

SAINT STEPHEN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 15th, 2023

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Guillermo Barillas, Debra Grega Beckerman, Cecilia
Hendricks, Pani Mary Hendricks, Pani Katie Russell,
Mary Russell, David Woods, Mary Woods

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Welcome to St. Stephen!
You are welcome here. Join us in prayer and worship
of almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

About the Parish

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church, led by the Holy Spirit, is called to evangelize – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to welcoming and caring for all of God's children.

We are a parish of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Bishop Kurt (Burnette) of Passaic is our apostolic administrator. Archbishop William (Skurla) of Pittsburgh is our Metropolitan. We are in communion with our holy father Francis, the Pope of Rome.

“Eastern Catholics are in [comm]union with Rome. We share the same faith and the same mysteries, however, our way of expressing them follows the same tradition as the Orthodox Churches.”
– our former pastor Fr. Joseph Radvansky in *A Brief Explanation of the Eastern Catholic Churches*.

LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday & Saturday morning at 10:00am
Wednesday & Friday evening at 7:00pm

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions

Sunday, October 15, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 3

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger (9th Century).

The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch (312).

Vespers Paramia: Genesis 14:14-20 • Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • Deut. 10:14-21.

9th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Galatians 1:11-19 & for the Fathers: Hebrews 13:7-16

Luke 8:5-15 & for the Fathers: John 17:1-13

8:15am Matins for Sunday

9:30am First & Third Hour – Reader Service; **Confessions** – in Sacristy

10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish

for Malina & John Michael Patrick (10-14)

Cantors: Mary H, Mary W,
& Cecilia

Reader: Dominique

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. ECF classes.

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

Monday, October 16, 2023

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.

Philippians 4:10-23. Luke 9:18-22.

7:00pm *Byzantine Book Club* - online: meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia

or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The Holy Prophet Hosea. The Holy Venerable Martyr Andrew of Crete (767).

Colossians 1:1-2a, 7-11. Luke 9:23-27.

Fr. John in Ohio for the clergy conference – No Coffee with Fr. John

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 

✦ The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Vespers: 1 John 1:1-7 • James 1:1-12 • Jude 1-7, 17-25.

Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

for Luke: Colossians 4:5-9, 14-15, 18. Luke 10:16-22.

for the day: Colossians 1:18-23. Luke 9:44-50.

7:00pm Vespers for Thursday – Reader Service

Thursday, October 19, 2023

The Holy Prophet Joel. The Holy Martyr Varus (307). Venerable Father John of Rila (946).

Colossians 1:24-29. Luke 9:49-56.

Friday, October 20, 2023 

⊗ The Holy Great Martyr Artemius (392).

Colossians 2:1-7. Luke 10:1-15.

7:00pm Vespers for Saturday – Reader Service

Saturday, October 21, 2023

⊗ Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great (372).

2 Corinthians 3:12-18. Luke 7:1-10.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

+Sidney, +Bennie, +Mary, & +John Thomas, from Mary Ann Osmond

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions

Sunday, October 22, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 4

The Holy Bishop Abercius of Hieropolis, Equal to the Apostles, Wonder-worker.

The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Our Holy Father John Paul II, Pope of Rome.

10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14.

Galatians 2:16-20. Luke 16:19-31.

8:15am Matins *for Sunday*

9:30am First & Third Hour – *Reader Service; Confessions* – *in Sacristy*

10:00am Divine Liturgy – *for the people of the parish*

Cantors: Mary H & Cecilia

with the Baptism of Theodora Kunitz

Reader: Victor A

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. ECF classes. Bible Discussion in small hall at 12:15

7:00pm Vespers *for Monday*

Monday, October 23, 2023

⊗. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God.

Colossians 2:13-20. Luke 10:22-24.

7:00pm Byzantine Book Club - online: meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia

or in person: 8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

The Holy Martyr Arethas and his Companions (523).

Colossians 2:20-3:3. Luke 11:1-10.

