

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O GOD,
BE MERCIFUL TO
ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

October 31st – 6p – All Saints Bilingual Mass

November 1st – 10:30a – First Saturday Rosary – Come join us in the Church for this special opportunity to pray the Rosary.

November 1st – 6p – Holy Wins – Join us after Mass for a special Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. Spaces are available on a first come basis and candy donations are being accepted in the Narthax and office.

November 4th - 7p – Grief Support Meeting - Find comfort and healing from your grief of a lost loved one or companion.

November 7th - First Friday Mass - 12p English and 7p Spanish – There will be Eucharistic Adoration starting an hour and a half before Mass and Rosary will begin thirty minutes before Mass.

November 11th – Veteran's Day - Office Closed

DATE	MASS TIME	MASST INTENTIONS
Sat. 10/25	5:00PM	†Soul of Lisa Hendricks ~Renee & Michele
Sun. 10/26	8:00AM	†Soul of Mary Alice Pitzen ~Mark Pitzen
	10:00AM	†Soul of Greta LeDee ~Bonny Carreker
	12:00PM	†Soul of Rosa Sierra's Family ~Ana Garcia
Mon 10/27	5:30PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 10/27	7:00PM	†Soul of Andres Oropesa ~Bobby Ruiz
Tues. 10/28	12:00PM	Healing for Evelyn Collins ~Amy Smith
Weds. 10/29	12:00PM	†Soul of Barbara Brown ~Helen & Bill Walter
Thurs. 10/30	12:00PM	†Soul of Samuel Bernades ~Vincent Bernades
Thurs. 10/30	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Fri. 10/31	6:00PM	Special Intentions for Bonny Carreker
Sat. 11/1	5:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Parish
Sun. 11/2	8:00AM	†Soul of Monica Gonzalez ~Irizarry Family
	10:00AM	†Soul of John Delzeith ~Pat Delzieth
	12:00PM	†Souls of Floide Vazquez Lopez and Iliana Vasquez Manuel Damaris Lopez ~Sebastian Vicone Vazquez



10/27- Reinaldo Jimenez, Mariel Pereira
 10/28- Bellamie Blair, Cora Chambers, Jose Lara
 10/29- Joanne Keith
 10/30- David Cardona, Gerardo Galvan, Migdalia Vargas
 10/31- Virginia Robles, Sarah Whited
 11/1- Elizabeth Asabre, Ariana Burgos
 11/2- Vincent Bernades



Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinge, Summer Jones, Robert JoVan, Lounell Scott, David Weeks, Walter Helmick, Andre McCall, Nellie Orta, Angela Wheeler, Sara Wheeler, Merle Stroud, Renee Millner, Larry Harris, Dottie Cozier, Fred Hand, Iris Potett, Mary Huffman, Joan Rambach, Chambers Family, Jane Chatman, Gudrun Poertner, Cindy Gray, Ethin Nettle, Bonny Pecenak, Amy Smith.

(Names remain on the list for 30 days unless notified)

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Repentance and Work

"Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. 'Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, and adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'"(Lk 18:9-14).

WORD OF LIFE

It often happens that arrogance hides beneath the charm of charity. So, for many, the more good deeds they do, the more conceited they become and the more they judge others since they consider themselves above everyone else. This is a serious lack of humility, and without humility, there is no holiness. In fact, there are people who seem good and do many good deeds, but despite this, they are not saintly because they are full of vanity and pride. Deep down, they consider themselves superior to everyone else, and when they feel hurt or unappreciated, they immediately become angry and even distance themselves from God. This week's Gospel invites us to repent and acknowledge our faults with humility, and to thank God for the good deeds that, with His help, we are capable of doing. Therefore, do not just thank God for being good, like the Pharisee, but also acknowledge that without Him we would not be good. At the same time, do not judge others because only God knows the mystery of the human heart. That does not mean that we cannot judge the actions of others, but we must not judge their intention or their conscience. Do as the Church teaches: denounce the sin and try to save the sinner.

