



# SAINT STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

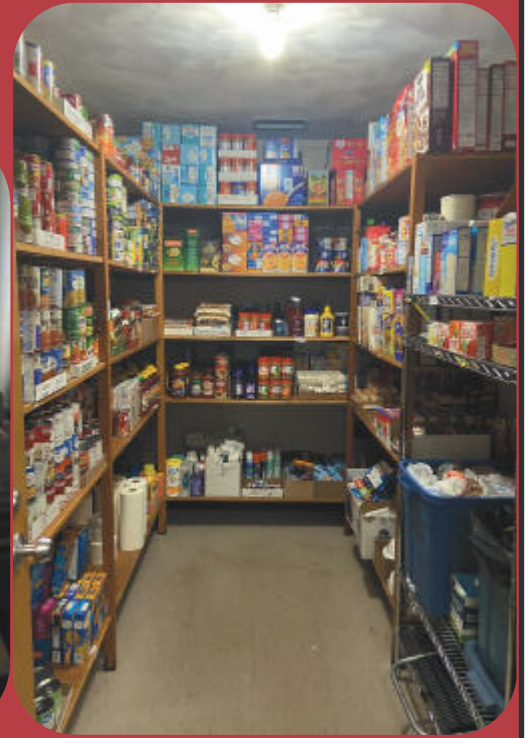
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SEPTEMBER 19  
**2021**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

## *In celebration of our 95th Dedication Anniversary*



To commemorate our 95th Anniversary of Dedication, our parish held a food drive to fill our Cathedral Food Pantry. Our pantry serves anyone who comes to our doors in need of food and hygiene items. We are so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners who brought in food or made a monetary donation toward this effort. Over 275 bags of groceries and \$870 has been donated so far in the month of September. *Many thanks to Jesse and Nora Mattingly for sorting and organizing all the food into our pantry!*

In this bulletin you'll find:

- Growing in Faith opportunities
- Parish Social Concerns Update
- Preschool Photos
- Meet our new Director of Youth Ministry
- Upcoming Opportunities/Events
- Photos from the Cathedral Preschool
- A message from our Pastor, Fr. John M. Thomas
- Mass Intention Guidelines
- And more!

*This is our quarterly bulletin that has additional pages featuring photos, updates, and information from our parish. This bulletin gets mailed to each registered household.*

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are usually celebrated during one of the regularly scheduled Masses. Parents are encouraged to call the parish office before the birth of their child to make an appointment for instructions. Preparation is required and is scheduled monthly.

**Marriage:** Couples wishing to share their lives with one another in sacramental Marriage are asked to call the Office for an appointment with one of the priests. We suggest the first appointment must be scheduled nine (9) months before the proposed date of marriage.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated communally two times a year, during Advent and Lent. Other opportunities for reconciliation are Saturdays from 9:30-11:00 AM and by appointment

## Faith Formation News

Hannah Bland, Director of Children's Ministry



Faith Formation has begun. We started meeting in classrooms on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We meet between Masses on Sunday from 9:30-10:50. Two Sundays a month we will gather in classrooms; one Sunday a month all of our catechists will be meeting in order to collaborate and create engaging lessons for our students; the last Sunday of the month all the families come together to grow in Christ as a larger community. If you have a student in grades 1-8 who does not attend Catholic schools you are welcome to join us. Contact Hannah Bland at the parish office to register. I ask that the whole parish pray for us as we begin meeting with students, pray for the students that they may have an encounter with Christ, and for our six catechists as they share the Gospel with these young people.



### Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgment about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Packets have been mailed out to all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are eligible for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2022. Inside the packet is information regarding our parent/student meeting on September 22, at 6:00pm in the McRaith Pastoral Center Basement, as well as our information form. Please bring the information form with you to the parent/candidate meeting. *If you did not receive a packet in the mail and your child is eligible for receiving the Sacrament, please contact Crissy Stevenson in the office.*

*As a reminder, Confirmation Preparation here at Saint Stephen is a two-year process. Year 1, students must be enrolled in faith formation either in the parish or the Catholic School System. Year 2, students continue formation with religious education in either location and begin specific sacramental preparation expectations of the parish.*

*Parents of current 7<sup>th</sup> graders, please keep this in mind for your child for next year, they need to be enrolled this year, to receive these Sacraments next year.*



The RCIA Journey of Faith is in full swing but it's still not too late to join us. We currently have 8 on the Journey that are seeking to know more about our Catholic Faith but we always have room for more! Pictured above is one of our Wednesday evening gatherings for RCIA. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Community Center.



