



1802 Bethel Rd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

4pm Individual Confessions (Church)

Mass (English) 5:30pm
 Rev. John J. O'Brien, RIP
 Alan Caldwell, RIP
 Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm
 Gabino Perez, RIP

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

Mass (English) 8:00am
 Anne Neville & Family
 Mass (English) 10:45am
 Bob Fronk, Sp. Int.
 Mass (Spanish) 12:30pm
 Pascual Palacios, 4 yr. anniversary of death
 Maria Marquez
 Gabino Perez, RIP

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (ENGLISH)

211 South Main Street (Chapel)

MONDAY, FEB. 12

(No Mass on Monday)

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

Mass 8:45am
 Roman Bierschenk, RIP

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

Mass 7:00am
 Fr. Noel O'Connor, Private Intention
 Mass 12 Noon
 Ruth Bierschenk, RIP
 Mass 7:00pm
 Paul Duran

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Mass 8:45am
 Edward "Ed" Paul Duren, RIP

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

Mass 8:45am
 Maura Reilly & Family

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

Mass (English) 5:30pm
 Debra Yaniko Rogers, RIP
 Grandpa Ed, RIP
 Andy Blanchard, RIP
 Mass (Spanish) 7:00pm
 Private Intentions
SUNDAY, FEB. 18
 Mass (English) 8:00am
 Lee Perkins, RIP
 Mass (English) 10:45am
 Mass for the People
 Mass (Spanish) 12:30pm
 Private Intentions

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE.

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes. Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway. It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission. When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/
 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
 Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/
 Mk 8:11-13
 Tues: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
 Mk 8:14-21
 Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
 Lk 9:22-25
 Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/
 Mt 9:14-15
 Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/
 Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sun: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ 1 Pt 3:18-
 22/Mk 1:12-15

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY FEB. 11

7:30 am Sunday Morning Rosary (Church)
 9:30 am Religious Education Classes - English (HSC)
 9:30 am Post Confirmation Classes for Teens (Rm 7)
 9:30 am RCIA Adapted for Children (Rm 12, 2-6, Rm 4, 7-12)
 9:30 am Young Adult Class (Rm 4)
 9:30 am Gospel of Matthew (Rm 14)
 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
 11:15 am Religious Education Classes - Spanish (HSC)
 1:30 pm Young Adult Group (Rm 1)
 2:00 pm English Baptism Instruction (Rm 15)
 2:00 pm Quinceañera Practice (Clubhouse)

MONDAY FEB. 12

6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (Church)
 7:00 pm Cursillistas Ultreya (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Citizenship Classes (Rm 11)
 7:00 pm Instrucción del Bautismo Español (Rm 14)

TUESDAY FEB. 13

8:45am Daily Mass
 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study (Rm 1-2)
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Church)
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Clubhouse)

WEDNESDAY FEB. 14

7:00 am **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (Bethel Rd)**
 10:15 am Yoga Classes (Clubhouse)
 12:00 Noon **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (Bethel Rd)**
 5:30 pm Salud Menta..Como Fortalecer Nuestro Cerebro (Rm 14)
 7:00 pm **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS/ Bilingual (Bethel Rd)**

THURSDAY FEB. 15

8:45am Daily Mass
 9:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 10:00 am Quilting Group (Pro Shop)
 10:30 am Altar Society Mtg. (Rm 1-2)
 12:30 pm Connect Camp for Adults with Dementia
 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
 7:00 pm Saturday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Rm 1-2)
 7:00 pm Sunday Mass Spanish Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

8:45am Daily Mass
SATURDAY, FEB. 17
 4:00 pm **Individual Confessions (Church)**
 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Rosary (Church)

Until further notice the diocese has asked that we suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood and refrain from the Sign of Peace handshake during Mass to help prevent the spread of the flu. Refer to our web-site for more details.



A new adult bible study class is starting on Sundays at 9:30am in Rm 1-2. The topic is "STEWARDSHIP of the EARTH, a biblical study series by Stephen J Binz.... you're welcome to join us!

Support our bulletin sponsors
Big Pantry



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 3-4..... \$28,057.00
Catholic Schools Tuition
 Asst. Fund.....\$1,478.00
 Spanish Dinners to date\$222,493.64

Mass Schedule February 14, 2018

(All Masses will be at the main church)



7:00am
 Noon
 7:00pm (bilingual)



There is No Youth Group on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14. See you at Mass!



By Contributing for the Common Good you support Marriage & Family Life Ministries, including counseling services and marriage preparation.



Text ADA to 91999 or bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal

All are welcome!

If you are a visitor we hope you found our parish to be welcoming and spirit filled! If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of our parish family please go online at <http://saintstephenc.org/new-to-st-stephen> and fill out the contact form. Someone from our office will be in touch with you to talk more about what we have to offer you and your family here at St. Stephen Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus will be providing breakfast in the parish hall between the Sunday Masses this weekend. Please join us and get to know our faith community even better!



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
 ORDINARY MOMENTS**

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell. Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?



It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**SAINTS AND
 SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sun: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day
- Tues: Mardi Gras
- Wedn: Ash Wednesday; Day of fasting & abstinence; Valentine's Day
- Fri: Day of abstinence
- Sat: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Next Sun: 1st Sunday of Lent



The Sacraments

Marriage - one-year notice required; Contact Fr. Mike

Aviso para el Matrimonio - se requiere un año Por favor contacte al Padre Mike.

Baptism Instruction - Please contact the Church Office to register. Check web-page calendar www.saintstephenc.org for class schedules. Las personas que quieran tomar platicas pre-bautismales, deben llenar y entregar la forma las pláticas son los 2° lunes de cada mes a la 7:00 pm, al diacono.

RCIA - "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". Call Elaine Hall 682-229-3628

Prayer Chain Coordinators - Ann Allen (817-594-8637) Martha Nowak (817-441-9223) Bonnie Kunath (817-599-3865).

Visitation of the Sick & Shut-Ins. Contact the church office 817-596-9585 to schedule.

Marriage Cases - Need help with a marriage case, please call the church office 817-596-9585.

Casos Matrimoniales - Si necesita ayuda en un caso matrimonial, favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para mayor información.

Quinceañera - Six-month notice required - girl must be attending Religious Education

Classes and Mass regularly. Contact Deacon Carlos Frias 817-757-8985.

Clubhouse Facility - available for rent for small events such as: birthdays, showers, family dinners. Please contact Parish Office for information.

Census Information - Please contact the church office if you are new to our Parish, change address or phone number, or relocate.

Bulletin Notices - Submit one week in advance. Wednesday, 12 Noon deadlines. Call the church office or email dorothy@saintstephenc.org

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GPS (God's People of Service).

Young adults age 18-30 meets every Sunday at 1:30pm in Rm 1-2. The mission of GPS is, **"By growing in our own faith, we hope to inspire others to seek a relationship with God"**. If you are lost, we'll help you find your way. Please join us!

Connect Camp for Adults with Dementia.

Respite for care-givers and a fun outing for those with a failing sense of themselves and surroundings. Thurs 2/15, 12:30-2:30pm Valentine's Day Theme! Registration required. Also looking for anyone with a talent to share! 817.609.6454 or yogawarriors@hotmail.com.



Patriotic Rosary, Feb 20, 7pm St. Stephen Chapel, 211 S. Main Street. Come, let us pray to our Blessed Mother that she will guard and protect our country from those who wish to destroy it, bring God's influence to our leaders that they lead us based on his will and not our own, restore love and peace in our hearts, and heal us so that we may truly be one nation under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

St. Stephen Annual Irish Pallottine Fund Drive.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



The tradition of supporting the Irish Pallottine Missions during Lent will continue this year at St. Stephen. The Knights of Columbus will be handing out donation cans after all the Masses the 1st Weekend of Lent. Please take a can home and place it in a prominent place so that everyone in your household has an opportunity to contribute to this wonderful organization.