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## Exciting Changes Ahead for Faith Formation, including a Name Change: Faith Formation is now Faith for Life!

The new academic year brings with it a few changes in our Faith Formation Ministries here at St. Stephen. We have a **new director, Meredith Toweh**, who comes to us with much experience and knowledge and loves her Catholic faith. Also, **the name of Faith Formation is changing to "Faith for Life."** This change is to bring awareness that faith is a lifelong encounter with Jesus Christ that hopefully will last all throughout our life.

Our faith journey does not end after we receive our sacraments. On the contrary, our sacramental life is just the beginning, which hopefully leads us to conversion and a relationship with Jesus. Faith for Life consists of all our catechetical, theological and sacramental ministries as well as outreach, service, evangelization, vocations, stewardship, and Catholic education, along with youth ministry, just to name a few.

The Faith for Life team is looking forward to ministering with you and your family. They have been working hard over the summer to ensure that all our children, teens, families and volunteers encounter Jesus once again this year. So, **if you have not yet registered your children and/or youth for catechism or youth ministry we invite you to do so.** You may register on line ([ststephenchurch.org/faith-formation/](http://ststephenchurch.org/faith-formation/)) or use the paper forms located around the building or download a form from the website. For those of you who have registered, we are so excited to have your family back with us.

Please note, our Tuesday sessions begin September 18, 6:15-7:30 p.m. (parent/guardian meeting while children

are in session) and our Wednesday sessions begin September 19, 6:15-7:30 p.m. (parent/guardian meeting while children are in session). Our Sunday School sessions begin September 23, 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Year I and Year II sessions start September 23, 7:15-8:30 p.m. (parent/guardian meeting while youth are in session).

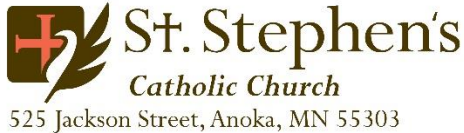
**We invite you to join us next Sunday, September 16 for Catechetical Sunday for the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We will be recognizing and commissioning all of our Faith for Life catechists and our Catholic school teachers.

Special prayers and petitions will also be offered up for all of our families in our parish and school.

**Following all Masses we will have an Open House in the Faith Community Center with our Faith for Life staff and catechists.** This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to meet the staff and volunteers.

Thank you for continuing the promises you made at your child's baptism to raise them in the faith! We are here to support you and to walk this journey of faith with you and your family. We would also like to ask for you to prayerfully consider volunteering in our Faith for Life ministries. We are in need of more teachers, classroom aides, hall monitors, office workers, hospitality, childcare and most importantly, continued prayers for all those involved in this vital ministry. If you feel called to volunteer in any capacity or have any questions, please contact Meredith Toweh at 763-712-7439 or at [mtoweh@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:mtoweh@ststephenchurch.org). Training and support are available to all our volunteers.





September 6, 2018

Good people of St. Stephen:

I, like you, find myself deeply disturbed by what is happening in our Church. In my prayers and consultation with parishioners and staff, I asked the question: what can we do in response? The two things that I can do are pray and do penance and I invite you to join me.

On Friday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, I will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel as we usually do. Following Mass, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and I invite you to come and pray. I also invite all of us to offer some form of penance or fast that day. We will conclude this period of prayer and penance with the celebration of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 15, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

We lift up our prayers and penance for the healing of survivors of sexual abuse, reparation for the sins of clergy and the restoration of hope for our Church. While I hope that many of the horrific revelations are behind us, I am sure there will continue to be revelations of past sins around our country and the world. I pray that we as Church and individuals can find God through our wounds. We offer prayers and penance on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross as a reminder that from the immense suffering of the Cross came redemption and new life for the world. We will offer penance for the failure of some bishops to act appropriately to protect young people and who have failed in reflecting the holiness and integrity demanded by Jesus. We ask for the intercession of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede on behalf of her suffering children.

