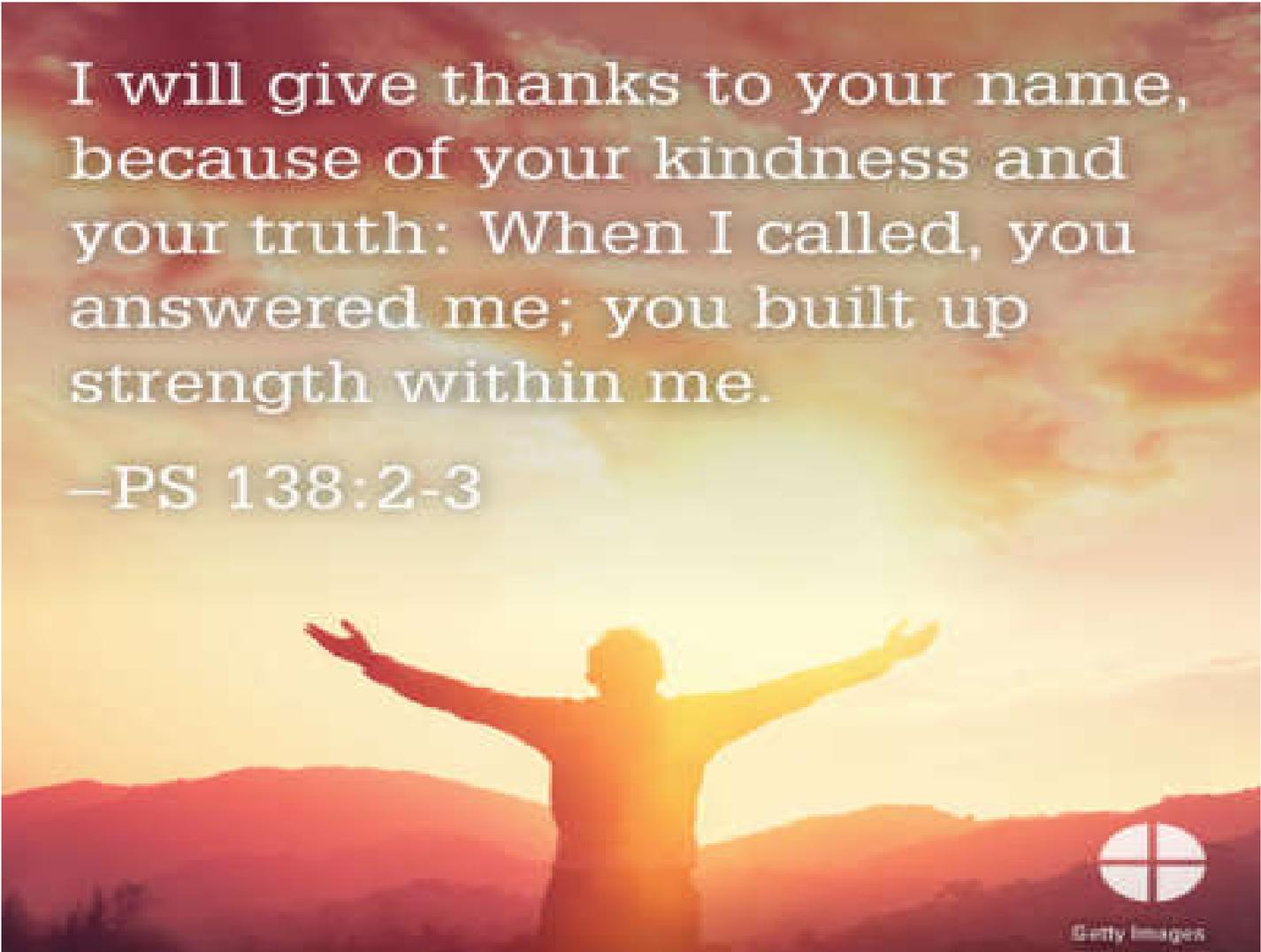


August 23, 2020 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and
your truth: When I called, you
answered me; you built up
strength within me.

