

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FEBRUARY 8, 2009
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Rising very early before dawn, he went off to a deserted place to pray.”

Mark 1:35

Scripture readings for next week:

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

WALKING IN A NEW LIFE

Baptism: Kylie Mairead Sotnick

Death: Charlotte Newhouse
Howard Cohen

Brown Bags Needed for our Outreach Bread Run. Please drop them off at the church office during the week.

Spiritual Themes from St. Paul: Study Group With Fr. George continues on Monday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. Our topic will be spiritual themes from St. Paul – missionary mystic martyr. Themes such as life in Christ, Grace, The Spirit, Salvation and Redemption. All are welcome to attend.

Men’s Study Group with Fr. George continues on Wednesday mornings 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in Room 127. Topic will be the same as the evening group. This study group is especially designed for all those men who are early birds or who may have an hour to spend with us before going to work. Coffee will be served.

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) is beginning our Spring Session on Tues., Feb. 24th, with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. We are offering a Tuesday evening group to run during March and April and will also hold Tuesday morning sessions if there is enough interest. Stop by our table in the Narthex for information and registration. Space is limited so please sign up early! Cost is \$45, and scholarships are available. Contact Lori at (321) 262-1813 for more details.

Early Bird Raffle

Congratulations to Gary Wasson, the winner of the third Winterfest raffle.
Prize - \$150!

♥ HIGH SCHOOL

Questions? Missed sign-up at the Youth Table?
Call Caryl (407 699-5683 x 228) or e-mail
caryld@st-stephen.com

LITE Meeting for Senior and Junior LITE
team members on Sun., Feb. 8th, 12:15 p.m.
in the Youth Room.

High School Service Opportunity

Level II teens needed to help with
Winterfest clean-up on Sun., Feb. 8th,
12:00 noon. Please see Pat Wall in the back
parking lot.

College Spring Retreat: Diocese of Orlando – “Cast Out Into The Deep”

Attention College Students – You are
invited to an incredible weekend away from
the busyness of college life. Join us on
retreat to strengthen your relationship with
God, meet other college students, learn more
about the Catholic Faith, and have fun! Cost
\$60 per student. Feb. 20th – 22nd. Retreat is
open to all campus ministries and college-
age students in the Orlando Diocese. For
registration and information call (407) 382-
7063.

Attention All High School Juniors and Seniors

The Orlando Diocese ALPHA teen retreat is
scheduled for Feb. 27th – Mar. 1st, at
San Pedro Center. The retreat is open to all
high school juniors and seniors. Registration
information is available at
www.alphapeerministry.com. If you have
any questions please call Michelle at
(321) 454-2178.

Thought for the day – Faith is caught, not
taught.

☀ MIDDLE SCHOOL

Questions? Missed sign-up at the Youth
Table? Call Julie (407 699-5683 x 227) or
email juliea@st-stephen.com

Middle School Youth Group Bonfire:

Date Change! Mark your calendars now
and plan to join us Sun., Feb. 15th, 5:30 –
7:00 p.m. We will be enjoying S’mores and
cocoa. There will also be some great outdoor
games! Make sure that you don’t miss out
on this awesome night of fun. Be sure to
bring your friends too! Stop by the Youth
table to sign up or contact Julie in the church
office.

P.R.E.P. INFORMATION

Feb. 8th – 3 yrs Old/Preschool/Kindergarten
Level I (High School)

Feb. 10th/11th – Primary Grades (1-4)

Feb. 15th – **NO CLASSES**
(President’s Weekend)

St. Stephen Prayer Line – Please call (407)
699-5683, ext. 514 with your prayer
requests. To transfer directly to the voice
mailbox after hours, enter 514, when the
main recording begins.

Ministers to the Sick: If you or someone
you know from our parish family is in the
hospital or will be home bound for some
time, please contact the church office. We
have Ministers to the Sick who will bring
Eucharist and share current news from our
community.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR - Monday, February 9 -
Sunday, February 15, 2009**

Mon. 7:00 AM Gerald Martinez
Sat. 8:30 AM Eleanor Szczepanski
Tues. 7:00 AM Sick of the Parish
5:00 PM Edward Sulewski
Wed. 7:00 AM Terry Yuknavage
Sun. 9:00 AM Steven Lennon
Thurs. 7:00 AM Patrick Dwyer
11:00 AM People of the Parish
Fri. 7:00 AM Elly Thompson

St. Stephen Girlfriends – Come and join us on Thurs., Feb. 19th, in Enrichment Center I at 7:00 p.m. for a fun, free, relaxing night sharing laughs with other ladies of our parish family as we watch the funny movie “Calendar Girls”. We ask that you wear your wild and crazy “pj’s” or a cozy comfortable outfit to relax and enjoy the movie. Bring your beach or lounge chair along with your favorite “blankie” too! Snacks will be provided. Take the stress out of your life for a few hours and come join us for a carefree night with your faith family friends. Call the church office or sign up in the Narthex after all the masses. All women of the parish invited!

Annual Celebration Of The Sacrament Of The Sick – Mark your calendars! This beautiful Sacrament of Healing and Compassion will be celebrated on Sat., Feb. 21st, at the 5PM Mass only. Who is invited to this Sacrament? All who have serious or chronic conditions, physical, mental or emotional. All with serious disabilities. All who are preparing for surgery, and all who are advanced in age and in frail condition.

2009 Anniversary Mass – Bishop Wenski will be honoring and celebrating significant wedding anniversaries at a bilingual Mass which will be held at Resurrection Parish in Winter Garden, on Sun., Feb. 15th, 2:00 p.m. Cake and punch

reception to follow Mass. No registration required.

Women of all ages are invited to join in a day of spiritual retreat, renewal and reflection on Sat., Feb. 21st, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Apopka. Guest Speaker is Sr. Paula Hagen, O.S.B. More details and registration information available at the St. Stephen MOMS table or by contacting Lori at (321) 262-1813.

How Does Friendship Impact the Sacramental Reality of Our Marriage? The Office of Family Life & Pastoral Care along with St. Margaret Mary Parish would like to invite you to an afternoon of fun and reflection for Catholic couples on the challenge of being married and staying friends. Sun., Feb. 22nd, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., cost is \$20 per couple. Guest speaker is Mary Jo Pederson who has been a teacher and author in the areas of marriage, family ministry and faith formation for over 20 years. For information contact Lori (407) 645-0284 or Judy (407) 246-4865.

Women of Faith – Women of Action Conference – Come join hundreds of women from around the diocese who will be refreshed with a spiritual renewal day at All Souls Church in Sanford on Feb. 28th, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bishop Wenski will start the day celebrating Mass that will be followed by a continental breakfast. All Women of Faith are invited to join in this wonderful experience, Making a Difference Through Prayer and Service. For more information or to register visit <http://home.catholicweb.com/WomenofFaith>.

Our Catholic Appeal, 2009

Next weekend Our Catholic Appeal will be conducted. Bishop Wenski writes, “Our Catholic Appeal is part of our commitment to stewardship. Please see Our Catholic Appeal as an opportunity for almsgiving by pledging a

truly sacrificial gift. For our ministries, our people, our future, please be generous. May your gift come from your heart and be based on love.”