

NEWS/HAPPENINGS/RETREATS

Diaconate Formation Class

A new formation cohort for the permanent diaconate will begin **August 2025** If you are interested on the permanent diaconate you and your wife are invited to a dinner at St. James Basilica, Jamestown **May 7th at 6:00 pm.** Where Msgr. Schlesselmann and diaconate formation team will share information on the permanent diaconate. Please RVSP by **April 19th.** For more information, including age requirements and RSVP link, available at <https://www.fargodiocese.org/permanentdeacons>

St. Stephen's website: Check out our website. It has information pertaining to our church, you can also access the bulletin there. If anyone is unable to come to church and does not have access to a computer and would like a bulletin please call the office and leave a message with your name and address and a bulletin will be mailed to you. <https://larimoreststephens.weebly.com>

Prayer & Spiritual Direction program

The University of Mary's graduate certificate program in prayer and spiritual direction, consisting of three courses with the Triune God. Under the mentorship of Monsignor James Shea, Monsignor Thomas J. Richter, and Father Wayne Sattler, you'll explore the Catholic spiritual and mystical tradition attune your mind and heart to the spirit's voice, and prepare to meet the Church's and the world's need for faithful, joyful witnesses to Christ's redeeming love. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting May 7. Certificate recipients can easily stack their earned credits into a master's degree plan. Reserve your place or learn more at umary.edu/Prayer

Tim Mosser, Director of the Fargo Diocese

Respect Life Office, will lead a retreat entitled **Theology of the Body and the Culture of Life on May 9-11, 2024** at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. The Retreat will focus on St John Paul II's teaching on the human person known as the "Theology of the Body" and its connection to the Church's teaching on such issues as marriage, contraception, abortion, euthanasia, artificial reproduction, gender and the Eucharist. There will also be Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Praise and Worship music and time for prayer and reflection. You can register as a married couple, single person or as a parent with a teen at least 16 years old. Come learn the "why" behind the "what" of all these important issues and how to share it with others! For more information and to register go to maryvalend.org or contact Tim Mosser at tim.mosser@fargodiocese.org

The Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen invite you to our annual Mother Daughter Days

Thursday evening to Saturday noon June 13-15 or July 11-13.

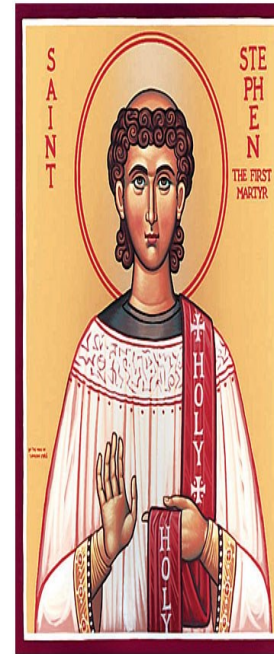
See bulletin board for more information and how to register

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

A retreat experience for women
Beloved Sister Retreat: May 2nd—4th, 2024
Beloved Spouse Retreat: Aug 8th—10th, 2024
Beloved Mother Retreat: Oct 3rd—5th, 2024
Registration: \$50 Cost: \$200-\$250
Place: Maryvale, Valley City, ND
To Register go to www.Maryvalend.org
See the bulletin board for more information.

The Diocese of Fargo is offering pilgrimages for the year 2024 and 2025.

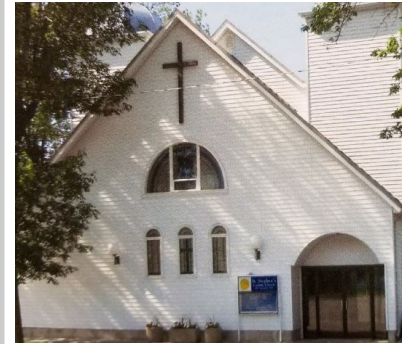
Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. July 16-22.
Marian Pilgrimage, Oct 21-Oct 31 2024 to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes. Italy, October 28th- Nov 6th 2025. For more information and to sign up go to: www.fargodiosese.org/pilgrimages.
Is God calling you?



*ST. STEPHEN'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH*

APRIL 14, 2024

*THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER*



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
15 Monday	No Public Mass		
16 Tuesday	No Mass		
17 Wednesday	No Mass		
18 Thursday	No Mass		
19 Friday	No Mass		
20 Saturday	5:00 pm Vigil	St. Stephen's	†Ilah Sullivan
21 Sunday	9:00 am Mass	St. Stephen's	Pro Populo



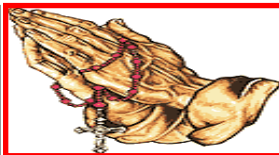
If you are new to the parish welcome. Please take a moment and fill out a family registration form located on the table in the narthex either mail it or drop it in the offertory basket. We looked forward to meeting you.



