

November 25, 2018

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“My kingdom does not belong to this world . . .

“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18: 33b-37

“The Girl Who Smiled Beads”

When she was six years old, Clemantine Wamariya, her sister, brother and parents fled the genocide in their native Rwanda in 1994. Barely escaping the massacre, Clemantine and her sister Claire were separated from their parents; the two sisters spent the next six years migrating through seven African countries, searching for safety. They endured perpetual hunger, constant imprisonment and abuse, and witnessed unmanigable cruelty — but they also experienced moments of unexpected kindness and grace. The family eventually reunited and was granted refugee status in the United States, and a new struggle began for Clemantine and her family as they acclimated to their new home and culture.

Clemantine, now a Yale graduate and human rights advocate, tells her family’s powerful story in her new book **The Girl Who Smiled Beads**.

Clemantine recounts learning a critical lesson from her mother that enabled her to survive: sharing.

“My mother used to test us. ‘Get an orange,’ she’d say at the end of a meal, and then she’d cut the orange into pieces and watch us. There might be two pieces, there might be four pieces, there might be six pieces. She wanted to be sure we didn’t take more than our share.

“The exercise was illogical. We had trees full of oranges in the garden. We could each have had our own orange. But if my mother didn’t cut that one orange into enough pieces for everyone to share, the correct answer to the test was to cut into more.

“My mother was radical, in her actions if not her words. Sharing was her philosophy, an ideology to counter what she considered to be emotionally stingy notions of possession or entitlement. We were never to think, *This orange is mine. I’m giving you what’s mine.* We were to think, *This orange is ours. We’re sharing what’s ours.*

“I think back to this often in trying to make sense of the world — how there are people who have so much and people who have so little, and how I fit in with both of them. Often I find myself trying to bridge the two worlds, to show people, either the people with so much or the people with so little, that everything is yours and everything is not yours. I want to make people understand that boxing ourselves into tiny cubbies based on class, race, ethnicity, religion — anything, really — comes from a poverty of mind, a poverty of imagination . . .

“The only road to equality — a sense of common humanity [and] peace — is sharing, my mother’s orange.”

Clemantine’s mother’s orange reveals to her daughters the kingdom of God. That “kingdom” exists, not in nations and tribes, but within human hearts; the source of its power is not military or economic but its commitment to justice, generosity and peace. As Clemantine’s mother realizes in the horror engulfing her family’s homeland, Christ’s reign is realized only in our embracing a vision of humankind as a family of individual souls made in the image of God, a vision of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision of the world centered in the spirit of hope and compassion taught by Christ — or as Clemantine’s mother would say, a world in which “everything is ours and everything is not ours.” On this solemnity of Christ the King, may we embrace the vision of the shared orange: to see all of us connected to one another by the love of God, thus making us all part of the reign of God’s Christ.

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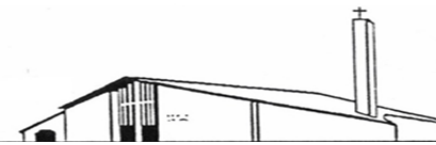
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ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning - 10:30 A.M.

ROSARY

Saturdays from 1:30 am 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. Last Monday of ever month from Sept - May *Please call to register*

MASS FOR THE SICK. Every First Friday of the month

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 NOV 17&18:

Sunday Collection	\$ 2863.65
Capital Repairs	\$ 12.00
Shepherd's Fund	\$ 20.00

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED: We extend our sympathies to the families of Glenn Mcann, Garrett McCarthy and Eric Benoit . May they rest in Peace.

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

STEWARDSHIP COFFEE TIME:

Will take place on the following Sunday's after Mass in the downstairs meeting room of St. Stephen's Church. Please join us for a tea or coffee, a sandwich or a cookie as we gather together in Fellowship!
December 02, 2018

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS : Are now available at the back of the Church or at the office cost is \$5.00.

CHILDREN'S 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS:
Are now available at the office cost is \$10.00

2019 ENVELOPES: Are available for pick up at the back of the Church. If you don't see yours there or would like envelopes please contact the Parish office.

