



SAINT STEPHEN FIRST MARTYR



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

I WILL

NOT REJECT
ANYONE WHO COMES.

JOHN 6:37

St Stephen First Martyr

Upcoming Events:

November 3rd – 7p - Knights of Columbus Meeting – Anyone interested in becoming a KOC, or existing members please attend the monthly meeting to discuss upcoming plans.

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

November 11th – 5:30p - Respect Life- Join us in the Social Hall. Members/anyone interested please attend as we plan our Winter fundraiser!

November 13th – 1p - St. Vincent DePaul meeting – Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss the upcoming Holiday's and our pantries goals to help the community.

November 15th – 11a-2p- Crafts and Fellowship – We invite all the crafty individuals to join us for our monthly meeting and craft time. We meet in the social hall and welcome everyone to attend.

DATE	MASS TIME	MASS+ INTENTIONS
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
Mon 11/3	5:30PM	Our Parish Community
Mon 11/3	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Tues. 11/4	12:00PM	Healing for Evelyn Collins ~Bonny Carreker
Weds. 11/5	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
Thurs. 11/6	12:00PM	†Soul of Carol Morrison ~Helen & Bill Walter
Thurs. 11/6	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Fri. 11/7	12:00PM	Our Parish Community
Fri. 11/7	7:00PM	Our Parish Community
Sat. 11/8	5:00PM	†Soul of George Griffith ~Jewel Barrett
Sun. 11/9	8:00AM	†Soul of Ben & Sally Elliot ~Henry & Ione Phillips
	10:00AM	†Soul of Charlie Kirk ~Tammie Curry
	12:00PM	Pro Populo – For the Community



Birthdays

11/3- Mackenzie Spurgeon

11/4- Rachel Kosmopolis, Maria Rios

11/5- Ralph Miller, Isaac Van Duynhoven

11/6- Cardell Jenkins, Lynda Jimenez

11/7- Xaimary Torres

11/8- Deborah Short

11/9- Yangsu Mattison, Ione Phillips, Adam Sonnek



REMEMBER

in your prayers

Janice Robertson, Nancy Hill, Tom & Jeannine Wing, June Holt, Leslie Shaw, Stacy Fletcher, Sandra Powell, Joyce Elliott, Laurie Elliott, Doug Walker, Hettie Johnson, Dillion Bovinger, 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)

All Soul's Day: To believe in love

"Jesus said to his Disciples: "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that were I am, there ye may also be. And whither I go, ye know the way." (Jn 14, 1-5).

WORD OF LIFE

All Soul's Day must, above all, serve to renew our faith in the resurrection. It is not a matter of believing in something that is comforting or that provides enormous relief because it is convenient for us to believe this, but rather because we are certain that it is the truth since Christ rose from the dead. The

resurrection of Christ, as a historic and proven fact, is the foundation on which we base our faith in the resurrection, in eternal life. If this faith produces relief or consolation, if it fills us with hope, all the better for us. But we do not believe in the resurrection because of its comforting fruits, but because Christ truly died and then truly resurrected.

Secondly, on this day we must pray for our loved ones who have gone before us. It is a duty of gratitude towards them. Not to do so is to break the fourth commandment, since what they now need is neither our food nor our medicines, but rather our prayers.

Lastly, we must take advantage of this day to remember the example that those who have already passed have left us. That is the true "inheritance" that must help us live in such way that they, from Heaven, may feel proud of us

Purpose: Renew our faith in the resurrection, pray for the dead and remember that which made them stand out so as to imitate them.