Purpose: After having made an examination of conscience and asking God for forgiveness, go to confession. Give thanks to God for His good deeds. Do not judge those who do not thank Him.



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DOMINGO XXX DEL TO: Arrepentimiento y trabajo

"Dijo Jesús esta parábola por algunos que, teniéndose por justos, se sentían seguros de sí mismos y despreciaban a los demás: 'Dos hombres subieron al templo a orar. Uno era un fariseo; el otro, un publicano. El fariseo, erguido, oraba así en su interior: '¡Oh Dios!, te doy gracias porque no soy como los demás: ladrones, injustos, adúlteros; ni como ese publicano. Ayuno dos veces por semana y pago el diezmo de todo lo que tengo'. El publicano, en cambio, se quedó atrás y no se atrevía ni a levantar los ojos al cielo; sólo se golpeaba el pecho, diciendo: '¡Oh Dios!, ten compasión de este pecador'. Os digo que éste bajó a su casa justificado y aquel no. Porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado, y el que se humilla será enaltecido". (Lc 18, 9-14)

PALABRA DE VIDA

Suele suceder que la soberbia se esconde bajo las galas de la bondad. Así, para muchos, cuanto más cosas buenas hacen, más engreídos están y más juzgan a los demás porque les consideran peores que ellos. Es una falta grave de humildad y, sin humildad, no hay santidad. De hecho, hay personas que parecen buenas y que incluso hacen muchas cosas buenas, a pesar de lo cual no son santas, porque están llenas de vanidad y de soberbia. En el fondo, se consideran a sí mismas superiores a los demás y cuando algo les perjudica o cuando creen que no se les ha hecho el caso debido, enseguida se enfadan y hasta se alejan de Dios. El Evangelio de esta semana nos invita a arrepentirnos y reconocer nuestras faltas con humildad y a darle gracias a Dios por las cosas buenas que, con su ayuda, somos capaces de hacer. Por lo tanto, no sólo a darle gracias a Dios por ser buenos, pues eso también lo hacía el fariseo, sino a ser conscientes de que sin Él no seríamos buenos y, a la vez, a no juzgar a nadie, porque sólo Dios conoce el misterio del corazón humano. Eso no significa que no podamos juzgar las obras de los demás, sino la intención o la conciencia de lo que hace. Hagamos lo que aconseja la Iglesia: condenar el pecado e intentar salvar al pecador.

Propósito: Confesarnos, tras hacer examen de conciencia y pedir perdón a Dios. Darle gracias al Señor por hacer algo bien y no juzgar a los que no lo hacen.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Lk 18:14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	All Hallow's Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

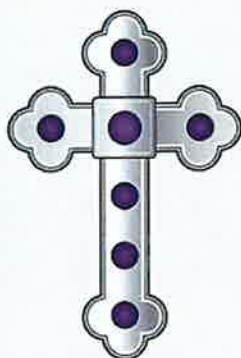
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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WE PRAY TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, who in Your providence have brought us together at this time and in this place, we ask You to guide, inspire, and bless our Diocese of Savannah and the Harvest of Hope campaign.

Provide us, Your children, with the rich soil of faith, hope, and love, that the seeds we are planting now will bear abundant fruit for generations.

As we work together for the full coming of Your kingdom, O Lord, may we find a new way of belonging to You and to one another, rejoicing always in Your generosity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Planting seeds for the future of
the Diocese of Savannah*



Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended a reception in the last 2 weeks. It was great of you to come together to support St. Stephen, First Martyr & the Diocese

The campaign message, the food and the fellowship made for a very enjoyable time.

Also, special thank you to our amazing volunteers who put so much work into beautifying the space and providing us with treats !

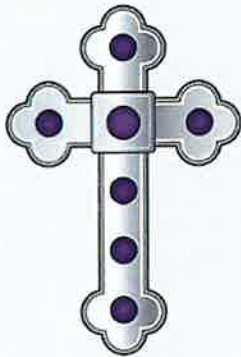
UNABLE TO ATTEND?

