

# SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 29, 2018

## EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF SAINT STEPHEN



### St. Stephen Festival

Sunday, July 29th 2018  
Noon – 5:00pm

Bake Sale. Live Music.  
Games. Craft Fair.  
Art Show. Sacred Music.

### FREE ADMISSION

Food and Drinks available for purchase  
from Hoda's Mediterranean Catering.

#### ✖ MASS SCHEDULE ✖

##### SUNDAYS

8:00 AM ✖ Latin Mass [1962 Missal]

10:30 AM ✖ Sung Parish Mass

MONDAY through SATURDAY

posted weekly inside bulletin

#### ✖ DIVINE OFFICE ✖

##### SUNDAYS

5:00 PM ✖ Sung Latin Vespers [1962 Breviary]

#### ✖ SACRAMENTS ✖

##### CONFESIONS

Saturdays, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Sundays, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Thursdays, 6:35 PM – 7:00 PM

##### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Pastor. Wedding dates will be set  
after beginning marriage preparation with the priest.

##### INFANT BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office  
or see one of the priests after Mass.

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US**

## PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Eric Andersen eandersen@archdelpdx.org
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## MASS READINGS

(Ordinary Form)

Monday:	Jer 13:1-11 / Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Mt 14:1-12

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in rectory basement
	9:00 am	Altar Server Rehearsal in rectory basement
	Noon	Festival of St. Stephen
Tuesday	5:00 pm	RCIA in rectory basement
Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal in chapel
	11:30 am	Coffee and Donuts in gym

## OFFERTORY REPORT

	July 22	Fiscal Year-to-Date*
<b>Regular Collections</b>	\$2,620.35	(*Beginning July 1st)
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$.470.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,090.35</b>	<b>\$17,386.75</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$4,800.00	\$19,200.00
<b>Budget +/-</b>	<b>-\$1,709.65</b>	<b>-\$1,813.25</b>

*Thank you for your sacrificial offerings*

## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is on our website via the Donate tab. Or set up an account and give by means of text message at 503-966-9355. Also consider giving via Bill Pay. Thank you.

## AUGUST INTENTION OF THE POPE

**The Treasure of Families**

That the far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as a treasure of humanity.

## LITURGY AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### AND MASS INTENTIONS

#### *External Solemnity of Saint Stephen*

Weekday Lectionary II

#### **Sunday, July 29**

#### *External Solemnity for the Finding of the Relics of Saint Stephen, Protomartyr*

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (Randal & Alice Blaschke)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Solemn Latin Mass (1962 Missal) (People of the Parish)
5:00 pm	Solemn Latin Vespers (1962 Breviary - 10th Sunday after Pentecost)

#### **Monday, July 30**

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)*

6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - Feria with comm. of SS. Abdon & Sennen, Martyrs)
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#### **Tuesday, July 31**

#### *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

7:30 am	Mass (End to Abortion) with Blessing of Holy Water for the Sick
Noon	Low Latin Mass with Blessing of Holy Water for the Sick (1962 Missal - St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor) (Brian and Jan Ruesink)

#### **Wednesday, August 1**

#### *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

7:30am	Mass (+Agnes Marie Moffatt)
6:45 pm	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - St. Peter in Chains with comm. of Holy Macabees) (Randal & Alice Blaschke)

#### **Thursday, August 2**

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest)*

7:30 am	Mass (Ronan Armstrong)
6:30-7:00 pm	Confessions

#### **Friday, August 3**

#### *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am	Votive Mass of St. Stephen (+Dang Xuan Vu)
7:00 pm	Sung Latin Mass (1962 Missal - The Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen)

#### **Saturday, August 4**

#### *Saint John Vianney, Priest*

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am	Mass (End to Abortion)
9:30 am	First Saturday Devotion with Veneration of Relics and Recitation of the Rosary
9:30-10:30 am	Confessions

#### **Sunday, August 5**

#### *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am	Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal - 11th Sunday of Pentecost) (People of the Parish)
9:00 am	Confessions
10:30 am	Mass (+Larry Roise)
5:00 pm	No Vespers this week

## **FROM THE SEMINARIAN'S DESK**

Happy Festival of St. Stephen! This special day is marked by a tinge of sadness for me because it is the end of my official time here at St. Stephen's. It's hard to believe that I've been serving here already for 8 weeks, but I can think of no better note to go out on than with the St. Stephen's Festival. I thought for my last column I would give the reader a closer glimpse into my vocational journey.

