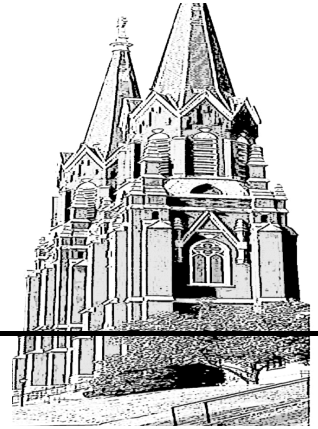




# The Oil City CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## SAINT STEPHEN AND SAINT JOSEPH CHURCHES

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**BAPTISMS:** Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class. *Please contact the Rectory Office.*

**MARRIAGES:** *Please contact the rectory office at least six months prior to wedding.*

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please notify the rectory office when someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in need of a priest.

AFTER OFFICE HOURS: Use emergency Ext. 71

**PREGNANT:** Need Help? 814-432-2229  
24 Hour Hotline: 800-712-4357

### LITURGY & SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 4 p.m. (St. Joseph Church/ 5:40 p.m. (St. Stephen Church)

**SUNDAY:** 8:00 a.m. (St. Stephen Church)/ 10:45 a.m. (St. Joseph Church)

**RECONCILIATION (Confession)** Check weekly schedule below

Saturday 3-3:40 p.m. (St. Joseph Church) or by appointment

**Saint Stephen School** Venango Catholic H.S. Catholic Rural Ministries

Mr. Michael O'Brien

Mr. Brian Slider

677-3098

Principal—677-3035

Acting Principal 677-3098

St. Elizabeth 677-3098

### MINISTERS FOR ST. JOSEPH AND ST. STEPHEN

**ASH WEDNESDAY LECTORS:**

7 a.m. K. Trypus 5:40 p.m. M. Johnson

**SERVERS: February 17-18**

4:00 p.m. Sean Stack/Hanna Plowman

5:40 p.m. Pdraig/Ailish/Liam McGrail

8:00 a.m. Thomas Fink/Parker Slagle

10:45 a.m. Natalie Birchard/Elijah Collins

**LECTORS: February 17-18**

4:00 p.m. Sue Williams

5:40 p.m. Mike Horos

8:00 a.m. Megan Davis

10:45 a.m. Mary Beth Hutchinson

**H. COMMUNION MINISTERS: Feb. 17-18**

4:00 p.m. Vicky London, Kathy Shreffler,  
Matthew/Natalie Toscano, Sue Williams

5:40 p.m. Ellen Flickner, Daisy Hawke,  
Dan Karg, Rick Stewart, Susan Stewart

8:00 a.m. Mike Deibert, Leon/Kathy  
Kulinski, Kathy Stephens,  
Loretta Warcholik

10:45 a.m. Stephen Feather, Scott, Mary  
Beth Hutchinson, Patty Yee,  
Theresa Zlotnicki

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

*Special Thanks to  
CLIFFORD'S Carpet & Rug Outlet  
for sponsoring an ad weekly in the  
St. Joseph/St. Stephen Bulletin.*

#### DAILY MASSES

**MONDAY**

February 12

7:00 AM

(St. Stephen Church)

Raymond Henry (*Mary*)

**TUESDAY**

February 13

7:00 AM

(St. Stephen Church)

Nancy Kennemuth

(*Tom & Pat Myers*)

**Adoration/Confessions before 8 a.m. Mass**

8:00 AM

(St. Joseph) Elizabeth

Goreczny Burchanowski

(*Helen Marie*)

**WEDNESDAY February 14, Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM

(St. Stephen Church)

Cole McMahon

(*Mom, Dad, Logan & Katie*)

10:45 AM

(School) Chuck Stephenson

(*Mary Jo*)

5:40 PM

(St. Joseph) Max Serafin

(*Becky Serafin Clark*)

**THURSDAY**

February 15

12:10 PM

(St. Joseph Church)

Caroline Czajka

(*Grandchildren*)

**FRIDAY**

February 16

12:10 PM

(St. Stephen Church)

Gerald Schneider (*Family*)

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**SATURDAY**

February 17

3-3:40 PM

Confessions - St. Joseph  
Church

4:00 PM

(Vigil) (St. Joseph Church)

*Raymond F. Keith*

(*M/M Dan Mansfield*)

5:40 PM

(Vigil) St. Stephen Church

*Eugene Hartle (Family)*

**SUNDAY**

February 18, First Sunday of  
Lent

8:00 AM

(St. Stephen Church)

*John & Dorothy Brzuz*

(*Children & Grandchildren*)

10:45 AM

(St. Joseph Church)

*Sally Dale*

(*Mary Smith*)

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE  
MAY CHANGE FROM WEEK TO  
WEEK**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Are you interested in the **pilgrimage** to the **National Shrine** in Washington, D.C. on April 20<sup>th</sup>? Call **Evelyn Wheeler** at 673-6392 to sign up! Thanks for a great attendance for the 8 week **Bible Study** on the Eucharist. I have decided to do a 3 week **Apologetics** series (Starting **tomorrow!**) on the following 3 **Mondays**, at Stephen's Church Hall (under the Church), from **6-7 p.m.**: Feb. 12, 19, 26. Bishop Barron will delve into the ineffable mystery of God, with St. Anselm of Canterbury's help!