All throughout this period, the chapel will remain open. (Please enter the building through the door that has the signs "2" and "Chapel Entrance" on the brick wall outside the door – the entrance that is closest to the chapel at the southwest end of the building.) You are invited to pray for a few minutes or for many hours. I would welcome your presence as we do the only things that we can do in the face of evil: pray and fast.

Possible schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary  
12:00 p.m. Angelus  
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
6:00 p.m. Angelus and Evening Prayer  
9:00 p.m. Night Prayer

12:00 a.m. Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary  
3:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet  
6:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
7:30 a.m. Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Peace,

Fr. Bennet Tran, Pastor

## Meet Our New Liturgy Coordinator



Welcome to Emily Smithley, St. Stephen's new Liturgy Coordinator. She is originally from Winona, MN, where she stayed until she moved to St. Paul to attend the University of St. Thomas. She graduated in 2014 with majors in Music and Catholic Studies. While there she met her husband, Phil, and they married in 2015. They moved to Anoka last October and had their first baby girl, Lola, in January.

Emily has been a part of church music choirs and ensembles since she was in eighth grade. During her time in college, she interned at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona as an assistant administrator, and worked in Campus Ministry at St. Thomas as a Music Ministry Coordinator and Liturgical Assistant. Emily was also a part of the St. Thomas Wind Ensemble (flute) and the Liturgical Choir. She spent a year working for the Ordway as an usher and the last three years working in Delano at the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe as the Liturgical Administrator.

Emily is very excited to continue working for the Church and for Christ. She's even more excited to begin a new journey with everyone at St. Stephen's. Please feel free to introduce yourselves and chat with her whenever you see her around. She looks forward to getting to know the parishioners of St. Stephen!

## Vocations Committee Meets Thursday *Fr. Matthew Quail*

Dear friends in Christ, our Vocations Committee will be meeting again Thursday, **September 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the Romero Room. This is a group where we meet to pray, discuss, and learn about the reality of being either a priest or a religious sister or brother. All vocations start with prayer, are nurtured with prayer, and our goal of the group is to support these courageous men and women in their calling with our prayers. We usually have a current seminarian come and share his vocation story so that we can meet and encourage real life men and women who are pursuing their call. Please feel free to invite a family member or friend who may be interested in either praying for vocations or considering a possible vocation to the priesthood or religious life. If you have any questions, please contact me at [mquail@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:mquail@ststephenchurch.org) or 763-712-7421.

## Follow St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Facebook!



There is a link to the Facebook page on our parish website: [www.ststephenchurch.org](http://www.ststephenchurch.org). Keep up to date with all the latest news from the parish and the Church universal. We are posting current events, prayers, links to other great sites and more!

## Parish Directory

### PARISH OFFICE 763-421-2471

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## Need Prayer?

The Church of St. Stephen Intercessory Prayer Group will pray for any of your needs: health, financial, marital, spiritual. All requests are confidential. If you have a prayer request, please call Dolores, 763-421-0612 or Lori 763-244-4803.

The Church of St. Stephen is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

### Priest Staff

Fr. Bennet Tran, Pastor  
Fr. Matthew Quail, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Matt Shireman, Parochial Vicar

### Deacons

Peter Bednarczyk  
Charles Waugh  
Ramón García

## Gospel Meditation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©Liturgical Publications Inc

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."



In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!" Immediately the man's ears were opened, his

speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

## Baptism Preparation

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to register as members of our parish, attend the Baptism Theology Class, and participate in an informal gathering with one of our Baptism Support Couples. Parents must also provide a copy of their child's birth certificate prior to the Baptism celebration.

The next Baptism Class is **September 10** at 7:00 p.m. in The Refuge. Please call the parish office at 763-421-2471 to register.