The first time I thought I might be called to the priesthood was when I was a sophomore in high school. At one of the school Masses at Valley Catholic, Msgr. Francis Campbell was presiding. He was always talking about the need for more priests, and on that particular day he added a prayer on to the list of intentions read by the students at the General Intercessions. He looked around the room, gestured toward us, and said, "I pray that one young man in here will one day become a priest." I looked around the room at my peers and thought to myself, "Uh-oh, I might be the answer to that prayer!" This story provides a hallmark for my vocational journey: the idea that I might be the answer to somebody's prayer.

I didn't think much more about the possible call until college, when the pastoral resident in my dorm at University of Portland, Fr. Bill Dorwart, CSC, told me that I ought to consider the life of a Holy Cross religious or priest. Nobody had ever told me to consider the priesthood so directly, so from there I began to take the question a bit more seriously.

After that, my vocational discernment was always tied up with the vocation to holiness. As I learned more about the faith and especially as I read the lives and accounts of the saints, I continued striving to be a more faithful Catholic. Learning about the faith gave me a sense of mission that made me want to teach the faith to others, which brought back the idea of the ministerial priesthood. Of course, this is also what led me to pursue teaching in Catholic schools, a career that was very formative for my vocation. During those years, I began taking active steps of discernment by visiting a few religious orders. I looked at the Dominicans of the Western Province (prompted by what I'd seen at Holy Rosary), the Congregation of Holy Cross (prompted by my relationship with the priests at UP), and the Norbertines of Silverado, CA (prompted by Fr. Andersen, who knew of my penchant for singing chant and solid Catholic tradition). It was during my visit to the Norbertines that I had a particular spiritual consolation which caused me to dismiss much of the fear I had been experiencing up to that point with regard to my vocation. After that I knew that if I followed God's will, he would take care of me and I need not fear.

Another important turning point was on a choir tour in Europe with the Madeleine Choir School from the cathedral in Salt Lake City. While we were there, I experienced another particular spiritual consolation that prompted me to wish to make a "return to the Lord for all that he has given me" (cf. Psalm 116:12). I happened to be able, on this trip, to make a visit to the shrine of the holy statue of the Divine Child (the Infant of Prague), and there I entrusted my vocation to the Holy Child, praying for the discernment and protection of my vocation, whatever it may be. Shortly after that experience, while still living in Salt Lake, I attended Archbishop Sample's Discernment Retreat (twice), after which I made my application to the Archdiocese.

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## **ST. STEPHEN FESTIVAL TODAY!**

We invite you to join us for our St. Stephen Festival **TODAY, July 29th** from Noon to 5pm. Admission is free and there will be plenty of games and activities for kids as well as a craft fair, bake sale, and an art show. Food, beer, and wine will be available for purchase and provided by Hoda's Mediterranean catering. We'll be closing our festival with solemn Vespers at 5pm in the Church.

## **SAINT IGNATIUS WATER FOR THE SICK**

There is a special blessing of holy water on the feast of St. Ignatius in which a blessed medal of St. Ignatius is lowered into the water while it is blessed and the saint's intercession is sought for all the sick who will drink this water. If you would like to have water blessed for the sick to drink, please bring a clean, unopened bottle of water to either Mass this **Tuesday, July 31st**. The blessing will take place at the end of both masses.

## **THIS FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY**

Our First Friday devotions this month will be in the morning only. **Friday, August 3rd** is the traditional feast of the Finding of the Relics of Saint Stephen. The morning Mass will be offered at 7:30 am as a votive Mass of St. Stephen. The evening Mass at 7 pm will be a Sung Latin Mass for the Feast. On **Saturday, August 4th** the First Saturday Mass and devotions will be in celebration of the feast of St. John Vianney. After Mass the First Saturday devotions will be prayed, followed by the veneration of his relics, followed by Confessions during which the Rosary will be prayed.

## **From the Seminarian's Desk, continued**

My vocational discernment process has been very gradual, marked by special turning points along the way. Some resources that helped me be more attuned to those graced moments were several books and people that aided me in my search. The first were my various spiritual directors. Since college, I have had a spiritual director and at times also a confessor who could help me on my path to holiness and also with my discernment struggles. I highly recommend to anyone discerning to find a wise and holy spiritual director. There were several saints whose writings influenced me, among them St. Gemma Galgani (my special patron and "vocational cheerleader"), St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. John XXIII (particularly his autobiography *Journal of a Soul*), and, as noted above, the Infant of Prague. Also of great influence in my spiritual and vocational life was St. Louis de Monfort and his *True Devotion to Mary*. There were also many books that helped me in discernment, particularly *To Save a Thousand Souls* by Fr. Brett Brannen (a must for anyone discerning diocesan priesthood), *The Priest is Not His Own*, by Ven. Fulton Sheen, and *Discernment of Spirits*, by Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV.

