

# 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

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Reading: John 11:7-19

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #843B

### 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

### 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

5/11/24	Saturday	Maureen Willoughby
5/12/24	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
5/18/24	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
5/19/24	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
5/25/24	Saturday	Sister Martha
5/26/24	Sunday	Kathy Lake

### Counters Schedule

5/12/2024	Marlene Joyce & Deb Leese
5/19/2024	Ed & Karen Leisinger
5/26/2024	Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake

### Catholic Ministries Drive 2024

January 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Over/Under Goal</u>
6,208.00	\$1,425.00	(\$,783.00)



### Weekly Offering

Date:	<u>April 28, 2024</u>	<u>May 5, 2024</u>
Weekly Offering	\$906.00	\$1,349.00
Energy	\$30.00	\$45.00
Maintenance	\$45.00	\$100.00

**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

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**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.

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**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 5/7/2024 is \$1,535.00**

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*Special Prayers for the Living and Deceased Mother's of the Parish.*



**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.**

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**Stewardship Reflections**

**May 12, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

As we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven, we recall that He is not of this world and we were not made for this world. We were made for eternal life. Our readings today remind us that we are called to be set apart as disciples of Christ.

In our Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that as Christian disciples, we do not belong to the world. He prays to God the Father, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." We must stop and ask ourselves, "Who do we belong to?" The answer is that we belong to our Loving and Gracious God. But do we act like we belong to God? How we spend our time, what we do with our talents and how we spend our treasures are a good reflection of who or what we belong to.

Jesus' ascension is a good reminder for us that we, too, are called to heaven. Let us strive to live our lives as a reflection of this goal in mind. And let us pray for the grace to understand just a fraction of God's Perfect Love for us and for the grace to express our love in return.

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**Mass Intentions**

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

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**Second Collection**

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

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**Parish Council Meeting**

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