

Church of St. Stephen

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All People are Welcome

Todas Personas Son Bienvenidos

Brochures about our programs & opportunities are located in the front entryway of our church. Please help yourself!

Saturday: Mass, 4:00 pm

Sunday: Mass, 11:15 am

9:00 am & 6:00 pm Misa en espanol en la iglesia

Tues.: 5:15 pm Prayer for Peace & Healing

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat., 3-3:30pm

Child care available at 9:00 & 11:15 Liturgies

All Liturgies are wheelchair accessible

Monday & Friday 8:30am—5:30pm

Tue/Wed/Thursday: 8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-11:45am

Sunday 8:30am-11:00/12:30—1:30pm

Hispanic Sacramental Minister: Fr. Vicente Miranda, 612-481-1611

Horario de la oficina: Miercoles, Jueves, Viernes, Sabado: 10am-4pm;

Exposicion del Santisimo todos los 3 viernes de cada mes. Reconciliacion en Espanol con Padre Vincente antes de o despues de la Misa 6pm.

Nota: Para bautismos, quincineras, bendiion de casas y bodas hablar con el sacerdote.

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NEXT SUNDAY: JUNE 1, NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28

Reading 2: Romans 3:21-25, 28

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27

	4:00 Liturgy	9:00 Liturgy: Misa en espanol	11:15 Liturgy
Coordinators	Barb Bluhm		Bob, Peg
Lectors	Mary T.		Heidi Ricks, Annie Strupeck
Musicians	Michelle and ML		Choir
Hospitality	Jack and Charlie		Rachel & Chad D, Bob H
Communion			Mary M, Cherylee S, Chris & Bill A, Jan S, Ginny D, Mary D, Mary E, Emma E,
Community Commentator			Jim

Today's Readings

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Reading 2: 1st Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: Gospel: John 6:51-58



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PARISH PROGRAMS

612-874-0311

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

ADMINISTRATION

612-874-0311

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Items for the bulletin must be submitted by e-mail, fax or in writing, by Wednesday, 12:00 NOON

E-mail bulletin items to: bphillips@ststephensmpls.org

FAX bulletin items to: 612-874-0313

Prayer Network (mhemlock@ststephensmpls.org)

This week we pray in the miraculous mystery of the Body of Christ. We pray in gratitude for the flesh and blood of Jesus who walked among us as a brother. We pray in gratitude for the wonder of our own bodies, especially the brand-new bodies of babies and the aging bodies of elders. We pray with all who seek healing for their bodies; community members waiting for a diagnosis and then making decisions about treatment, all who live with unpredictable illnesses and all who love them, all who seek strength of body, mind and spirit for the journey, and all who slowly will be knit back together after injury or accident, especially Julia preparing for surgery this week and Mary Ellen Foster the next week, Julia's sister suffering with shingles, Joe and Marybeth's daughter, Kate, Bob Turner, Padre Vicente's brother living with cancer, Ted Kennedy and all who live with cancer, especially the newly diagnosed. We pray with all who know physical hunger. We pray with all members of the Body of Christ who are wounded: by weapons of violence, by actions of disrespect, by words of hatred. We pray with all who know the humility of hunger and thirst. We pray in gratitude for gospel groups such as Loaves and Fishes, Second Harvest and Twelve Baskets and all the groups and individuals who take up the challenge of Jesus "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" We pray in hope for the unity among sisters and brothers of the one loaf. We pray with all who struggle to understand the message of Christ. We pray with all who seek eternal life in the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and all who are denied access to the table. We pray with the children and their families celebrating their Solemn First Communion today: Grace Aerts, Cole Lawless Keyes, Daniel Mahon Johnson, Kieran Porter, Jonah Kester, Leo Pfarr, Aaron Lawless Keyes. We pray in gratitude for wheat, grapes, farmers, bakers, vine tenders, and wine makers. We pray with all the members of the Body of Christ who suffer addictions and all who awaken each day pledging themselves to clean and sober living. We pray in gratitude for all who offer comfort and healing to our physical bodies. We pray in gratitude for the gift of life on both sides of heaven, especially for Bob Edelstein's mom, Maryanne, who has gone on to that glorious heaven where there is no pain and for Trudie in her 8th year of resurrection. We remember and pray with all who have died, whether in service to their country or as innocent bystanders, and we remember those who could not and would not kill another soul in the name of patriotism. We pray in hope that current wars will end and no new wars will begin, especially in Iran. We pray with all who strive to heal Mother Earth and make her part of the whole Body. We pray with travelers, both the willing and unwilling, especially political refugees and immigrants. We pray in gratitude for teachers, students, and all graduates. We pray in gratitude for commitments made in love, especially for the blessed marriage of Mary Deaner and Ehud Snir celebrated last Thursday. May God continue to grant them joy and peace all the days of their lives. We pray for peace. With the sick, the suffering, faithful caregivers and all who have died, we pray to our God....

Last chance to get your requests in for the next liturgical ministers schedule—by noon on Wednesday, please. Thanks, Marilaurice

Needed for the summer: A generous soul (or two) to take up the laundry responsibilities 2x's a month during June, July and August. Please let Marilaurice know if you are interested.

