



November 14, 2021

Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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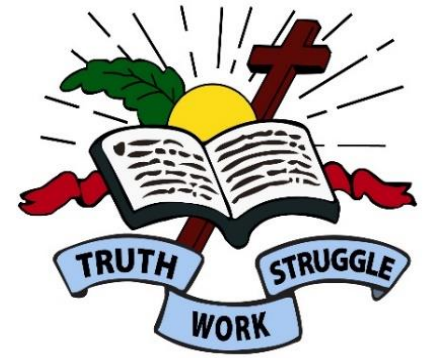
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Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

We speak of *the end* of the world, but Jesus really means its *goal*. We are going somewhere. When the Lord comes again, he will gather his faithful into the kingdom. That is the destiny to which we reach out in hope.

About Today's Bible Readings

DANIEL 12:1-3

In the few centuries before the coming of Christ, the Jewish people, oppressed and colonized, took comfort from promises of deliverance like the one in this prophecy.

Responsorial Psalm: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!

HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

The end has already happened! Jesus, our great high priest, has redeemed us, and we now work that redemption out in our lives.

MARK 13:24-32

The end is certain, says Jesus, but do not waste time on its timing. Simply "try to be in that number when the saints go marching in".

ENTRANCE RITE: 1 Corinthians 15:41-42

V. The brightness of the sun is one kind, the brightness of the moon another, and the brightness of the stars another. For star differs from star in brightness.

R. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.

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: Matthew 24:21

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near.

In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

SUNDAY – November 14th 33rd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – November 21st Solemnity – Christ the King

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – November 28th First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Mass
9:30 AM – Holy Mass

ADVENT!

Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. It is also the start of a new church or liturgical year, Cycle "C" during which the Gospel readings each Sunday will primarily focus on the Gospel according to Saint Luke. Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please resolve to spend a few minutes each day in prayer and reflection so that you may truly appreciate God's great gift to His people, Eternal Life in the form of the Baby Jesus.

Christian Generosity

And let's not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to, please be a part of the Angel Tree Project to benefit the elderly or shut in of our community. The tree is set up in the fellowship hall. Please take a tag from it and fulfil the gift requested. Return the gift to the auxiliary office in the upstairs of the Annex and we will see that it gets to the individual that made the request. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.

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 Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig and Riley Rejniak. Let us Pray: **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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Monday, November 15th; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, November 17th; The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. Since we are between books, this meeting will take the format of an Adult Forum or Discussion Round Table. Our topic, hosted by Father Senior Donald will be the Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, November 20th; Polish Food Sale. 9:00 AM until sold out. Tell your friends.

Sunday, November 21st; Monthly Parish Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, December 5th; Confirmation and First Holy Communion. One Mass at 10:00AM. Please join us to welcome The Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the PNCC, who will celebrate mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to Skye Sadowski. Scarlett Sadowski will receive First Holy Communion.

Monday, December 6th; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library.

Tuesday, December 7th; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, December 11th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00PM.

Sunday, November 12th; The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will meet in the library at 11:00 AM. All of the ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, December 12th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous Egg Sandwich Sales after each Mass. PLUS – a special guest appearance by St. Nick!

Saturday, December 18th; Parish Christmas Party – from 1:00PM until whenever. Refreshments, songs and other fun and exciting Christmas related revelry.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022; Saint Stephen's Annual Picnic returns! From 10:00AM until whenever at Saint Benedict's Picnic Grove in Mohnton. We have a band, a beer wagon and of course, great Polish Food. The picnic has been sorely missed the past few years by almost everyone, parishioner and non-parishioner alike so let's get behind the Picnic Committee and volunteer to help when the time comes in order to make the return of the Picnic a rousing success.

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For the months of October, November and December all of the donations to the Little White Church will be used to help the less blessed of our community as the winter and holiday seasons come upon us. These donations will be used for heating assistance and other such necessities.