## Social Concerns and Outreach at Saint Stephen Cathedral: A Tradition of Caring

Our recent food drive is just one example of the many ways in which our parish outreach efforts touch the lives of the less fortunate. The need for food assistance has increased in recent months, and we are grateful to be able to help.

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry is staffed four mornings every week. Our SVdP volunteers talk by phone with those in need to help arrange assistance for rent, utility payments, and other forms of aid. These compassionate volunteers work tirelessly to ease the burden of those experiencing difficulties brought on by homelessness, loss of income, food insecurity, and more. Most of the funding is provided by the incredible generosity of our parishioners.

Our Social Concerns Committee meets regularly to discuss plans for our annual Lenten and Thanksgiving collections, as well as ideas and strategies for other efforts throughout the year. New members and ideas are always welcome!

Other parish social concerns/outreach ministries include the following, which always welcome new volunteers:

- Cathedral Soup Kitchen (provides meal 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month; currently on hold due to pandemic)
- St. Benedict Shelter (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 8pm to 8am Saturday; companion volunteers and meal teams)
- Habitat for Humanity (help w/tasks at 2930 W. Fourth St. location or for weekend projects)
- Backpack Ministry (prepare/deliver packs of food for weekends for students of Hager Preschool)
- Stephen Ministers (trained volunteers offer spiritual and emotional support for those experiencing a difficult time in life)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry (knit, weave, or sew shawls for those in need of comfort during time of illness or loss)
- Rosary Makers (create corded, beaded, or chained rosaries donated to groups or individuals; rosaries also available in our church vestibule in October & May)
- Card Ministry (greeting cards are sent to those who are homebound or live in nursing homes)
- Community Garden (plant/care for assigned garden boxes each summer in order to provide produce for neighborhood residents)
- Detention Center Visitation (visit/share scripture with those in the Daviess County Detention Center)
- Crossroads Women's Shelter (serve as companions for shelter residents or provide meals)
- Birthright of Owensboro (greet callers/visitors at Birthright location on weekdays)

Other parish outreach projects include our annual Advent Giving Tree, Birthright Baby Bottle Drive, Fall Coat Drive, and other collections for disaster relief or special causes as they arise.

To everyone who helps to carry on Saint Stephen Cathedral's tradition of service and caring, know that you are deeply appreciated—our parish always responds to need! Your offerings of time and talent in ministry service and your generous financial support truly make a difference.

If you would like to know more about any of these Social Concerns ministries or efforts, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

## CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL

*The beginning of our Cathedral Preschool year is off to a great start!*





# LITURGY, PRAYER & WORSHIP

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

### TUESDAY:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

### WEDNESDAY:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4b-fg-hn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

### THURSDAY:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

### FRIDAY:

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

### SATURDAY:

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

### SUNDAY:

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## LET US PRAY...

### FOR PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF HEALING

Robin Abel, David Aud, Joyce Ballard, Harry Baumgarten, Linda Beckman, Debbie Bell, Larry Bishop, Juanita Brown, Sharon Boone, Louis Byrne, Ron Calvert, Angela Clark, Tony Clayton, Audie Cooper, Ruth Ann Cureton, Vickie Davis, Wilma Fenwick, George Frey, Joan Froehlich, Mildred Gilles, Richard Gruenewald, Bernard Hagan, King Harney, Ken Heichelbech, Barbara Huff, Colene Jennings, Kathleen Johnson, Frank & Theresa Jones, Sue Knight, Josanna Lamastus, Christine Lowe, David Millay, Margaret O. Mills, John McNulty, Bill Murphy, Janet Murphy, Gerald Nalley, Tom & Lucy Neal, Joe Niehaus, Eddie O'Bryan, Bill & Rosemary Payne, Joyce Payne, Kenny Payne, Dorothy Reynolds, Yvonne Seaton, Ann Staples, Bern Tooley, Beverly Velotta, Dwayne Wells, Joan Wells, Faye Whelan, Margaret Whittinghill, Vincent J. Wink, Melinda Wise, Dottie Wright, Mary Jo Yates.

### FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS IN NEED OF HEALING

Patty Adamic, friend of Carrie Wieder; Cindy Ashley, mother of Ashley Bittel; Tony Bishop son of Darylin and Larry Bishop, Jim Beauregard, friend of Pat Baker; Jimmy Brand, brother of LaWanna Brand; Sherry Ann Cecil, daughter of Beverly & Dennis Cecil, granddaughter of Wilma Fenwick; Christopher Clark, son of Angela & Archie Clark and brother of Teresa (Terry) Brown; Rudy Clouse, grandson of Marion Bratcher; William Cox, brother of LaWanna Brand; Jerry Daugherty, brother of Nancy Hendricks and Rita Roberson; Larry Goetz, brother of Judith Goetz and nephew of Mary Helen Nash; Jerry Hagan, brother of Sharlene Hatfield; Stephen Hall, parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Frank & Janie Hartz, son of Frank Hartz; Adley Hester, granddaughter of Mark & Wilma Stallings; Bernard Hopkins; Al Holloway, uncle of Brianna Reid; John Keelin, brother of Charlotte Hagan; Natalie Jones, friend of Carrie Wieder; Marian Lee, sister of Mary Ann Clouse; Vickie List, niece of Patsy Murphy; Eileen Mattingly, sister of Yvonne Fullenwider;

Charlie McPherson, brother of Gene Lyon; Kathleen Meyer, cousin of Mamie Farish; Kris Miller, daughter of Lottie Miller; David Montgomery, brother of Ruby Sparks; John & Sue Mudd, sister and brother-in-law of Sharlene Hatfield; Randy Murphy, brother of Patsy Murphy, uncle of Bob Stone; Tony & Lisa Pitmon, daughter/son-in-law of Gene Schadler; Mary Pynadath, mother of Fr. Sinoj; Jessie Rhodes, father of Ben Rhodes; Linda Schoene, family friend of Ron & Phillis Calvert; Ruth Scott, friend of Kathryn Wimsatt; Pete Scott, friend of Debbie, Linda & Tony Sikes; Anita Stecher, sister-in-law of Douglas & Cheryl Hayden; Ben Thompson, friend of Fr. Jerry Riney; Philip "Mensa" Velotta, grandson of Beverly Velotta; Mary Ann Wheeler sister of Dottie Riney, Jason Wilgus, friend of Kathryn Wimsatt; Pam Woodrum, sister of Kathryn Wimsatt; Joseph Woodward, grandfather of Derek Driskill.

### FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES

**CARMEL HOME**—Rose Bender, Juanita Clark, Margie Hill, Carroll & Margie Howard, Regina Lewis, Agatha Lindemann, Sr. Catherine Shoenborn GHM, Iona Simon.  
**CEDARHURST OF OWENSBORO**—Marianna Robinson. **OWENSBORO CENTER**—Freddie Payne, Margaret (Rosie) Whittinghill, Florence Wieder.  
**HERMITAGE MANOR**—Gloria Cecil, Tom & Pauline Fulkerson, Joan Perry.  
**HERITAGE PLACE**—Jackie Abshier, Ruth Coble, Shirley Schmidt.  
**(SIGNATURE) HILLCREST**—George Collignon. **ONE PARK PLACE**—Kay Meisenhelder. **TWIN RIVERS** — Elizabeth Finch. **FERN TERRACE** — Robert Danhauer, Roy Weedman, Sarah Welborn, Betty Wimsatt.  
**WELLINGTON PARC**—Tom Riney.



### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 am Ballard, Taylor, and Gwynn Families

12:05 pm Tom & May Gipe

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 am † Beverly Emmick

12:05 pm † Theresa Wahl

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 am † Rick Weafer

12:05 pm † Grace Medley Ebelhar

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 am † Joseph Baumgarten

12:05 pm † Jean Danhauer

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 am † Jean Fehr Quinn

12:05 pm Stella Padgett

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 am † Mary Frances Fulkerson

4:30 pm The People of Saint Stephen

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 am † Wilfred Hagan

11:00 am Curtis Heppler

† denotes deceased

*If your loved one is ready to be removed from our prayer list, please let the office know!*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 & 11:00am: Sunday Liturgies  
9:30–10:50am: Faith Formation

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00am & 12:05pm: Mass  
6:30pm: OCS Parent Meeting, Community Center