ADVENT: Season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, begins on Sunday, December 2. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival". The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. To learn more about the season of Advent go to www.rcchurch.com

CHRISTMAS CLEANING OF CHURCH: You can help on **Tuesday, December 18** after mass. Bring along cloths and buckets. **LUNCH IS PROVIDED.** Many hands make light work.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

November 2018

Yr 3 **November 26th** at 6:00 pm

Yr 5 & 6 **November 29th** at 6:00 pm

SHEPHERD'S FUND: You are reminded that the annual Shepherd's Fund Foundation appeal will be conducted a Second collection on Nov 24&25. If you are not able to make your contribution at this time, envelopes will continue to be available and donations will be accepted at any time. The Board of the Shepherds' Fund Foundation extends sincere appreciation for your kind support.

4YOUTH:

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast is observed on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast day was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time when it seemed as if respect for Christ and the Church was disappearing. This feast is meant to refocus faith and respect in the Kingship of Jesus and to remind us that Christ should be the King of our hearts and lives. It is fitting that we celebrate Christ's kingship right before Advent, as we prepare for the arrival of the promised Messiah. For an explanation of this feast along with some good music, check out the video on You Tube called "The Solemnity of Christ the King: an AFCC Audio-Video Presentation."

CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS:

With the winter approaching us is the practise throughout the diocese and in all parishes, including the cathedral parish, **daily mass will be cancelled on days when schools are closed.** If school is closed for the morning and morning mass has been scheduled, mass too is cancelled. If schools are closed for the afternoon, any evening masses scheduled are also cancelled.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CONCERT: Will take place Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 PM in St. Stephen's Church. Tickets are \$5/adults & \$2/ children and are available at the Parish Office or the door. For more info, contact Aldonna at 649-1173.

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE:

ST. ANNE'S GUILD: Will be having an afternoon tea, Christmas Craft and Bake sale on Sunday November 25 beginning at 2:00 pm, at St. Anne's Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased by calling 643-2695 or 643-2747 or from any member of the Guild. Donations from members of the Parish would be greatly appreciated.

SIR THOMAS RODDICK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION:

The annual Tree of Love Memorial and Carol Service will be held in the Courtyard of the Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7pm. Light a bulb on our "Tree of Love" in memory of a loved one or friend. For more info please call 643-7478.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COMPLEX COMMITTEE:

Invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 1st, 8pm at the Gym. Tickets are \$15 in advance \$18 at the door and can be purchased at Debbie's Video and Elaine's Variety. This will be our final event of the year. Doors open at 6:30pm. See you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: St. Stephen's Parish and The Knight's Of Columbus, want to invite you to the Blessing of The Advent Wreath's that will take place on December 1, 2018 at the Santa Maria Bldg. from 1:00 - 3:00 Pm. all parishioners and their families are invited to attend, Father Chris will bless your Wreath's, refreshment's will be served. Come and have some fun.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will be hosting a New Years Ball on Monday December 31. This will be a Steak Dinner and Dance event with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$30.00 single or \$60.00 double. Tickets are available at Debbie's Video or by calling Bob Miller at 643 2632.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Stephenville Knights of Columbus would like to invite all Parishioners and their Families to our Annual Light up for Christ on Tuesday December 4, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm. There will be hot chocolate and sweets served following the Light up. This will take place in front of the Knights of Columbus building. The "Light Up for Christ" celebration is a wonderful way to kick off the season and celebrate with family and friends.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The annual Children's Christmas party will take place on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 pm. The party will take place at the Knights of Columbus building. This is open to children, grand children, and great grand children age 12 and under of Brother Knights. Any one attending must register before Wednesday December 12, 2018 by calling Bob at 643 2632 or email at bob-miller49@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

THE BAY ST. GOERGE WOMEN'S CENTRE:

We are now planning our Women's Night Out Christmas Social, which will be December 14th. Each year we try to give every participant a Christmas gift. Many of these women would not otherwise receive gifts, as they do not have family or they simply cannot afford it. Last year, the gifts that we received helped ensure that each woman who attended received a gift. The women were very excited and some would not even open their gift until Christmas morning as this was the only gift they would receive. We ask for the support of the Community again this year to ensure another successful Women's Night Out Christmas Social. If anyone has gently used items that can be used as gifts and would like to donate them, we would greatly appreciate it. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We would like to have these items by December 1 to allow us the time to match them with our expected guests. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheila at 709-643-4444.