



# St. Stephen Catholic Church

Augusztus - August - August 2025

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## **PLEASE NOTE:**

The German Mass will ***not*** be celebrated at St. Stephen on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tag der Donauschwaben will be held at the Biergarten at Old World on August 3<sup>rd</sup> -

**NO MASS** will be celebrated at the event.



## **St. Stephen's Day**

**Sunday, August 17** will be the celebration of the feast day of St. Stephen of Hungary, the patron of our Parish.

There will be a procession with the Holy Relic of St. Stephen at 10:30 AM, lunch will be available in the hall at 11:00 AM, and there will be a program starting at 1:30 PM.

While this is a very important celebration for the Hungarian congregation all parishioners are invited to attend

## **Mark your Calendars!**

**August 17** – The Feast of Saint Stephen and Lunch

**Sept 7-** Parishioner & Friends Luncheon  
German - Back to School Mass

**October 12** – German – Kirchweih and Lunch

**October 19** – Hungarian- Memorial of 1956  
Revolution and Lunch

**November 16-** Parishioner & Friends Luncheon

**December 14** - German Christmas Party & Program  
and Lunch

More dates and events may be added.

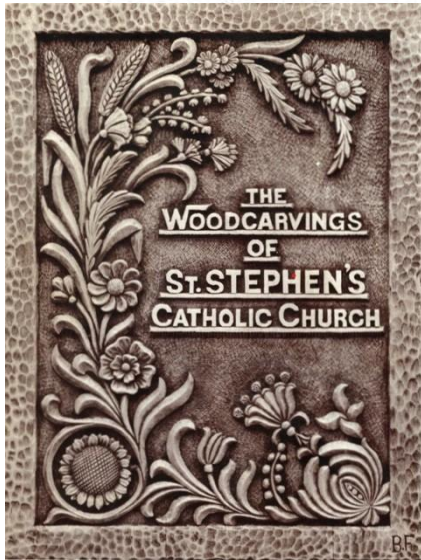
**Daily Mass readings and prayers may be found online at:**

German - <http://erzabtei-beuron.de/schott>

Hungarian - <https://igenaptar.katolikus.hu/>

English - <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

# The New Sanctuary - Celebrating 40 years



## Preface

**D**uring the course of half a decade, beginning in 1981, Béla Ferencz set the vision of his Christian Faith into wood. In splendid richness he embroidered onto the altar the words of Him Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. With flowers, ornamentation, and with a passionate and ancient yearning for the things of above, he adorned the place of the Holy Word, erecting a worthy throne for the coming of Jesus among us and bringing to life the awesome moment of Consecration. The stories from the Gospel

brilliantly shed light on the situations of our own day in the tracks of his chisel. Around the person of Jesus shines the approving light of Heaven, and in this light we sense that the agonizing world never stands alone, be it in the region of Jerusalem or in the suffering and steadfast world of the Carpathian Mountains. And our souls rejoice at this message, whispered in wood for the people of our day.

**E**ach and every piece in the sanctuary is there for the sake of Our Lord Jesus. It has no other purpose than to make this tired world a happier and more perfect place, by satisfying the soul's thirst for beauty.

**S**ymbolic and expressive is the paschal candle, whose base, calling us to the sombre reality of the grave, is fashioned after a tombstone, but from whose pinnacle the flickering flame of the Resurrection greets us. Equally profound is the Tree of Life on the tabernacle, suggesting everlasting life.

**T**his Bible in wood proclaims from day to day the one important truth: our call to eternal life. As one person so movingly expressed it: "Being in this church is like being already in Paradise."

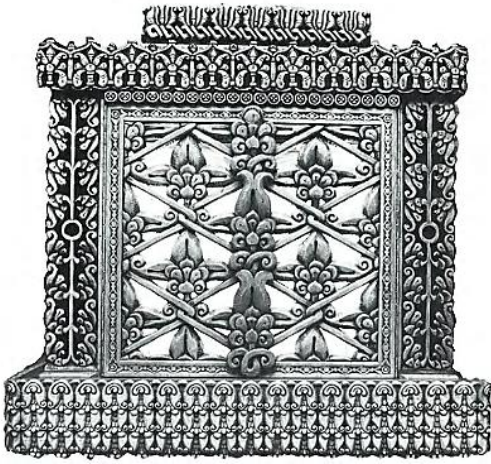
**W**ith these reflections I send this album on its noble journey, confident that it will serve to edify the spirit of its every reader.

