

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY AND SACRAMENTS:**

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

Liturgy and other days, by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION; 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 **December 28<sup>th</sup> was 42 in St. Stephen**

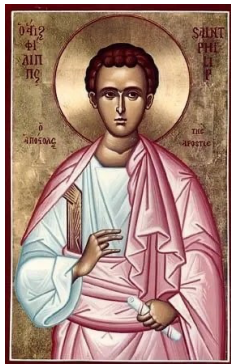
*Devote yourselves "to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"*  
(Acts 2:42).

### **COLLECTION**

Collection for **December 28<sup>th</sup> was \$ 1,738.45 in St. Stephen**

Collection for **December 28<sup>th</sup> was \$3,810.3 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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## SACRED HEART BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



# CHARITY BALL

Join us for an evening of fellowship, joy, dance  
and support our church

**Date:** February 7, 2026

**Location:** 29125 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

### **Program:**

4:00pm Divine Liturgy

5:00pm Gathering

6:00pm Dinner

### **Tickets:**

\$45 for adults

\$25 for children ( from age 6-12)

### **TICKET RESERVATIONS:**

Tickets can be reserved by phone at 419-269-7585,  
734-223-9613 or by email at  
[sacredheartlivonia@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartlivonia@gmail.com)

All proceeds from the Charity Ball will be used for the  
maintenance and support our church

Christ is Born! - Glorify Him! Krisztus Születik! - Dicsőítsétek!



### 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!

## Schedule of Services

January 5-11, 2026

**Monday, January 5.** Vigil of the Theophany, Martyrs Theopemptos and Theonas – Mother Syncletica, 1 Cor 9:19-27, LK 3:1-18

6:00pm Divine Liturgy for Theophany in Sacred Heart, The Great Blessing of Water

**Tuesday, January 6.** Feast of Theophany of Our Lord, Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7, Matthew 3: 13-17

10:00am Divine Liturgy for the Feast Theophany in St. Stephen, The Great Blessing of Water

## The Blessing of Homes

In the **Byzantine Catholic tradition**, the blessing of homes takes place **after the Feast of Theophany (Epiphany)**, usually during the month of **January**. During this visit, a priest comes to the home to sprinkle it with **Holy Water blessed in church**, asking God to pour out His blessing, protection, and grace upon the household. Through this beautiful tradition, the home is renewed as a **“temple of the Holy Spirit,”** a place where faith is lived, prayer is offered, and Christ dwells among His people.

### Purpose of the Blessing

#### **Sanctification**

To ask God to bless the home and all who live there, making it a holy space filled with peace and grace.

#### **Spiritual Renewal**

A yearly renewal of our baptismal calling, reminding us to live our faith daily within our families.

#### **Pastoral Connection**

An opportunity for the priest and family to connect, sharing joys, struggles, and prayer together.

### Preparation for the Blessing

#### **Prepare a small table with:**

- Icons of Christ, the Theotokos, and Saints. A cross and prayer books. A lit candle

#### **Environment**

- Turn off televisions and radios. Clear a path through the home. Turn on lights in all rooms

 **Sign-up is available for those who wish to have their homes blessed.**

Please register so visits may be scheduled.

**Wednesday, January 7.** *Holy Synaxis in Honor of the Prophet and Glorious Forerunner John the Baptist, Acts 19: 1-8 - feast of St. John, John 1: 29 – 34 - feast of St. John*

**10:00am *Divine Liturgy in Sacred Heart for + Elona Taylor***

**11:00am-1:00pm *Silent Prayer & Visit the Shrine in Sacred Heart***

**Saturday, January 10.** *Saturday after Theophany, Gregory of Nyssa Bishop, Eph 6,10-17, Mt 4,1-11*

**No morning service in Sacred Heart**

**12:00pm *Water Blessing in Ford Field Park in Dearborn***

**Sunday, January 11.** *Sunday After Theophany, Theodosius Venerable, Eph 4,7-13, Mt 4,12-17*

**8:30am *Confession***

**8:40am 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour**

**9:00am *Divine Liturgy for the parishioners, founders, donors., & Agape in the hall in St. Stephen***

**10:30am *Bible study with Kevin Perrotta***

**10:30am *Guild meeting in St. Stephen***

**11:30am *Divine Liturgy for the parishioners, founders, donors., & Agape in the hall in Sacred Heart***

### *This Sunday's Hymns and Propers - Tone 5*

The propers (required changeable parts) for Tone 5 are on Pages 146-148 of the teal pew book. Music for the prescribed combination of these with the Sunday Before Theophany is as follows:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5 - Middle of Page 146

Troparion of the Pre-feast, Tone 4 - Middle of of Page 309

Glory....Now and Ever..., Tone 4 - Middle of Page 141 (or follow cantor)

Kontakion of the Pre-feast, Tone 4 - Bottom of Page 310

Prokeimenon: Middle of Page 311. Alleluia: Bottom of Page 311

Note: Cherubic Hymn melody can be middle of Page 292.

Note: "We Praise You..." melody can be near top of Page 293.

Communion Hymn: For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): Top of Page 305.

### 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

### 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)

### 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, Betty, Julia*

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.

### Theophany (Blessing of Homes)

Dear Brothers and Sisters! In the **Byzantine tradition**, it is customary around the Feast of **Theophany** to bless our homes. During this holy season, we ask God's blessing upon our houses and families, praying for peace, health, and protection throughout the coming year. We warmly invite those who wish to have their homes blessed to **please sign up** on the designated list / in the sacristy. Kindly register in advance so that visits may be scheduled accordingly. May the blessing of the Lord remain upon your homes and families.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 11 Parish meeting in Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 18 the **Ladies** will meet after the Social

Saturday, February 7, **Charity Ball in Sacred Heart**, beginning at 4:00 PM with Divine Liturgy. Details will be posted soon!

January 30 - February 1 5th Annual **Men's Retreat** to be held at the Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Road, Parma, Ohio. Deadline to register is January 9. Retreat Master is Fr. Jan Maturkanic. Contact Karl Busam at [karl.busam77@gmail.com](mailto:karl.busam77@gmail.com) for brochure and schedule.

February 20-22 13th Annual **Women's Retreat** to be held at Maria Stein Retreat Center 2365 St Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH 45860 The Retreat Master is Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD. Details to follow when announced. contact Joan Washburn at [stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com)