## Baptisms

We welcomed the following child into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism **September 2:**

**Bentley John Dwyer**, child of Daniel and Jessica Dwyer

## MASS Intentions

### Monday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Martyr Campion +

### Wednesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Ralph Brake +

### Thursday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Georgianna Perso +

### Friday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Mike Solarz +

### Saturday, September 15

8:00 a.m. Douglas Siedschlag +  
5:00 p.m. Marie Van Horrick +

### Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m. St. Stephen's Parish  
10:30 a.m. Evelyn I. Bauer +  
12:30 p.m. James Skyler Gish Sr. +  
6:00 p.m. Fred Cross +

## Presider Schedule

### Weekend of September 15/16, 2018

**5:00 p.m.** Fr. Matthew Quail  
Amanda Haberman  
Accompanist - Barb LeCuyer

**8:30 a.m.** Fr. Matthew Quail  
Jennifer Hevern  
Accompanist - Marie Tomala

**10:30 a.m.** Fr. Bennet Tran  
Psalm 100  
Accompanist - Nancy Furch

**12:30 p.m.** (Spanish) Fr. Matthew Quail  
Corazon Mariano

**6:00 p.m.** Fr. Bennet Tran  
Jennie Koch  
Accompanist - Nancy Furch

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a  
and 9b [cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12,  
14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3,  
13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37,  
38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-  
18 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



## Women of Wonder

September 11

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Childcare is available.

Join us for conversation and refreshments in The Refuge!

## “Summit” Lectionary Discipleship Group for High School Students

Do you ever struggle to find a personal connection to scripture in your life? Are you curious how the scripture we read in Mass connects with the world around us? Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join SSYM (St. Stephen’s Youth Ministries) in breaking open the weekly scripture.

When: **Sundays, 5:15-5:45 p.m. beginning September 9**

Where: The Refuge

There is no cost, but registration is required. To register, contact Katie Kelly at [kkelly@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:kkelly@ststephenchurch.org).

## Join Us for Alpha!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. NO pressure. NO follow-up. NO CHARGE! It’s FREE!

Alpha runs in churches, coffee shops and in homes all over the world. Typically, Alpha has around 10-11 sessions. Alpha will include FOOD, a short talk, and time at the end where you can share your thoughts.

We will be offering Alpha on **Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m., September 26 through December 19** (no sessions October 17 or 31, November 21). You are also invited to bring a friend or two and they don’t have to be Catholic to join Alpha...ALL ARE WELCOME!

Check out [www.alphausa.org/catholic](http://www.alphausa.org/catholic) for more information.

**You can sign up for Alpha after Masses next Sunday, September 16 at the Faith for Life Open House in the Faith Community Center.**



explore

life  
faith  
meaning

You’re invited to

**Try Alpha**

Wednesdays beginning  
September 26  
6:15 p.m. in FCC 10

Alpha

## Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for September

Each month the Anoka Knights of Columbus choose a family that models Christian family values and visibly live by them every day. The family chosen for September 2018 is the Tim and Rheanna M. family from Coon Rapids.



Tim and Rheanna have been members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church since 2007. The two have been married for almost 12 years, starting their relationship as high school sweethearts. They have four children and together they are a very close family that often can be seen playing together, praying together and showing concern for each other's well-being.

The family enjoys camping, experiencing nature and getting wet, but one of their favorite activities is visiting ice cream shops in the area. Tim and Rheanna place a priority on Sunday as a time to attend Mass with extended family members and welcoming grandparents and great-grandparents into their home to enjoy Sunday dinner and each other's company.

Both Tim and Rheanna are active in parish life. Together they are sponsors for engaged couples seeking matrimony and they volunteer for the Fall Fest for Education. Tim participates in and occasionally leads the Sunday evening Men's Group and is a regularly-scheduled eucharistic adorer. Rheanna has been a middle school catechist, organized several women's retreats to Pacem in Terris, helped organize and present at the Women's Morning of Reflection retreat and is a member of the parish Strategic Plan Implementation Team. She is also one of the founders of the women's small group.

## Women of Wonder Desserts Social

Women of the parish are invited to a casual gathering Thursday, **September 20**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in The Refuge. Please bring a dessert to share (homemade or purchased, whichever works best for you). Beverages will be provided. Bring a friend and enjoy socializing with other women of the parish.



## Enroll with Confidence

From pre-school through eighth grade, St. Stephen's School offers a quality faith-based Catholic Education. Come join our family of believers. All are welcome! To enroll, please call the school office at 763-421-3236.

