

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, September 20, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD



Join us following one 9 AM service to learn about St. Stephen's many ministries and opportunities for involvement! Explore ways to share your time and talent, play some games and plan to stay for some fun snacks. Ministry leaders, we will be setting up on Saturday the 26th between 10 and 12 am. For more information contact Kathleen Jensen, jensencurl@gmail.com or Michael Branda, michael.branda@yahoo.com.



Saturday, October 3rd

Walk Site Opens 8:00am
Ceremony Begins 9:00am
Walk Begins 9:30am

Bridgeport Park



You are invited to join St. Stephen's Church & Preschool's Walk to End Alzheimer's team! Information can be found at the QR code above. Before the walk, our team will gather near the Promise Garden. Team tee shirts are available for purchase in the Spurling Hall book store on Sunday mornings. Please send any questions you may have about this event to Sarah Simmons: [618-292-7407](tel:618-292-7407).



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
4:00PM - COURTYARD

Bring your pets and
come celebrate!



In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is more needed: more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity. Plenty Good Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity.



There's Plenty Good Room in God's House, which means there's Plenty Good Room at St. Stephen's. This Fall we'll be talking about inviting others to experience St. Stephen's on our campus and out in the world and share in the Plenty Good we have to offer.



GOURMET BURGERS AND BREWS

Join us at Red Robin on Thursday, October 1st for a fundraiser for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Red Robin will donate 20% of the food sales to the Walk. 27063 McBean Parkway
Mention the fundraiser or show the flyer that is in the weekly email to have your sale counted.
If ordering online, in the menu choose "fundraiser (to-go only)"

Treasurer Needed

Duties Include:

- Generating and analyzing the finances for the church and preschool
- Presenting reports monthly to both the Finance Com. Vestry

Basic background of finance preferred.
Strong organizational skills.

Volunteer position

If interested please contact

Nick Vestuto at seniorwarden@st-stephens.org or
John Alexopoulos at juniorwarden@st-stephens.org





Come join us for a the Welcome Table on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7PM in the Church. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you. Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>



We will have games & activities as well as food trucks! <https://tinyurl.com/nuuatv9j>



St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of lobar and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Bill, John and the Nelson family, , Lilly and husband, Patrick, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Kevin, Keith, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, Bob, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Maria, Greg, Neville, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Judy, Laurie, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C., the Barlow Family, Brendan, Rebecca, Raye, Collette, Nicole, Judith, Vince and Fran, Nadine, Vickie, Rebecca, Dennis and Joy, Mike, Daniel, Pastor Ron's family, Diane, Jake, Brad, Carole and Hal, Walton Family, Madelyn, Claire, the Burkly Family, Rosario, Brad, Julie, Patty, Juan, Jim and family, Ann Marie, Jeff, Patti, **Debbie, Michelle, Linda**

Rest in Peace:: Jeff Barlow, John Domeniccuci, James Finn, Helen Walton, Nancy Burkly, Christina, **Kay Daniels**

If you would like prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request will be shared with the prayer chain. If you wish to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks and must be renewed through Peggy or the office.



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

St. Stephen's Week		September 20, 2026 to September 27, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 9/20		VPOD: Kelsey Raub	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		Y.E.S.S. / Youth Room	
MONDAY 9/21			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 9/22			
6:30pm		Vestry meeting / Spurling Hall	
WED. 9/23			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
6:00pm		EFM / Room 8	
7:00pm		PFLAG / Spurling Hall	
THURS. 9/24			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Movie Day / Laemmle Theatre	
7:30pm		Parish Choir rehearsal	
FRIDAY 9/25			
SAT. 9/26			
NEXT SUNDAY 9/27		VPOD: Jared Simmons	
9:00am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
9:00am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
10:30pm		Ministry Fair / Spurling Hall	



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.