

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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*December - Dezember - December 2017*

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

Parish Office is located at:  
St. Patrick Church  
1046 E. 34th St.  
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On **Sunday, December 3** the Hungarian Scouts will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas in the Fr. Lani Hall after Mass. Lunch will be prepared by scout parents.

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**Monday, December 11** is the birthday of our pastor, Monsignor Timothy Dyer. Let us all keep him in our prayers and wish him a happy birthday.

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**Sunday, December 10** will be the German Christmas Party presented by the Donauschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations. Lunch will be served by the St. Emmerich Verein and other members of the German congregation at 11:00 AM followed by a program by the children of the Donauschwäbische Tanzgruppe at 1:00 PM.

Donations of traditional Christmas cookies are graciously requested.

## **Sunday, December 10 – Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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**Sunday, December 17** will be the Hungarian Christmas Party. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM in the Fr. Lani Hall by the St. Stephen Society followed by the Hungarian Christmas program at 1:00 PM.

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**Monday, January 1** there will be only one Mass, in English, to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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:

**(818) 846-2651**

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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 December 2017

### **December 3, Sunday – First Sunday of advent – violet**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Christina Burmeister (deceased) The Burmeister Family

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
The living and deceased members of the  
Dukay and Nagy Family Xénia Nagy  
The deceased member of St. Stephen Society The St. Stephen Society

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### **December 10, Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent– violet – Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Eva and Wendel Mayer (both deceased) AND  
Lorenz Schwarz (deceased) AND  
Ernest Preschler (deceased) AND  
Michael Kolostori (deceased) Katl Mayer  
Anna Preschler and family  
Maria Kolostori-Buehbe

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
For the Samay Family A Friend  
Szilvia Surányi (living) A Friend

11:00 AM - Lunch served by the St. Emmerich Verein and other members of the German congregation.

1:00 PM - German Christmas Party of the Donaueschwäbische Vereinigung and affiliated organizations with a program by the children of the Donaueschwäbische Tanzgruppe.

### **December 17, Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday – violet/rose**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
~ OPEN ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
Ferenc Túri (deceased) Vodnák Family  
Maria Binger (living) Géza Binger

11:00 AM - Lunch served by the St. Stephen Society

1:00 PM - Hungarian Christmas Program

### **December 24, Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent – violet**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Heidi Marie Schüessler (deceased) A Friend

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
István Prihiztál (deceased) The Prihiztál Family  
Gábor Papp (deceased) Julianna Kiss  
Jolán Gasztonyi (deceased) The Gasztonyi Family

### **December 25, Monday – Christmas Day - The Nativity of the Lord – white**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Pro populo - for the faithful

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
Pro populo - for the faithful



### **December 31, Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – white**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
~ OPEN ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
István Vörös (deceased) The Vörös Family  
Jozsef Fürjes (deceased) The Mohos Family  
János Béres (deceased) The Mohos Family

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

9:15 AM - English Mass  
Pro populo - for the faithful

# Saint Lucy



**Saint Lucy - December 13**

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life.

After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.

While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen.

The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death.

Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for

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**Find this month's vocabulary words in the puzzle above.**

BLIND	BRANCH	BRAVERY
CENTURY	EYES	GOVERNOR
LIGHT	MARRIAGE	OXEN
PAGAN	PREPARE	SWORD
VICTORY		

their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on.

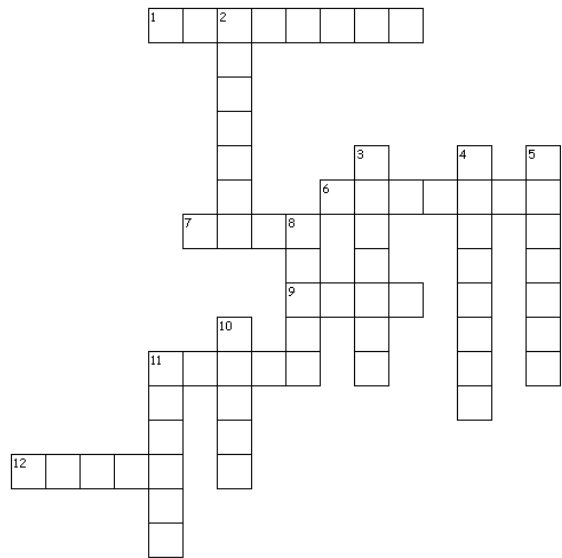
Lucy's legend did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them.

When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored.

Sigebert (1030-1112), a monk of Gembloux, wrote sermo de Sancta Lucia, in which he described Lucy's body as remaining undisturbed in Sicily for 400 years until Faroald II, Duke of Spoleto, seized the island and transferred Lucy's remains to Abruzzo, Italy. It was later removed by Emperor Otho I in 972 to Metz and left in the church of St. Vincent. There is much confusion about what happened to her body after its stay at St. Vincent's, but it is believed that several pieces of her body can be found in Rome, Naples, Verona, Lisbon, Milan, Germany, France and Sweden.

In 1981, thieves stole all but her head but police were able to recover them on her feast day.

Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind. She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.



**Fill in the puzzle with the vocabulary words using the German and Hungarian translations as clues.**

Across

Down

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| 1. GOUVERNEUR-KORMÁNYZÓ | 2. SIEG-GYŐZELEM      |
| 6. BEREITEN-KÉSZÍT      | 3. MŰT-BÁTORSÁG       |
| 7. AUGEN-SZEMEK         | 4. EHE-HÁZASSÁG       |
| 9. OCHSEN-ÖKRÖK         | 5. JAHRHUNDERT-SZÁZAD |
| 11. BLIND-VAK           | 8. SCHWERT-KARD       |
| 12. HEIDE-POGÁNY        | 10. LICHT-FÉNY        |
|                         | 11. AST-ÁG            |