## Wanted: Before and After School Care Provider

Do you enjoy children?

Do you like to play games or help with homework?

Are you safety minded and a team player?

Hours and days are flexible!

B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enrichment) is seeking care providers.

Hours: 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.; 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Please email or call Mary Schaeppi, Coordinator of B.A.S.E., at [mschaepi@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:mschaepi@ststephenchurch.org); 763-712-7453.

SSYM MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

# Verge Night!

GROW CLOSER TO GOD, BUILD COMMUNITY AND HAVE A TON OF FUN AT MIDDLE SCHOOL VERGE NIGHTS! OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8

TUESDAYS, 6:30-7:45 PM, THE REFUGE

9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/5, 4/9, 5/14

QUESTIONS? KATIE KELLY, [KKELLY@STSTEPHENCHURCH.ORG](mailto:KKELLY@STSTEPHENCHURCH.ORG)

## A Reflection

*The eyes of the blind will be opened.  
The ears of the deaf will be cleared (Is 35:5).  
...the man's ears were opened,  
his speech impediment was removed,  
he spoke plainly (Mark 7:35).*  
Lord, open our eyes. Open our ears.  
Help us to see and hear correctly  
so that we may speak clearly.

## Life Matters Meets Monday

Join us as we meet on Monday, **September 10**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Archbishop Romero room. We will be planning for our Respect Life Weekend on October 13-14 (mark your calendar!). We need volunteers on that weekend in many areas. Please contact Michele (763-862-0088) or Robin Taaffe (763-421-0333) to sign up. All are welcome!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Friday

This ministry is one which extends God's love to others through meditation and prayer while knitting or crocheting. Shawls are given in times of illness or grieving, as well as during times of joy (pregnancy, adoption) or celebration (nursing mom, recovery and rehabilitation, special anniversary or birthday, etc.).

We will meet Friday, **September 14** at noon in the Archbishop Romero Room. We warmly invite new members!

If you know of an individual who would be comforted by a shawl, please contact the parish office at 763-421-2471. All names are kept confidential.



