

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:**

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Weekdays, Sundays and Feast Days: 30 min. before Divine

Liturgy and other days, by appointment

HOLY COMNIUNION; for the sick, by appointment, anytime.

BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, anytime.

### **ATTENDANCE in St. Stephen**

Attendance at Divine Liturgy on **November 30<sup>rd</sup> was 31 in St. Stephen**

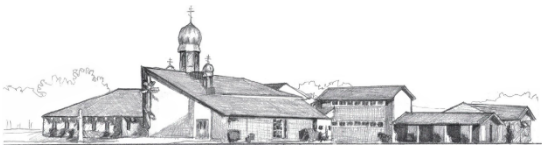
*Devote yourselves “to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).*

### **COLLECTION**

Collection for **November 30<sup>rd</sup> was \$ 1,190.86 in St. Stephen**

Collection for **November 30<sup>rd</sup> was \$ 1,316.3 in Sacred Heart**

*“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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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Dicsőség Jézus Krisztusnak! Слава Ісусу Христу!**



## WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Marton he will be happy to talk to you. Please join us for our potluck Agape in the Parish Hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

## LITURGICAL SERVICE TIMES

**Monday, December 8.** *Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna., Gal 4,22-31, Lk 8,16-21*

*6:00pm confession*

*6:30pm Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna*

**Friday, December 12.** *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Heb 9,1-7, Lk 1,39-56*

*6:00pm Confession*

*6:30pm Divine Liturgy*

**Saturday, December 13.** *Eustratius and Others-Martyrs, Eph 6,10-17, Lk 21,12-19*

*4:00pm Vespers for Sunday*

**Sunday, December 14.,** *Sunday of the Forefathers, Col 3,4-11, Lk 14,16-24*

**8:30am Confession**

**9:00am CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL RETREAT with Fr. Mykhailo Solianyk,**

***Divine Liturgy***

**10:30am Agape in the hall**

## ★ Kids' Korner – The Journey to Bethlehem! ★

### Bible Verse of the Week:

*“And Joseph went to Bethlehem... with Mary, who was expecting a child.” (Luke 2:4–5)*

### Mary and Joseph's Journey

- Mary and Joseph traveled a **long way** from Nazareth to Bethlehem.
- The road was **dusty, rocky, and slow**, but they trusted God.
- Mary rode on a **donkey**, and Joseph walked beside her.
- They finally reached Bethlehem... but there was **no room at the inn!**
- Even on a hard journey, **God was guiding them.**

### Word Search – “Bethlehem Journey”

Find these words: **Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, Donkey, Star, Road, Trust, Hope, Travel, God**

MARYDONKEYT  
RUSTJOSEPHR  
AODBETHLEHE  
MTRAVELGODS  
TARHOPEJOUR

### Prayer for Children:

Dear Jesus, help me trust You even when things are hard. Just like Mary and Joseph, guide my steps and keep me close to You. In the name of the Father and the Son and a Holy Spirit Amen.

### Please remember in your prayers:

*“Prayer is the gentle embrace of those who suffer, even from afar.” (Pope Francis)*

Please remember the following members of our parish in your prayers:

*Chris Lauffer, Dan Lauffer, Donald and Theresa Butellai, Deacon Laurence Hendricks, Abigel Egressy, Gregory Hendricks, Nancy Patterson, Paul and Betty Baise, Luella, Nella, James Wilkins*  
Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Please let Fr. Marton know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

fellowship with other couples. Schedule: 10:00 AM — Breakfast & Welcome., 11:00 AM — Conferences & Spiritual Reflections 4:00 PM — Divine Liturgy 5:30 PM — Romantic Dinner. Retreat Master: Very Rev. Fr. Mykhailo Solianyk. Cost: \$35 per person

**December 14<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL RETREAT in St. Stephen– During the Liturgy**

We warmly invite everyone to join us for a **Christmas Spiritual Retreat**, led by Fr. **Mykhailo Solianyk**. **Confession Available**, Fr. **Mykhailo** will hear confessions and offer the homily during the Divine Liturgy. At the end of the Liturgy, We will conclude the celebration with a delicious communal lunch in the parish hall. **Let us come together and prepare our hearts for the Feast.**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> Cookie Sale in Sacred Heart**

On December 21, during the coffee social, Ladies of Sacred Heart will be holding a Cookie Sale/Walk. Each lady of the parish is asked to bake and donate 3 dozen homemade cookies. They are to be packaged in groups of 6. The cookies must be baked home. (If any of the men want to bake cookies for the sale, they are welcome to do so.)

**December 21<sup>st</sup> GUILD COOKIE SALE in St. Stephen**

On December 21, during the coffee social, Guild of St. Stephen will be holding a Cookie Sale/Walk. Cost is \$20.00 a container. The guild is asking anyone who can bake, please bake to add to the cookie sale.