7:00am Coffee with Fr. John – a casual meetup on Zoom

10:00am Third & Sixth Hour

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius (355). Holy & Just Tabitha the Merciful.

Colossians 3:17-4:1. Luke 11:9-13.

7:00am Matins

6:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy *for ⚔ Demetrius*

Cantor: Charles

+John & +Maria and +John & +Mary from Maryalice Lukas

Thursday, October 26, 2023

✚ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius (305).

The Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake at Constantinople (740).

Vespers: Isaiah 43:9-14 • Wisdom 3:1-9 • Wisdom 4:7-15.

Matins Gospel: Matthew 10:16-22.

for Demetrius: 2 Timothy 2:1-10. John 15:17-16:2.

for the day: Colossians 4:2-9. Luke 11:14-23.

Friday, October 27, 2023



The Holy Martyr Nestor (306). Holy Martyr Capitolina and her Servant Erotheïdes (c. 304).

Colossians 4:10-18. Luke 11:23-26.

7:00am First Hour & Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Victor A

+Joan Bulzoni

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Vespers

Saturday, October 28, 2023

The Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Holy Fr. Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer (807).

✚. The Holy Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium (4th Century).

2 Corinthians 5:1-10a. Luke 8:16-21.

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Cantor: Mary R

for Greg Hendricks, from Sarah Marron

4:00pm Great Vespers for Sunday – followed by Confessions

Sunday, October 29, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 5

The Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia (c. 250). Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit (360).

Passing of our Venerable Fr. Abraham of Rostov, Archimandrite & Wonder-worker.

11th Resurrectional Matins Gospel: John 21:15-25.

Galatians 6:11-18. Luke 8:26-39.

8:15am Matins for Sunday

9:30am First & Third Hour – Reader Service; **Confessions** – in Sacristy

10:00am Divine Liturgy – for the people of the parish

Cantors: TBD

Reader: Dan L

After Liturgy: Fellowship & Potluck in the hall. ECF classes. Bible Discussion in small hall at 12:15

7:00pm Vespers for Monday

LEGEND

- ⊕ Great Feast
- ⊕ Feast with an All-night Vigil
- ✦ Feast with the Polyeleos at Matins
- ⊗ Feast with the Great Doxology at Matins
- ⊗ Feast with Six Stichera at Vespers



by tradition, a strict fast day (no meat, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, or oil)



by tradition, wine and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, eggs, or fish)



by tradition, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat, dairy, or eggs)



by tradition, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, and oil are permitted (no meat)

Bible Discussion – 1 Corinthians

Our ongoing parish Bible discussion is focused on Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. When Paul writes to them, the Corinthian Christians are enthusiastic new believers who have a lot to learn about how to live Christian life together. In 1 Corinthians, Paul answers their questions and straightens them out in some areas where they're going wrong. His instructions to them speak to us today.

The reading and discussions will continue on **Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5**

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to take part in all the sessions. Drop in when you can. The group is using a brief guide to 1 Corinthians in the Six Weeks with the Bible series by Kevin. Free copies are available. We meet at 12:15 pm in the small hall.

Invitation to Byzantine Book Club

We have almost completed reading and discussing *The Orthodox Way* by +Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing this wonderful book. We will begin reading and discussing *Poustinia: Encountering God in Silence, Solitude, and Prayer* by Catherine Doherty. The discussions will begin Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7pm.

You may join in person at the Hendricks Homestead
(8461 Barrington Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198)
or online through the link: meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia
[Join by phone](https://meet.google.com/xuc-eiuo-sia) (US) +1 662-510-4431 PIN: 111 641 182#

Poustinia: Encountering God in Silence, Solitude, and Prayer

The author states “It is important, I think, for the reader to understand that much of this book was originally in the form of talks given to Madonna House, the community God formed through me, and that therefore it has a conversational tone.”

In the noise and confusion of our age, Poustinia (Russian for “desert”), opens a door into a vista of our own hearts where the presence of God dwells. Since its first publication almost 50 years ago, Catherine’s teaching on prayer has been translated into 16 languages and hailed as a spiritual classic.