Día de los Difuntos: Creer en el amor

"Dijo Jesús a sus discípulos: "Que no tiemble vuestro corazón; creed en Dios y creed también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas estancias; si no fuera así, ¿os habría dicho que voy a prepararos sitio? Cuando vaya y os prepare sitio, volveré y os llevaré conmigo, para que donde estoy yo estéis también vosotros. Y adonde yo voy, ya sabéis el camino". (Jn 14, 1-5)

PALABRA DE VIDA

La fiesta de los fieles difuntos nos debe servir, ante todo, para renovar nuestra fe en la resurrección. No se trata de creer en algo que es consolador y que nos da un enorme alivio porque nos convenga creer en ello, sino porque tenemos la certeza de que es verdad debido a que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos. La resurrección de Cristo, como hecho histórico y comprobado, es el fundamento en el que basamos nuestra fe en la resurrección, en la vida eterna. Si esta fe nos produce alivio y consuelo, si nos llena de esperanza, mejor para nosotros. Pero no creemos en la resurrección por sus frutos consoladores, sino porque Cristo realmente murió y realmente resucitó.

En segundo lugar, en este día debemos orar por nuestros seres queridos ya fallecidos. Es un deber de gratitud hacia ellos. Dejar de hacerlo es dejar de cumplir el cuarto mandamiento, pues lo que ellos necesitan ahora no son ni nuestros alimentos ni nuestras medicinas, sino nuestras oraciones.

Por último, debemos aprovechar este día para recordar el ejemplo que nos dejaron los que ya han muerto. Esa es la verdadera "herencia". Su comportamiento, tantas veces ejemplar, no debe ser olvidado, sino que tiene que ayudarnos a vivir de manera que ellos, desde el cielo, se sientan orgullosos de nosotros.

Propósito: Renovar la fe en la resurrección, rezar por los difuntos y recordar qué es lo que habría que destacar de ellos para intentar imitarlos.



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Missionaries of Gratitude

PRAYER

Jesus, I trust in you.

I know that whatever happens to me is a fruit of your love.

Jesus, I love you.

You are first in my heart.

Jesus, I adore you.

You are more important than my job, my money or any other thing.

Jesus, I GIVE YOU THANKS

For having created me, for having become man, for having died and risen from the dead, for the Eucharist and Confession, for the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints, for the things that I have had, for the things that I have, because I am able to help others, and for the affection that I receive.

Jesus, I ask for your forgiveness.

For the evil that I have committed and for the good I have failed to do.

Jesus, I ask for your help.

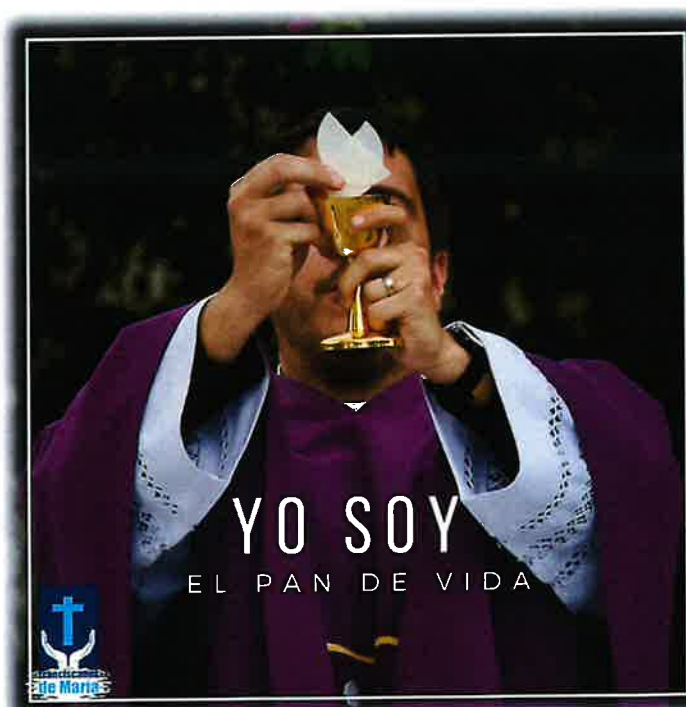
I ask for spiritual graces, such as the overcoming of my defects and for material help, for me, for others and for society.

Jesus, I offer myself to you.

You can count on me for whatever you want.

LIKE MARY.

With the tenderness of your mother and through Her way of living by living the virtues. Amen.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
OR
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you
are with me.