Flowers, grasses, and greens are welcome all spring and summer to add to the beauty of our prayer. Vases are available in the sacristy.

"That They All May be One . . ."

Last week the Church celebrated the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. Both celebrations center on the mystery of *communion*. The first reveals communion to be the inner life of God. The second celebrates how God shares that divine communion with the Church.

These two feasts are linked in a beautiful way by the high priestly prayer of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "*I pray that they all may be one, as you, Father are in me and I in you.*"

Jesus is praying for unity in the Church – the same unity enjoyed within the Trinity!

How is it possible for the Church to be one as God is one? St. Paul teaches us in today's Second Reading: "*The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.*"

Are we all at St. Stephen's partaking in the one loaf? Is our communion each Sunday a participation in the body of Christ? Or is it something else? I mentioned in the homily last week that achieving authentic *communion* of faith and love and life is the greatest challenge facing this parish. May we face this challenge earnestly and openly with the prayer of Jesus in our hearts – that we all may be one!

In the mean time, I will continue to enjoy getting to know this community. On Tuesday evening, I partook in a wonderful Italian Dinner hosted by the Alliance of the Streets. What great people and great food! (I was tempted to eat a second plate, but I didn't want to stand out.) On Wednesday, I visited the Kateri Residence during their Open House. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit. I was touched by the commitment of the staff and the courage of the residents.

May you be blessed for these fruits of your compassion,

Fr. Joseph

Dire need for bedding and personal clothing items are needed at St. Stephen's Shelter: towels, sheets, pillow cases, men's underwear, (34-42), men's socks, men's t-shirts, (M-XXL) Shelter Staff are available after 3pm, M-F, to accept donations.

The Adult Education Meeting will be moved because of the memorial day holiday. Instead, we will meet on Tuesday, May 27th at 7pm in the church basement. All are welcome to join us! FFI: Cathy at 612-874-0311, ext. 229.

Catholic Eldercare's 1101 On Main Open House in NE Mpls, Thurs., 5/29, 2-6:30pm. 612-378-8814, www.1101onmain.com.

"When Mom or Dad Needs You the Most: Caring for a Parent with Memory Loss", free educational conference, Sat. 5/31, 9am-3:30pm, U of M, 4-180 weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard St. SE. RSVP: 612-626-2485, gaug0015@umn.edu.

Please pray for those to be executed this week, their victims, and the prison staff in charge of executions, especially: Kevin Green (VA) on 5/27.

"Slavery continues to shape our lives more than a century after abolition because the link it forged between Blackness and inferiority, Blackness and subservience, Blackness and danger, has survived to this day." --Harlon L. Dalton

"Pentecost and fire are a source for the eucharist.
There is the fire of ovens,
which bakes our dough into eucharistic bread.
And there is the fire of the spirit,
which bakes our hearts into living bread."

Jeffery VanderWilt

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of '97:
(Everybody's Free to Wear Sunscreen)

Wear sunscreen.

If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long-term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists, whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience. I will dispense this advice now. Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. Oh, never mind. You will not understand the power and beauty of your youth until they've faded. But trust me, in 20 years, you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked. You are not as fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the future. Or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind, the kind that blindsides you at 4 p.m. on some idle Tuesday.

Do one thing every day that scares you.

Sing.

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts. Don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss.

Don't waste your time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch.

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40-year-olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium. Be kind to your knees. You'll miss them when they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't. Maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary. Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance. So are everybody else's.

Enjoy your body. Use it every way you can. Don't be afraid of it or of what other people think of it. It's the greatest instrument you'll ever own.

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

May Senior Outing

This month we travel to St. Paul on a spiritual journey. On the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet lies an outdoor labyrinth. A labyrinth is an ancient circular diagram found in many cultures around the world. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual act and a physical meditation that is being rediscovered during our time. Anyone from any tradition or spiritual path can walk the labyrinth and, through reflection in the present moment, can benefit. The outdoor labyrinth is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in total (walking in and out). On average it takes 20-30 minutes to walk it. There are benches available at the labyrinth as well. The staff at Carondelet Center (Wisdom Ways) provides an introduction to walking the labyrinth as well as an opportunity to process the experience afterward. We will begin our outing with lunch at the Highland Old Country Buffet.

We hope you will join us! Below are the details;

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008

Time: Gather at the Parish Center 11:00 a.m.; Return by 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00 for transportation. Lunch is Dutch Treat.

R.S.V.P. by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, at 612-874-0311

Do not read beauty magazines. They will only make you feel ugly. Get to know your parents. You never know when they'll be gone for good. Be nice to your siblings. They're your best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle, because the older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft. Travel.

Accept certain inalienable truths: Prices will rise. Politicians will philander. You, too, will get old. And when you do, you'll fantasize that when you were young, prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you have a trust fund. Maybe you'll have a wealthy spouse. But you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair or by the time you're 40 it will look 85.

Be careful whose advice you buy, but be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia. Dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen.

-Mary Schmich

"What is Success? To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people, and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a re-deemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; This is to have succeeded."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson