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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, November 15 ~ Weekday

8:00am Don Scalise (Loving Family)

2:00pm School Liturgy For the Parishioners of St. Stephen Church

Tuesday, November 16 ~ Weekday

8:00am Ilona Padilla (MAJ & Mrs. Stephen Skibinski)

Laurie Bauman Kalman (Cooney & Kovacs Families)

Wednesday, November 17 ~ Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00am Janet Sheehan (Family)

Betty Dolan-Mauro (Mauro Family)

Thursday, November 18 ~ Weekday

8:00am Sophie M. Skibinski (MAJ & Mrs. Stephen Skibinski)

Jessica Melgar (Eileen Melgar)

Friday, November 19 ~ Weekday

8:00am Walter & Bernice Mytko (Niece, Barbara)

Gregory Ksepko (Family)

Saturday, November 20 ~ Weekday

4:30pm Robert LoTempio (Family)

Frank & Catherine Barron (Daughter)

Sunday, November 21 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

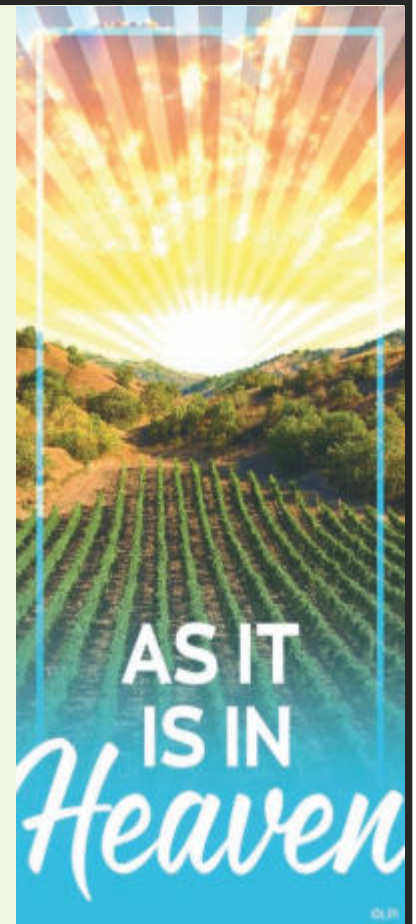
7:30am John Karl (Al, Denise & Vincent Ricotta)

9:00am Marie & Dolores Melmado (Deacon Frank Kedzielawa)

Lou Macro (Josie & Jack Young)

11:00am Rose Kud (Family)

Marion Assenza (Marie O'Hara)



The Sanctuary Lamp and Host Offerings are available upon request.

The memoriam is for a week and is a \$25 offering.

Memorials may be in memory, honor, or for the intentions of a loved one.

Please contact the rectory for assistance.



Healing a Grieving Heart- A support group for bereaved adults.

We will meet the last Tuesday of November (Nov. 30th) at 6:30 pm in the Daily Chapel - Dr. Beth Lenegan PhD, and Fr. Ray Corbin, lead the group, and this month's topic will be "When the Holidays are Not So Happy"

Keep in your Prayers.....

Kevin Beyer Jr. † Pat Fitzgerald † Susanne McMahon † Megan Johnson † Pat Muoia †

Brett Lombardo † Richard Pyc † Frank Costanzo † Bethany Dzielski † Jim Caprio † Olga Demicke †

Eveylen Strobel † Brian Fitzpatrick † Bill Appenzeller † Bill Ortiz † Maria DelSignore †

Luann Moliterno † Mary Pascucci † Pat Paolucci † Joseph Paolucci † Micheal Peters †

Maria Schnettler † Ellen DiLaura † Linda Morinello & Children † Sharon Koehler † Eleanor Rogers

And the deceased..... Daniel Stack



Fr. Chris' Corner

When you enter the seminary, I discovered that there were several books many people said were “must reads for seminarians.” I love to read so I am always open to book suggestions, but I also do not like to read fiction so some of the books remain on my shelf (sadly I never got past book three of *Chronicles of Narnia*). One of the prominent books that kept being mentioned was *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien. As I write this article I just finished *The Two Towers*, but I am confident that many of us have seen the films if not read the books. One of the reasons why this book was recommended was because J.R.R. Tolkien was a devote Catholic, and many Catholic themes show up in his book. In fact, Tolkien is one of the great writers who came out and said “yes, my faith is present in my writing” (paraphrasing). Yet, when a movie came out about his life in 2019, the film drew backlash by many reviewers because his faith was almost completely absent from the film (with the exception of one priest character).