## Please Pray for...

Susie Abbott	Alyce Kowal
Michael Abbott	Melissa Koscisko
Lynn Aker	Charlie LaDue
Jo Alexander	Amy Lametti
Barb and Ralph Altenweg	Jeanette Lashinski
Marie Amberg	Michael Lehn
Rosie and Monico Ancheta	Owen Lester
Casanova Antonia	Patti LeTourneau
Babineau Family	Vernon and Jane Lieser
Paul and Madelyne Bauer	Joelle Lilly
Patrick Baisley	Rita Lindenfesler
Rob and Kari Berg family	Ellie Linn
Harlen Beyer	Dolores Martinson
Anne Blue	Patrick McCarty
Jeffery Blue	Nancy McKnight
Marjorie Bragelman	Ed Melnarik
Helen Breyen	Elissa Merritt
Julie Bright	Janelle Merritt
Kenneth Bright	Madisyn Mevissen
Sheila Brisbin	Fred Moody
Deborah Burkhardt-Cotter	Jeff and Kelly Nelson family
Harold Burkhardt Jr.	Vonna Nelson
Theresa Burns	Brandon Newman
Dorothy Carver	Bruce Novak
Dorothy Chouinard	Bruce O'Connor
Judy Chouinard	Jerry Odash
Theresa Collins	Kerry Offerdahl
Shane Cotter Jr.	Mary Olson
Linda Czech	Tom Olson
Helen David	William Olson
Lorrie Davis	Al and Dianne Parent
Betty Dehn	Doug Pastorek
Aeryn DeKrey	Lucille Patchen
Samantha Rose DeLapp	Emily Perrin
Rosemary Donnette	Bernadine Philllips
Barb Dryden	Karen Piepho
Jami Ducharme	Gavin Pierson
Richard and Roslyn Duclos	Marge Pinewski
Miriam Duerr	Russ Radloff
Barb Dvork	Rick Rajtar
Jeff Eickhoff	Dale and Renee Reed
Rachel Aykens Elliot	Linda Renstrom
Gary Engels	Barbara Rivard
Christopher Ferron	Gary Rose
Sr. Catherine Fiegen	Arnold Rudenick
Liam Fields	Tyler Ruppelius
Richard Fillmore	Mary Ann Ruud
David Fix	Angela Sandok
Jean Fleetwood	Lynn Schaust
Jeff Fox	Matt Schaust
Leslie Frieling	Dean Schenk
Sherry Goldenstein	Tom Schinn
Mila Gonser-McGill	Dori Schyma
John Goodman	Eileen Scott
Cullen Groff	Millie Sigfrid
Diane Grorud	Steve Sigfrid
Tyler Guimont	Betty Sjoquist
Guthrie Family	Vera Snapko
Don Haller	Molly Spang
Susan Hamilton	Missy Spoehr
Greg Harm	Helen Stege
Cody Harmon	Paula Steigauf
Mary Heie	Kathy Steinke
J.C. and E.L.P. Hernandez	Hope Stewart
Jane Herr	Karen Swanson
Nicholas Herr	Lorraine Theisen
Richard Hoelscher	Margie Tiernan
John Hogan	Kevin Tice
Evelyn Holthus	Brenda Trombley
Matthew Holtz	Nancy Tull
Marie Doris Hovind	Mary Kay Tyminski
Tatiana Huele	Jackie Vierling
Katy James	Janet Vittitow
Steve Jankowski	Ruby Volk
Eileen Jansen	Jeanna Wanczykiv
Kathryn Jost	Bill Ward
Gladys Kascht	Jack Louis Weinmann
Tammie Kaslow	Valerie Weitzke
Kate Kempston	Jackie Wellman
Diane Ketz	Colleen Wernimont
Justin Ketz	Mary Wilkerson
Bill Keyes	Alice Zappa
Jeremy Kletzin	Dennis Zinda
Johnny Klisch	
Tom Kobelinski	

## Morning Mass Hospitality is Tuesday, September 11

Join fellow daily Mass attendees for hospitality in the FCC **following the 8:00 a.m. Mass** the second Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office (763-421-2471) to leave a message for the hospitality coordinators.

## Stewardship Reflection

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.



# Stewardship

AT ST. STEPHEN'S *- a way of life*

*Seek, Love, and Serve Jesus Christ*

## Anoka-Champlin Meals on Wheels (Impact Services) In Need of Drivers

Anoka-Champlin Meals on Wheels (Impact Services) continues to serve the elderly and homebound with daily hot meals prepared at Mercy Hospital and delivered by volunteer drivers from area churches. There are individuals in our community that are in need of a nutritious noon time meal, as well as a wellness check-in from a caring neighbor. Impact Services provides that meal and check-in Monday through Friday each week for neighbors in need. The neighbors we serve are senior citizens, adults with physical disabilities or mental health issues, recovering from surgery, or otherwise homebound. Our goal is to provide those in our community at nutritional risk with a warm meal and visit from a caring volunteer.

In order to provide this service, we need more drivers. Our parish volunteers drive once every six weeks. Peggy Johnson is the current St. Stephen's driver coordinator. If interested in becoming a driver, please call Peggy at 763-323-3228. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve those in need!

## Out and About

**Fall Festival September 16**, 11:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. at **St. Andrew's Church in Elk River**. Food court, games, bingo, cake walk, Farmer's Market, live music, grand raffle with a Kia Forte or \$10,000 cash as the grand prize.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 10

**Church Cleaners:** Church/Chapel/FCC 6, 8:30 a.m.

**Stephens' Readers Book Club:** Arch. Romero Room, 1:00 p.m.

**Men's Group:** St. Paul Room, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 11

**Morning Mass Hospitality:** FCC 1-3, 8:30 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 12

**WHO (We Help Others) Group:** Archbishop Romero Room, 8:30 a.m.

**Men's Group:** St. Paul Room, 6:30 p.m.

**Reconciliation:** Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

**H.S. Youth Group:** The Refuge, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, September 13

**Men's Group:** The Refuge, 6:45 a.m.

**Bible Study:** The Refuge, 8:45 a.m.

**Wedding Workshop II (call 763-421-2471 to register):** St. Paul Room, 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, September 14