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

7:00am & 12:05pm: Mass

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00am\* & 12:05pm: Mass  
6:00pm: RCIA, Community Center  
6:00pm: Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting, McRaith Pastoral Center Basement

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00am & 12:05pm: Mass  
6:00pm: Homeschool Parent Meeting, Community Center

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00am & 12:05pm: Mass  
9:00am: Ministers of Care Gathering,  
5:30pm: Kase/Rideout Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30am: That Man Is You  
9:00am: Mass  
9:30am: Confessions & Exposition  
4:30pm\*: Sunday Vigil  
6:30pm: Kase/Rideout Wedding

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 & 11:00am: Sunday Liturgies  
5:30pm: Faith Formation Whole Family Gathering, Community Center  
*\*Livestreamed Mass*

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 19—Angela Clark, Delaney Flaherty, Kennedy Mills, Joe Niehaus  
September 20—Patricia Kuntz, Savannah Rice, Gates Settle  
September 21—Lauren Andrini, Garrett Booth, Renick Evans, Mark Heinz, J.C. Knott, Carol Ralph, Aurora Roberts, Steven Roby, Rowella Weafer  
September 22—Michael Bouchard, Patsy Clayton, Maxwell Payne, Sara Payne, Nicole Robbins  
September 23—Will Booth, Douglas Lanz, Emma Lou Marrett  
September 24—Easton Hurt, Jeanette Medley, Harper Mills  
September 25—Stephen Abshier, Karmen Hudson, Will Murphy, Chris Warren



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 19—Ross & Jill Leigh, 23 years  
September 19—Ryan & Olivia Payne, 6 years  
September 20—Tom & May Gipe, 41 years  
September 21—Thomas & Robin Booth, 30 years  
September 21—John & Michelle Lyon, 25 years  
September 22—Joe & Winnie Foster, 31 years  
September 22—Ben & Heidi Boarman, 14 years  
September 25—Joe & Becky Stewart, 12 years



### LET US PRAY TOGETHER... FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for those who are dying and for those who have recently died. **Ruth Snyder Russell**, mother of Richard (Diana) Snyder; **Jane Goins Washington**, sister of Emily (John) McNulty. *(Please call the Parish Office if you have a death in the family.)*

*With unbounded love in our hearts, we want to express our gratitude for all you have done for us. The funeral Mass was very uplifting with all the priests celebrating, the beautiful music, and all who held us close in heart, in thought, and prayer.*

*~The Kenny Velotta Family*

### Confession & Exposition

Every Saturday after 9:00 am daily Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during Confessions until 11:00 am.

Thursday before First Friday Confessions/Holy Hour will no longer be offered.

This will continue each Saturday unless a funeral or Diocesan Mass takes place at that time.

*Confessions are also available by appointment.*



Litany of Thanks: Thank you to those who cleaned the church on September 9. Your work to keep our worship space clean does not go unnoticed! Special thanks to Janice Greene, Douglas Hayden, Cheryl Hayden, Bill Riney, Frank and Moggie Riney, Dora Thompson, Martina Wedding, and Helen Williams.



## DISCIPLESHIP: *Gratitude and Servant Leadership*

*Donna Tarantino, Director of Ministries & Volunteers*

In today's Gospel, the disciples were bickering about who among them was the greatest. They misunderstood Jesus' teaching and missed the opportunity to be grateful for the gift of being close to him. The Gospel doesn't say whether Jesus sighed loudly and rolled his eyes, but we can imagine he must have wanted to do so! Instead he sat down and talked to them, reminding them that true leaders are servants. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." A servant leader is one who serves not to gain recognition, social status, or worldly wealth, but for the benefit of others. We have many servant leaders in our parish, volunteers who offer their time and skills in a variety of ministries, whether in Liturgy & Worship, Social Concerns/Outreach, Music, Community & Family Enrichment, Education & Formation, Children's/Youth Ministries, Parish Administration, or Spiritual Enrichment. Our parish and community are blessed by the selfless service of our volunteers who demonstrate Jesus' commandment to love one another. While it's human nature to want to be the first, best, or greatest, we can strive to be grateful for our gifts and blessings and share them in service to the Lord and each other.

