

St. Stephen Catholic Church

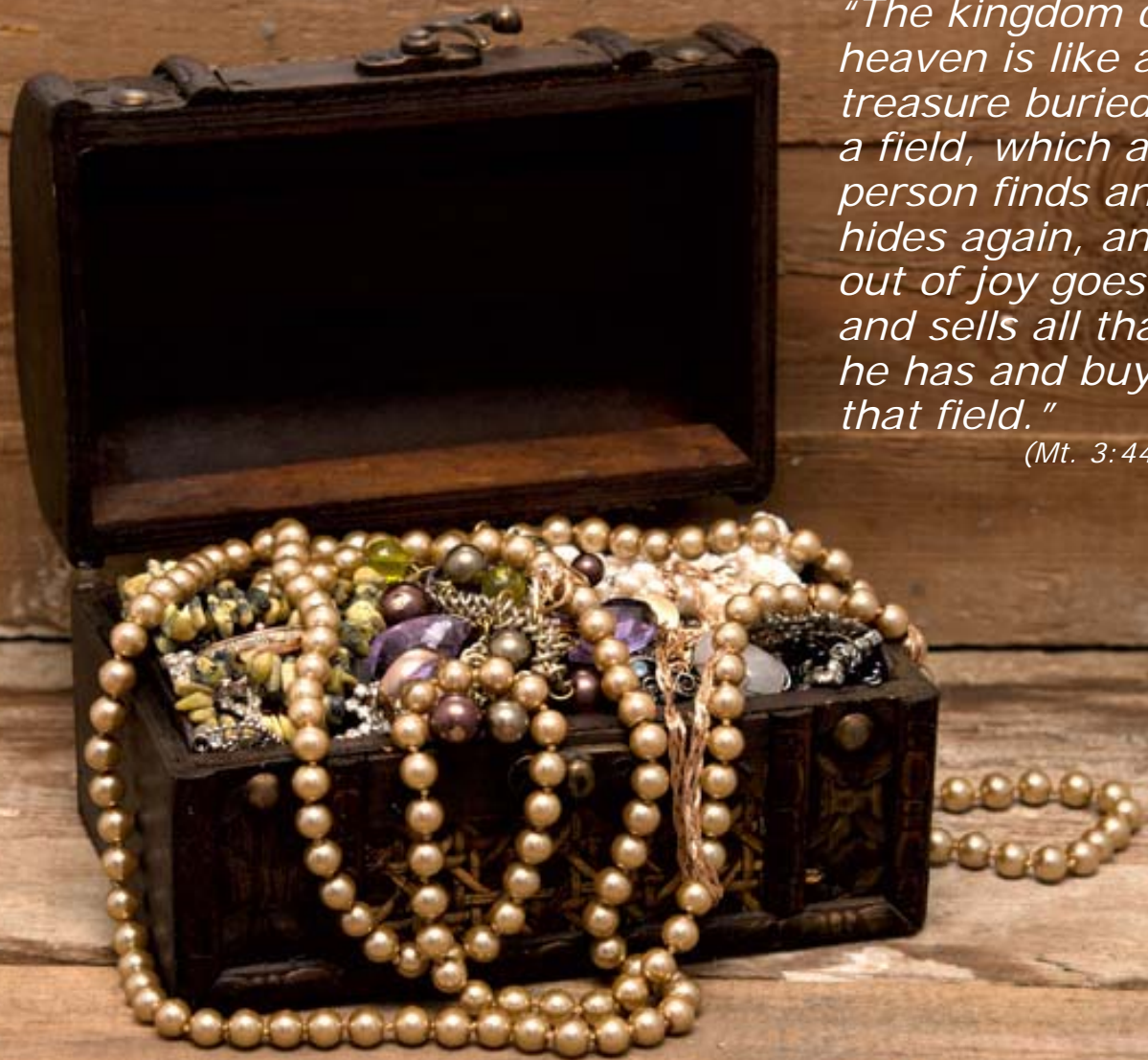
Welcomes You

Phone: 813-689-4900
www.ststephencatholic.org

5049 Bell Shoals Rd.
Valrico, FL 33596
Office Hours: 8:30am-4pm, Mon.-Fri.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

(Mt. 3:44)



WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH!

For daily Mass and ministry activities, please use our paved parking lot during the rainy, restorative season for our south and southeast parking fields. Thank you for your support of our grounds maintenance efforts.

Celebrate With Us!



Pastor's Page BUILDING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



My dear friends,

Most Holy Eucharist:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30am; 5:30pm
 Saturday Vigils 4pm, 6pm
 Monday-Saturday 8am
 Wednesday 7pm
 Please let us know if you are homebound or hospitalized.

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday 3-3:45pm
 Wednesday 8-9pm
 Or by appointment

Baptism of Infants: For infant baptism, please make arrangements one month in advance by calling the Religious Education office, 671-4434 to set up an appointment with our Sacrament Coordinator.

