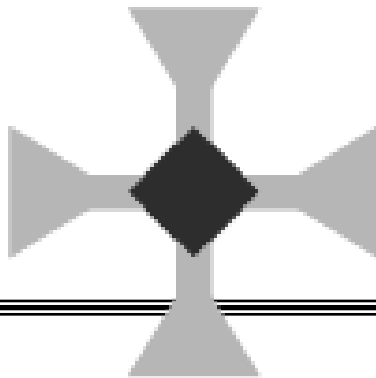
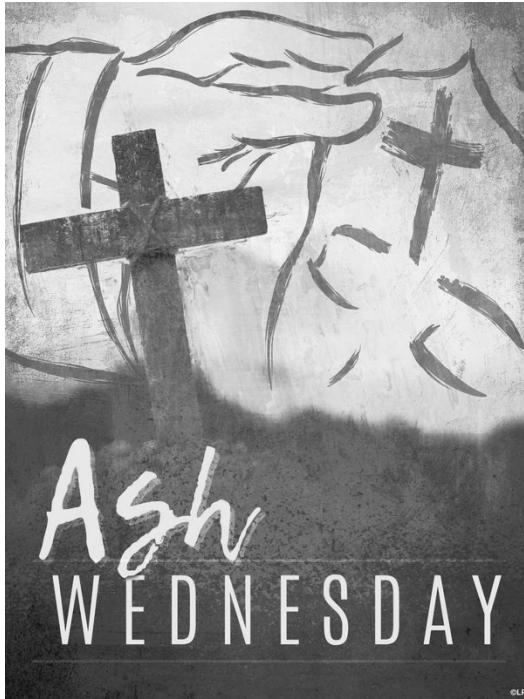


The Order of Mass

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 † 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. †



St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN

Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

*Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

Prayer for a Fruitful Lent

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices
and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me
and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which
Your mercy is poured in
abundance into my soul,
and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Blessed Mother, pray for me and offer me to Your Son,
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

The Mass is made up of two parts:

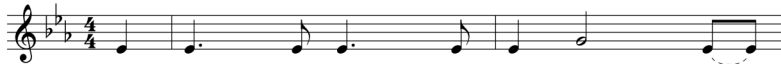
The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Entrance Song

Ashes



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we
3. Then rise a - gain from ash - es, let
4. † Thanks be to the Fa - ther, who



good we've failed to do. We rise a - gain from
of - fer you at - tempts, The gifts not ful - ly
heal - ing come to pain, Though spring has turned to
made us like him - self. Thanks be to the



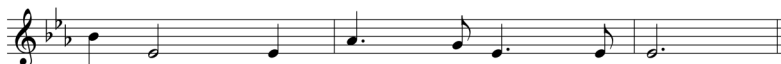
ash - es, to cre - ate our - selves a - new. If
giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly dreamt. Give our
win - ter, and sun - shine turned to rain. The
Son, who saved us by his death.



all our world is ash - es, then
stum - bl - ings di - rec - tion, give our
rain we'll use for grow - ing, and cre -
Thanks be to the Spir - it, who cre -



must our lives be true, An of - fer - ing of
vi - sions wid - er view, An of - fer - ing of
ate the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of
ates the world a - new From an of - fer - ing of



ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

Collect

The Collect is made up of three parts:

1. *The invitation (“Let us Pray”).*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which “collects” the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.

Reading I

Joel 2:12-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, “Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (6:30am & 12:15pm) Psalm 51:3-4,5-6ab,12-13,14,17

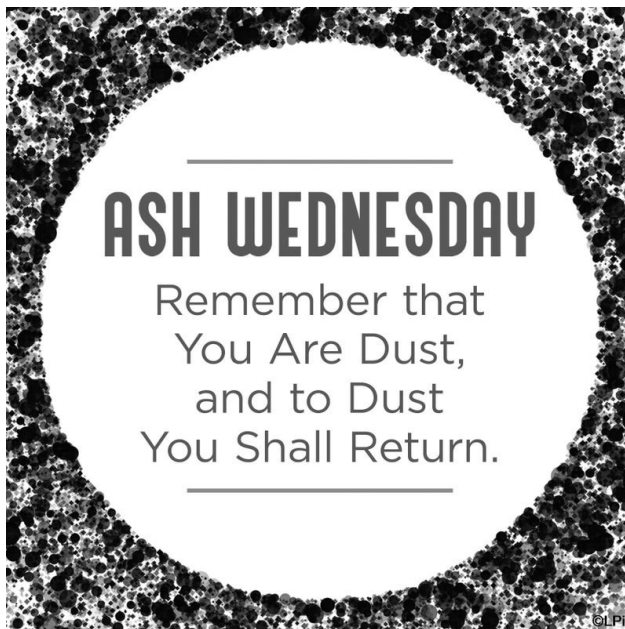
Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Responsorial Psalm (8 a.m. & 6 p.m.)

Psalm 51

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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Reading II

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

We are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,
so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then,
we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand.

We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The "Alleluia" is sung in every time of year, except Lent.

Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.

Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often candles and incense used.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All respond: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

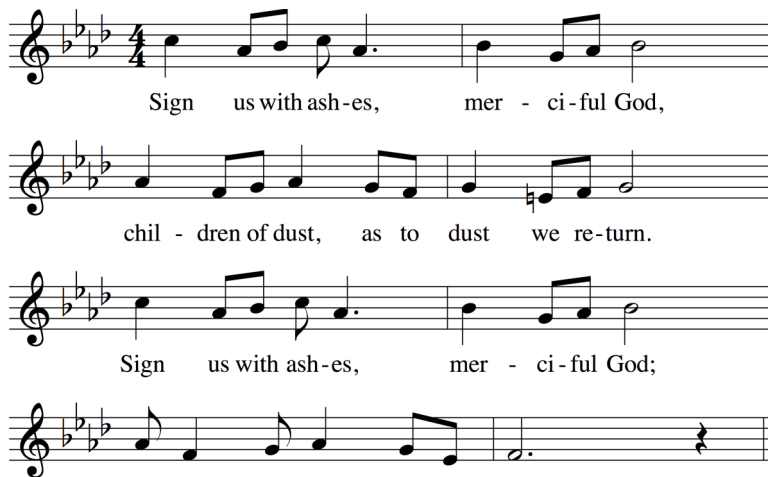
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily *Please be seated.*

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Merciful God



Sign us with ash-es, mer - ci-ful God,
chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re-turn.
Sign us with ash-es, mer - ci-ful God;
mark us and make us your own.

Dust and Ashes



1. Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our fail - ure and our
2. Dust and ash - es soil our hands— greed of mar - ket, pride of
3. Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the waste - land of de -
fall - ing. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,
na - tion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,
pres - sion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,
take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak - ened by your call - ing.
as we pray and strug - gle through the mesh - es of op - pres - sion.
through all gloom and griev - ing to the paths of res - ur - rec - tion.

Refrain



Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the des - ert sands,
bring us liv - ing wa - ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Universal Prayer

Response: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST


*A collection is taken for our parish during the Preparation of Gifts.
Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support various charitable and advocacy organizations.*

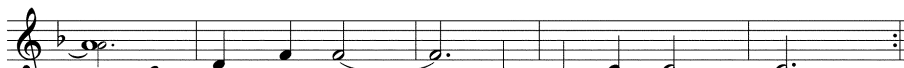
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Preparation of Gifts

Hosea


1. Come back to me with all your heart.
 ζ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. ζ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;


Don't let fear keep us a - part.
so must we to oth - ers' call. *(To refrain)*
to your heart where I will speak.
With ten - der - ness, ζ you shall know. *(To refrain)*
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. *(To refrain)*

Refrain


Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and


liv - ing deep - ly our new life. D.C.

Invitation to Prayer

Please Stand.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All respond: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to it with reverence and in silence.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

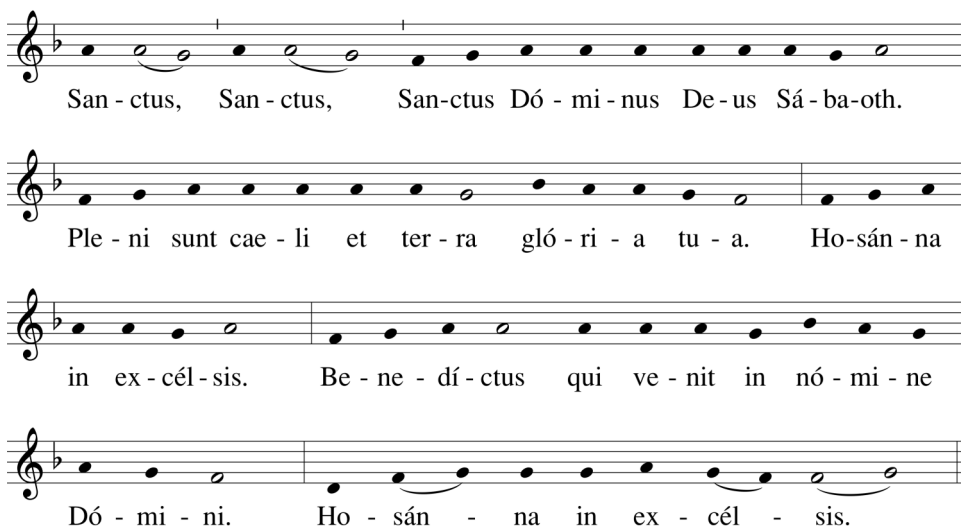
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All respond: It is right and just.



Preface Acclamation

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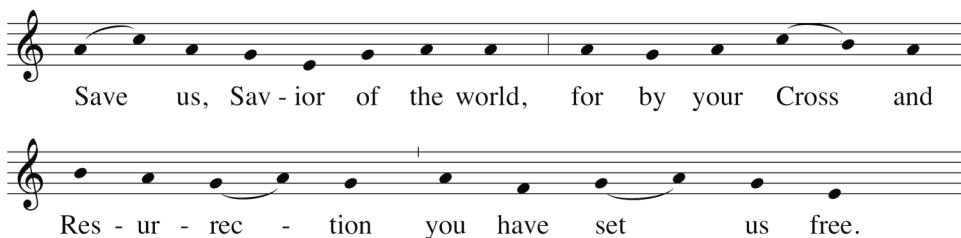
San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na
in ex - cé - l - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Please Kneel.

Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.

Memorial Acclamation



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen

This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



Please Stand.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The image shows four lines of musical notation on a five-line staff, all using a treble clef. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are: 'A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.' The notes are mostly quarter notes, with some slurs and rests. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Please Kneel.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All respond: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

Eat This Bread

Eat bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.

The first line of the Communion Song is written in G major and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Eat bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry."

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

The second line of the Communion Song continues the melody in G major and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Prayer after Communion

Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim "amen."

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.

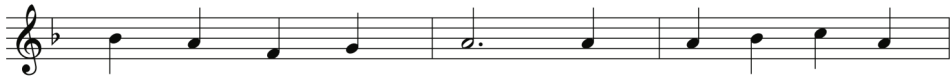
Dismissal

Closing song

From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to

Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.

East - er joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.



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MAR 7, MAR 28, APR 11
4:30-6:30 PM

**Tacos, Chips &
Salsa, Dessert
and Beverage**

Pizza too!



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