### Featured Ministry Opportunities

*We are pleased to announce that **Karina Romero has joined our Pastoral Team as Director of Youth Ministry.** Please prayerfully consider offering her your support and participation in Youth activities and events. Join us in helping Karina feel welcome and at home at Saint Stephen Cathedral as she becomes acquainted with our parish families!*

### **Praying. Giving. Serving.**

God gives everyone talents to share; those gifts differ from person to person, but everyone receives them! Do you know what your gifts are? How is God calling you to share them in service to others? We have many ministry opportunities at Saint Stephen Cathedral—there's something for almost everyone.

*For more information about serving in parish ministry, contact [donna.tarantino@pastoral.org](mailto:donna.tarantino@pastoral.org) or call 270-683-6525.*



**Question:** My friend has questions about Christ and the Church and I want to share the Gospel with her, but I'm not sure where to begin. How do I share my faith?

**Answer:** There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

## MINISTERS: SEPT. 25/26

### 4:30 PM VIGIL MASS

Altar Server: *volunteer needed*

Lector: Janice Scherm, Sally Halbig

Minister of the Host: Dan Halbig, *need 2 volunteers*

Ministers of Hospitality: Scott Lowe, Bob Stone, *need volunteer*

Sacristan: *need volunteer*

### 8:30 AM MASS

Altar Server: Wesley Padgett

Lector: John Wright, Kathy Wright

Ministers of the Host: Luis Aju, Vicky Aju, Rita Gerteisen

Ministers of Hospitality: Glenn Calhoun, *need 2 volunteers*

Sacristan: *need volunteer*

### 11:00 AM MASS

Altar Server: Jack Calhoun, Beau Sims, Shea Sims

Lector: Dirk Dooper, Margaret Windle

Ministers of the Host: Josh Bartley, J. Edward Cecil, *need volunteer*

Ministers of Hospitality: Kristy Lovett, Rhonda Troutman, Mary Helen Nash, *need volunteer*

Sacristan: Elaine Thomas





MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello! My name is Karina Romero. I am the new Director of Youth Ministry, and I am from Paducah, Kentucky. I graduated from Bellarmine University in May 2021 with a Theology Degree. While at Bellarmine, I served as the Catholic Mission and Identity Chair for the University. I worked at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp for the past 4 summers as a staff member. I am passionate about working with youth, social justice, diversity, and superhero movies. I am so excited to get to know the young people of Saint Stephen Cathedral and walk with them toward Christ.



**YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR**

Monday, September 20, 2021 | **6:00PM**  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**  
 7232 KY-56, OWENSBORO, KY 42301

THIS HOLY HOUR IS OPEN TO AGES 18-39. COME FOR THE WHOLE HOUR, STOP IN FOR A FEW MINUTES, COME ALONE OR BRING FRIENDS. WE'LL PROVIDE PROGRAMS WITH PRAYERS AND SONGS TO HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE HOLY HOUR EXPERIENCE!

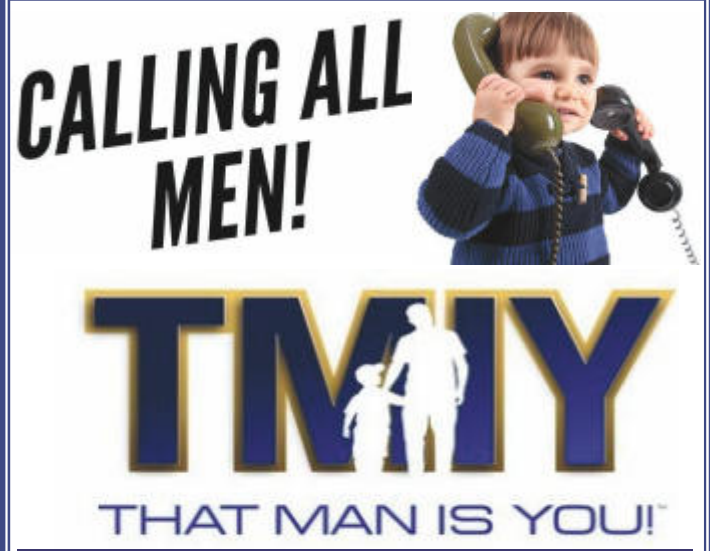
**Confession will be available.**

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11: 28*

DETAILS: [FACEBOOK.COM/OWENSBOROYOUNGADULT](https://www.facebook.com/owensboroyoungadult)  
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**COVID-19 GUIDELINES:** There is an expectation that unvaccinated people be masked at all indoor parish functions including the Celebration of the Mass. We would also recommend and strongly encourage all vaccinated parishioners to mask, because there is growing evidence that vaccinated transmissions can still take place. We are asking these things out of an abundance of caution and out of an abundance of charity for our neighbor.



