

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm  
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

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## **January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100\**

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as

a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request.

You may also contact her by phone at:

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The bulletins are sent to the printing company at least one month in advance. Mass intentions received after the printing deadline may not appear in the bulletin, but are offered all the same.

## Parish Calendar for January 2018

### **January 1, Monday – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – *white***

9:15 AM - English Mass

Pro populo - for the faithful

### **January 7, Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord – *white***

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe

~ OPEN ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

For Father Benedict Horváth, O. Praem on the 20th anniversary of his death.

### **January 14, Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – *green***

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe

~ OPEN ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

For the deceased members of St. Stephen Society

For all single parents raising families

Rezső Lantos (deceased)

St. Stephen Society

A faithful parishioner

Lantos Family

### **January 21, Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – *green***

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe

Patricia Sherman, Anne Tallman,

Bud Corfield and Lauren Lanterman (all deceased)

A friend

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

The Hidvégi Family

Ágnes Tamás (deceased)

Erzsébet Gasztonyi (deceased)

Xénia Nagy

Éva Kulczycki

The Gasztonyi Family

### **January 28, Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – *green***

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe

~ OPEN ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

The deceased members of the Pluhár Family

The deceased members of the Binger & Nagy Family

Xénia Nagy

Géza Binger

# Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

20 + C + M + B + 18



The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 18

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

### **Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany**

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

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*When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."*

*The leader greets those present in the following words:*

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.  
Blessed be God forever.

**R/.** Blessed be God forever.

*In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

*One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:*

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

*The intercessions are then said:*

**Leader:** The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you

formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

**R/.** Stay with us, Lord.

*After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:*

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house  
and all who inhabit it.  
Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,  
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R/.** Amen.

*The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:*

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,  
keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart,  
now and forever.

**R/.** Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" or "We Three Kings."*

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*