



Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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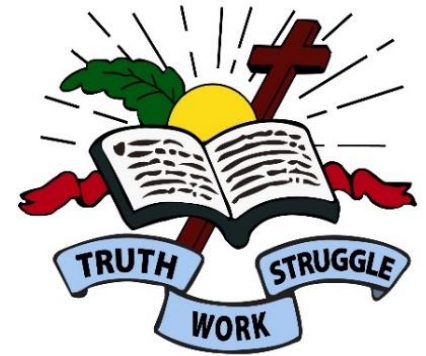
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Third Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

God sends us pastors, distinguished only by their calling and the gifts God bestows. In spite of their humanness, even because of it! These servants of the Gospel strive to give us a glimpse of God's kingdom.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 8:23 – 9:3

The coming of the messiah will mean joy and freedom for those who patiently await deliverance.

PSALM 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13, 17

To a divided church, Paul proclaims the source of Christian Unity: Jesus Christ. There is only *one* gospel, the gospel of Christ.

MATTHEW 4:12-23

The Lord begins his public ministry with a proclamation of the approach of the kingdom. He summons followers to join him in his mission.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 27:1

V. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom do I fear?

R. The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom am I afraid?

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 – Psalm 126:3

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord had done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY - January 22rd

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kevin Austin Grossman offered by Kevin Grossman.

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 29th

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

Music Scholarship Sunday

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – February 5th

**1st Sunday of Pre-Lent
Septuagesima**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Pre-Lent

The Liturgical Season of Pre-Lent, sometimes referred to as Shrovetide, begins on February 5th as we celebrate Septuagesima Sunday. The PNCC continues to observe this season although other rites have abandoned it. It is marked by the use of Rose colored vestments and a period of merrymaking including Mardi Gras before the solemn observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on February 22nd this year.

Koleda – Blessing of Homes

To Have Fr. Sr. Donald bless your home this season, please sign the sheet in the vestibule with your name, phone number and best time of day and he will contact you to make arrangements.

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us after each Mass in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. For a small donation, have a cup of coffee, a donut and some Christian Fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new ones.

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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lisha Rowe, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk,,Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. For the repose of the souls of Kevin Austin Grossman and Courtney Pierce. **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 29th; Annual Parish Membership Meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I urge every member of Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish to attend this important meeting. Many issues vital to the health and success of our parish will be discussed and decided upon. The key to success in any democratically oriented organization is in the participation of the membership. Our parish is facing many challenges and your thoughts and ideas on how to solve them are of the utmost importance. Please plan to attend, engage and to elect or volunteer to be elected representatives to the various offices and positions in our parish for the upcoming terms. Our ancestors fought for this right when they founded the Polish National Catholic Church one hundred and twenty four years ago. Please respect it and make use of it by attending and participating. To participate online via TEAMS, please email Fr. Sr. Donald no later than Wednesday, January 25th.

Sunday, January 29th; The ANS (Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament) will be selling their famous POT PIE after the Annual Meeting. Quarts to go only for \$10.00 each.

Tuesday, February 7th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members. The Fundraising Committee will meet as well in conjunction with the YMS of R.

Wednesday, February 8th; The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Sunday, February 12th; The ANS will meet after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, February 19th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend.

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

NEW YEAR

I would like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the Annual Meeting. If you have not already done so, please see to it that your yearly dues are paid up to date. And be sure to pick up your donation envelopes for 2023. They are in the Library.

UKRAINIAN RELIEF DONATIONS

The deadline for Ukrainian Relief Donations will be Sunday, January 22nd. Please be sure to have your donations here by then and leave them in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the door near the stage. Please contact Tom Schalata for more details.