I hope my story is of help to anyone discerning. One thing I have learned is that every seminarian's vocation story is vastly different, so I find it helpful to hear a variety of stories and see how they resonate with my own. It has been a joy to be at St. Stephen's this summer, and I look forward to visiting often. Enjoy the St. Stephen Festival!

## RELICS OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY AND ST. PHILOMENA

This coming **Saturday, August 4th** is the feast of Saint John Vianney, priest. In honor of his feast, we will venerate a collection of his relics, along with a first class relic of Saint Philomena, virgin and martyr at the 9:00 am Mass. First Saturday Devotions will also be prayed and the Rosary will be prayed during Confessions after Mass.

## HOMESCHOOL PARENT MEETING

**Tuesday, Aug 14th at 10:00 am** in the Rectory Basement. Parents who are interested in our Homeschool Day at the Parish this coming school year are invited to meet with Fr. Andersen to discuss and plan the coming school year. Bring your children also for the audition of a candidate to teach music to the children and direct the children's choir. We will have Latin Low Mass at Noon and sack lunch afterwards.

RSVP to Fr. Andersen: [eandersen@archdpd.org](mailto:eandersen@archdpd.org)

## MARRIED COUPLES

Let Jesus feed your marriage!

Join us on one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on **August 17th - 19th** at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House. For more information call 503-853-2758 or apply on-line at [www.rediscoverthespark.org](http://www.rediscoverthespark.org).

Additional dates and locations are listed on-line.

## PHILOSOPHY NIGHT: HAPPINESS & CONTEMPLATION

**Thursday, Aug 18th, 2018 at 7 pm.** This month speaker Fr. Eric Andersen will discuss the book, "Happiness and Contemplation" by Josef Pieper. From the back cover notes: "The ultimate of human happiness is to be found in contemplation." In offering this proposition of Thomas Aquinas to our thought, Josef Pieper uses traditional wisdom in order to throw light on present-day reality and present-day psychological problems. What, in fact, does one pursue in pursuing happiness? What, in the consensus of the wisdom of the early Greeks, of Plato and Aristotle, is that condition of perfect bliss toward which all life and effort tend by nature? In this profound and illuminating inquiry, Pieper considers the nature of contemplation, and the meaning and goal of life." Snacks provided. Ages High School and up. Adoration and Confessions in the church begin at 6:30. Philosophy Night will be from 7-9 pm in the Rectory Basement.

## NUN RUN – AUGUST 16–21, 2018

Road Trip! Young women ages 15-22 are invited to join us for a trip to San Francisco. We will visit with area religious communities, tour the California Missions, and have fun celebrating our call to holiness as daughters of God. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information at 503-233-8368 or [vocations@archdpd.org](mailto:vocations@archdpd.org)

## MEN'S HOLY LEAGUE

**Wednesday, Aug 22nd at 7 pm.** The Holy League encourages Consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Purest Heart of St. Joseph. It promotes the Precepts and Sacraments of the Church, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and praying the Rosary. It creates a unified front, made up of members of the Church Militant for spiritual combat.

6:00 pm Confessions

6:45 pm Low Latin Mass

7:20 pm Adoration and Retreat Talk

8:00 pm Fraternal Meal and Social

## DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

### SEPT–DEC 2018; JAN–MAY 2019

Are you discerning the diocesan priesthood? Interested in finding out more? Feel free to contact the Office of Vocations at 503-233-8368 or [vocations@archdpd.org](mailto:vocations@archdpd.org) to find out when the next Discernment Evening will be.

## INTRODUCING ST. STEPHEN'S TROOP 1846

"The Troops of Saint George apostolate aims to use the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys. Whether called to the vocation of the priesthood, the religious life, or that of Holy fatherhood, our fathers and sons will take a prayerful pilgrimage together to fulfill Christ's desire for them to grow in virtue and in their Holy Catholic faith as they journey toward heaven." "The troops are not an alternative scouting organization. TSG is chiefly a Catholic catechetical apostolate. Our primary goal is to help men and young men grow in the theological virtues and strengthen their love for Christ in the Catholic Church. Camping isn't the goal—it's the context." Would you like to know more?

<https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org>.

Our Troop page is here:

<https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org/troop/troop-1846/>

## INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Adults and teens that would like to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to join Fr. Eric Andersen for a weekly class. Two options for classes will be offered on Thursday mornings at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 7 pm beginning this fall. Choose which time works best for you. RCIA is an acronym for "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults". RCIA is a series of rites to prepare people for Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. It begins by learning what we believe about God; our relationship with Him; how we worship Him; what we receive from Him; and how that informs the way we must live. If you are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith or in joining the class, please contact Fr. Eric Andersen at [eandersen@archdpd.org](mailto:eandersen@archdpd.org).