If you would like to investigate this opportunity, contact Fr. Deacon Lawrence at (734) 255-4099 or frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com

Parish Library

Please note that we have been growing a parish library, housed in the cabinets of the small hall. Parishioners are welcome to peruse and borrow the books, many of which have been donated for our continuing education and edification. Please contact Fr. John to arrange a visit to the parish library.

Coffee with Fr. John

a casual meetup on Zoom

Perhaps you have questions and haven't been able to find a moment to ask. Or perhaps you'd just like to hang out for a while in the morning before work. You're invited to share some time as we journey together through this life in Christ. This will be an online meeting through Zoom at 7am on Tuesdays. (*No meeting on 10-17*). You can join with or without video.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054002720?pwd=QzZNM59GUE9KTIkxU01DdVdCeTRLZz09>

Meeting ID: 830 5400 2720

Passcode: 389460

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The Stewardship Appeal helps cover the costs of a variety of programs in the Eparchy including the support of charity. Funds raised through the Stewardship Appeal will provide charitable help for the poorest people in our communities and abroad. This includes supporting poor priests and their families.

If you have not already made your pledge or donation, please visit parma.org and consider a donation to the Eparchy to help financially with the many needs we face. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

St. Stephen's goal this year is \$7,300. So far, 10 contributors have donated \$904.

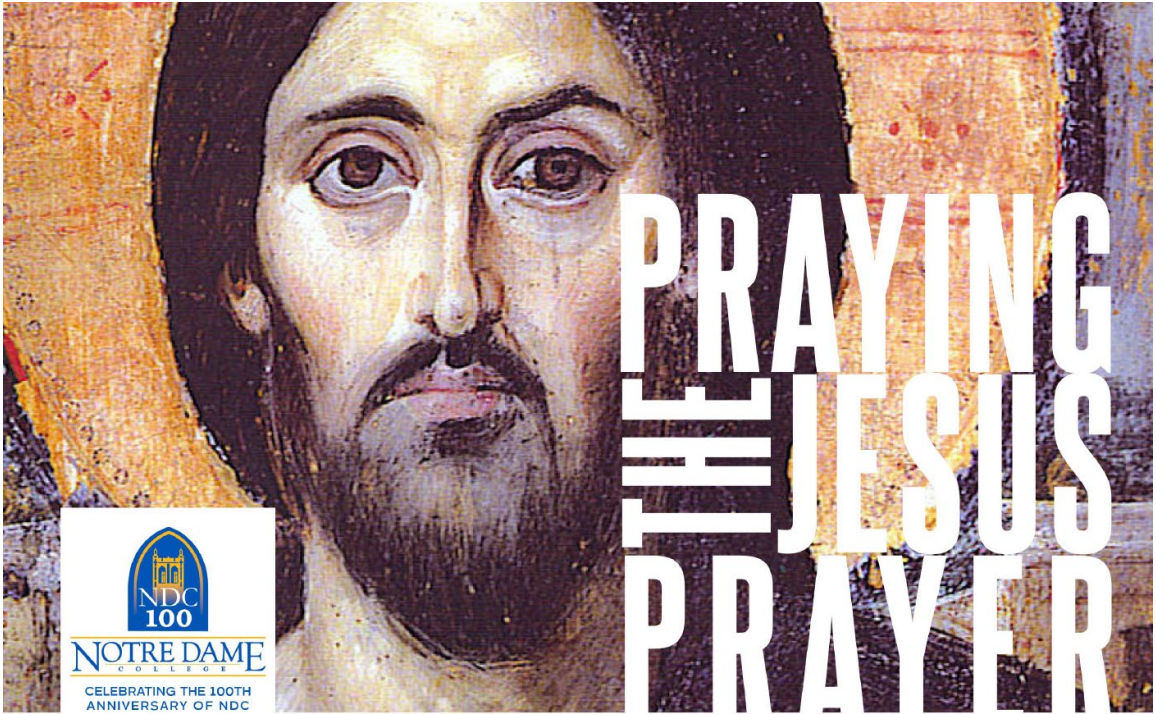
Join us at Saint Stephen for
our 4th annual