Youth & Adult Confirmation: Please contact the Religious Education Office at 671-4434.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, Youth & Children: If you are over 7 years of age and desire to learn more about the Catholic Church, or wish to become Catholic, please call the Religious Education Office, 671-4434.

Marriage: Please make arrangements with a priest or deacon to begin preparation at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday at 8am Mass or any time upon request. Kindly inform the parish office of those who are ill for visitation and sacraments.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 8:30-9:30am, 8-10pm
 First Friday 8:30-10am

Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday 7:40am

St. Stephen Catholic School and Early Childhood Center:
 10424 St. Stephen Circle
 Riverview, FL 33569-8732
 Phone: 741-9203

Religious Formation Office:
 10428 St. Stephen Circle
 Riverview, FL 33569-8732
 Phone: 671-4434

Our Mission at St. Stephen:

Formed by Word and Sacrament, we, the Catholic family of St. Stephen, are a Eucharist-centered community of faith called to worship God, grow in holiness, and share our faith by loving and serving our neighbor.

www.StStephenCatholic.org

I was recently talking with a brother priest who commented on how “rich” St. Stephen is. I agreed that we were truly blest with a great wealth – we are blest with a wealth of generous, talented, and faithful parishioners. They are our true treasures!

A wonderful example of our “rich” parish is our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to you, our conference was able to care for the needs of 2474 families or 8891 people during the last year. Our faithful volunteers meet with each family and visit homes to determine how we can best give them a hand up and not a hand out. Last year, we distributed tons of food, clothing, and \$20,000 in gift cards. We also helped pay \$16,000 in TECO bills, \$18,000 in rent, and \$9,000 for water and gas. We also provided gifts for the children at Christmas. This was possible through YOUR generosity ... your monetary donations to our poor boxes and gifts of non-perishable food items and clothes. Thank you!! We also thank Publix, Costco, Panera Bread, and Nativity Food Bank for their assistance.



How can you help? Our poor boxes are always ready to accept your donations and our food pantry is always in need of peanut butter, Roma noodles, Hunt's spaghetti sauce in cans, cereal, tuna, mac and cheese, rice, and other non-perishable and non-glass food. We can also use more help on Friday mornings as we serve the poor in our area. Lastly and most importantly, keep us in your prayers as we serve Christ, ever present in the poor and broken.

Those who help with our Meals on Wheels each Thursday morning are another “treasure of great price!” For many, our volunteers truly are the face and voice of Christ. God bless our volunteers! If you want to help, call Mary at 685-7385.

Another example of the “richness” of our parish are those who serve the homeless in Tampa. I'm mindful of our newly formed Kay's Ministry as well as the St. Jude Ministry and Thorn Ministries. Those involved with Kay's Ministry visit the poor in Tampa every Sunday afternoon. More than just a feeding station for the poor, we fill their souls with the Gospel even as we fill their stomachs with a nutritious meal. All three ministries to the homeless are always looking for food or a monetary donation. They are all in need of men's toiletries (travel-sized products and samples from hotels are perfect!), underwear, socks and shoes, clothing, and backpacks as well as food to distribute. While feeding the homeless may not be for everyone, it is a great way for a family with teenagers to serve the Lord together. For more information please call the parish office.

Another “treasure” of our parish are those who are committed to help those women with financial challenges as well as difficult and unexpected pregnancies. Your donations of slightly used baby clothes, furniture, and supplies have helped countless women at Brandon Life Care Center and Pregnancy Plus Medical. Thank you!

Our parish family is truly “rich” - thanks to you! May God bless you and your loved ones!

Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill Swengros, Pastor



Did You Know...

Why does man not live on bread alone?

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4, citing Deuteronomy 8:3). [CCC, 2835]

This passage of Scripture reminds us that men have a spiritual hunger that cannot be satisfied by material means. One can die for lack of bread, but one can also die because one has received bread alone. In a profound sense we are nourished by the one who has *"the words of eternal life"* (Jn 6:68) and a food that does not perish (Jn 6:27): the Holy Eucharist.

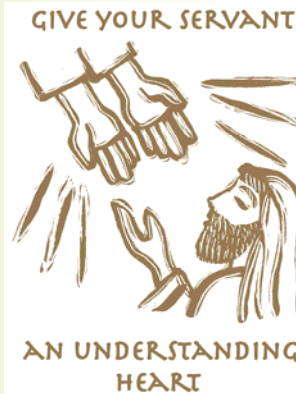
YOUCAT is a Youth Catechism based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

TAKE HOME REFLECTIONS:

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 When things get difficult, do we remember to ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that we can remember that God is still in our life and willing to help us?

Romans 8: 28-30 Today, where do you see the image of Christ in yourself? If the view is foggy how will you make the vision become clearer?

Matthew 13: 44-52 Above all else, do we value our faith and understand that it is the center of our life?



Faith in Action:



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes." - Rom 8:28. Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. However, when we wholeheartedly place our trust in God we will never be disappointed.