Fall Session Begins  
**Saturday**  
**September 18**  
**7:30 AM**

Community Center

For more information:  
 Contact Rick Rhodes  
 270-313-8370 phone/text

**OCS**  
**Parent Meeting**  
 Thursday, September 16 OR  
 Monday September 20 at 6:30 PM  
 in the Community Center

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*At least one parent or guardian from each family should plan to attend one of these meetings. If you did not receive a letter from Fr. John, please call the parish office*



## What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "Mirae caritatis" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on Earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

In his encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," our beloved late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, taught, "In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice" (No. 43).

Please keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, i.e. the Mass: "Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep" (On Monogamy, X).

Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died or for someone who is in need.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church — to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e. "for whom the Mass is offered." The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

I simply offer this short historical explanation of the Mass Intention to make you aware of its importance for all of us. Please remember to have a Mass offered for your loved ones and for their needs. Let us remember to keep one another in prayer, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Blessings, Fr. John





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## MASS INTENTION GUIDELINES

In recent months, there have been some questions raised in regards to the offering of Mass intentions. Priests are “Obligated to apply a Mass for the people (pro populo) entrusted to my care on each Sunday and holy day of obligation” (*Code of Canon Law, 543*). Take consolation in the fact that **every weekend and holy day of obligation, Mass is offered for all of you who are parish members of Saint Stephen Cathedral.**

The deep faith and ardent charity of our parishioners is manifested in the numerous Mass offerings you request of the parish, especially for your beloved dead. This abundance creates something of a problem insofar as your requests for Mass intentions far exceed the number of Masses offered at Saint Stephen. We celebrate around 700 Masses each year, and each we year receive more than double the number of intentions. Below are guidelines we will now follow in order to allow for the consistency and reasonable scheduling of Mass intentions.

1. The suggested donation for a Mass offering, as determined by the bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, is five dollars (\$5.00). No one is denied the celebration for a particular intention based on inability to make an offering.
2. Canon Law, 953 states: “No one may accept more offerings for Masses to be celebrated than can be discharged within a year”. Offerings for Masses that cannot be celebrated at Saint Stephen within one year must be forwarded to be celebrated elsewhere. (*Be aware that many of the international priests of our diocese call our parish when they are preparing for a visit to their native country. We regularly send these priests home with Mass intentions from Saint Stephen Cathedral.*)
3. No Mass will be scheduled farther out than one year.
4. At this time, Mass Intentions are generally not available for Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.
5. When many intentions are received at once for the same *person* (e.g. *at time of death*), know that every effort will be made to offer as many of the intentions here at Saint Stephen Cathedral as possible.
6. Please indicate if the person the intention is for is living or deceased.
7. Remember, the most important reality is that a Mass is said for someone, either here or elsewhere. Having your intention fulfilled in a timely manner is beneficial, especially for our deceased brothers and sisters.

*Updated September 10, 2021*

**Communication from the Parish:**

If you are not receiving our mailings and/or our One Call messages, we might not have your current contact information. Please call the Parish Office to update your information.



You can now view our parish activity/event calendar on our website. Check it out at [ststephencathedral.org](http://ststephencathedral.org)



# ALL ABOUT US

## DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Most Reverend William F. Medley

### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday-Friday 7:00 AM & 12:05 PM  
Sat 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)  
Sun 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
Holy Days 7:00 AM & 12 NOON  
(Livestreaming: 4:30 Vigil, 7:00 am daily  
Wednesday Mass, and noon on Holy Days)

### CONTACT US

Office 270-683-6525  
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### CATHEDRAL PRESCHOOL

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### BULLETIN INFORMATION

**Bulletin Material Deadline**  
Friday, 1:00 PM, in writing, ten days in advance of  
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### MEMBERSHIP IN PARISH

We give a hearty welcome to all new families  
moving into our parish. Please take a registration  
packet or download a registration from our  
website. Those who plan to move from our parish  
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### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Mass: Sunday 10:00 AM  
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### OUR MISSION

The Catholic Community of Saint Stephen Cathedral serves as the Mother Church for the Diocese of Owensboro to welcome, evangelize, and worship in the name of Jesus Christ.