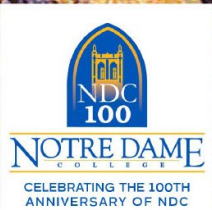
October 31st 6-8pm (setup at 5pm)

- ~ Free event for the whole family
- ~ Visit with old friends and new
- ~ Free Chili, Cider, & Soul Cakes
- ~ Donations welcome!
- ~ Sign up to assist or donate items

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church
4141 Laurence Avenue Allen Park, MI 48101
(In the Parish Office Lot)



PRAYING THE JESUS PRAYER



In this seminar, **FREDERICA MATHEWES-GREEN** presents insights into the ancient desert prayer that tunes the heart to God. The Jesus Prayer “has historically been passed on face-to-face, from one Christ-loving person to the next, down the generations ever since the desert saints... As you form the habit of saying this prayer in the back of your mind all the time, it soaks into you, like dye into cotton, and colors the way you encounter every person and circumstance you meet.”

Frederica Mathewes-Green is a wide-ranging author of eight books, including The Illumined Heart, The Open Door, and Mary as Early Christians Knew Her. She is the khouria (spiritual mother) of Holy Cross Orthodox Church near Baltimore.



DONATIONS TO THE EASTERN CHURCH SEMINAR ARE WELCOMED
NOTE: THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE VIDEOTAPE BEFORE A LIVE AUDIENCE FOR FUTURE VIEWING ON YOUTUBE THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH NOTRE DAME COLLEGE OF OHIO

THIS EVENT IS FREE
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**RSVP REGISTRATION www.notredamecollege.edu
kkovach@ndc.ed OR ovatmanus@ndc.edu**

**NOTRE DAME COLLEGE + CO-SPONSORS PRESENT
THE 38TH ELEANOR MALBURG
EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY
OCT. 28**

10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

**ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
3256 WARREN ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH 44111**

**DOORS OPEN AT 10:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. PRESENTATION
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON - Q&A WITH THE PRESENTER
12:00 NOON - TOURS OF THE ROMANIAN ETHNIC ART MUSEUM**

Special Collections 2023

December 9-10, 2023 (use envelopes dated Aug 27, 2023):

Retirement Fund for Religious

- Retirement Fund for the Religious: The Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown benefit directly from this USCCB Collection for their retired nuns. As they were active and provided ministry to our Eparchy in the past, we wish to help them by participating in this collection. This collection is not for our retired priests but will only benefit the retired nuns of the community of St. Basil the Great.

Day House | Detroit Catholic Worker

THURSDAY POTLUCK

Thursdays at 6:30 PM
All are welcome.
Those who can are encouraged
to bring something to share



2640 TRUMBULL ST.
DETROIT, MI

Upcoming Retreat Opportunities

Women within our Eparchy are invited to attend the 2023 Eparchial Women's Renewal: "The Courage to be Myrrh-bearers" scheduled to take place **November 10-11** in Whitehouse, OH. Join us as we find our courage in God and learn how to take the steps to share our gifts with others.

We encourage you to check for more opportunities! <https://www.parma.org/retreats>

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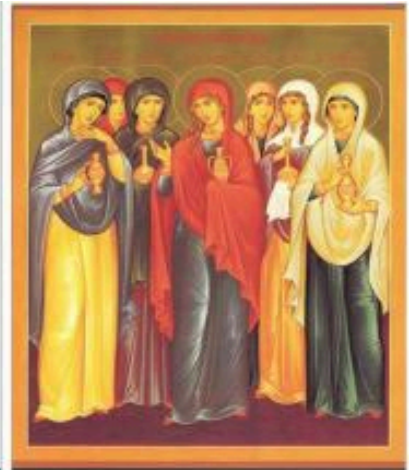
Registration

When:

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November 10-12, 2023
Reserve your space by
October 1, 2023

