.

THANKS to all for helping to make this Winter Blood Drive a success.





In Loving Memory

In Remembrance of all Our Loved Ones who have gone before us, and In Thanksgiving to Our Lord for the many Blessings bestowed upon us.

In Memory of:

Marie & Arthur Remus
 Alan Behr
 George Rapala
 Jeff Rapala
 John Thome
 Kenneth Tehan
 Dad, Mom, Marion, Charlie & Jerry
 June Becker
 Frank & Mary Ulatowski
 Ruth Haybeck
 Clarence & Sylvia Willms
 Frank Bauer Family
 Marie Dukat
 James Casey
 Ronald & Frances Christianson
 Theresa Gursky
 Judy Richards
 Edward & Sophie Massen
 John & Kathy Moderski
 Grandma Marge & Grandpa Carl
 Anton & Virginia Liska
 Match Family
 March Family
 Logan James Siettmann
 Marjorie Dittmar
 Walter Horbinski
 Bernice Fecteau
 Art & Juel Gauerke
 Leroy Fabich
 Erv Hummer
 Margaret (Mickey) Jakubowski
 Peter & Olga Czekalski
 Donald J. Mayer
 Vernon Roth
 The Lampe Family
 Our Beloved Family
 The Tudor Family
 Our Parents
 John, Mary & Rev. James Dluge
 Stefanie Ann Horton

Donor:

Marianne Hillebrand
 Behr Family
 Margaret Rapala
 The Thome Family
 Rita Tehan
 Your Daughter & Sister, Karen
 Don & Lois Becker
 Frank Haybeck
 Loren & Judy Bauer
 Jim & Michele Moczynski
 Christianson Family
 The Gursky Family
 Dale Richards
 Audrey Moderski
 Jenny Blommer
 The Liska Family
 Margie Match
 Richard & Betty Siettmann
 Glenn & Jean Dittmar
 Mary Jane Horbinski
 Paul & Janet Gauerke
 A Friend
 Denise & Bob Widenski
 Marion Wojtkowski
 Don & Shirley Mayer
 Mary Roth
 Jim, Liz & Mary Jane Lampe
 Ken & Marie Hegerty
 Liz & Jim Lampe
 Ralph & Rosemarie Makowski
 Tammy (Dluge) Stika, Noah & Lilly
 Ron & Christine Horton & Family

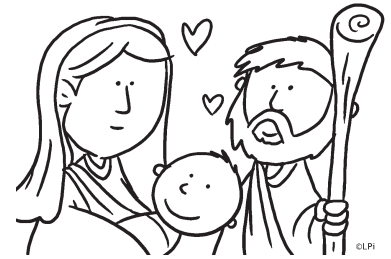
In Memory of:

Harry Timmers
 Johannes Zila
 John & Stephanie Udziela
 Leonard Lidwin
 Stella Mierzejewski
 Marion Mierzejewski
 Stan Schrempf
 Nicholas Andrew Marchant

In Thanksgiving of:

Blessings received
 from Marilyn Rottel
 Many blessings received
 from Mary Jane Horbinski
 Our Family
 from Bob & Joanne Widenski

On Christmas, follow the example of the angels. "Praise God in heaven. Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."



Be Joyful - share Joy. Be Strong in faith - Share God's Scripture - food for the soul. Lord, help me see you in the faces of my family, my friends, and others around me. ©Liturgical Publications Inc.

CHRIST
is born in our
HEARTS

Readings for the Week of December 25

Sunday: Vigil: Is 9:1-6
 Ti 2:1-14
 Luke 2:1-14
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6
 Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12
 Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18 or
 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
 Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11
 Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
 Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or
 Col 3:12-21 or
 3:12-17 or
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Lk 2:22-40 or
 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21
 Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Masses for the Week

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Followed By Mass: † Ralph Muszynski

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am † Severo Vallar

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am † Arthur Remus

Friday, December 30

8:00 am † Dorothy & Norbert Willms

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Anticipated Mass For Sunday

4:30 pm † For all the Living & Deceased
Members of St. Stephen Parish

Sunday, January 1

8:30 am † For all the Living & Deceased
Members of St. Stephen Parish
10:30 am For all the Living & Deceased Members
of St. Stephen Parish

Merry
Christmas



Calendar of Events

Monday, December 26 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Mtg. - Madonna Rm.

Thursday, December 29

2:00 pm Blood Drive - St. Stephen's Commons
6:30 pm Knitting & Crocheting - Heritage Room
7:00 pm Choir Practice - Church

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday is next Sunday, January 1st. Please stop by St. Stephen's Commons for fellowship, refreshments and new member packets. A member of the parish will be there to answer your questions.

Celebrating Christ's Birth with our Families

The Parish Office and Family Life Center will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012.

Attention Parishioners!

All contributions for 2011 must be in the Parish Office by Sunday, December 25th. Any donations received after that date will be for 2012.

Spaghetti Dinner

Plan a February date with someone you love. Spaghetti Dinner is February 12.



A Message to my Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

Coming together as a Parish Community to celebrate the joys of Christmas always brings forth a very special enthusiasm and a renewed desire to better live the teachings that Jesus brought into our world of darkness. Through the eyes and wonder of a child we are, again, drawn into the mystery and the warmth of God's love for us.

On this third celebration of Christmas in our new worship facility, may God's blessings be poured out in great abundance so that we will have more than enough joy and good spirit to go around for the coming year. Hopefully, in celebrating this feast, the Holy Spirit will stir up in us the joy of our baptism into Christ Jesus. May this event of baptism grow more and more into our living more and more like the Lord.

In this season of goodwill and peace I hope that you find a few quiet moments to reflect upon all that you have been blessed with. I pray that you can look beyond the material side of Christmas gift giving to better understand the spiritual side of giving yourself, like Christ, as a gift to lift up a fallen world.

The message of Christmas is one of being born to a new life of hope and joy. Remember that the material world will quickly move on and forget the empty externals of the commercial feast until this time next year. We are being graced to reflect and to treasure, as Mary, the deeper gift of abiding love that Christ has brought into our world to save us from our own despairs and emptiness.

I want to thank all of you who took a moment in this hectic holiday season to send a note of cheer to me. Remember our Lord has taught us that we can bring forth this kingdom through the small everyday things of life. I wish all of you on this feast of Christmas God's blessings and peace. It is my prayer for you that you will know and experience that warmth of God's presence on this feast and every day.

The Lord be gracious to you and yours,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Father Richard