### Saturday, September 15

**Reconciliation:** Chapel, 3:30 p.m.

**Family Table Meal:** FCC 6-9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 16

**RCIA:** The Refuge, 9:45 a.m.

**Baptisms:** Church, 2:30 p.m.

**Summit Discipleship Group:** The Refuge, 5:15 p.m.

**Men's Group:** St. Paul Room, 7:00 p.m.

**Intercessory Prayer Group:** Bride's Room, 7:00 p.m.

## WOMENSOURCE

## Eighth Annual "Life is a Journey" Gala

WomenSource's gala is set for Thursday, **September 20** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sundance Golf Course in Maple Grove. It will be an evening to remember as we hear real-life Journeys of the women and families we serve. Enjoy an evening of good food, great company and memories to be made. Tickets are only \$55 and can be purchased on line at [women-source.org](http://women-source.org) or call to purchase tickets at 763-208-0076.



## Conozcan a Nuestra Coordinadora Nueva de La Liturgia



Bienvenida a Emily Smithley, la nueva coordinadora de la liturgia, de San Esteban. Ella es de Winona, MN, originalmente, donde vivía hasta mudarse a St. Paul, para asistir a La Universidad de Santo Tomás. Se graduó en 2014, con títulos en Música y en Los Estudios Católicos. Mientras estudiaba en la universidad, conoció a su esposo, Phil, y ellos se casaron en 2014. Se mudaron a Anoka en octubre del año pasado, y tuvieron a una bebé, Lola, en enero.

Emily ha sido parte de los coros litúrgicos de las iglesias desde que estaba en el octavo grado. Durante su tiempo en la universidad, ella sirvió en la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón en Winona, como administradora asistente, y trabajaba en el Ministerio de La Universidad, como Coordinadora de Música y Asistente de la Liturgia. Además, Emily formaba parte del grupo "St. Thomas Wind Ensemble", tocando la flauta, y participaba en el Coro Litúrgico. Ella trabajó por un año en el Teatro Ordway, como ujier, y en los últimos tres años trabajando en Delano, MN en la parroquia de St. Maximilian Kolbe, como la administradora de la liturgia.

Emily está muy emocionada a continuar trabajando para La Iglesia, y para Cristo. Ella está aún más emocionada a comenzar su jornada nueva en San Esteban. Con confianza, preséntense con ella-tiene ganas de conocer a los feligreses de San Esteban.

## Bienvenidos

### MISA DOMINICAL

**En Español todos los Domingos a las 12:30 p.m.**

Horario de Oficinas en Español:  
con el Diácono:

Domingo y Martes  
de 10:30 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Miércoles, Jueves y Viernes:  
de 1:30 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Sábados: de 11:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Tel. 763-712-7482

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### Iglesia de San Esteban

Oficina Parroquial en Inglés:

Tel. 763-421-2471

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Padre Bennet Tran

Pastor Asociado  
Padre Mateo Quail  
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Información para la preparación  
Sacramental:

Bautismos, Primera Comunión,  
Reconciliación, Confirmación  
Matrimonios y celebraciones  
para Quinceañera

23<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

## CURADO

El lo apartó a un lado de la gente,  
le metió los dedos en los oídos  
y le tocó la lengua con saliva.

