

# ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### Parish Council

Karen Croft - President

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Joe Fignar, Angela Roman, and Doris Nolte

### Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 12: 00 p.m. (Noon)

### Confession Times

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: After Noon Mass or Anytime by Appointment

**New Parishioners:** Please fill out a blue card, on the table in the vestibule by the guest book.

**First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3-12-13**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a**

**Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #862**

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 p.m. 1/31/26	+William and Jean Fisher Req. by Eric & Donna Fisher
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00p.m. (NOON) 2/1/26	+Vincent Joyce Req. by Marlene Joyce
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 p.m. 2/7/26	+Living and Deceased Members of The Gartner Family req. by The Gartner Family
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00p.m. (NOON) 2/8/26	+Ann Rapsinski req. by Loren and Deb Leese
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 p.m. 2/14/26	Lorraine Shultis req. by Marlene Joyce
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00p.m. (NOON) 2/15/26	+Doug Gresty req. by Sally Gresty
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m. 2/18/26	For The People
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 p.m. 2/21/26	+Frank & Teresa Mezaros req. by Terry Booth
<b>Sunday</b> 12:00p.m. (NOON) 2/22/26	For The People
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 p.m. 2/28/26	+Robert Croft req. by Loren & Deb Leese

### Lector Schedule

1/31	<b>Saturday</b>	Brent Pistner
2/1	<b>Sunday</b>	Joe Wolfe
2/7	<b>Saturday</b>	Kathy Lake
2/8	<b>Sunday</b>	Brent Pistner
2/14	<b>Saturday</b>	Carol Babinsack

### Counter Schedule

2/1	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope
2/8	Ed Leisinger and Karen Leisinger
2/15	Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake
2/22	Deb Leese and Marlene Joyce

<b>Sunday Offering</b>	1/25/2026
Weekly Collection	\$621.00
Energy	\$0.00
Building Maintenance	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$621.00</b>

**Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated!**

## February Birthdays

2/3 Miranda Hawkins
2/9 Loren Leese
2/10 Brent Pistner
2/16 Karen Leisinger
2/24 Imagine Jansen
2/26 Joseph Chafardon

## Happy Anniversary

2/2 Joseph & Deb Chafardon  
2/12 Gerald & Mary Monninger

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### PRAYER LIST



Rick Chafardon, Kathy Kendall,  
Jeremiah Murphy, Dan Myers,  
Robert Torsky, Kevin Joyce,  
Susan Cabbage, Dennis Cabbage Jr.,  
Peggy Hoffman, Jerry Monninger,  
Maureen Willoughby, Cynthia Souders,  
Jim Babinsack and Tom Haubrick

Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer.

If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

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### Stewardship Reflection

Today's Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ's Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

Today's Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted - to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to 'hunger and thirst for righteousness,' He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important - things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those.

## 2026 Together We Stand Raffle

(Northern Deanery Raffle)

**Ticket sales have started!**

You may purchase your tickets after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Cost of Ticket is \$20.00 each.

**\*Drawing is May 31st, 2026\***

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### Altar Flowers

We are still collecting Altar Flower donations.

Envelopes are at the back of the church by the offering box.

Thank you to all who have donated!

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### Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are needed for the months of February, March, and April.

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Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m.

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### Thank You

We are pleased to share that the cards collected for Peggy Hoffman have been delivered. Peggy is incredibly grateful and wishes to thank everyone for their birthday wishes, thoughtful messages and prayers.

While she is unable to attend service or receive visitors at this time, she feels truly blessed by your continued love and support.

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### Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Liturgy meeting on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the church social hall for anyone who would like to attend.