If you were unable to attend, please pay close attention as we play the campaign video in the Masses this weekend. THEN pick up your Harvest of Hope packet of information in the Narthex.



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For more information, please contact our campaign director Iris Bodre at 863-940-1483 or ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



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ORAMOS JUNTOS

Padre Celestial, que nos has reunido hoy y aquí en Tu providencia, te pedimos guíes, inspires y bendigas nuestra Diócesis de Savannah y la campaña Cosecha de Esperanza.

Otorga Señor a Tus hijos, el terreno rico de la fe, esperanza y el amor, para que las semillas que sembramos hoy den frutos abundantes para las generaciones venideras.

Mientras trabajamos juntos por la venida plena de Tu reino, Señor, que encontremos una nueva forma de ser para Ti y para los demás, regocijándonos siempre en Tu generosidad.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Sembrando semillas para el futuro de la Diócesis de Savannah.



Muchas Gracias

Gracias a **TODOS** feligreses que asistieron a las recepciones en las últimas dos semanas.

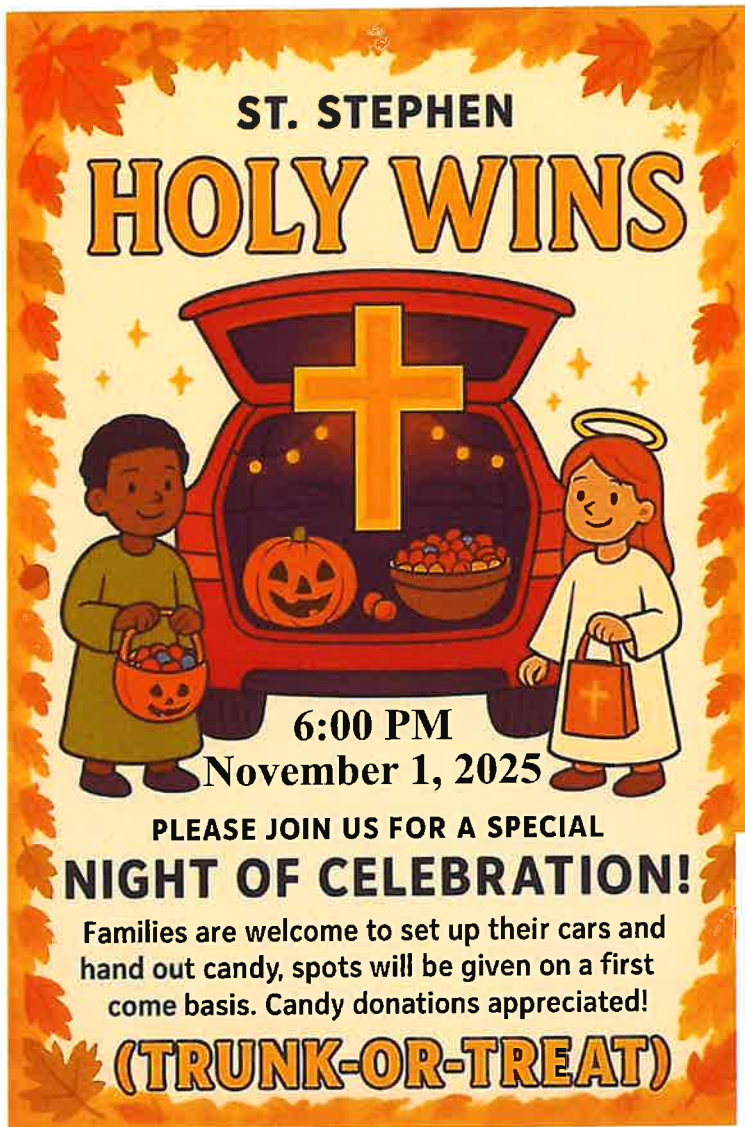
El mensaje de la campaña, la comida y el compañerismo hicieron que pasáramos un rato muy agradable.

¡También muchas gracias a los fantasticos voluntarios!

¿NO PUDO ASISTIR?

