



## Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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## Fifth Sunday – Ordinary Time

### A Sabbath Thought

What's in a name? Our personal names are not only for identification but are also for vocation. We can be called because God knows who we are, by name. God's knowledge of us then becomes our own.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### ISAIAH 6:1-2a, 3-8

In an encounter with the living God, the prophet Isaiah discovers two things: he is saved, and he is called.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

In assuring the Corinthians of the Gospel he preached to them, Paul also outlines the reality of his vocation. God called him from being an enemy of Christ and made him his chief promoter.

#### LUKE 5:1-11

Like the prophet Isaiah, Peter finds that a meeting with God in the person of Jesus brings personal revelation and professional vocation.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 95:6-7

*V. Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.*

**R. For this is our God, whose people we are, God's well-intended flock.**

*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 – 2 Samuel 22:50

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

*V. Therefore will I proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.*

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

### THE GOSPEL – Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. **This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Septuagesima**

*Oath of Office administered to  
newly elected Parish Officers  
during the 9:30 Mass.*

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Sexagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**SUNDAY – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Quinquagesima**

**8:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**9:30 AM – HOLY MASS**

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**WEDNESDAY – March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
LENT BEGINS**

*Blessing and distribution  
of ashes to the faithful*

**9:00 AM – HOLY MASS**

**7:00 PM – HOLY MASS**

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## PRE-LENT

The Season of Pre-Lent, sometimes referred to as Shrovetide, begins next Sunday 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 this year falls on the fifth of March.

## INTENTIONS:

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, Sharon Fitzwater, 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, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Michael Lucas, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman, Dr. Brandon Ishaque, John Halecky III, Jer and Tim Checket, Leina Jean Meier, Cassidy Durante and Dre Curto. For the repose of the soul of Frank Grossman. **Our Father....**

**If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**; YMS of R Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Free pizza. All men of the parish, of any age, are encouraged to attend and to join.

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

**Sunday, February 16**; the ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!**

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## NEW PICNIC TABLE DRIVE

The YMS of R is asking for donations to purchase new, lightweight, plastic, folding tables for use during the Annual Picnic. Our old, existing tables are wooden and quite heavy to move from the church to the picnic grounds and back, plus this is damaging them in the process. It is proposed to purchase about twenty new tables at a cost of approximately \$85.00 each. Donations, if made in cash, should be placed in a separate envelope marked "YMS of R Table Drive" and checks should be made Payable to "St, Stephens YMS of R" and noted for Table Drive. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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## KOLEDA - BLESSING OF HOMES

Fr. Sr. Donald will be blessing homes during this Season of Epiphany. Please print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to have this done. Or, simply call him at 610-775-4559 to set up a time and date.

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## PIEROGI MAKING

The Picnic Committee has established tentative dates for pierogi-making. They are as follows: March 14 & 15, March 28 & 29 (Potato); April 11 & 12 (Potato); April 25 & 26 Cheese); May 9 & 10 (Cheese), May 30-31 (Cheese); Sauerkraut- to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule for volunteers.

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## YMS OF R ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The PNCC/WMS of R will hold its annual Bowling Tournament on May 16 – 18, 2025 in Hamtramck, Michigan. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule. For details on how to sign up, please contact Father Senior Donald.

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for Fellowship in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for donuts being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.