

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven . . . the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." -John 6: 51-58

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." -Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8 (9-23)

### To give without cost or judgment

A young priest had recently begun his first pastorate. One day he visited an older priest, a retired pastor who had served as his mentor. The senior cleric welcomed him warmly and asked how things are going.

As they talked, the new pastor lamented the many demands made on the church's charity.

"I know we're supposed to help the poor, but these people are asking for help with a bus ticket or a utility bill or gas money or food. Is that really their story? The last thing they're likely to spend that money on is a bus ticket or a utility bill or gas or food. I'm not naïve. They'll probably spend it on something we shouldn't be supporting, something that I certainly don't support."

Finally, the young priest sighed, "It gets exhausting justifying who I'm going to help and why."

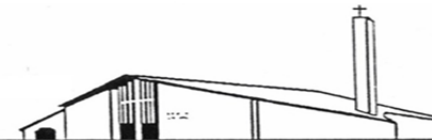
The older priest said nothing, letting his young colleague's words hang in the air. Then the older priest replied, "What business is it of yours to determine who gets help and who doesn't? Why exhaust yourself with that burden? You are a follower of Jesus Christ. Your task, therefore, is to share out of the wealth of God's abundance. Your work is to love others as God loves you. Your job is simply to give. Judgement is God's domain - and he's much better at it than you and I are."

**Compassionate charity is at the heart of discipleship. But Jesus calls us to give and serve not according to some divinely-sanctioned measuring device or formula to determine what is "fair" and "justifiable" charity; the purpose of our giving to others is not to make us feel good about ourselves or superior to the poor and broken. Jesus calls us to give in a spirit of gratitude for the blessings we have received, to realize that whatever blessings we have received by God are meant to be shared. The good we do - healing, restoring, lifting up, forgiving - should not be statements of dogmatic conviction but prayers of humble gratitude to God who has loved us and blessed us abundantly.**

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### ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

#### ROSARY

Saturdays from 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm.  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request

#### MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M.  
Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

#### REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M..  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M.  
Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON  
1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M.  
3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.

**MARRIAGES.** Six months notice is required; a year's notice is recommended.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** Next Session - *June 25th, 2018 - Please call to register*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at 2:00 P.M. and ending with benediction at 4:00 P.M.

#### PRAYER MEETINGS.

St. Stephen's Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.  
Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne's Hall.

**OFFICE HOURS:** MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,  
FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS MAY 26 & 27:**

Sunday Collection	\$	2,882.10
Capital Repairs	\$	35.50
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$	2.00
Vocations	\$	3.00

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** In memory of Lydia Hynes as requested by Reg Hynes.

**SCENT-FREE :** Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

**FUNERAL:** Condolences are extended to the families of John Flynn Jr., Janesta Alexander, Augustus White and Greta Doucette who's funerals we celebrated recently

**ANNUAL DUES:** Received with thanks from Olivera White.

**COMMUNION IN THE PEWS:** Holy Communion will be served to those who are unable to go to the alter at the end of Communion.

**SUNDAY MASS:** Parents are encouraged to attend Sunday Mass with their children as a way to develop a closer relationship with God together.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Sunday, June 3, is the Feast of Corpus Christi which commemorates the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following morning Mass and conclude with Benediction at 5pm.

"In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by life's frantic pace of life. The Eucharist is the memorial of God's love." ~Pope Francis

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

*St. Stephen's - Parish Meeting Room*

**June 2017**

**Communion Breakfast: June 3rd** at 12 pm (noon) for Year 2 Families

**Religion Program - Gather in Friendship Picnic**  
Sunday, **June 10th** after mass  
(for children and families involved in Religious Education programs)

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS:** We have had three consecutive weeks of significant Solemnities— Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and now the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, better known by the name of Corpus Christi which translates from the Latin as the "Body of Christ." Clearly this is a celebration which brings our focus on the Eucharist, which is at the absolute center of our liturgy, and at the core of our Catholic faith. We have mentioned many times that all revolves around the Eucharist when we receive the real Body and Blood of the Lord.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1324), "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself."

The Eucharist should be the high point of our week, or even of our day. The author J.R.R. Tolkien (author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy), who was a devout Catholic, once stated, "The only cure for sagging or fainting faith is Communion. Though always Itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Like the act of Faith it must be continuous and grow by exercise. Frequency is of the highest effect. Seven times a week is more nourishing than seven times at intervals."

**4YOUTH:** This Sunday is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (also known by the Latin title of "Corpus Christi"). This feast celebrates our belief that, in the Mass, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine become Christ's Body and Blood (ref. paragraph 1333 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church), that in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially present (ref. paragraph 1374 of the Catechism). For a short video of prayer and reflection on this feast, watch Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ by edsirois on You Tube.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:** In 2002, Pope John Paul II instituted a special annual world priest day, to be held on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year, we celebrate both the feast of the Sacred Heart and the World Day for the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 8. Pope John Paul II introduced the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests in order to encourage Catholics worldwide to join in prayer for all of the priests and bishops of the Church.

"In the image of the Good Shepherd, a priest is a man of mercy and compassion, close to his people and the servant of all." ~Pope Francis

**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is observed nineteen days after Pentecost; this year that falls on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. While devotion to the Sacred Heart dates back to the eleventh century, it remained largely a private devotion until 1856, when Pope Pius IX established the Feast as obligatory for the whole Church. Since 2002, this Solemnity has also been observed as a special Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. To learn more about the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart or about the Day of Prayer for Priests, please visit [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com)

**ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:**

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** We would like to extend a very special thank you to those who presented at the Marriage Preparation Course on Saturday, May 26th. Five couples took part in the course. The names of the presenters are as follows: Rosa Dollard, Michelle & Ian Stokes, Brenda & Frank Pittman and Susan & John Gallant. Thank you for the gift of your time and knowledge.

**WEST ST. CEMETERY COMMITTEE:** The West Street Cemetery Committee have opened an account at the Recycling Depot on the Hansen Highway. If anyone would like to donate their recyclables please let a staff member know at the time of drop-off. If you are unable to bring your recyclables to the Depot and wish to donate them, please call 643-5910 to arrange for pickup.

**AL-ANON:** Al-Anon is a program that offers information, support and fellowship to family and friends of problem drinkers. For information on local meetings call 643-6153 or 709-638-8311 (cell).

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Just a reminder that the St. Vincent de Paul society is not accepting donations of clothing or other items at St. Anne's Hall.

**CHASE THE ACE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their 5th Chase the Ace fundraiser. This event will be starting on **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Ticket sales start at 1:00 pm. Ticket sales end at 3:45 pm with the draw taking place at 4:00 pm. This will start out as an elimination jackpot of \$1500.00. Proceeds in aid of K of C Charities.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Knights of Columbus would like to remind all Brother Knights that their regular monthly meeting will be taking place on Thursday June 7, at 8:00pm. Election of Council Officers for the upcoming year will take place at this meeting. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.