



**Feast of the Holy Family
December 27, 2020**

***Catholic Community of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick***

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Belated Christmas greetings to all of you. I was asked to "pitch-hit" this weekend and share a few thoughts concerning this Gospel on the Feast of the Holy Family so I hope you don't mind me invading your space today. He was the light of their lives....but that light darkened for a time. His addiction "pierced" the lives of his entire family. But with patience and sacrifice, they got their son help and managed to heal the wound that cut their family so deeply. Today his mom and dad are part of a group of other parents who have gone through the same nightmare and offer support and counsel to families living through it now. Because of them, many hearts are "revealed."

Some "piercings" are harder to heal: for three summers, she volunteered for two weeks to serve as a counselor for a camp for city children at risk. Then came the phone call that "pierced" their hearts. The night before she was to come home, she and a group went out for pizza. Two in the group were hurt but survived the crash, but their daughter lost too much blood. Now her mom and dad and brother have formed a foundation for the camp program in her name. Their daughter and sister's light continues to shine. Every parent's heart is "pierced" as they suffer with and for their children: illnesses, disappointments, break-ups, and stumbles. The roads our daughters and sons travel from infancy to childhood, from teen to adulthood, can be hard to negotiate and treacherous....and Mom and Dad's hearts are "pierced" every step of the way. Parenthood requires patience, wisdom and generosity that many first-time mothers and fathers especially don't believe they possess....but they discover over time that their love makes them better moms and dads than they imagined. They come to realize God's grace in their Nazareth.

I think that today's Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that being a family is a journey of changes and challenges.... what Simeon calls "piercings" in today's Gospel....and that it's the love of our spouses and children and brothers and sisters that enables us to negotiate and survive those "piercings," to learn from those challenges, to move on from those difficult situations wiser and more loving. Our belonging to a family means that every one of us...parent and child...reflects for one another the selfless, limitless and unconditional love of Christ, both in good and bad times. The Holy Family is a model for our own families as we struggle together to adapt and change and cope with the many tensions and crisis that challenge the stability, peace and unity that are the joys of being a family. Blessings on your family today. Fr. Jerry

Sincere thanks to Fr. Jerry for rescuing me during my period of writer's block!! Peg



Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, December 20, 2020

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,225. Loose: \$206.50 Electronic: \$140. **Total Regular Collection: \$2,571.50**

Diocesan Collections: CCHD-\$10. **Other Income:** ImmacConc-\$55. Christmas-\$200.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Office-\$1,275.** (incl. Copier Contract)

CathSun-\$112. Utilities: \$308. Salaries-\$1,300. Total Paid This Week: \$2,995.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

Bills to pay next week: \$3,000.

2020 Hope Appeal—Thank you to all who have donated! We have until December 31st to reach our goal. (Jan. 31st is when all just pledged donations need to be paid by) THE SECRET is the participation of ALL households in the parish! Your gift can help us together as a parish to take this opportunity to feed the hungry, counsel the sorrowful, and inform the next generation of God's gracious plan for our salvation. If you have not yet made a gift/pledge we ask that you do so today. You may return the pledge form that you received in the mail or use a pledge form found at the entrances of our churches.

2020 HOPE Appeal Goal for CCSS-SP: \$18,591.30

Pledges To Date: \$11,927.50

Balance Remaining: \$ 6,663.80



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Go to Formed.org and select our parish Pick of the Week:

WATCH: FORGIVEN—SESSION1: WHEREAREYOU? FORGIVEN – SESSION 1:

Where are You? As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

LEARN: Formed Now! Who is Saint Stephen? This past week we celebrate the life of St. Stephen heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr

LISTEN: Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled by Dr. Scott Hahn

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

Yarn Needed! If anyone in our churches has extra yarn they no longer need. The WP clothing bank will take any kind and any amount. There are boxes in the back of both churches for you to put the yarn in. Thank you.

For God and Country, Pray the Rosary every day. It is as vital today as when Our Lady requested it at Fatima.



Responsorial Psalm for today, December 27th:
The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

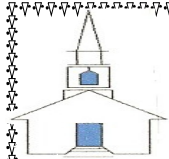
2021 Boxed Set Contribution Envelopes are now available at the entrance of our churches. Thank you for your faithful tithing.

Please Take Note:

If you attend another church on Sundays, please check if they are taking reservations first.
Thank you.

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, PVT2 Averi Hull, Major Corrine Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Sgt Heather Fox, Brett Hayes, A1C Brendan Schneider, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, A2C Derek Lescord, SSG Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, LCDR Paul McDonald, Major Joy Thomas, Major John Thomas, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, & our pastor, LtCol Douglas Cunningham. **If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.**

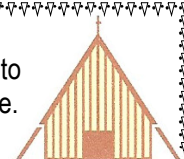




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity. We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service.

We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God.



If you know of parishioners that have not been able to come to Mass because they are ill, hospitalized or homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, or any spiritual needs such as communion, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



If you know someone that is ill, facing surgery, or some other kind of difficulty, and needs our prayers, please call Dottie Angel at 656-9230 or Pat Canfield at 849-6978. They will lead the Prayer Chain we have at The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine. If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office, 692-3911.