## WE WELCOME YOU!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or returning, we are glad you are here! If you have recently changed your address, disconnected a home phone, changed cell phone numbers or email accounts, please inform the office. If you are interested in knowing more about Saint Stephen Cathedral, contact the office: 270/683-6525 or crissy.stevenson@pastoral.org. Welcome Packets are available from the parish office (please call ahead) or download a registration form from our website. *Welcome to the parish family!*

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you are in the hospital or planning to have surgery, please call the parish office. We'd love to add you to the prayer list and set up a time for you to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. When restrictions are lifted, we will again visit those in the hospital and in nursing homes. If you are not yet attending public Mass, we will be happy to bring Eucharist to your home during the week following safety guidelines.



In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

### SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

Weekly Collections : \$29,451.92  
Weekly Budget: \$21,923.00  
Weekly +/-: \$7,528.92

Month-to-Date Collections : \$50,625.92  
Month-to-Date Budget: \$43,846.00  
Month-to-Date +/-: \$6,779.92

Year-to-Date Collections : \$237,318.65  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$241,153.00  
Year-to-Date +/-: (\$3,834.35)

Haiti Earthquake Relief: \$3,770.00



### FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

Weekly & Month-to-Date Collections : \$21,174.00  
Weekly & Month-to-Date Budget: \$21,923.00  
Weekly & Month-to-Date +/-: (\$749.00)

Year-to-Date Collections : \$207,866.73  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$219,230.00  
Year-to-Date +/-: (\$11,363.27)

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## PARISH TEAM

**Pastor (Rector)**.....Fr. John M. Thomas (john.thomas@pastoral.org)  
**Parochial Vicar**.....Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN (sinoj.pynadath@pastoral.org)  
**Permanent Deacon** .....Richard Murphy (richard.murphy@pastoral.org)  
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 Sr. Jeannette Fennewald (pa@blessedsacramentchapel.org)  
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Samantha Kaai, Chair ..... 270-315-9866	LaWanna Brand (Education) .....270-684-4544	Kelsey Rhodes (Com/Family Enr).....270-316-2678
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## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### LITURGY & WORSHIP

Eucharistic Ministers	Tom & Amy Payne	270-686-7739
	Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU	270-702-0232
Lectors	Jennifer Welch	270-685-5257
Ministers of Hospitality	Donna Tarantino	270-683-6525
Altar Servers	Ross Leigh	270-316-4091
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Fr. Sinoj Pynadath HGN	270-683-6525
Children’s Liturgy	Hannah Bland	270-683-6525
Music Ministries	James Wells	270-683-6525
Art/Environment	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Sacristans	Hannah Bland	270-683-6525

### EDUCATION

Christian Initiation/RCIA	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Faith Formation		
*Children	Hannah Bland	270-683-6525
*Adults	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Youth Ministry	Karina Romero	270-683-6525
That Man Is You! (TMIY)	Rick Rhodes	270-683-6525
Sun. Scripture Sharing	Tom & Amy Payne	270-686-7739
Sponsor Couples	Donna Murphy	270-683-6525
School Board Rep	Carl Lewis	270-684-6416

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

Social Concerns Committee	Deacon Richard Murphy	270-315-7897
Cathedral Soup Kitchen	<i>Leader Needed</i>	
St. Vincent De Paul	Larry Lyon	270-316-4028
St. Benedict Shelter	Laurie Hicks	270-316-5591
Stephen Ministers	LaWanna Brand	270-852-8421
Habitat for Humanity	<i>Leader Needed</i>	
Meal-Train Ministry	Amanda Reffitt	270-570-1508

### COMMUNITY/FAMILY ENRICHMENT

Parish Photographers	Donna Duffy	270-315-1692
Card Ministry	Chrissy Kurtz	270-929-1360
Funeral Meal Coordinators	Sue Gough	270-684-9104
	Gene Lyon	270-684-3358
	Lisa Taylor	270-302-6917
Welcoming Committee	Brenda Clark	270-485-3278

### ADMINISTRATION

Finance Committee	Tom Neal	270-683-6521
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