Fr. Benedict A. Horvath

**H.S.** Written by Fr. Benedict A. Horvath  
Translated by Fr. Hermann-Joseph K. Rettig



# Tabernacle



Szekler and Hungarian motifs appear on the doors of the tabernacle. These carvings imitate the decoration on a silver purse found in the excavations at Galgóc; stylized trees of life decorate the doorframes.

On one side of the tabernacle an elaborate tree of life dominates the design; it is surrounded by carvings taken from the floral and animal motifs found on the blade of "Attila's Sword". The figures on the upper bar of the square frame originate from the grip of the sword found at Geszteród.

The other side of the tabernacle repeats the ornaments of the opposite side around a "Turul Bird", the insignia of the House of Arpad, the leader who brought the Hungarians into the Carpathian Basin. The design is taken from an archaeological find in Rakamaz. A plate, Béla Ferencz 1985," substitutes for a signature of the Master Carver on each one of the woodcarvings in the church.







The support of the tabernacle is a rectangular block of wood standing on its small side. On the front appears a large medallion with Christ's head; the rest of the field is filled with Avar motifs, framed by ancient Hungarian decorative designs.

The two sides of the support have identical decorations taken from a purse found at Farkasrét; the medallions, however, are different. On one side we find the facsimile of the Golden Stag found at Zöldhalompuszta standing before the tree of life, while the other side shows a Scythian fish. The fish was a symbol for Jesus Christ the Son of God, already in the first centuries of Christendom, and is repeated here, in the church of St. Stephen's.



# Celebrations



Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Clifford & Rosalia Burmeister! Married at St. Stephen's on August 22, 1970.



Father Theodore Smith celebrates his birthday on August 16<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday Father Theodore!

## SHARE YOUR CELEBRATIONS!

**Wedding anniversary, Baptisms,  
First Communions,  
Confirmations, milestone  
Birthdays**

Share your information with us –  
include names, dates, event and  
even pictures!

Send to:

[Elizabeth.burmeister@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.burmeister@gmail.com)

Bulletins are sent to the printer one  
month in advance so all items must  
be received by the last day of the  
month.

**September bulletin** items must be  
received by July 29.

Can submit for future months at  
any time.



Share the QR code with friends so they  
too can follow along and join in the  
celebration of our parish.



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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** or by email at: **monikamohos@yahoo.com**

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 August 2025**

9:15 AM – German Mass / Deutsche Messe

10:30 AM – Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise

**August 3, Sunday- The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Green**

**NO GERMAN MASS**

Pro populo / For the Faithful

Jozsef †, Ferenc † & Jozsef Drávoczi † and for the living & deceased members of the Drávoczi family - *The Gonda Family*

Margit Téglás † -*The Téglás Family*

**August 10, Sunday – The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Green**

Pro populo / For the Faithful

Ron Snyder † -*St. Stephen parishioners*

Anne Tallman † - *Her Friends*

Franz Klara-*His Friends*

László Komjáthy†- *László Komjáthy, Jr.*

Margit Kennedy† - *Monika Mohos*

The deceased members of the Jankovics and Dukai Families -*Xénia Nagy*

Károly Gyímesi †-*His Friends*

**August 17, Sunday – The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Green**

Pro populo / For the Faithful

Christina Burmeister † - *The Burmeister Family*

For deceased Donauschwaben parishioners of St. Stephen's -*In Gratitude*

Fr. Theodore Smith, O.Praem. (birthday) - *St. Stephen parishioners*

Jozsef Mohos -*The Mohos Family*

Attila Tóth † -*A Friend*

Jenő Nagy † and Cindy Sears † -*Erzsébeth Nagy*

**The Feast Day of St. Stephen, King of Hungary, patron saint of our Church. Procession with St. Stephen's holy relic starts at 10:30AM. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM in the Fr. Lani Hall by the St. Stephen Society with program starting at 1:30PM.**

**August 24, Sunday – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Green**

For priests & religious persons who served the Donauschwaben parishioners of St. Stephen's

Heather Suchan- *Her Friends*

Leo Mayer- *His Friends*

Pro populo / For the Faithful

Mark Landriau - *Zsuzsanna Kovács*

Kimberly Székely †- *The Székely Family*

**August 31, Sunday – The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Green**

Pro populo / For the Faithful

Walter Seemayer † - *A Friend*

Katharina Schwarz-Mayer † - *Her Friends*

Béla Surányi † -*The Surányi Family*

Zsolt Melán† -*St. Stephen Society*

Margit Kennedy† -*Monika Mohos*