From the Holy Father: "The Power of Love"



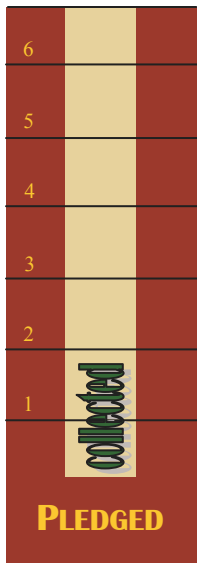
"My dear young friends, I want to invite you to "dare to love". Do not desire anything less for your life than a love that is strong and beautiful and that is capable of making the whole of your existence a joyful undertaking of giving yourselves as a gift to God and your brothers and sisters, in imitation of the One who vanquished hatred and death for ever through love (cf. Rev 5:13). Love is the only force capable of changing the heart of the human person and of all humanity, by making fruitful the relations between men and women, between rich and poor, between cultures and civilizations" (Benedict XVI, Message for the 22nd World Youth Day: Palm Sunday, 1 April 2007).

Prayer for Grandparents: Dear St. Anne, You were truly twice blessed to have our blessed Mother as your daughter and Jesus our Savior as your grandson. I know that every period of our lives has its responsibilities as well as its joys. Today, it seems that grandparents have either too little use or too much; either we are shunted aside to do nothing, or we are called upon to do everything. help me to know just where my duties lie in my particular situation and to carry them out as best I can. Take care of my family, my children, and their children. Inspire them all to follow your grandson and lead truly Christian lives. Keep all of us in your loving care, never let us turn away from Jesus, and help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your grandsons' glorious presence forever. Good St. Anne, pray for us grandparents. Amen.

Pray for Priests! Heavenly Father, please grant to your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer your call and participate in the fullness that you have planned for them. Amen.

Neighborhood Masses: You are invited to host a Mass for your neighborhood in your home or yard on a weekday. We will send out the invitations and prepare for the Mass. As host, you will be asked to welcome your neighbors into your home and provide drinks. Parishioners living in the neighborhood will be invited to bring desserts. It should be a great opportunity for us to grow together in Christ's love. If you are interested, please contact Denise at the parish office.

Building Our Future Together



In Millions

**Building Our
Future Together**
ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH CAMPAIGN



Thank you for keeping the projected plans for our new church building and parish center in focus. As our collection balance increases, the diocese will help us move forward towards groundbreaking! Presently all plans are being finalized. Thank you for your continued support!!

Open Forum - Save the Date!

Next **Open Forum** is scheduled for August 21, 7pm in the Multi Purpose Room. At this meeting we will discuss pew configuration, color schemes, flooring, Mary's Garden and the Chapel of Our Lady. Your participation will enrich our planning; now is the time to be heard!! Everyone is welcome!



Planning and Projecting —

Are you a vendor interested in contributing to our new church? New construction, interior systems, and designing appointments -- if these are your forte, please leave a business card at the parish office for Tom Doyle, Parish Manager (TDoyle@StStephenCatholic.org). We would love to hear from our professional parish community, and include you in our planning stages in the next few weeks. Thank you!

Mass Communication:

We would love to serve you better. The Holy Father has encouraged us to take advantage of modern technologies to promote the Gospel. Help us communicate with you in a more timely and less expensive manner.



Please send an email to Bernie: (BKalle@ststephencatholic.org) and we'll add your email address to our database. For emergency purposes (major cancellations, etc.) we can text you if your phone receives texts, too. Please provide that number and phone carrier as well.



Let us know if there are changes in the names or number of those living in your household, phone numbers, address, etc. We would be glad to send you information on our ministries, offertory envelopes, or electronic giving. Also, if you would not like to receive periodic emails from the parish, let us know. If you are interested in getting our text-updates, please indicate. Help us to serve you better! Thank you!

Words of Wisdom: "Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him."
— St. Dominic Savio

Divorce, Pornography, and Abortion

Solomon's Gathering (Song of Songs 1:2 "*More delightful is your love than wine!*")

Many are affected by divorce, and struggle with events that torment them, including ongoing conflicts with their ex-spouse. If you wish to find a quiet and peaceful approach to your life again, consider this group. It is an approach to healing, and not a group to promote dating within the group.

David's Legacy (2 Samuel 11 and 2 Samuel 12:13 "*The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die*"). Many men and women are affected by pornography. If you are struggling with pornography, you may wish to consider this group. It will be aimed at a Christ-filled recovery.

Bethany Springs (John 4:14 "... *but whoever drinks the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*") If you have been affected by abortion, miscarriage, or infant death, consider this group. It is a Bible-based approach to forgiveness through Christ..

All of these groups will meet once each month at Nativity. They will be confidential groups, so it is up to you whether or not you disclose your participation to anyone. If you e-mail Deacon Mark at Ltaylo10@tampabay.rr.com, or call his medical office at 653-1150, you can obtain additional information.

**St. Stephen
Catholic
School**

The Mustang

July 24, 2011
SCHOOL NEWS



2011-2012

ENROLLMENT

Information about our school may be found at www.ststephencatholic.org
Please give us a call at 741-9203, ext. 304 to schedule a tour.
We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school family!

