

# ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)  
 Holy Days 6:30 p.m. Vigil

## Confession Times

Saturday: 3:45 p.m.  
 Sunday : After Noon Mass or  
 anytime by appointment

## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #803

## Ministry Contacts

To Contact Father Fairman,  
 Please contact the Everett Parish Office  
 At 814-652-5854

## Fulton County Catholic Mission

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

## Lector Schedule

## Mass Intentions

1/6/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Living & Deceased Family & Friends req. by The Gartner Family	1/6/24	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
1/7/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Mike & Margaret Grosky req. by Ed & Karen Leisinger	1/7/24	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby
1/13/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Headley req. by Deb Chafardon	1/13/24	Saturday	Kathy Lake
1/14/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Theresa Meszaros req. by Theresa Booth	1/14/24	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
1/20/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	For The People	1/20/24	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
1/21/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	+Judge Andrew Wilkinson req. by Ed & Karen Leisinger	1/21/24	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby
1/27/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Edith & Angelo Gotto Req. by Karen & Jeff Croft	1/27/24	Saturday	Sister Martha
1/28/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	For The People	1/28/24	Sunday	Kathy Lake

## Counters Schedule

1/7/24	Ed & Karen Leisinger
1/14/24	Marlene Joyce & Deb Leese
1/21/24	Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake
1/28/24	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope



## Weekly Offering

Date:	<u>December 24, 2023</u>	<u>Christmas Offering</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Initial Offering</u>
Weekly Offering	\$901.00	\$1,249.00	\$761.00	\$45.00
Energy	\$10.00	<u>Flower Offering</u>	\$0.00	<u>Register</u>
Maintenance	\$55.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
			Solemnity of Mary	\$55.00



- 1/3 Peggy Hoffman
- 1/3 Krzysztof Miskowski
- 1/4 Janice Wolfe
- 1/6 Steven Roman
- 1/11 Jennifer Jansen
- 1/8 Henry Babb
- 1/14 Deb Chafardon
- 1/14 Mary Monninger
- 1/24 Robert Snyder
- 1/26 Theresa Booth

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**Parish Council Meeting**

Scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
at 6:30 p.m. in the CORE Building

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**NOTE FROM FATHER FAIRMAN:** I have adapted the following from Fr. Orr’s bulletin.  
**Vatican Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans***  
**“On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings”**

The recent statement from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith approved by Pope Francis has caused confusion and widespread concern among some of the faithful regarding the sacrament of marriage. The declaration reaffirms “the traditional doctrine of the Church about marriage, not allowing any type of liturgical rite or blessing similar to a liturgical rite that can create confusion.” The official definition to which the dicastery refers is that “marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman.” No one has the authority to change the definition of marriage.

*Fiducia Supplicans*, however, allows a simple blessing to someone approaching a priest for a blessing while “avoiding all serious forms of scandal and confusion among the faithful.” It could apply to someone in his or her desire to live a holy life, avoiding sin and various temptations to sin. This is in keeping with the traditional theological understanding of blessings.

Unfortunately, the declaration may be misunderstood as a justification to conduct an illicit and invalid formal marital ritual which in the eyes of the faithful would seem to elevate to the level of a sacrament an illicit and possibly sinful union. Please pray that this will not happen, as such a misunderstanding has the potential to cause grave scandal.

**Family Life Events**

**Northern Deanery Raffle**

Tickets \$10 each. Raffle is 6/8/24.

Prizes :

1st - \$30,000 towards a vehicle at Bill MacIntyre Chevrolet

2nd - 7 Points Marina Houseboat on Raystown Lake Vacation

3rd - Seven Springs Resort Excursion Package

4th - Yeti Tundra Cooler Premium Package

**Tickets are available after both weekend Masses**

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**Cards for Parishioners**

If you know of a Parishioner who would be happy to receive a card from St. Stephen’s to lift their spirits, please put their name in the basket marked “CARDS” in the vestibule.

**Please specify type of card.**

Doris Nolte will send them a Thinking of You card, Sympathy card, or Get Well Wishes card.

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**Thank You Note**

To St. Stephen Parishioners: A big Thank you for your generous gifts to us personally and for all the help you gave for the Mission Christmas Project. You are truly a blessing.

May you have a wonderful New Year 2024 receiving each day as a gift.

God bless you always, Sister Martha and Sister Judith ...and all the children to whom you gave a more joyful Christmas.

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**Lunch Gathering**

Will be Sunday, February 4th after the Noon Mass in the Church Social Hall.

A nice gathering of parishioners and covered dish lunch before Lent starts. Please list your family, how many will attend and what covered dish you will bring on the sign-up sheet in the Vestibule. Meat and drinks will be provided.

**Put this date on your calendar.**

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Parishioners we are in need of Volunteers for the following :

Family Life and Liturgy committees, Lectors are need for Saturday and Sunday Masses.

If you are interested in helping please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule..