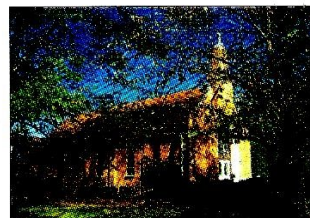




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***Worship Times***

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p  
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p  
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a  
Holy Days 7:00p  
Communion Service Consult bulletin  
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

***Welcome, New Parishioners***

*We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.*

***Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony***

*For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.*

***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***

*For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.*

***Anointing of the Sick***

*For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis*

***18th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 2, 2020***



Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness,  
or peril, or the sword, or COVID-19?

*Morning, Church!*

Wonder if this pandemic an excuse for some Catholics to stop worshiping God and engaging in church ministries and service groups. What ties tether you to our Sunday worshiping community and to its generous stewardship? With the in-person Sunday Mass obligation suspended, do you take time to pray the Mass online on Sundays and nurture your personal and family prayer life during the week?

The pandemic limits the ways we live. You have to choose creative ways to act to avoid separating yourself from Christ and your Neighbors. The “anguish and the distress” mentioned in Romans can make you feel today like you “can’t breathe.” Imagine what it’s like for folks who have no supportive faith community. Their level of spiritual and emotional anguish and distress must feel like a millstone around their necks.

Jesus saw the crowd’s anguish and distress. He set aside his personal grief to minister with the crowd who followed him to “a deserted place.” Can you set aside your feelings of anguish/grief to be concerned and compassionate with those around you?

Jesus’ ministry and mission are entrusted to you. You have everything you need to “feed” your Neighbors ~ those crowds around you. You are abundantly graced to grace others who share your hunger for love and support.

Nurture, comfort and instill hope. Generously share the abundance of your loaves and fish ~ your time, talents, and your treasure. Live Christ’s Way generously and gratefully. Be a comforting presence for your family first. Flatten their curve of anxiety and distress and then do so wherever your feet take you.

Serve as a Spiritual First Responder.

As a Spiritual First Responder, resist the temptation to consciously indulge in self-pity, to hoard who you are and what you have. Share yourself with whatever “crowd” follows you to your deserted place.

Throughout these divisive days and beyond, you can “conquer overwhelmingly in Christ, who loved you first.” Those who hunger or thirst, the ones with you in your deserted place, will keep coming to you. They hope you will serve them as Jesus served the colossal crowds who followed him. Jesus offers his grace to those crowds then ~ without cost ~ and to all of us now. Do likewise.

Remembering...

*“...no present things, nor future things...  
...will be able to separate us from the love  
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans)*

This is our Faith. This is the Faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. YOU’RE MAKING THEM BETTER.

God’s blessings,

*spanis*



## ☞ Sunday Scriptures

Isaiah 55:1-3	Rom. 8:35, 37-39
Ps 145:8-9.15-18	Matt 14:13-21

## ☞ Reflecting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_

The Loaves & Fish story is told six times in the NT.  
In every age Christ's disciples are called to bring it  
to a perfect seventh leading a disoriented world  
to *"share until all are satisfied."*  
*How will you do that this week?*

## AUGUST

02	18 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
04	Communion Service, 12:15p
09	19 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
11	No Communion Service
15	Feast of the Assumption (not a HD of obligation)
16	20 <sup>th</sup> Sun OT
18	No Communion Service
23	21 <sup>st</sup> Sun OT Welcoming Ritual SSJ Associate in Mission 
26	RCIA, FLC, 11a 

## ☞ August Intentions

02	Fr. Tom Ivory
09	Gary McQuade (Birthday) +Irene Krakovsky r/b Ronnie +Carol Smith r/b Judy & Frank Simon
16	+Mona Schaufenbuel r/b Jerry +Yaira DeJesus r/b DeJesus Family

*Your best source for parish info is:*  
**ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 Tom Lux	10 Fr. John Hanic
05 Anne Atkins	13 Nelda Spicer
Gracie Spicer	21 Lucas Garcia
06 Rudy Ardizzola	23 Judy Berryman
07 Mary Blackburn	24 Gayle Altemueller
08 Pedro Barrientos	Ava Golden
Mark Imbus	Leo Ouellette
09 Ashley Davis	25 Luisa Rodriguez
Joel Lopez	26 Pat Kophamer
10 Anayeli Vargas-Butos	28 Peter Volk
Sarahi Crispin	30 Nancy Espino



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 83*

*Even our best intentions can be  
tinged with selfishness.*



*I trust God to work with my imperfections.*



*I humbly acknowledge any desire  
for ego-satisfaction.*



*I reflect on my intentions and energies  
in caring for Creation.*



05 Janis McQuade, S.S.J.  
11 Olivia & Isidro Rodriguez  
12 Lila & Ty Keller  
14 Debbie & Mark Imbus  
18 Anne & Tim Atkins  
20 Sarahi & Antonio Crispin  
31 Judy & Ron Berrryman



...Ashley & Aymes Davis, Karen Gochanuer,  
Debby & Richard Graham, and Lana & Bob Horneck...  
for their donations towards our website and live streaming system which  
enable us to view the Mass and other church-based gatherings.  
If you wish to help fund our website or live stream system as a  
Household, or partner with us as a business, please mail check only, to:  
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**Thanks...  
a bunch  
God bless you,  
real good!**