Si no pudo asistir, ponga atención al video que vamos a presentar durante todas las misas este fin de semana. También, pueden agarrar una copia del paquete de información que se distribuyó en la reunión; estan disponibles en el Nártex (la entrada) de la Iglesia.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra directora de la campaña Iris Bodré
863-940-1483 o ibodre@guidanceingiving.com



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Annual Thanksgiving Box food drive will begin Nov. 1st and donations will be accepted until Nov. 23rd. If you want to shop early the following items are what they include in the boxes: canned corn, sweet potatoes and green beans. Boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing and Mac 'n' Cheese. Gravy packets and bags of rice.



Respect Life Meeting

Nov.11-- Tuesday @5:30

Join us in the Social Hall. Members/anyone interested please attend as we plan our Winter fundraiser!

CAROL-OKE CHRISTMAS KARAOKE

Presented by Sacred Garden Gift Shop *
Saturday, December 6 - 6:00 PM (after Mass)

A SVDP Fundraising
Family Event

We'll be collecting new socks,
non-perishable food, and
monetary donations to
support those in need



Join the Christmas Fun!

- ✎ Individual Karaoke Performances
- ✎ Group Christmas Caroling
- ✎ Contests & Prizes
- ✎ Door Prizes
- ✎ And a Very Special Guest Appearance!

Delicious Food & Festive Treats

- Knights of Columbus — Selling Rib Dinners & Individual Rib Slabs
- SVDP & Sacred Garden Gift Shop—Selling Drinks, Snacks items

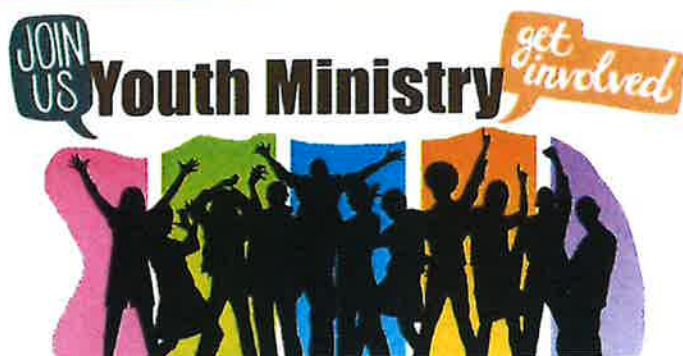
Come share the joy, laughter, and music of the season!
Sing your heart out, celebrate with friends, and help spread Christmas cheer!

School of Gratitude

Father Estrada is hosting a School of Gratitude for Young Adults beginning Oct. 20th after 5:30p Mass and a SOG for Adults on Thursday's after 12pm Mass . Everyone is welcome to join!

Escuela de Gratitud

El Padre Estrada está impartiendo una Escuela de Agradecimiento los lunes después de la Misa. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a unirse!



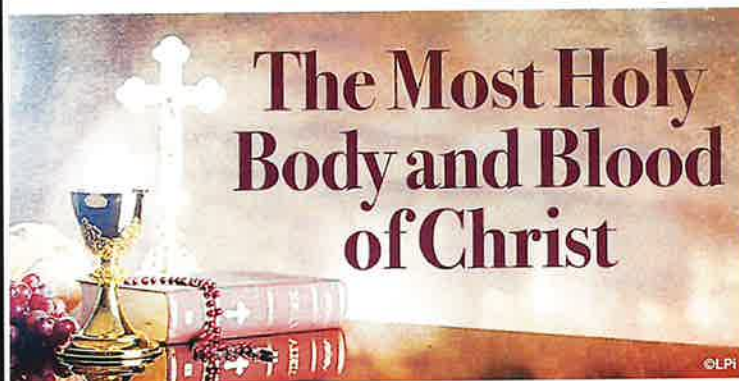
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



Jueves de 6 -8:30 pm
Salón Social San Esteban

Guidelines for Receiving the Eucharist

You are not to eat or drink anything except for water or required medicine, for one hour before actually receiving communion. This is called the Communion or Eucharist fast. It is meant to help us focus on our Lord and what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, candy, mints, etc. during Mass is therefore inappropriate. Both forms for receiving the host are acceptable, in the palm of one hand with the other hand underneath, or on the extended tongue. Extend your hands palm-side up toward the priest and stand as close to the priest as possible when receiving Communion. Never take the host from the priest. After receiving the Eucharist, you say **Amen**. Proper reverence and respect is most important, hands should be reverently folded while waiting to receive the Sacrament.



