

## This Week's Scripture Readings

This Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16	Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,27,29	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Christmas - Mon Isaiah 52:7-10	Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18
Tues Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 754-59	Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17		Matthew 10:17-22
Wed 1 John 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12		John 20:1a and 2-8
Thurs 1 John 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-3,4-5, 7cd-8		Matthew 2:13-18
Fri 1John 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6		Luke 2:22-35
Sat 1John 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9,10		Luke 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14	Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5	Colossians 3:12-21	Luke 2:22-40

### The Holy Fathers Prayer intentions for December: For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Praying for our Students

Please keep our students in our thoughts and prayers while they are on their Christmas Break.

Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Freddie Steffl, Bella Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Ellie Steffl, Katie Steffl, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Luke Helm, Jake Helm, Jonah Steffl, Colby Rodewald, and our youngest student Savannah Rodewald.

## Christmas/ New Year Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 25th Christmas Mass at 10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, December 26th Feast of St Stephen, The First Martyr 7 PM**

**Sunday, December 31st Mass at 10:30 AM**

**Monday, January 1st NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 2nd NO MASS**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CON-
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Satur-</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mass:+ Arleen Faltersack</b>	
<b>The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)</b>	<b>Mon-</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Mass: People of Assumption and Adoration</b>	
<b>Feast of St Stephen</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	<b>6:30</b>
<b>Feast of St Stephen</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Mass:+Glenise Donley</b>	
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp;</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>+Susie Spry</b>	<b>10:10am</b>

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon or individual represent the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 21-281-7895 ( 24 hour confidential number)



### A young man filled with the Holy Spirit

Stephen was one of the first to follow the Apostles. It is believed that he was either Greek, or a Jew educated in Greek culture. What is certain is that he was greatly appreciated by the community in Jerusalem that his name appears first among the seven men chosen as deacons to assist the Apostles in their mission. A man "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit," we worked wonders and miracles – but some members of the synagogue stirred up the people against him, with the elders and scribes saying he had blasphemed against Moses and against God. In the days following Pentecost, Stephen was hauled before the Sanhedrin, and accused by false witnesses of preaching that Jesus would "destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."

### Martyrdom and prayer for his persecutors

Saint Stephen then gave a speech – the longest recorded in the Acts of the Apostles – in which he reviewed the history of salvation. God, he said, had prepared for the coming of Jesus, the Righteous One, but the leaders of the people had resisted the Holy Spirit, just as their fathers had persecuted the prophets. Stephen concluded his speech with the words, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." This final proclamation cost him dearly. With a loud cry, those present cast him out of the city "and began to stone him."

The Acts of the Apostles says that among those who approved of Stephen's execution was Saul, who persecuted the Christians, but later became the Apostle of the Gentiles – St Paul. As he breathed his last, St Stephen, in imitation of Jesus, prayed that God might receive his spirit, and prayed for forgiveness for his murderers.

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### Devotion to St Stephen

The place of St Stephen's martyrdom is traditionally identified as being close to the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem, where today there is a church dedicated to the martyred deacon. Christians immediately felt a great devotion to St Stephen, a devotion that only grew when his relics were re-discovered in the early part of the 5<sup>th</sup> century. His life and martyrdom are portrayed in countless works of art. Stephen is traditionally pictured with the palm of martyrdom, or with stones that show how he died.

**It is time to get your Mass requests in for 2024!**

**2024 Calendars are available on the podium in the hallway to St Joseph's Hall**

**2024 Envelopes are available in St Josephs Fellowship Hall. There are also Childrens boxes of envelopes for the young people of our parish.**

**Thank you from Carol Wagner, to the People of Assumption Parish who are so faithful in giving to the Advent Angel Program.**

### Prayer Requests:

A Prayer to Pray for the People Below:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy

**The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:**

Crystal Bunnell, Cleo Baker, Dick & Marilyn Bellefeuille, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Peggy Braaten, Francis Carlson on Hospice, (Colleen Schmit's mother) Kevin Clark, Charlie Crommett, Rob DuChene, Katheryn Grady, Lori Gress, Michael Harvala, Irene Hazelton, Cindy Hilber, (Coleen Tietz's sister) Marlys Jacobson, Nathan Lee, Delores Manning, Ken & Rita Pearson, Stella Thielen, Teresa (Foltz) Thunder, Lillian Welle, Mark Winter



### Weekly Offering

Sunday, December 17, 2023

\$ 1,131.00

Retirement for Religious

\$115.00

[Ministry Schedule for Sunday, December 31, 2023](#)

**Altar Server**

Jake Helm

**Eucharistic Minister**

Mary Ann Jorgenson & Roger Foltz

**Lector**

Christina Loreth

**Presentation of Gifts**

Max & Karen Klarer

**Ushers**

Bill Steffl & Damian Zurn

**Organist**

Avis Flottemesch

What Color is Father Wearing?

During Advent Father has been wearing Purple for Preparation, Penance. Used during Lent & Advent

On Christmas, Father will be wearing White or Gold for Joy & Purity used for Christmas, Easter and feasts of Jesus Mary and certain saints

Father wore Pink for Joy and Love on the Third Sunday of Advent and he will again on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Father will wear Red for Pentecost, Passion Sunday, Good Friday, feasts of the Apostles and martyrs.

Father wears Green Hope, Life during Ordinary time.

Also, the candles by Mary change with the Liturgical Seasons!

### UpComing

- **Sunday, January 14th Lions Pancake Breakfast at the Event Center**
- **Wednesday, January 17th At 11:00** church cleaning, followed by a potluck lunch
- **Sunday, January 21st** Christian Mothers Meeting after Mass
- **January 22 MCCL March for Life, Minnesota State Capitol**

### Upcoming Fellowship

**Today:** Rick & Ginny McDougall, Supper

**December 31st: No Fellowship**

**January 7th: OPEN**

**January 14th: Lions Pancake Breakfast**



**The Fellowship Schedule for 2024 is posted Please sign up early!**

### The Reason For HOPE

#### High School Formation Retreats

**Lion & the Lamb**

**Lenten Retreat**

Feb. 10-11th, 2024

Diocese of Crookston

Pastoral Center

2PM – 2PM

For more information and To register, visit

[www.crookston.org/reasonforhope](http://www.crookston.org/reasonforhope)

Cost \$85.00