Why do I bring this up? If someone were to direct a film about our lives, would our story be completely different if they omitted our faith. If our faith consists of only coming to Mass on Sunday, it may not change radically, but when we live out our faith, everything is different. We as disciples of Christ ought to act differently than those who have no faith. I am not saying that one has to be Catholic to be good, but think about it this way, if you believe with your heart that the God of the universe loves you and calls you into relationship so that you can be an extension of his love in the world, shouldn't you act differently than those who do not yet know God?

Are You Being Called to be a Deacon?

For men ages 35-55 there will be a “*Come and See*” meeting on **Wednesday November 17th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Retreat Center located at 217 Winston Rd., Buffalo.** You will have an opportunity to learn more about the permanent diaconate and the Formation process. Please R.S.V.P. to Deacon Howard Morgan at hmorgan@buffalodiocese.org. **Both Deacon Frank [773-3364] and Deacon Tom [329-2292] are happy to discuss the permanent diaconate with you and your spouse at any time. We welcome all questions!!**

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You St. Stephen Parishioners!

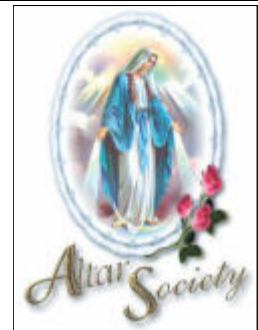
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To all of my great ladies that worked so hard for 2 weekends, baked and donated items, I can't thank you enough.

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God Bless You & Mary Love You - Jo & The Altar Society



The following are the winner of the Basket Raffle - Congratulations!

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|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| # 1 Halloween - Coleen Relifield | # 13 Money Turkey - Sandy B. |
| # 2 Hofbauer 2 - Carol O. | # 14 Religious - Karen Conboy |
| # 3 Tea for Two #1 - Jane Melstor | # 15 Crocheted Blanket - Claudia Schmitz |
| # 4 Tea for Two #2 - Cynthia Kovacs | # 16 Picture - Pat Muoio |
| # 5 Ann Klein Purse & Scarf - Olivia Wilkinson | # 17 Ciao Italia - Dawn O. |
| # 6 Belgium Waffle - Lucas Williams | # 18 Merry Christmas - Jaxon Pyc |
| # 7 Floral - Linda Koch | # 19 Fall - Claudia O'Neil |
| # 8 Frozen - M. Amico | # 20 Hofbauer 3 - Duke |
| # 9 Vintage Fire - Fran LaMonte | # 21 Coach Purse - John Domagala |
| # 10 Hofbauer 1 - Mary Tolejko | # 22 D & J Gift Card - Vince Corults |
| # 11 Paw Patrol - Deb Pawlowski | # 23 Gorgeous Glass - Deb R. |
| # 12 Wine Picnic - Kim Pressley | # 24 Gluten Free - Coleen |

Thank you for your support!

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Generations in Faith Formation

The **Enrollment Mass** for all 10th grade **Confirmation** students will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 14th at 9:00am**. **Please arrive by 8:45am** and retrieve your Confirmation pledge in the Narthex, and then sit in the front of the church with your family. The enrollment Mass is an opportunity for the faith community of St. Stephen to offer their prayers for you as you begin your journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Faith Formation office will be **closed** for walk-in assistance for the next few weeks. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Denise Ricotta at 772-2002 ext. 117 or ext. 100

Prepare ye the way for the Lord! Advent Wreath making will be held in the Hospitality Room on Saturday, November 27 at 5:30pm. Fresh greens, candles, ribbon will be available with all the materials needed to make a beautiful wreath for your family. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful beginning of the Advent Season. Free will offering.



St. Stephen's Fall Scholastic Book Fair took place on Friday, November 5. It was a huge success with over \$3,000 in book sales.

Third Grade had an enrollment Mass with Father Ray welcoming them and blessing them as they will go forward on learning about receiving Communion in May.

Life Skills classes are starting their sewing unit. Grades 3-5 are working on some winter favorites: Christmas banners, Christmas stockings, and fleece hats.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Meeting - The next monthly meeting is on Monday, November 22, in the Community Room (Library), starting at 6:30 p.m. Renewing and new members are invited to attend the monthly meetings during the activity year.

Membership - The official membership campaign will conclude in December. However, renewals and new memberships will be accepted through calendar year 2022. Please forward your \$10 dues with identifying information to the Holy Name Society, through the weekly collection or the Rectory office.

WE NEED YOU!!

Please join our small, committed Respect Life Committee when we meet every 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in St. Stephen's Library. We need your input to help us plan activities to promote respect for all human life.

Note: Instead of our regular meetings in November and December of this year, we will instead meet on Wednesday, December 1st.

Questions? Call Mark or Kathy at 773-5726.