**December 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Stephen and Koljadky Evening in St. Stephen**

Join us on **December 27** at **St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church** as we celebrate the **Feast of St. Stephen the Deacon**, the heavenly patron of our parish! We warmly invite everyone to this special celebration, which will begin at **2:00pm** with a **Festal Divine Liturgy**, followed by our joyful **Koljadky Evening** — a time of **traditional carols, fellowship, and festive treats** as we continue the joy of the Christmas season. Please sign up for the event!

**January 30, 2026-February 1, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat in Jesuit Retreat Center.**

**More information please visit:** <https://parma.org/events/5th-annual-mens-retreat>

**February 20-22, 2026, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat in Maria Stein Retreat Center**

<https://www.parma.org/events/13thannualwomensretreat>



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**This Sunday's Hymns and Proper's – Tone 1**

The minimum propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 1 are on Pages 125-127 of the teal pew book. We are also reminded of the upcoming Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary). Thus for today, the 26th Sunday after Pentecost, 12/7/2025, we sing:

**Troparion of Resurrection**, Tone 1 - bottom of Page 125

**Troparion of Pre-Festive Day** of Maternity of Anna, Tone 4 - top of Page 277

**Glory... Now and Ever**, Tone 3 - middle of Page 136 (or follow cantor)

**Kontakion of Pre-Festive Day** of Maternity of Anna, Tone 3 - music at bottom of Page 242

**Prokeimenon**, **Tone 1** - middle of Page 127; **Alleluia**, **Tone 1** - bottom of Page 127

**Communion Hymn** - For Sunday (Psalm 148:1) - music at middle of Page 78.

Also for this Sunday, which is in the Phillip's Fast period before Christmas, instead of the three Sunday Antiphons we will sing the first and second Typical Psalm, simple form, on pages 16 and 17, and the Beatitudes on page 23.

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**8:30am** Confession

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**Wednesday, December 10.** *Menas and Others Martyrs, 1Tim 5,22-6,11, Lk 21,5-7, 10-11, 20-24*

**No service on this day!**

**1:00-4:00pm** *Private prayer & visits to All Saints Shrine*

**Saturday, December 13.** *Eustratius and Others-Martyrs, Eph 6,10-17, Lk 21,12-19*

**No service on this day!**

**11:00am-1:00pm** *Private prayer & visits to All Saints Shrine*

**Sunday, December 14.,** *Sunday of the Forefathers, Col 3,4-11, Lk 14,16-24*

**10:00am** *E.C.F. classes*

**11:30am** *Divine Liturgy for the parishioner, donors, benefactor's*

### **Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program**



Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. God relies on generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monks, and nuns. The Church needs people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon "The Call of the Disciples" in your home for one week. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted in the parish hall on the table.

### **The Sacred Heart choir**

If you would like to be part of the choir, but cannot be due to timing conflicts, please talk to Michael Nagrant about other times during the week, as rehearsal patterns may need to shift due to the changed liturgy time. Our focus at present is learning English translations of Byzantine-Ruthenian Christmas carols (koljádŷ).

### **Request a Divine Liturgy for Your Intentions**

Divine Liturgy is the Church's most sacred prayer offered for the faithful. You may request a Liturgy for: **The living** (for health, thanksgiving, or guidance), **the sick., the departed.** Please feel free to contact Fr. Marton if you would like a Liturgy offered for a special intention. *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."* (James 5,16)

### **Prayer for Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, instill in the hearts of men and women a willingness to joyfully give their lives for the sake of souls, and call them to your service. Hear my prayer and the prayers of your Church: send us good, faithful, and holy priests, deacons, monks, and nuns to lead your people to their eternal happiness. Amen

### **Sacred Heart raffle tickets**

Sacred Heart is currently holding a raffle to raise funds for the parish. Each family has received \$100.00 worth of tickets. However, we would like each family to sell an extra \$100.00. The raffle will be for \$2,500.00. In the event enough money is not realized, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. The drawing will take place on December 28 at a dinner after the liturgy. Any unsold tickets must be returned.

### **Now enrolling! St. Anselm Catholic School**

We are a small close-knit community and offer a faith-based education for students in Preschool to 8th grade. With individualized attention in our core and special subjects, our students are well-prepared to attend any of the top high schools in the area. Our school is committed to maintaining a strong Catholic identity with weekly all school mass, and a comprehensive religious education program to prepare students for sacraments during school hours. To schedule a building tour for your family, and a shadow day for your student, please call our main office at 313-563-3430 or email Principal Brian Owens at [bowens@saintanselmschool.org](mailto:bowens@saintanselmschool.org)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **December 13<sup>th</sup> Marriage Couples Retreat**

Join us on December 13 in Sterling Heights St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church for a special Retreat for Married Couples. Take this opportunity to renew your spiritual connection, strengthen your relationship, and share faith and