Después, mirando al cielo,  
suspiró y le dijo: "¡Effetá!" (que  
quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). - Mc 7, 33-34



## Lecturas de La Semana

**Domingo:** Is 35, 4-7/Sal 146, 7. 8-9. 9-10 [1]/Sant 2, 1-5/Mc 7, 31-37

**Lunes:** 1 Cor 5, 1-8/Sal 5. 5-6. 7. 12 [9]/Lc 6, 6-11

**Martes:** 1 Cor 6, 1-11/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Lc 6, 12-19

**Miércoles:** 1 Cor 7, 25-31/Sal 45, 11-12. 14-15. 16-17 [11]/Lc 6, 20-26

**Jueves:** 1 Cor 8, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 139, 1-3. 13-14. 23-24 [24]/Lc 6, 27-38

**Viernes:** Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 78, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38 [cfr. 7]/Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17

**Sábado:** 1 Cor 10, 14-22/Sal 116, 12-13. 17-18 [17]/Jn 19, 25-27 o Lc 2, 33-35

**Proximo Domingo:** Is 50, 5-9/Sal 116, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 [9]/Sant 2, 14-18/Mc 8, 27-35

## Pláticas Bautismales

Las pláticas pre-bautismales se toman el primer sábado de cada mes. Llamar a la parroquia para llenar la registración para confirmar la fecha de su asistencia para la plática del bautismo.

1. La celebración del Bautizo son los domingos dentro de la misa de las 12:30 pm, o el tercer o cuarto sábado del mes a las 10:30 am.

2. En la Iglesia de St. Stephen no hay cuota para el sacramento del bautismo.

3. Las pláticas las tomarán **papás y padrinos**. Se recomienda que si los padres no están casados por la Iglesia Católica al menos los **Padrinos** si lo estén, o ser totalmente **solteros**, sin estar convivendo con ninguna otra persona. Los padrinos **tienen que ser católicos**.

4. Las pláticas bautismales son los sábados (llamar para las fechas exactas del mes), de 11:00 am a 1:00 pm. en el salón Romero.

Llamar para registrarse al: Diácono Ramon Garcia: Tel 763-712-7482.

### **Fechas Próximas Para Las Pláticas Bautismales:**

**llamar a la oficina.**

### **Fechas Próximas Para La Celebración de los Bautismos (los sábados):**

**llamar a la oficina.**

## El Sacramento de La Reconciliación

El sacramento de la Reconciliación es uno de los tesoros más grandes de nuestra fe católica, porque es por medio de la confesión que experimentamos la sanación y la misericordia de nuestro Señor, por todos nuestros pecados. Es por esta razón que la Iglesia pide a todos los católicos que nos confesemos por lo menos una vez al año, y nos invita a frecuentar el sacramento aún más.

### **Las confesiones en español:**

sábado, 15 de septiembre, 3:30 p.m.

miércoles, 19 de septiembre, 7:00 p.m.

sábado, 22 de septiembre, 3:30 p.m.

sábado, 6 de octubre, 3:30 p.m.

miércoles, 10 de octubre, 7:00 p.m.

## Una Reflexión del Evangelio del 23o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario *©Liturgical Publications Inc*

"Jesús pasó por Sidón, al distrito de Decapolis." Por la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús, él permanecía en Galilea y las áreas donde había muchos judíos. Hoy, vemos a Jesús viajando por un área principalmente pagano. Esto hace aún más sombrosa el anuncio de la fe en el evangelio de hoy. "Ha hecho todas las cosas bien."



En esta historia, un sordo llega con Jesús, por medio de otros. Al sordo, no le hace falta comunidad. A pesar de las dificultades debido a una discapacidad del habla, sus amigos le llevan a Jesús. Jesús le impone las manos y manda a que su cuerpo roto cambie. "¡Abre!"

Inmediatamente, los oídos del señor se abren, la discapacidad del habla se quita, y él habla plenamente. La comunidad se queda asombrada. No pueden dejar de contar lo que sucedió. Más que Jesús pide que se calmen, más que proclaman ellos. Los judíos esperaban un mesías pero un mesías con características muy particulares. Los griegos y los paganos no esperaban dicho comportamiento. Ellos tenían la capacidad de estar completamente sorprendidos.

Como católicos, puede ser fácil acostumbrarnos a los cantos y a las oraciones, a la rutina de la formación de la fe y la asistencia a la misa dominical. Ya tenemos nuestras expectativas particulares. ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que te dejaste ser sorprendido por Dios? A veces somos como el sordo en el Evangelio de hoy. Dios nos quiere hablar pero no lo escuchamos claramente. En tus oraciones esta semana, acércate a Dios honestamente. Date a ti mismo el permiso de dejar atrás las expectativas. Pídele a El a que renueve tu fe para mostrarte como ver en tu vida que "El ha hecho las cosas bien."

## La Familia del Mes de Septiembre, de Los Caballeros de Colón

Cada mes, Los Caballeros de Colón de Anoka escoge a una familia que modela los valores cristianos y los vive visiblemente cada día. La familia escogida para septiembre 2018 es Tim y Rheanna M., de Coon Rapids. Tim y Rheanna han sido miembros de La Iglesia Católica de San Esteban desde 2007. Ellos han sido casados por casi 12 años, comenzando su noviazgo en high school. Ellos tienen cuatro hijos, y como familia son muy unidos, siempre cuidándose entre si, jugando juntos y orando juntos.



Ellos disfrutan de la naturaleza, mojándose jugando con el agua, y una de sus actividades favoritas es visitar las tienditas de helado en el área. Tim y Rheanna ponen como prioridad la misa dominical, con la familia, dando la bienvenida a los familiares, los abuelos y los bisabuelos a la casa después de la misa para cenar.

Tim y Rheanna son miembros activos de la parroquia. Juntos son sponsors/mentores para las parejas que se están preparando para casarse, y son voluntaries para Fall Fest for Education. Tim participa en (y aveces guía) el grupo de hombres los domingos y él es un adorador al Santísimo, con su hora fija cada semana, para la Adoración Perpetua. Rheanna ha sido catequista de los jóvenes, ha organizado varios retiros para mujeres en Pacem in Terris, ha ayudado a organizar y presentar en las Mañanas de Reflexion, y es miembro del equipo del Plan Estratégico. Además, es una de las fundadoras del grupo de mujeres.

## Una Reflexión De La Corresponsabilidad

“¿No escogió Dios a los pobres del mundo para que sean ricos en fe y herederos del reino que prometió a los que lo aman?” (SANTIAGO 2: 5)

¿Qué es más importante: ser rico en fe o rico en posesiones? La sociedad nos enseña que las posesiones son lo más importante. Dios enseña una lección diferente. Cuando somos ricos en fe, mantenemos a Dios primero en todas las cosas y nos damos cuenta de que las cosas materiales en realidad no importan y que es más importante compartirlas con los que menos tienen.

## El Grupo de Jóvenes de Middle School, De San Esteban - La Noche “Verge”

Acércate a Dios, construye comunidad y disfruta todo en las noches “Verge”

Abierto a todos los jóvenes de los grados 6-8

Los martes, de 6:30 – 7:45 pm en el Refuge

Las fechas: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/5, 4/9, 5/14

¿Preguntas? Contactar a Katie Kelly a [kkelly@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:kkelly@ststephenchurch.org).

## Se Busca: Una Persona Para Cuidar a Los Estudiantes Antes y Después del Día Escolar

¿A ti te gustan los niños?

¿Te gusta jugar juegos con ellos, o ayudarlos con las tareas escolares?

¿Tienes atención para los detalles, y te gusta trabajar en equipo?

Hay flexibilidad con los horarios y los días de trabajo.

B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enrichment) está buscando a personas que pueden trabajar de 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.; 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Favor de mandar un correo electrónico o llamar a: Mary Schaeppi, Coordinator of B.A.S.E., o [mschaepi@ststephenchurch.org](mailto:mschaepi@ststephenchurch.org); 763-712-7453.

## La Escuela Católica de San Esteban

Desde preschool hasta el octavo grado, La Escuela de San Esteban ofrece una educación de alta calidad, llena de fe, para sus hijos. Hay becas disponibles para nuestra comunidad. Vengan a formar parte de nuestra familia de creyentes. Todos son bienvenidos.

Favor de llamar a 763-421-3236 para más información, en inglés, o con el Diácono Ramon o el Padre Mateo, para informarse en español.