Altar Society will meet April 14th after Mass. All women are welcome to join us in fellowship.

Fr. Casey will be gone April 15th thru April 24th. Please welcome Fr. Schneider who is our celebrant Saturday April 20th and Fr. McDermott is our celebrant April 21st. If any one is in need of a priest please call Fr. Cavanaugh at 701-739-2310.

DATE	APR 13	APR 14	APR 20	APR 21
TIME:	5:00 pm	9:00 am	5:00 pm	9:00 am
Mass INTENTION	† Rose & Bill Murphy	† Jackie McMahon	† Ilah Sullivan	Pro Populo
EMHC/LECTOR:	Sarah Sarah	Volunteer Volunteer	Sarah Sarah	Volunteer Volunteer
MUSIC:	Bob Greene	Karen & Paulette	Bob Greene	Karen & Paulette



The Rosary starts 30 min before Mass. This month's rosary will be led by the **Knights**

Prayer intentions for April

Pope Francis' intention

For the Role of Women
 "That the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

God of all ages,
 You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, look kindly on our candidates for **Confirmation** as they seek to hear your voice.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Every Saturday and Sunday 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Baptism Preparation: If you need to have your child baptized, please call Fr. Casey for an appointment. A pre-baptism class and a meeting with the priest is required.

Matrimony: To be married at St Stephen's, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be a practicing Catholic. St Stephen's must be contacted 6 months prior to the wedding.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church please contact the parish office or Father Casey.

You are invited to offer your Mass intentions at St. Stephen's. There are Mass intention envelopes in the front and both side entrances of the church. Make checks payable to St. Stephen's and indicate if the person is deceased.

"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. Ambrose

Stewardship Moment

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Gifts to Altar Mar. 30th - Mar. 31st

Envelopes: \$ 3535.00
 Plate: \$ 117.00

Gifts to Altar Apr. 6th - Apr. 7th

Envelopes: \$ 3447.00
 Plate: \$ 62.00

Our Stewardship Status 2024

Budget	Received Adult
Adult \$ 105,000.00	\$ 21,892.00
Plate: \$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,159.00

	\$ 25,339.00
	\$ 1,221.00

Of Interest to All

Prayer Intentions Please Pray For

Sarah Anderson
 Monty Peters,
 Jenny Peters

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound or would like to have a family member included in the prayers for the sick, call the parish office at 343-2377.



Sympathies & Prayers

Please keep in your prayers:

The Family of Jacqueline McMahon who passed away on February 28th will be buried at Bellevue Cemetery April 25th

The Family of Joseph Hunt who passed away February 14th will be buried May 1st at Bellevue Cemetery

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Pastoral Care If any parishioner or family member is in need of a pastoral care visit, please call the Parish Office. Today's privacy laws do not permit hospitals to contact churches when a patient is in need of a pastoral visit. We are made aware of it only when the individual or their family contacts us or the hospital chaplain.

If any one is homebound and would like communion be brought to them please call the parish office so arrangements can be made for someone to bring communion to you.

Today's Holy Word of God, and in fact every day speaks to us clearly about what God does in our lives and what we must do in return. In His merciful love, he becomes propitiation for our sins. He forgives us. He blots away our sins. He advocates on our behalf before the Father. He dispels our fears, clarifies, and resolves our doubts and uncertainties. He tranquillizes our troubles. He enlightens our minds to understand and assimilate God's word. He also shares his own self in the Holy Eucharist. He gives us the greatest gifts of peace and joy. That is why, Jesus says, "Peace be with you! Why are your hearts troubled? Why do doubts arise in your minds? Do not be afraid!"

If this is what God does for us, so much and everything, then what should we do for him? The answers are very clear in all the three readings: Repent, return to the Lord, avoid, and combat sin and evil, trust in the Lord, touch and see him, be healed and clean, receive his peace and joy, and become his witnesses.

What God does from his part, and what we must do from our part are quite clear. At this point, what next? First, trust him totally. Be open and docile to allow him to work within us, with us and through us. Grow deeply grateful to him for his self-immolating love for us. Repent with profound anguish over failing and betraying his unconditioned mercy that forgives even our repeated sins and multitude of them.

Still further, being emboldened and empowered by his own light and power, we must assiduously combat evil. We must never relent but be ever alert. Thus, being fully charged by his Spirit, we must become more and more authentic and effective witnesses. The risen Lord must live in and through us. People should know that the Lord is truly risen and continues to live on because he lives and works in and through us.

Reflection from Catholic Leaf

God's Gift Appeal 2024

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 God's Gift Appeal. St. Stephen's is 55% towards our goal of **\$26,273.00**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.