Respect Life Committee

“His humble, unpretentious and unembarrassed acceptance of suffering was a dramatic form of witness. The pope offered the world a wonderful model for responding with grace to the test of suffering and illness. As Cardinal Ratzinger observed, John Paul II helps us realize that ‘even age has a message, and suffering a dignity and a salvific force.’”

- Pope John Paul II and Suffering



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ST. STEPHEN'S R.C. CHURCH

ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 8/31/21

Four YEAR COMPARISON

<u>INCOME SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	8/31/2018	8/31/2019	8/31/2020	8/31/2021
Churches, Rectory & Convent				
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$861,723.56	\$800,643.92	\$720,852.88	\$758,995.33
Special Collections* In & Out	\$54,679.23	\$41,109.37	\$18,870.93	\$18,828.09 *
Other Income	\$280,779.97	\$239,486.94	\$121,200.06	\$265,928.07
Upon This Rock	\$91,564.48	\$69,042.92	\$51,591.40	\$34,417.52
Pillars of the Church - On Going Drive	\$54,572.43	\$35,556.51	\$62,796.79	\$76,029.51
Religious Education/Faith Formation	\$44,376.91	\$46,736.25	\$28,459.15	\$45,510.88
School (Tuition & Fees)	\$698,678.58	\$732,409.23	\$752,586.10	\$860,921.48
School Various Additional Income	\$293,676.30	\$274,396.36	\$176,666.66	\$350,072.03
Advance Payment of Tuition & Fees	\$274,068.63	\$286,940.38	\$129,687.78	\$308,397.27
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,654,120.09	\$2,526,321.88	\$2,062,711.75	\$2,719,100.18
 <u>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</u>				
Churches(2), Rectory & Convent				
Special Collections* In & Out	\$54,679.23	\$41,109.37	\$18,870.93	\$18,828.09 *
Capital Expenditures**	\$13,035.00	\$8,793.00	\$10,086.26	\$95,126.60 **
New Church Expenses***	\$9,741.87	\$7,644.84	\$8,071.67	\$16,226.21 ***
Principal Payments New Church/Gym	\$133,049.99	\$123,129.15	\$79,247.19	\$98,520.61
Interest Payments New Church/Gym	\$13,736.21	\$9,382.04	\$5,595.22	\$2,509.01
Religious Education/Faith Formation	\$150,510.00	\$166,638.64	\$116,536.75	\$112,820.02
 School Total Program Costs	 \$1,331,119.23	 \$1,349,017.10	 \$1,169,141.10	 \$1,225,673.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$2,379,044.89	\$2,323,085.24	\$2,035,097.02	\$2,280,500.53

*The Special Collections are those taken up throughout the year and remitted directly to the specific appeals.

Various Capital improvements *Work completed in New Church

PPP Funds received this year \$301,640.45 we are awaiting decision on forgiveness

Our Parish Finance Council, Pastor, Trustees & Business Manager are pleased to provide this financial summary.

We thank our Finance Council Members for all of their efforts on behalf of the Parish.

Finance Council: Fr. Ray Corbin, Theodore Korkuc, Daniel Linenfelser, James Panepinto, Richard Sander (Trustee), Karen Sweet, Thomas Vogel, Carl Walbert (Trustee), Chester Wrotniak.

Our Parish is proud to be able to Live Stream our Masses to our Parish Family! Masses, Funerals, Weddings,

Sacramental Masses & School Liturgies! Your out of town family and those homebound can now be a part of our spiritual celebrations! We continue working to meet the challenges that COVID has presented us and they are many! The New Church Loan is PAID IN FULL!!!! We have Replaced the Shingled Roof 2nd elevation, working with Insurance we were able to have the church interior painted and repaired. We have secured 2- 75" Touch screen TV's with a \$8100 Grant from The Foundation of the Diocese for educational use. The work continues to keep our parish in great shape!