—PS 138:2-3

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
303 Lincoln Way East
McConnellsburg, PA 17233
717-485-3723
Pastor: Father Derek Fairman

Mass Times:
Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Confession Times:
Saturday before Mass & Sunday after Mass





Week of August 23, 2020
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1st Reading:
Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading:
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 16:13-20

Ministry Contacts

St. Stephen Church

717-485-3723
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ssmcb@dioceseaj.org
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In case of an emergency and you need to contact

Father Fairman, please call the
Everett Parish Office at
814-652-5854
dfairman@dioceseaj.org

Fulton County Catholic Mission

Carmelite Community of the Word
Sr. Martha Burbulla, 717-485-5917

If you see or suspect child abuse...
Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313 or
visit <http://keepkidssave.pa.gov>



PARISH
COUNCIL
MEMBERS

Susan Cabbage
Marlene Joyce
Deb Leese
Alex Serrano
Russ Treml
Janice Wolfe

Collection
August 16, 2020

Regular/Weekly	\$1,361.00
Energy	\$50.00
Maintenance	\$40.00
Assumption	\$90.00
Missionary Cooperative	\$178.00



- 8/22 For the People
- 8/23 +Sharon Houppert req. by James Houppert
- 8/29 +Monsignor Geno Baroni req. by Sally & Doug Gresty
- 8/30 +Margaret Fleming req. by Estate



Upcoming Events

Second Collection

8/30 Catholic University Collection

Theme Basket Raffle

Our Raffle information has been sent to the printers. We will have the tickets ready within the next few weeks. Please work on completing the basket or item that has been offered. You can place your basket (item) with a note as to what your theme is in the church Sacristy for safe keeping. Thank you to everyone that is donating an item. Any question please call Deb Leese at 717-485-3666.

Basket Raffle



To Parishioners celebrating their
Birthday in the Month of August

Happy Anniversary

To all the couples celebrating their
Anniversary in the
Month of August

MASS INTENTIONS

At this time we have several
weekend Mass Intention dates available in
August through December

If you would like to have a mass intention for
your loved one
living and/or deceased, please use the Mass
Intention Envelope.

You may put your Mass Intentions in the of-
fering box located in the back of the church.

Thank You

Family Life Bird Lover Drawing

Raffle tickets are still available for our Bird
Feeder,
Bird Seed and Rustic Bird House.



Help support the Family Life Committee by purchasing tick-
ets for the whole package.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held Saturday,
August 29, 2020 after 4pm Mass.

A Note From Father Fairman

I have received a report of someone sending out text messages
in my name. Please do not answer. I have not been sending
text messages. This is a scam of some kind. If you do receive a
text message on your phone with my name on it, please let me
know, but do not respond. Thank you.



When using restrooms downstairs,
please make sure the doors are not
locked when you are done.

Thank You

Let us say a prayer for our Catholic Mem-
bers who are homebound and unable to
attend church.

Pat Frazier Julie Canary

Millie Trembl Peggy Hoffman

All other Members who cannot
attend at this time.



Fulton County Mission

Sister Judith Karlak, CCW, and Sister Martha Burbulla, CCW



2020 Fulton County Mission Backpack Program

The start of a new school year is a little brighter for students in the Fulton County region, thanks to some loving and generous neighbors.

Every year, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown's Fulton County Mission, based at Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, collects backpacks and school supplies for children in that area.

Led by Carmelite Community of the Word Sisters Martha Burbulla and Judith Karlak, a team of great volunteers recently prepared more than 400 backpacks for the students heading back to school.

As always, the 2020 effort was thanks to support from churches, organizations, and private donors – all of whom assist the Fulton County Mission.

This is the 28th year for the backpack program.

Article from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Website

<https://proclaim.dioceseaj.org/fulton-county-mission-celebrates-another-successful-backpack-program/>

Daily Mass Readings

August 24th - 29th

Monday, August 24, 2020

Reading 1 RV 21:9B-14

Responsorial Psalm PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom

Gospel JN 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Reading 1 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm PS 96:10, 11-12, 13

The Lord comes to judge the earth

Gospel MT 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Reading 1 2THES 3:6-10, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel MT 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Reading 1 1 COR 1:1-9

Responsorial Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5,6-7

I will praise your name for ever, Lord

Gospel MT 24:42-51

Friday August, 28, 2020

Reading 1 1 COR 1:17-25

Responsorial Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord

Gospel MT 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Reading 1 1 COR 1:26-31

Responsorial Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel MK 6:17-29

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 23, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station.
On that day I will summon my servant
Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah;
I will clothe him with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and give over to him your authority.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut
when he shuts, no one shall open.
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading 2

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!
*For who has known the mind of the Lord
or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Jesus said to him in reply,
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.
And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
Then he strictly ordered his disciples
to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Psalms 138:1

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.