Early fee by Sept 1 = \$200
After Sept 1 fee = \$225
*Registration is first come first served
if needed, we will start a waiting list.*

**For questions
& online registration:**
Kim Kocuba
kimkocuba@ameritech.net
216-337-2673



Send registration and checks:
Women's Renewal
4600 State Rd,
Cleveland, OH 44109

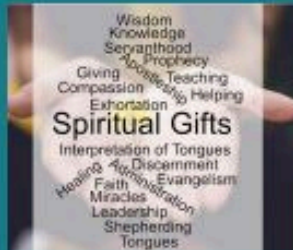
Make checks payable to:
Dormition of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church

Venmo link for online payment:
[@Kim-Kocuba](https://venmo.com/Kim-Kocuba)

If you are paying online via Venmo, please
email your registration information to
kimkocuba@ameritech.net
**Registration is first come first
served!**

Where:

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The Lial Retreat Center
5908 Davis Rd,
Whitehouse, OH 43571



THE COURAGE TO BE MYRRH BEARERS

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Parma Eparchial Women's
Renewal 2023

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Registration:

Send **Paper** registration and **checks** to:

Women's Renewal, 2023 4600 State Rd, Cleveland,
OH 44109

If mailing a check, please send in registration with it.

Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of
God Byzantine Catholic Church

Online payment: Venmo link @Kim-Kocuba

Online registration form available @

<https://www.parma.org/retreats>

Contact Kim @ kimkocuba@ameritech.net or

216-337-2673 with questions.



Keynote: Lynne Wardach:

The ByziMom

<https://www.byzimom.com/byzikids>

ByziMom's Guide to Great Fast Meals.

She is also the creator and executive editor of
ByziKids Magazine, and is an oblate and
Coordinator of the Myrrhbearing Lay Sisters of
St. John the Beloved at Holy Annunciation
Byzantine Catholic Monastery.

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Spiritual Leader:

Rev. Dennis Hrubciak

Retired - Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of
Parma

You have gifts to offer!

*Join us as we find our courage in
God and learn how to take the step
to share our gifts with others.*

*Registration is first come first
served. Don't miss your chance,
register by September 1, 2023*



METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY



Art | History | Presentations | Prayer | Dancing

NOVEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

**LIVING OUR FAITH
Moving Forward
Appreciating Our Past**

- \$250 per person
- \$400 per family
- Young Adult (18-35)*
*registration underwritten by
The Maria Theresa Foundation



**St. Mary Byzantine
Catholic Church,
Hillsborough, NJ**

Assembly Coordinators

Fr. Edward Cimbala 212-677-0516 | Fr. Yuriy Oros 609-394-5004

Email: byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com | **Web:** byzantineassembly2023.org

St. Nicholas Apostolate

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is a means for members in our parish to practice Christian love through giving charitable donations and volunteering. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is facilitating donations from the parish for three funds modeled after the three purses of St. Nicholas. He was a wealthy man before he became a priest and bishop, and he chose to use his wealth to save three impoverished women from slavery by giving each of them a sack of gold coins for a dowry. St. Nicholas is often shown holding three purses or three coins. The three purses of the St. Nicholas Apostolate will be used to support the following:

- 1) charitable organizations
(such as Day House, Image of God Pregnancy Center, & Fish & Loaves)
- 2) fellow parishioners in need
- 3) neighbors and strangers who come to the parish seeking help.

One way that parishioners are encouraged to practice Christ's command to "help those that ask" is through monetary donations. Someday soon, a donation box next to an icon of St. Nicholas will be placed in the narthex with envelopes for parishioners to donate to a purse of their choosing or simply to make an unrestricted gift. Donations for the first purse, charitable organizations, are given directly to the organizations. Donations for the second and third purses, our parishioners and our neighbors, are distributed by Fr. John Russell as he deems appropriate. All donations are tax deductible. In the near future, volunteer opportunities will also be organized for the parish to participate in.

