

## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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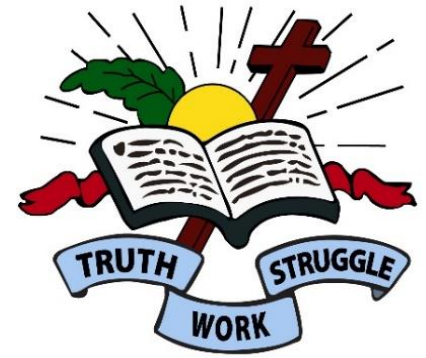
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June 28, 2020

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

Firm and fast guidelines would give us emotional security in discerning God's presence. But the Lord is all around us. How can we ignore him? It is better to be always hospitable than sometimes neglectful.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### 2 KINGS 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality given in God's Name earns a reward, but sometimes the outcome is unexpected.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

#### R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11

We are so closely identified with Christ in baptism then even now we live his risen life: dead to sin but alive for God.

#### MATTHEW 10:37-42

The cross of Jesus opposes all self-seeking. All those who follow the Lord must first think of others, not of themselves.

### ENTRANCE RITE: John 13:20; Romans 15:7

V. *Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.*

R. **Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.**

V. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**

### ALLELUIA: Sirach 33:13

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. Like clay in the hands of a potter, to be molded according to his pleasure, so are men in the hands of their Creator, to be assigned by Him their function.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward,

and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple, amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Low Mass  
9:30 AM – High Mass

**Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beatrice Sub.**

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**SUNDAY – July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**  
**Celebration of the Fourth of July**

8:00 AM – Low Mass  
9:30 AM – High Mass

**First Sunday of the month, collection for the mission work of the Church.**

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**SUNDAY – July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Low Mass  
9:30 AM – High Mass

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## Sacred Vocations Month

The Polish National Catholic Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The Polish National Catholic Church, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. Many more are needed. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may hear Him and answer His call.



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Recited together in place of the reception of the Holy Eucharist)

Most loving Jesus,  
I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

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### INTENTIONS:

#### My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Walter Schilling, John Czechowski, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Donna Schalata, Joseph Ross, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Joe Brinsko, Bernice Biroscak, Isabella Mularczyk and Stanley Sub. For the repose of the soul of Beatrice Sub. **Our Father...**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**All events are subject to review and the appropriate health and safety restrictions. Please check the website or Facebook page for updated information. Take care and stay well.**

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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### A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love, now and forever more. AMEN.

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### The Fourth of July

As we prepare to celebrate the two hundred forty fourth birthday of the greatest nation on God's Earth, let us pause to give thanks to Our Lord for this incredible gift of freedom and ask Him to bless it with peace and security. And don't forget to say a prayer for all those who give of themselves every day to keep us safe and sound, especially those in the armed forces and our brave first responders.