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon. & Wed. 10am to 2pm
Tues. & Thurs. 10am to 4pm
Closed Fridays
Resume regular hours Aug. 8

I ♥ BINGO! Do you?

St. Stephen's hosts BINGO every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, doors open at 5:30 and BINGO starts at 6:30pm. BINGO is a fundraiser for our school but it is also a social outlet for many people in our parish and larger community. Invite a parent or grandparent to a BINGO date at St. Stephen.

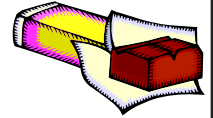
We need help to maintain and grow this ministry. We want to feed those who gather for BINGO both physically and socially. If you are interested in being a caller, donating raffle prizes, making food, or helping in any way please contact Mrs. Julianne Gonzalez at 813-741-9203 or jgonzalez@ststephencatholic.org.

Summer Enrichment Ideas



Summer should be a time for students to play hard, use creativity, and explore their world! Literacy activities can be challenging and creative, while helping the students improve their reading skills over the summer months. After completing a summer reading book, encourage your child to create a different ending to the story. For an extra challenge, they can write another chapter to continue the adventure. You can even introduce creative

writing prompts to let your child's imagination flow. For example, ask them to create a brand new candy bar. Help them name and describe the new candy bar and then draw a package or advertisement to promote the new product.



Math can also be fun and engaging in the summertime.

Students can invent a new game using cards or dice and then play the game with a friend or family member. Popular games such as Monopoly, Yahtzee, Uno, or Scrabble will help them use their math and reading skills. Making a new math game using objects like a



paddle and Nerf ball can be energetic and fun. Even a trip to the grocery store or making cookies can teach basic math skills needed in everyday life. Students can be challenged in many entertaining and creative ways during the summer!

~ Submitted by Lisa Quinones, Gifted Instructor

SAINT STEPHEN SCHOOL ALUMNI

Please email cshadwick@ststephencatholic.org to let us know what you have been doing since your time at St. Stephen Catholic School.

Please send us updated email and home addresses so that we may keep you informed and our alumni list current!

We are proud of our alumni! Parents, we'd appreciate any info from you, too! Help us highlight your St. Stephen alumni!



The New Roman Missal will be implemented into our parish on November 27, 2011. There is much to do to prepare for these upcoming changes. To assure a smooth transition and proper education for our parishioners, we are forming an

Implementation of the New Roman Missal Committee. The committee will meet regularly from mid July through December. If you would like to be a part of this special committee, please contact Kelly Goudreau, DRE in the Religious Education Office for more information (671-4434).



Ask It Basket

Q: What is the difference between the words baptism and christening?

A: Actually, the words are used interchangeably. Roman Catholics prefer the word ‘baptism’ but other Christian religions prefer the word ‘christening’. In both cases water is poured with the words, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In some faiths a child is dedicated and the decision to baptize is made as an adult.

Thought for the Day:

“Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg Him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish His life within us.” – St. John Eudes

Faith On-Line: iPieta by Veritas is a very versatile app. It contains the Bible (English and Latin), Mass readings (Novus Ordo and Extraordinary Form), a vast assortment of prayers, and an extensive library of spiritual classics. It is a must for hard core traditional Catholics! **While online, be sure to visit our own website: www.StStephenCatholic.org and sign up for our weekly newsletter.**

www.StStephenCatholic.org



Saint for the Week

On Friday, August 29, we celebrate the Feast of **St. Martha**, sister of Mary and Lazarus and best friend of Jesus. She lived in Bethany, and is best remembered for the hospitality she lavished upon Jesus while her sister merely sat listening to Him (Lk 10). We often forget the profound faith she displayed when her brother died: “Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world” (Jn 11).



This Novena is to be prayed by candlelight on nine consecutive Tuesdays: *Saint Martha, I resort to your aid and protection. As proof of my affection and faith, I offer you this light, which I shall burn every Tuesday. Comfort me in all my difficulties and through the great favors that you enjoyed when the Savior was lodged in your house, intercede for my family, that we be provided for in our necessities. I ask of you, Saint Martha, to overcome all difficulties as you overcame the dragon which you had at your feet. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)*



COMING SOON!



From September 1 thru October 6 on Thursday nights, from 7-8:30pm...

Father Bill will be leading a BIBLE STUDY entitled

“The Mass in Scripture”

Stay tuned for more details about this study!



Faith for Our Families Adults!

Series...

Monday Nights from 7-8:15 pm at Beef O’Brady’s on Bell Shoals Rd. in the front private room. Come enjoy some chips & salsa as we explore our Catholic Faith and see how to put it into action!



July 25th This week we will explore **The 10th Commandment** — “You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.” Bring a friend or two and see how this commandment concerns the intentions of the heart.

August 1st This week we will watch and discuss **Word on Fire / Father Robert E. Barron’s talk on the Seven Deadly Sins – Seven Lively Virtues**. We will focus on “A Deeper Look at Sin and Virtue” and “Pride and Humility”. Bring a friend or two and explore the contrast between sin and virtue.