The St. Nicholas Apostolate is not a philanthropic club, but rather is a vehicle for the parish community to respond to God's commandment to love our neighbor, especially our neighbors in need.

"On the subject of mutual charity, you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.... Nevertheless, we urge you... to progress even more." (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10).

Contact Fr Deacon Lawrence (frdeaconlawrence@yahoo.com) for more information.

Synodal Process

From the survey and the conversations with parishioners in the context of reflections on the Beatitudes, we have formulated some goals for St. Stephen's.

*** Develop opportunities for adult religious education**

In the survey, parishioners expressed some reservations about their readiness to share the Christian faith with others. It seems that further education would be helpful. In order to develop something that will best meet parishioners needs, we need to ask more specific questions to discover areas in which they would most like to learn and formats they would find most helpful.

Action: we will create some ways of inquiring into educational needs in the parish during the fall. In the new year we will begin to present new educational opportunities.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in new educational experiences by Pascha next year.

*** Encourage and help parishioners to go on retreats**

Most parishioners report that they do not often or ever go on retreats. Taking retreat time is a normal practice in Christian life. While retreats in the eparchy are routinely brought to parishioners' attention, more could be done to encourage and help them.

Action: we will give more attention to helping parishioners see the value of taking retreats and will work to identify and promote retreats and help people attend them (transportation, etc.).

We would like to see 10 percent of the active adults in the parish attend a retreat by the end of 2023.

*** Develop outreach opportunities**

In conversation over the Beatitudes, parishioners expressed the need for ways of serving neighbors in need and also for deepening community life within the parish. Developing outreach opportunities in a way that also deepens parishioners relationships with each other would help to meet this need.

Action: We have revived the long defunct St. Nicholas Apostolate as a way of involving parishioners in service to needy neighbors—and to each other in the parish. The apostolate will encourage donations for help to individuals outside and inside the church and will help parishioners learn about, support, and participate in selected local nonprofit organizations.

Our goal is to involve at least 20 percent of the active adults in the parish in this apostolate.

Please continue to let us know your thoughts about the parish and about these initiatives in particular. You may always call or write:

313-382-5901

4141 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101

ststephen@parma.org

Rides to Church

If you need a ride or would like to offer a ride to others, please contact Victor Jiompkowski (313-930-0801 / v.jiompkowski1111@att.net) so he can help make the arrangements. The St. Nicholas Apostolate is still looking for a second person to help coordinate rides to church for people having trouble getting to services. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Victor Jiompkowski or Father John.

Church Cleaning

Please sign up to clean our church. Sign up for any week you're available to clean and clean the church on any day of that week. Thank you to Betty & LeAnn for cleaning this week.

CHARITABLE GIVING

from St. Stephen Parish

We donate \$50 per month to Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry

Since our last contributions,

for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, we have collected \$85.

for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, we have collected \$138

for the retirement of our nuns, we have collected \$475.

for Peter's Pence, we have collected \$40

for Catholic Home Missions, we have collected \$40

Image of God Pregnancy Center

Our parish helps to support Image of God Pregnancy Center (4151 Seminole St., Detroit), a place of hope for disadvantaged women on the city's east side for the past 11 years. Their facility provides vital resources at no cost to current and expecting mothers, from pregnancy testing to professional counseling, in Detroit's most underserved area.

Prayer List

Pray for the healing of John Aral, Barb Barnes, Don & Theresa Butella, Dorothy Brooks, Pat Carlson, Lawrence Thomas Dion, Chris Lauffer, Michael Mykeloff, Ron Ostrowsky, Thomas Payeur, & Edith Santo

ATTENDANCE – *Thank you for praying with us.*

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on October 8th was **54**. Average Sunday attendance ≈ **58**

Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

COLLECTION – *Thank you for supporting your parish.*

Collection for October 8^h was **\$1,794.60**. Average Weekly Collection: **\$2,021.23**
Sunday: \$984; Holy Day: \$10; Online: \$695.17; Candles: \$39.50; Fuel: \$30; Horizons: \$36

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).



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