SCAM WARNING

Please note: If you receive a request for gift cards purporting to be from your pastor, parish, or the Bishop, **it is a scam and should be ignored**. If you aren't sure if an email or message is authentic, do not reply. Check with the person or parish using another method.



RED MASS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 at NOON
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.

Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126



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We still have several cards
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be purchased in the office during
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(A Sample of the cards is above.)

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – OCT 12

Min. of \$10,000 needed weekly to operate

Offertory	\$4,859
Building Fund	\$275
Online Giving	\$742
Total	\$5,876

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1. **USE THE ENVELOPES** Located in the Pews.
2. **TEXT 'GIVE' TO 912-551-5553**
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HARVEST
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Our Harvest of Hope Campaign Video will play at all the Masses this weekend and our Commitment Weekend is November 8th and 9th!
This campaign is aimed to bring great things to our Parish and the Diocese!

Active Parishioner Status

Each year we receive many requests from parishioners to qualify for weddings, be godparents or sponsors for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Communion and Baptism. When a request is made, we must be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of St. Stephen's Parish.

An active member is one who 1) Is properly registered with the Parish office and gives regular to the offertory through envelopes or online giving. 2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of Obligation.

Even though you attend Mass, if you are not registered with the Parish, we have no information about you and you are not eligible to be Sponsors, God-parents, etc. While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination. Please be sure to register with the office and keep your information up to date! You can easily send an email to ssfmcc399@gmail.com to make changes.

Parish Membership: Whether you are a longtime resident or have recently arrived in our parish -Welcome! Please use the form below to register or update your information. You may place this form in the collection basket. (We may call you for additional information.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Parish Staff

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Mon: 9AM-6PM

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Mass Times

English Weekday Masses- Monday at 5:30p.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 10:30am followed by Rosary at 11:20am)

Spanish Weekday Masses- Monday and Thursday at 7pm.

(Exposition and Holy Hour start at 5:30pm followed by Rosary at 6:20pm)

Wednesday- 6-7p - Holy Hour with Rosary.

Saturday- Vigil 5:00 pm; 7pm Spanish in Jesup.

Sunday- 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish); 2:00pm Spanish in Jesup.

Confession- Weekdays during Holy Hour, Saturday 4:15-4:45pm & By Apt.

Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 10-11:30am all are welcome to come to the social hall for Bible Study discerning on the liturgy for the upcoming week.

OCIA Classes Wednesday Evenings: 7-8:30p in Social Hall

For Catholics and non-Catholics who wish to gain knowledge and information about the Catholic faith. The classes are also for those Catholic adults and high schoolers that have not completed their sacraments. The classes begin in September and will be completed by Easter. For additional information please call the office.

Religious Education

Saint Stephen the First Martyr Catholic Church provides opportunities for each person to receive the Sacraments and grow in greater communion with our Lord. Classes are available starting with 1st graders and meet Sundays Sept. through May.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required. Couples contemplating marriage MUST meet with the priest before setting a date.

Baptism

For a child to be baptized, you must be attending Mass regularly, attend a Baptism class and fill out a registration form. **Classes are held the last Sunday of every month at 1pm and must be completed prior to scheduling baptism date.** One Godparent must be an active Catholic and attend class as well. A copy of the Child's Birth Certificate is needed at time of registration. Please contact the Office for scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Estrada is offering Anointing of the Sick during the First Friday's Mass at 12p. If needed at another time please contact the office or Father Estrada directly.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to our parishioners and to the community. There is a Prayer Intention book at the back of the church for you to write your prayer request or you can make a prayer request by email: ssfmccprayerministry@gmail.com

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