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

"For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

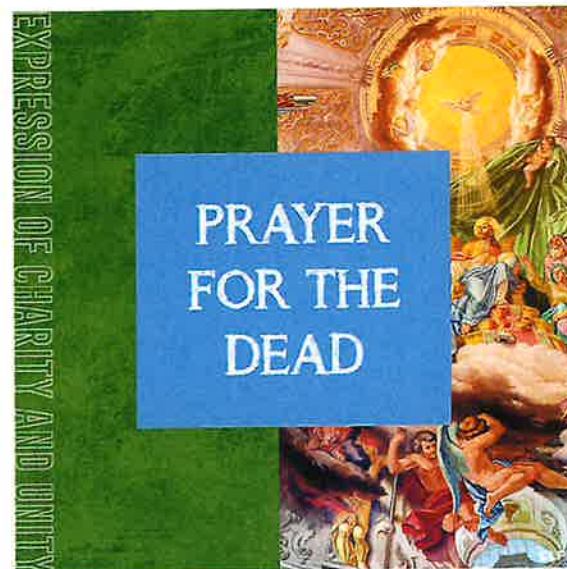
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To live with Christ, we must die with him.
But what does this mean? What does this
look like in the ordinary life of a Christian?
We must ask God for the wisdom to see
our own crosses, so that we may carry
them into the newness of life.

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day);
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day
- Next Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Devotions, Explained!

God is not subject to the
constrictions of time as we
understand them. Our prayers
for the dead are, like our prayers
for the living, an expression of
charity and the unity which exists
between all members of the Body
of Christ.

Prayer during Loss

O God,
In the midst of my grief, be with me.
Cover this season with Your
comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence
and Your grace.
Bring comfort to my affliction,
and hope to my heart.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

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

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/
Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

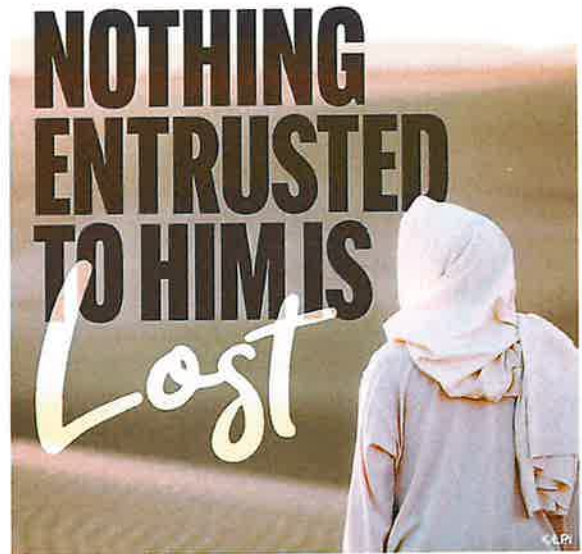
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, **"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me."** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir



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COSECHA de ESPERANZA

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*



**NEXT WEEKEND IS
COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

**Return Your
Pledge in the
Offertory Basket
next weekend**



**Scan here to
make a gift with
a credit or debit
card**

or



Who does your gift benefit?

The Harvest of Hope Campaign benefits our entire diocese through evangelization, vocation support, endowments, and land acquisition.

Harvest of Hope will be part of growing the investment in the parish and the culture of giving as we start to climb this hill.

- Replace the flooring in the Sanctuary
- Update the wiring in the parish office and Social Hall building

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.



**¡EL FIN DE SEMANA DE COMPROMISO
ES LA SEMANA QUE VIENE!**

**Devuelve tu
compromiso en la
canasta de la campaña
el próximo fin de
semana**



**Escanee aquí
para hacer un
donativo con
tarjeta de crédito
o debito**

O



CASO PARROQUIAL

La Campaña Cosecha de Esperanza beneficia a toda nuestra diócesis mediante la evangelización, el apoyo a las vocaciones, las donaciones y la adquisición de terrenos.

En San Esteban

Vamos a usar los fondos que permanecen en la parroquia para atender a varias necesidades.