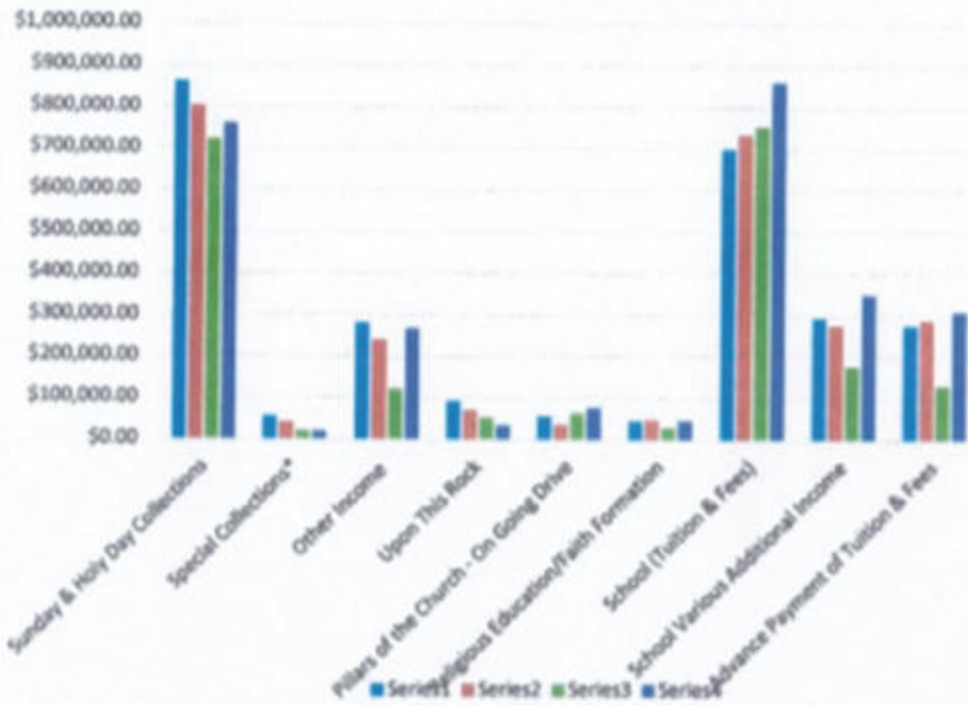
Our School is Accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools offering a full K-8 Program as well A PreK3 Program & PreK4 program, plus many extras. In person & equipped for Virtual instruction.

Our Faith Formation Program has about 450 young people, we welcomed 74 new Families, Celebrated 54 Baptisms, 75 made their First Penance, 195 were Confirmed, 12 Marriages, and 73 Parishioners went home to the Lord.

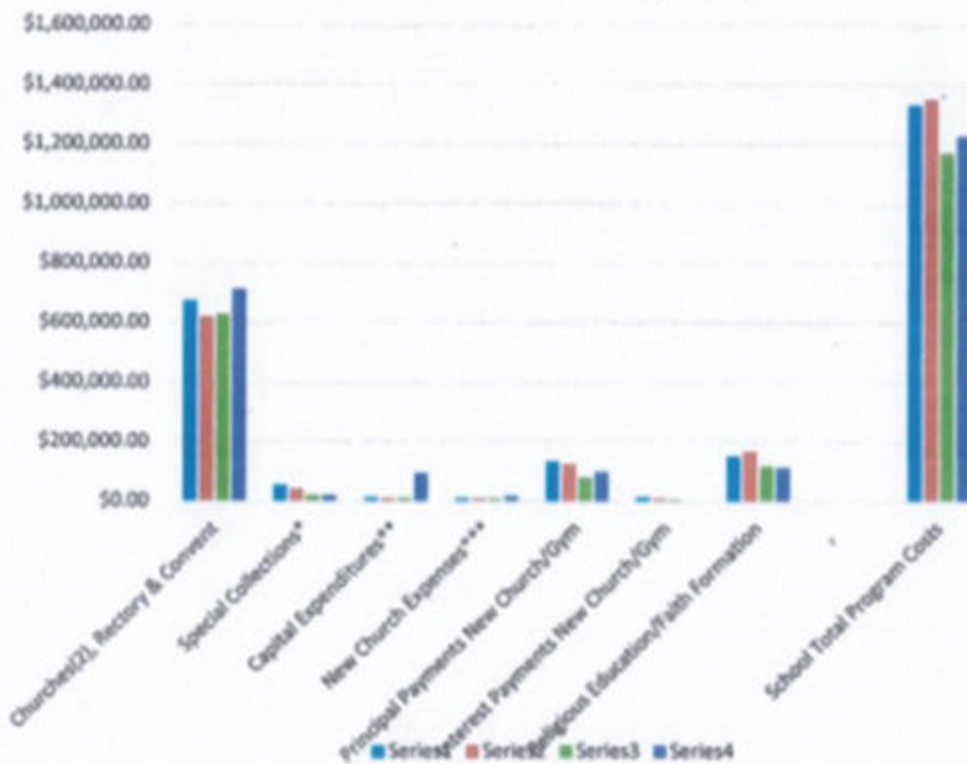
Thank you all, for all you do to make this the best parish community!

Without you, there would be no St. Stephen's

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR LAST 4 FISCAL YEARS
INCOME 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021**



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ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR LAST 4 FISCAL YEARS
Expenditures 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021**



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