Saturday Morning Bible Study
When: July 30th thru September 10th (7 weeks) from 9:00 to 10:30am
Room 3, downstairs at the Church

Introduction to the Bible Led by Dr. Bob Kalle

Come open the Bible with newcomers and experienced Bible students alike. Participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. Study Set fee: \$20.00. Seat reservations will be taken thru July 29th. For reservations and more information, please call Sue in the Religious Formation Office at 813-671-4434 or see Deacon Rick. We look forward to seeing you and a friend there!

NEW: Tuesday Night Bible Study
From now thru August 9th (7 weeks) from 7-8:30pm
Church Upper Room
The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus
Led by Deacon Rick



Our class is up and running. **Thank you to everyone who is participating. We will be holding our next class right after this one ends.** Come open the Bible with newcomers and experienced Bible students alike. Seat reservations are being taken now for our next class. Our next Bible Study topic will be announced soon. For reservations and more information, please call Sue in the Religious Formation Office at 813-671-4434 or see Deacon Rick. We look forward to seeing you and a friend there at our next class!

NEW! Tuesday Morning: **Beginning Apologetics 1 Study**
When: Starting August 30th thru October 25th (9 weeks)
from 10:00--11:30am Where: the ROC Center.

How to Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith

Can you Answer these Questions?...How can you believe in God when there is so much suffering in the world? Why is Mary such a big deal to Catholics? Do Catholics believe in the “Rapture”? Aren’t there errors and contradictions in the Bible?... Most Catholics can’t. **But you don’t have to be tongue-tied the next time your non-Catholic friends ask tough questions like these.** Come and join us to learn how to **explain** your faith clearly, **defend** it charitably, and **share** it confidently with the enormously popular Beginning Apologetics Series. The Study Set fee: \$11.00. Seat reservations will be taken thru August 29th. For reservations and more information, please call Sue in the Religious Formation Office at 813-671-4434 or see Deacon Rick. We look forward to seeing you and a friend there! Isn’t it time we Catholics stop scratching our heads and start courageously defending the truth?

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6-6:45pm in Room 2 (Church)
(Joe is back!)

We have a **NEW** format for our Bible Study. Each Wednesday we will be studying the upcoming Sunday readings! Bring your Bible and get ready to prepare more fully for Sunday Mass.

Mass and Adoration immediately following this Bible Study. Turn your Wednesdays into a Night of Study and Worship. Come and bring a Friend!

Thursday Night Bible Study
Jeff Cavin’s Bible Timeline Study
7pm in Room 3 (Church)



The study is up and running, and the discussions are excellent. If you couldn’t make this study this time around... don’t worry. **There will be another chance to join it during an entry point on September 1st!** For seat reservations to join in on September 1st and more information on this Thursday night Bible study, please call Sue in the Religious Formation Office at 813-671-4434 or see Deacon Rick. See you there!

Faith Formation



Religious Education News

Re-registration packets have been mailed to all returning students for the 2011-2012 Religious Education year. If you have not received your packet in the mail please contact our office. We look forward to being your partner on your child's faith formation journey!

New Student Registration will take place after all Masses on August 6th & 7th in Room 3 for the 2011-2012 Religious Education year.

Interested in sharing your time and faith with the children and youth in our parish Religious Ed programs when the new school year begins? Contact us at the Religious Ed Office at 671-4434 or restaff@ststephencatholic.org.



Heroes Of the Bible



Tuesday, July 26th will be the *final* Heroes of the Bible Story and Activity Hour. We will have a special celebration for all our "little saints." Children may come dressed up as their favorite saint to participate in a Saints March on the church campus.



Sharing your Faith

If you want a wonderful and fulfilling way to renew and share your faith you might consider becoming an Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) Sponsor. You do not need to be an expert on the Catholic Faith but a parishioner who values their Catholic Faith and wants to share it with others.

If you have considered being a mentor to someone on their faith journey now is the time! You will be surprised all you will learn. Please sign up to become a sponsor or being part of the *Order of Christian Initiation* team by calling *Rosie Bridges*, *Sacrament Coordinator*, 671-4434, ext. 321.



**BECOME AN
OCIA
SPONSOR**

Youth Ministry



Sunday LifeNights 7-8:30pm

July 24—The Road of Trials
July 31—Resurrection

GREAT CONCERT COMING!
Audrey Assad and **BELLARIVE**

Saturday, July 30 at 7pm
Nativity Catholic Church
Tickets: \$20
www.nativitycatholicchurch.org

Pizza Rolls
Wednesday @ the ROC – 7-9pm

7-8pm Social Time
8-9pm Faith Discussion

Join us for:
Food, Fellowship, Fun & Faith!



"Wildly Captivating" Summer Camp was a great get-away! Take a look online: www.StStephenCatholic.org/ReligiousEducation/HighSchool/Photogallery

For more information about High School Youth Ministry or LifeTeen contact Religious Education at 813.671-4434 or LifeTeen@StStephenCatholic.org

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you."

Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call one of our parish priests or the diocesan vocation office (727-344-1611).



EDGE Saturday Night Open ROC Youth Group

Our next social night is next Saturday, July 23, 2011 immediately following the 6pm Mass until 9pm. Bring your friends and hang out! Food is provided.

Girls of Grace & Wild at Heart



Next Saturday, **July 30**, is our next night for our gender specific groups. **Girls**

of Grace meet at the ROC Center after the 6pm Mass until 9pm, **Wild at Heart for guys will meet at the school** after Mass until 8:30pm. Bring your friends!

Confirmation Info for All Rising 8th Graders!

Are you planning on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year? We begin the process with a mandatory information meeting for all candidates and their parents. All orientation meetings have already taken place. Please call the R.E. Office to schedule an orientation if you have not already attended one.



Monday Night EDGE

Re-registration forms have been mailed home. If you would like to request to be in class with a friend or to have a certain teacher, your registration must be received by the end of July in order to give us time to coordinate the request.

Summer Events



Cosmic Bowling

We meet up at The Alley at Southshore and enjoy two hours of bowling with your friends! Permission slip required. Email Jeff to sign up to ensure we reserve enough lanes! Cost is \$6. Next dates are: July 27 & August 10.

San José VBS

Each year, the EDGE Middle School Ministry hosts a vacation bible school for the kids at the San José Mission. This is a great opportunity for service hours! Come help us August 6-9 and share the Word of God with all that we can! Please sign up ASAP so you can attend our planning meetings.



Youth Minister—Jeff Falanga
JFalanga@StStephenCatholic.org

Please visit our website for more information on events, dates, permission slips, and forms.
www.StStephenCatholic.org/YouthMinistry

Asst. Youth Minister—Kim Davis
KDavis@StStephenCatholic.org

Ministry News

Christ Renews His Parish

On Fire for God

Do you want to be on fire for God? John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.) His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission.

Join us for the next Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreat and ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the gospel to those around you. Enroll on-line at www.ststephencatholic.org

Next Men's Weekend: October 1-2, 2011

Next Women's Weekend: October 15-16, 2011



Respect Life

MONTH 4 — Developing Baby —

"I had a dream today!"

Spiritual Adoption Program

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle he is!



Community Board

All-Florida **RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE**
Excellent national and state speakers share how
"With God All Things Are Possible"

October 14-15, 2011 at St. Martha School, Sarasota

For details and registration, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org and click on the Florida Respect Life Conference button, or call 941-441-1101.

Tampa Catholic Dance and Cheer Camps



The annual **Dance Camp 2011** will be held July 25 & 26, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, in the Tampa Catholic High School Gym. Ages 5 - 13. Cost - \$55 (includes a T-shirt). For further information call Sue Johnson, 870-0860 x539 or 986-7501.

The annual **Cheer Camp 2011** will be held July 27, 28, & 29, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, in the Tampa Catholic High School Gym. Ages 5 - 13. Cost - \$75 (includes a T-shirt). For further information call Theresa Fasani, 870-0860, x525.

Divorce Support Group

Journey to Hope

All of us need the support of family, friends or perhaps even strangers at different points in our life. They support us, encourage us, share with us, pray with us and move us gently forward. *Journey to Hope* was formed to provide exactly this for those experiencing a *divorce* as well as those who have divorced. The years, age, sex, and even religion do not matter. Hurt cannot be defined as a category. All are welcome. We meet in the ROC Center (white house on the south side of the property) on the first and third Saturday of the month. Get out your calendar and mark it down now! For further information please call: Jeanne Schneider, Pastoral Assistant, 813-689-4900, ext.314 or email: jschneider@ststephencatholic.org.

Ministry News

Career Transition

TIPS ON JOB ACCEPTANCE AND SALARY NEGOTIATION!

The St. Stephen Career Transition Ministry will be offering a workshop on Job Acceptance and Salary Negotiation on **Monday, July 25 at St. Stephen Catholic School on Boyette Road from 7:00 to 9:00pm.**

Your job interview went well and they are offering you the job. What do you do next? We will be discussing this and other areas to explore before accepting the job offer. There are many ways to negotiate your salary and we will give you some successful tips to make the most of the job offer. The salary may not be the number you were looking for but there are many other ways to negotiate additional benefits to make up for it. Don't miss this exciting workshop and learn how to work out what you truly deserve. Come join us and meet others who are in the same position and know how you feel. For more information or if you can help to facilitate a workshop, please contact John or Sheila Nemia at 813-672-2552 or ctministry@ymail.com.



Think About It:

"My daughter, I see more Pharisees among Christians than there were around Pilate."
— St. Margaret of Cortona

Marriage Encounter

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES:



Can you believe they're talking about "**Back to School**" **ALREADY**? There's still time to give yourself a break and share

some time to refresh and renew your relationship before school starts. The next available WWME weekend in this diocese is **August 19-21** at the Franciscan Center, Tampa. For information call (813) 270-7832 or go online at www.wwme-tampabay.org.



Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille, winner of the Smart Marriages Impact Award, is a lifeline for marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. In today's busy world, many couples experience boredom, coldness, frustration, and loneliness. Others suffer anger and other forms of conflict. Retrouvaille provides tools that help get your marriage back on track. It gives you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. The next program will be held on the weekend of **August 12-14, 2011 at the Bethany Center** in Lutz, FL. For confidential information and to register, call Barry and Faith Peterson at 727-842-7971, or 800-470-2230. You may also visit our web site at <http://www.retrouvaille.org>.

Saint Vincent de Paul



School Supplies

Thru 8/12

Bring your donations of pencils, spiral notebooks, folders or paper for our

School Bag Drive

Jointly with YMCA Camp Cristina, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is serving our food pantry kids and other low income children of our area. Pick up some extras for our collection bins in the church halls!

HEART



Do you have a heart for someone who has been impacted by an abortion decision?

Want to learn more about how you can help? **HEART** (Healing the Effects of Abortion Related Trauma) training will be conducted at 2021 East Busch Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612 (Catholic Charities Office) **Tuesday, July 26th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.** Register with Emma at 813-924-4173.

Grief Support Group

St. Stephen partners with LifePath Hospice to provide grief support. New Beginnings is a six-week support group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. Circle of Friends provides ongoing support. Circle of Love is designed especially for grieving children. There are groups in English and Spanish. For more information, call Diane Schnelly of LifePath Hospice at 877-2200. www.StStephenCatholic.org



Time, Talent, & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

DEO GRATIAS! Thank you all who donated funds for our mission in Panama this last weekend -- over \$5,000 was generously given to the team last weekend, which exceeds expectation. Keep all of the mission team in prayer this week, please! You are part of the mission!

Thank you for sharing bulletins from churches you have visited on vacation! This week: New Hampshire, Alabama, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Louisiana, Wisconsin and other places in Florida.

Faithful Stewards:



One of our great "unseen" ministries is the Sunday Nursery! Providing a nursery for our 9:30am Sunday Mass are a team of volunteer parents and teens. (Service hours can be earned for high

school or confirmation requirements!) Small children, ages 12 months through age 4, have fun in a prayerful setting while their family worships in the sanctuary. Contact the parish office, or email Audra Bartling (Nursery@StStephenCatholic.org) if you love children and wish to help develop this ministry to young families...



*"I return to You
what is Yours, O Lord,
whatever the gift may be.
All that I have is Yours alone,
a gift You've entrusted to me."*

*May God bless you
for your generosity!*

Your Gifts To God ... And To Your Parish

July 16-17, 2011

Mass Attendance	3,371
Offertory:	\$ 30,396
No. of envelopes	991

Average donation
per envelope..... \$ 23.92

Thank you so much for choosing St. Stephen as your spiritual home. If we can do anything to serve you better, please let us know. Let us grow together in Christ!

TIRED OF WRITING CHECKS?

Our parish offers an Automatic Offering Plan. You can choose to have money automatically withdrawn from your savings, checking or credit card account on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. There is no charge for this service and it can be stopped at any time with only a week's notice. No more envelopes, no more writing checks, no more having to remember to bring your cash! For more information, please contact Tom Doyle at the parish office (689-4900; tdoyle@ststephencatholic.org).



Annual Pastoral Appeal

We are so close to making this year's goal for the Annual Pastoral Appeal. **To date we have reached almost 96% of our goal - only \$14,744 to go!** To date, 915 families have participated in the Appeal. The money raised through the Annual Pastoral Appeal funds

hundreds of vital ministries throughout our five-county diocese. Remember you can specify what ministries you would like to support by checking the appropriate boxes on the envelopes.

APA also helps us! What is not pledged must be paid from our offertory. In addition, every cent collected above our assessment is deposited into our savings account. Best of all, 100% of the money collected is "tax free." In other words, it is not figured into next year's assessment. This means that every dollar donated to APA is like giving \$1.20 to the parish! What could be better? Helping those in need while helping our parish! For more information, please contact Tom Doyle at the parish office. Pledge envelopes are available at every exit to the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date!

Healing Mass - August 10; Feast of the Assumption - August 15;
Ministry Fair - September 24-25;
Men's XII Christ Renews His Parish retreat - October 1-2;
Deaconate Ordination - October 8; Craft Fair October 8-9;
Women's XII Christ Renews His Parish Retreat October 15-16

Register online for the Christ Renews His Parish weekends at www.StStephenCatholic.org. Click on "Ministries", then "Christ Renews His Parish".

This Week At St. Stephen

Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, JULY 24

SVDP School Supply Collections

9:30am	Nursery Open	RM4
10:45am	New Registrations	RM2
12:45pm	Baptisms	CH
1pm	Boy Scouts (Mtg.)	RM3
7pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	RM6-8

MONDAY, JULY 25

12pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	RM2
7pm	Career Transition Group	SCH

TUESDAY, JULY 26

9am	Heroes Bible Study	RM6-8
10am	Apologetics Class	ROC
10am	Crafts Group	RM2
12pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	RM3
7pm	Apologetics Class	RM9
7:15pm	Annulment Workshop	RM2

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

12pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	RM3
6pm	Boy Scouts	RM5-9
6pm	Bible Study	RM2
7pm	Mass	CH
7pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	RM3
7pm	Al-Anon	RM2

THURSDAY, JULY 28

11am	Meals on Wheels	KCN
12pm	Alcoholics Anonymous	RM3
6pm	Blessed Stitches	RM4
6:30pm	BINGO	MPR
7pm	Bible Timeline Study	RM3
7pm	New Missal Meeting	RM6-8
7pm	Open the Scriptures	CH

FRIDAY, JULY 29

8am	Food Pantry	KCN-MPR
7pm	"Into the Woods" Play	MPR

SATURDAY, JULY 30

8:30am	Legion of Mary	ROC
8:30am	Stephen's Ministry Mtg.	RM2
8:45am	Cursillo small group	ROC
9am	Introduction to the Bible	RM3
1pm	Altar Server Training	CH
6pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	RM4
7pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	RM6-8

SUNDAY, JULY 31

SVDP School Supply Collection

9:30am	Nursery Open	RM4
10:45am	New Registrations	RM2
1pm	Altar Server Training	CH

FACILITY KEY: RM# = Classroom by #
 MPR = Multi-Purpose Room CH = Church
 SCH = St. Stephen School ROC = ROC Center
 KCN = Kitchen
 POR = Portico Screened Area

Mass Schedule and Intention

SUNDAY, JULY 24

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8am	John Paul Taylor
9:30am	Mary Scott
11:30am	†Vinceza Alaimo
5:30pm	†Angelo & Giovanna Chiarelli and (all family) †Stefano & Maria Alaimo

MONDAY, JULY 25

St. James the Apostle

8am	†Mary Ann Utecht
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TUESDAY, JULY 26

St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am	†Vincent Sposaro
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

8am	Vocations
7pm	Tim Childers

THURSDAY, JULY 28

8am	†Jeanne Forgash
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FRIDAY, JULY 29

Saint Martha

8am	†John Sharpe II
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SATURDAY, JULY 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8am	Richard Federico
4pm	†Mark Giacomelli
6pm	For the Parishioners

SUNDAY, JULY 31

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8am	†Norbert Osokie
9:30am	†Jody Diebold
11:30am	†Mike Goldonowicz
5:30pm	†James Retersdorf

Scriptures of the Week:

Monday:	2Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

We're Here to Serve You!

Fr. Bill Swengros	Pastor
Fr. Emery Longanga	Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jose George	Parochial Vicar
Deacon Dan Gratkowski	Ministry to Sick and Homebound
Deacon Rick Zeitler	Adult Education Coordinator
Therese Jackson	School Principal
Kelly Goudreau	Director of Religious Education
Tara Dibble	K-5 Religious Ed Coordinator
Jeff Falanga	Middle School Youth Minister
Kim Davis	Religious Ed Ass't.
Drew Woodke	Interim High School Youth Minister
Rosie Bridges	Sacrament Coordinator
Jeanne Schneider	Pastoral Assistant
Chris Westfall	Music Minister
Jose Rivera	Music Minister
Tom Doyle	Parish Manager
Denise Moyer	Pastor's Assistant
Bernadette Kalle	Parish Secretary
Gretchen Robens	Communications
Patrick Albert	Maintenance Director



Please remember the sick and homebound in prayer, especially:

Kelly Barnes	Chuck Lowe
Cheryl Booth	Robert & Carol Marden
Karen Bourget	Patrick & Ann Magu
Alice Brady	John McDermott
Tina Brancato	Peter McDonald
Wayne Brassey	Dorothy Miller
Delia Caceres	Thomas Moyer
Sabrina DeWolf	Edwin Osalaud
Michael Dragoni	Toni Parra
Patricia Eaton	Marcos Rodriguez
John Eilerman	Casie Rowe
Carol Fahmy	Mary Scott
Barbara Freeman	Elena Smith
Nancy Grow	Luke Streeter
Maria Hammond	Bob Steiner
Dennis Hickey	Shirley Sullivan
Mary Hudyma	Gail Swanson
Joan John	Kyle Swetnam
Ram Kapoor	Jack Tennenbaum
Ellie Kavalieros	Linda Vaughan
Karen Kirschenmann	Dan Westphal
Martha Lao	

Please remember the deceased in your prayers, especially **Mary Stanton, Erlinda Montilla and John & Gilda Piernikowski.**

Thank you for your prayers. Help us keep these lists updated! To add a name, contact the Parish Office (689-4900). Each person is on the list for two weeks, unless requested otherwise.

On the Lighter Side:

A man goes into his psychiatrist's office and says, "Doc, everyone ignores me." The doctor says, "Next."