

Dear Friends,

When we listen to the Gospel story for the 3rd Sunday of Easter we may say, “What a privilege for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus to meet Jesus, to listen to him explaining the Scriptures to them, to share in the Eucharist with Jesus.” Yes, it certainly was a wonderful privilege. Fortunately, the Emmaus experience has not ended. Every time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we meet Jesus in the same way and are nourished from the one table of God’s Word and Christ’s Body.

It was not out of place for Jesus to reprimanded the two disciples for being slow to understanding the Scriptures, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!” I am convinced that Jesus would say the same to us if we too were slow of heart to believe that he speaks to us in his Word at Mass. When we hear the Word of God, not only do we hear it with our ears and understand it with our minds, the Holy Spirit works within us to allow the Word of God to heal and renew us just as the Word healed and renewed the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Jesus does indeed walk with us, all the time. If we only had eyes of faith, we would recognize him in the brothers or sisters sitting beside us in the pew at the celebration of each Holy Masses and in the breaking of bread. We all make the journey of faith and for the most part, our experience are filled with disappointment, despair, and defeat as the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. It is the gift of the Eucharist and the Lord’s abiding presence in the Church that bring us back to the source of new life and our missionary role of announcing to others: “Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.”

Please remember to mark your calendar for May 12th, 2017. St. Stephen will be hosting Father Charlie Davis Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go towards supporting our youth in constructing play-ground facilities in the church compound. Your prayers and support are highly needed for a successful fundraiser tournament. God bless you as you come.

Have a blessed weekend
Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

Tercer Domingo de Pascua

En el Evangelio de hoy, los discípulos reconocen a Jesús en la fracción del pan ¿Cómo reconocemos al Señor en medio de los sucesos de nuestra vida? En su exhortación El Gozo del Evangelio el Papa Francisco nos recuerda que una manera importante de ver a Dios en medio de los sucesos de la vida es a través de encuentros personales con los pobres. Tan importante como compartir nuestros recursos es el compartimos a nosotros mismos, nuestro tiempo y nuestra presencia con los pobres de manera que podamos tener la experiencia que tuvieron los discípulos – conocer al Señor en la fracción del pan.

Third Easter Sunday

In today’s Gospel, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. How do we recognize the Lord in our midst? In his exhortation The Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis reminds us that one important way to see the Lord in our midst is through personal encounters with the poor. As important as it is to share our resources, it is in sharing ourselves, our time and our presence with the poor that we can have the experience which the disciples had – that we know the Lord in the breaking of the bread.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY APRIL 30

No Faith Formation Classes
2-4 Parents/Students -Retreat Parish Hall

MONDAY MAY 1

TUESDAY MAY 2

8 am Men's Group- *OLOG Room*
6:30 pm TNMC- *Parish Hall*

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

9 am Bible Study- *OLOG Room*
5:30 Faith Formation

THURSDAY MAY 4

FRIDAY MAY 5

7 pm Grupo de Oracion

SATURDAY MAY 6

10 am Kevin Valle Baptism
10 am SSWS Set-up Hall for First Communion

SUNDAY MAY 7

9 am First Communion (English)
11 am First Communion (Spanish)

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Apr 29	5:30 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Stephen
Sun.	Apr 30	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett Auxilio Tellez + Juan de Dios Quiroga +
Mon.	May 1		NO MASS
Tues.	May 2	6:00 pm	Bessie Warschak +
Wed.	May 3	8:30 am	For the Families of St. Stephen
Thurs	May 4	8:30 am	Leonard Lazard +
Fri	May 5	12:00pm	Iris Vera +
Sat	May 6	5:30 pm	Pedro & Tomas Luna +
Sun	May 7	9:00 am 11:00 am	Nicholas Pritchett Maria Elvia Olivares +

Ministry Schedule for May 6-7, 2017

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	P Watson N Handorf	M Markham E Markham	S Ervin M C Ervin C Kowaleski	B Wald F Pajestka B Yanez-Smith J Morin O Moreno
9:00 AM	First Communicants First Communicants	I Dworaczyk L Hossfield K Konarik K Konarik	G Reihsen J LaCanne E Alvarez	Deacon Ernie M Riley A Mazoch E Mazoch L Rohaly
11:00 AM	First Communicants First Communicants	A Arias A Ortiz S Villafranco D Villafranco D Villasana	B Martinez C Urquiza E Loma	M Laris C Tovar O Esteves M de la Hoya J Villarreal

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:
Regular: \$ 3,534.00
Online: \$803.36
Total \$4,337.36

Ester Flower \$ 546.00
Lenten \$ 400.00
Holy Land \$ 1,436.00

remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

First Holy Communion Celebration



Very soon, children from our Parish community will receive their First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion liturgy will take place on Sunday May 7, at both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am mass. Please share in this important occasion in the life of our parish by praying for our First Communicants: *Camila Alvarez, Kaylee Bragg, Regina Briones, Valeria Garcia, Max Gist, Luciana Grijalva, Jairo Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Stephaney Jaimes, Audrey Kotalik, Amy Lugo, Juan Martinez, Dylan Miles, Billi Montes, Jazmine Navarro, Pedro Navarro, Christian Palma, Isidro "Ruben" Palma, Jimena Palma, Jorge Jr Pena, Santiago Perez, Santiago Reyes, Madelyn Rodriguez, Luke Rose, Mialy Suarez, Cora Thomas, Mariel Trejo, Fernanda Trejo, Shelly Valle, Eduardo Vargas, Irving Vences, Ryker Wilson and Diego Zepeda.*

Women's Society News

St. Stephen Women's Society will have their End of Year Luncheon Monday May 8th, 2017 at 12 Noon at Inn at Salado.
\$15.00 per person.
RSVP to Dorothy Dentry at ddentry13@gmail.com; Janice Morin jimjanmorin@sbcglobal.net; or Barbara Hoelscher.

All the ladies of the Parish are invited... Come to join us! Reservation deadline May 1st, 2017

GOLF TOURNAMENT



St. Stephen's Parish will be hosting the Fr. Charlie Davis Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament on May 12th at Mill Creek Country Club. Teams can arrive at 12 noon for meals and warmup, with a 1:00 pm shotgun start schedule. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go towards supporting our church youth ministry. Parishioners and members of the community can support this event in the following ways:

- The cost is \$100 per player or \$400 per team (\$500 for team plus hole sponsorship)
- \$100 for family or business hole sponsorship (includes sign with logo or family name)
- \$500 for premier sponsorship (Large sign at clubhouse and announcement to participants)
- Donate funds to support the raffle and prize items
- Donate items to be raffled

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Faith Formation



Primary	Pre-K- 4th Grade.	5:30-6:30 pm
Fellowship Dinner	All	6:30-6:45 pm
Intermediate	5 & 6 Grade	6:45-7:45 pm
Junior High	7 & 8 Grade	6:45-7:45 pm
High School	9,10,11 & 12	6:30-8:00 pm

First Communion Parents/ Students Retreat

There will be a retreat on Sunday, April 30th from 2 pm to 4 pm for all those who will be doing their First Communion and their parents

BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism classes are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Please call the office to register for the class (254) 947-8037

CLASES DE BAUTISMO

Las clases de Bautismo son el primer jueves de cada mes a las 7 pm, para registrarse hablar a la oficina (254) 947-8037