Our bulletin & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccssp.com  Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko
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Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, Dec. 27	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Danny Babcock ...by Ken & Sylvia Bates for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Sweet Pea ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee
Tuesday, Dec. 29	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Lorraine Hunt ...by Ron & Jackie Burroughs
Friday, Jan. 01	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Lyle Tredo ...by Pat Tredo
Sunday, Jan. 03	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Catherine & Leslie Holden ...by Ann Thayne 10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll



Please check website, face book and answering machine if there will be a Communion Service or Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church this Sunday or any other changes.

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020 through January 03, 2021:

Today: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40



Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, **No Evenings**. Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather. **Closed 12/24 & 12/31/20** **Food Pantry Chairperson:** Roger Calice

December's Pantry Need: Peanut Butter & Jelly **Clothing Bank:** M,T&Sat, 10am-Noon (Closed until 2021)

Mobile Food Pantry: Currently cancelled coming to our Whitney Pt Church lot.



Whitney Point

Lector: Gene/Matthew Jordan
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak
Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

Marathon

Brandon Tyrrell
Linda Caminiti
Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish
Cindy Barry, Don Barry

**New 2020-21
LECTOR WORK
BOOKS and
ministry
schedules are in
our church
sacristies.**

Please notice
additional
announcements
on our church
bulletin boards.

If you would like to be on the ministry schedule and have received training or would like to receive training, please contact Justin VanTassel at jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577.

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Dec. 27th

Tuesday, Dec. 29th

Thursday, Dec. 31st

Friday, Jan. 1st

Sunday, Jan. 3rd

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

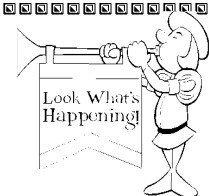
8:30am Mass at Whitney Point

7:00pm Adoration - Whitney Point Church

8:30am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary TENTATIVE - Whitney Point Church

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church



Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1-Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

God fulfills his promise to Abraham,
and Sarah gives birth to a son

Reading 2 - Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

Paul examines Abraham's
example of faith.

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph present Jesus
at the Temple in accordance with
the Law of Moses

Adults: How do your family members
know that you are a
compassionate person?

Children: What family member needs
your compassion and kindness right now



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass on Friday,

January 1st at our Whitney Point Church is tentative because there is still a good chance to get a priest to preside. Please call the parish office or check our website or face book page this coming week to see if we will have Mass that day.

"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Daily Message from Pope Francis "Indeed, at the last judgment, the Lord will judge us on the choices we have made. He seems almost not to judge, but merely to separate the sheep from the goats, whereas being good or evil depends on us. He only draws out the consequences of our choices, brings them to light and respects them. Life, we come to see, is a time for making robust, decisive, eternal choices. Trivial choices lead to a trivial life; great choices to a life of greatness. Indeed, we become what we choose, for better or for worse. If we choose to steal, we become thieves. If we choose to think of ourselves, we become self-centered. If we choose to hate, we become angry. If we choose to spend hours on a cell phone, we become addicted. Yet if we choose God, daily we grow in his love, and if we choose to love others, we find true happiness." ~Pope Francis

Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.



**GUEST
MISSIONARY**

New Ministries wishes members of all churches a very Blessed Christmas.

Advent gave us the hope to bring us
to the Peace of Christmas.

The staff chose "into the future filled
with hope" for our daily
encouragement.

We want to thank all churches for
their support and encouragement as
we welcome a New Year
of service to the rural communities.

Our Whitney Point Sunday Mass will be
accessible at 8:30am on Sundays.

Subscribe to the Catholic Community of
St Stephen-St Patrick Youtube

Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDUM8MZAaDLPNj0zhY73p-ug>.

→ The 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at
Whitney Point Church was videotaped.



**The Sanctuary Candle Burning
for the month of December
in our Whitney Pt Church
is In Memory Of:**

**Helmut Melzer &
Daina Freimanis**
by Vella Melzer
in our Marathon Church

**is in Memory Of: George Hinman &
Bill & Helen Appleby** by Claire Hinman



A Family Perspective

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph were not "perfect" parents. If you have ever been "amazed" and "astonished" at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you "didn't understand" your children or felt "anxious" about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

**Holy Family of
Nazareth, be a
model of tranquility
and harmony for
all families.**

**Give powerful
graces to husbands
and wives, children
and siblings, to overcome
differences so they can build a
common life with your own**



as a model.



Come and Visit with Jesus

Did you know that every Thursday evening for one hour, you can come and spend some time with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration is just that; a chance to be within His presence and talk to him one on one. Come for a short amount of time or stay for all of it. Every Thursday, at 7pm, in our Whitney Pt Church.



Vocation View: "Do not be afraid"
if the Lord is calling you to discern
the priesthood or religious life.

Follow Mary's example and respond with
humble trust. Call Fr. Jason Hage
(315)470-1468 or write:
vocations@syradio.org.



**Best wishes to all for a
healthy and happy new year!**