

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Holy Days 6:30 p.m. Vigil

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:45 p.m.
Sunday : After Noon Mass or
anytime by appointment

Ministry Contacts

To Contact Father Fairman,
Please contact the Everett Parish Office
At 814-652-5854

Fulton County Catholic Mission

Sr. Martha Burbulla, 717-485-5917
Carmelite Community of The Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #839B

Mass Intentions

5/4/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Walter Rapsinski req. by Loren & Deb Leese
5/5/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. Noon	+Julia, Joseph, and Phoebe Truby req. by Mary Ann Laslo
5/8/2024	Wed. 6:30 p.m.	For The People
5/11/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Julia Canary req. by Eric & Donna Fisher
5/12/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. Noon	+Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Gartner Family
5/18/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	For The People
5/19/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. Noon	+Anna Zimmerman req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
5/25/2024	Saturday 4:00 p.m.	+Robert & Joanne Schmit req. by Steven Schmit
5/26/2024	Sunday 12:00 p.m. Noon	+Jana Johnson req. by Karen & Ed Leisinger

Lector Schedule

5/4/24	Saturday	Kathy Lake
5/5/24	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
5/11/24	Saturday	Maureen Willoughby
5/12/24	Sunday	Joe Wolfe

Counters Schedule

5/5/2024	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope
5/12/2024	Marlene Joyce & Deb Leese

Catholic Ministries Drive 2024

January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Over/Under Goal</u>
\$6028.00	\$775.00	(\$5,433.00)

Weekly Offering



Date:	<u>April 21, 2024</u>	<u>April 28, 2024</u>
Weekly Offering	\$886.00	\$906.00
Energy	\$20.00	\$30.00
Maintenance	\$80.00	\$45.00
Rice Bowl	\$25.25	\$0.00

May Birthdays

5/1 - Charlene Gillen, 5/6 - Jeff Croft, 5/15 - Carol Babinsack, 5/19 - Wes Bafile, 5/28 - Sally Gresty, 5/31 - Margie McGuire, and 5/31 - Angela Roman

May Anniversaries

4/16 Loren & Deb Leese
4/17 Ed & Karen Leisinger
4/29 Dan & Andrea Myers

5/4 Bob & Joni Peck
5/10 Jeff & Karen Croft

PRAYER LIST



Henry and Arlene Babb, Mary Ann Books
Rick Chafardon, Willis Hoffman,
Kathy Kendall, Margie McGuire,
Jeremiah Murphy, Bill Murray, Joni Peck, and
John Petersen.

Please call to add or remove a name once the person is recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are placing someone other than a family member on the list, please be sure to have their permission first.

Donations for New Stations of the Cross

We are beginning to raise funds to purchase a new Stations of the Cross for the church. The old ones are made of heavy plaster and are difficult to repair.

Please place your donations in an envelope with "Stations" written on the front.

If you would like to have the donation "In Memory" or "In Honor" of someone, please indicate that. A chart will be placed in the Vestibule to show how much we need to reach the goal to purchase the Stations.

Total donated as of 4/26/2024 is \$1,435.00

**The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day**

**There will be a vigil Mass on
Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

Family Life News

Northern Deanery Raffle

Tickets \$10 each. Raffle is 6/8/24.
Tickets are available after both weekend Masses.

Last day for ticket sales is May 26th.

Stewardship Reflections

May 5, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. This request from our Lord is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the forefront of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others too.

As St. John tells us in our Second Reading, it is "not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical. In our Gospel, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Look at each moment and think, "How can I better love Jesus right now?" or "How can I lay down my life in this moment?" for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are needed for the months of June, July, and August.

Second Collection

May 12th - Catholic Communication Campaign
Envelopes are in the back of the church
by the offering box.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m.