- **Renovar el piso del santuario**
- **Reinstalar el cableado del edificio de oficinas parroquiales y el salón social**

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

Saint Stephen's Knights of Columbus

1st Annual
Rack of Ribs Sale

December 6th 2p-8p



Available for Purchase:

- ✚ \$12 Rib dinners with sides & a roll.
- ✚ \$25 Individual Rack of Ribs.
- ✚ \$100 for 5 Racks of Ribs.
- ✚ Cash or Credit Card Accepted.

The Details:



- ✚ Cooked Over a Real Wood Fire.
- ✚ Proceeds will go to the Church for replacement of AC in Social Hall.
- ✚ Pick-up will be at the Social Hall from 2pm until 8pm or until we are sold out on December 6th. This is also the SVDP Karaoke Night, so you could plan to have a rib dinner and stay for the Karaoke.
- ✚ Advance tickets on sale after all Masses beginning November 8th by the Knights of Columbus members.
- ✚ Tickets can also be purchased in the Office or by contacting POC Rito Arredondo @ 912-391-7084

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.

(Anyone in need of a box must register with SVDP by Nov. 17th)



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!



Open to people of all faith traditions.

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

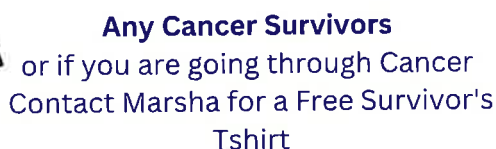
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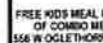
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

<https://main.acsevents.org/goto/ststephenhinesville>



Relay for Life Liberty County
May 1st 2026

**ANY QUESTIONS TEXT OR EMAIL MARSHA CLIFTON
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**Thank you for the
support of the Discount
Card Fundraiser!**

We still have several cards available for purchase! They can be purchased in the office during normal business hours.

(A Sample of the cards is above.)

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!



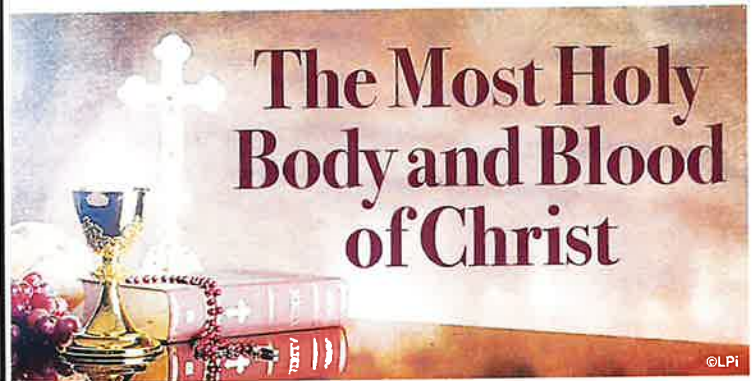
Thursdays 6-8:30pm
Saint Stephen Social Hall



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.

PARISH SUPPORT

DONATIONS

Weekly Offertory – OCT 19

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

Offertory	\$5,546
Building Fund	\$598
Online Giving	\$33
Total	\$6,177

3 great ways to support our Parish

1. **USE THE ENVELOPES** Located in the Pews.
2. **TEXT ‘GIVE’ TO 912-551-5553**
3. **GIVE ONLINE**—Scan QR Code or go to:
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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! We are so thankful to those who have already made commitments and donations and are so grateful to our Parish!

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

Pastor:

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Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Modeste Seloukou, FM

Deacon:

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Office Manager:

Annette Miller

Office Assistant:

Diana Young

Parish Catechetical Leader:

Berta Ganaway
saintstephenfaithformation@gmail.com

Parish Council President:

Office Hours:

Mon: 9AM-6PM

Tues-Thurs: 9AM-2PM

Gift Shop Hours:

NOV 15 & 16 after Mass

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ST. STEPHEN**



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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

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. An active member is one who is properly registered with the Parish office, regularly gives offertory, attends parish activities when possible and most importantly 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, Godparents, 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.