Breezeway holy water font update: as many of you pointed out to me, this past weekend the contents were homogeneous in molecular composition, heterogeneous regarding states of matter (liquid & solid), but 100% holy!

Today is **Commitment Sunday** for the 2018 **Catholic Services Appeal**, & the theme for this year's appeal is "**United in Service.**" We are part of a larger family of faith in the Diocese of Erie. Any money raised above our assessment (St. Joseph: \$34,519; St. Stephen: \$48,307) stays in our parishes. You heard me talk, last Sunday, about the many projects we've done over the past year, & the many projects that need to be done. Our **goal** is **\$65,000** for St. Stephen's, & **\$50,000** for St. Joseph's. I made a pledge to both parishes, and I invite you to pray about what you can give, spiritually & materially, to your parish. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Today is **World Marriage Day**, which, not surprisingly, is close to **Valentine's Day**. We celebrate the beauty, truth, & love of marriage between one man and one woman. Go to the official website: <http://wmd.wvme.org/> for more information. Thank you husbands & wives for your vocation to Holy Matrimony!

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** this week. Would you like to have some great help for Lent? Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com> and click on "Free Resources," then click on "**Best Lent Ever**," & you can sign up to get a short, but meaningful video e-mailed to you each day of Lent. During the 40 day journey, grow in faith & become the best version of yourself with Jesus Christ's help!

*Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop, pray for us.  
Father Miller*

**Pro-Life Reflection (Fr. Frank Pavone)**

**Sacred Scripture:** Greet one another with a holy kiss. - Rom. 16:16

**Reflection:** On Valentine's Day, many messages of affection exchanged. A culture of life avoids two extremes—one, which looks down on all affection and thinks that the only good things are the things of the spirit; and the other, which allows the emotions to run out of control, with no discipline.

**Prayer:** *Holy Spirit, font of love both human and divine, bless us today with understanding, balance, and grace. Enable us to devote ourselves to the service of God and neighbor.*



**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES:**

**SINCERE SYMPATHY** is offered to the family and friends of **Dan Roesner & Erma Oliver**. May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are sick in nursing homes or hospitalized as well as those who serve us in the military.

**WELCOME** *Jacob Daniel Kauffman*, son of Lucas and Kara (Symons) Kauffman, who was baptized at St. Joseph Feb. 3rd.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn at St. Joseph Church** in memory of *Raymond F. Keith* by M/M Dan Mansfield.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH STEEPLES** will be illuminated the week of February 11th in memory of *Jack & Gertrude Frawley* by Family.

**CATHOLIC HEART Work Camp** volunteers will be returning to the Oil City area again this summer (July 23-26). If you need work done at your home (must own), you can pick up an application at the St. Elizabeth Center, 311 Emerald St., Oil City or Franklin YMCA, Oil City YWCA or Franklin or Oil City Libraries. If you can help, please call Theresa Zlotnicki at 758-1629.

**BIBLE STUDY** on Mark's Gospel: Join Sister Marian and Sister Tina's Bible Study Group beginning on Feb. 20, each Tuesday, morning during Lent (10:15—11:45 a.m.) at Assumption Social Hall (near church parking lot, Oil City). Our study will be on Mark's Gospel, "Jesus, the Suffering Servant" by Stephen J. Binz. For more information, call 677-2032. All are welcome.

**Fathers (or male role models) and sons** ages 11-13 are welcome to attend an event sponsored by the Diocese which includes activities centered on such topics as adolescence, growing into manhood, communications and listening to God's call. The event will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Parish social hall in Edinboro NEXT SATURDAY, February 24th from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. For more information or to register, e-mail [www.eriecd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriecd.org/chastity.htm) or call Kate Whiteford at 814-824-1259.

**Our gratitude to those who support the Parishes!**  
**Collection February 3-4, 2018**

<u>St. Joseph Church</u>	<u>St. Stephen Church</u>
Offertory \$4,314.00	Offertory \$6,921.00
Help Spread the Faith \$ 35.00	SSS School Fund \$ 431.00

