

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Nancy Sirois, Rich Lasecki, Edmond Bresh, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, Robin Lupinski, Judy DiLorenzo, Yvonne Walsh, Tom Milos, Frank Bonitatebus, and Georgine Keeler.

## NEWS

Please note that we are suspending the Saturday evening 4:00pm Vigil Mass during the month of August. We will resume the Saturday evening Vigil Mass beginning in September.

Regarding our policy for mask wearing inside the building, if you are not fully vaccinated you must wear a mask. If you are fully vaccinated, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask due to the rise of the COVID-19 Delta variant. It is important to be mindful of safe social distancing. If you are coming forward to receive Communion, please allow time for the person ahead of you to step away after receiving before coming forward.

## NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**St. Stephen of Hungary (d. 1038)** St. Stephen ruled Hungary with great wisdom and was an excellent model of justice and piety. He organized the evangelization of his country. August 16

**St. John Eudes, Priest (d. 1680)** Born in France, St. John was a gifted preacher who encouraged devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Dedicated to counseling and defending endangered women, he founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity. August 19

**St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (d. 1153)** Born in France, St. Bernard was a Cistercian abbot and preacher who fought for peace and unity within the Church and against schism. He wrote many treatises on the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ as well as on theology and asceticism. He manifested the importance of obedience in living a spiritual life. August 20

**St. Pius X, Pope (d. 1914)** Born near Venice, St. Pius X was known for his service to all members of the Church as a priest, bishop, Patriarch of Venice, and Pope. He defended the purity of Catholic doctrine against modern and resurgent heresies and was instrumental in extending the practice of frequent reception of Holy Communion. August 21

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**St. Joseph of Stratford  
National Catholic Church**



*The hunger for love is much  
more difficult to remove than  
the hunger for bread.*

**August 15, 2021 – Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time**

*~ Mother Teresa*

**Dear Parishioners,**

In today's gospel passage (John 6:51-58) Jesus speaks to the sceptics having trouble accepting his teaching that his flesh is true food, and his blood is true drink. That you must eat his flesh and drink his blood to have life within you. No equivocating here. No pandering to those reluctant to believe. In a later passage it states that as a result of this teaching "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." Not so his apostles. Jesus speaks to the Twelve asking if they too want to leave. Simon Peter answers, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Be assured that you need go no further than the Catholic Church to receive the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life.

Grace and peace,  
Fr. Tom

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**Mass Times**

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm (suspended during the month of August) & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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