



# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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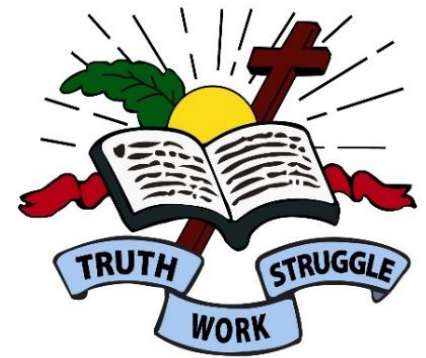
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## Welcome First Responders!

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### A Festival Thought

A family is a community where everybody's rights are recognized and honored, where happiness and lasting relationships rest on mutual respect. An authentic family is much more than a biological unit: It is organized in the spiritual service of Christ.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### SIRACH 3:11-16

It is wisdom to realize that respect, honor and mutual recognition of rights makes for longevity in relationships, especially within families.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

#### COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Dress up to stay at home because you will need the best of clothes: shared suffering, kindness, humility, gentle mannerisms and patience. Let love be the crown you wear around the house.

#### LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus' own family gave him a place to grow - in strength and wisdom and God's favor. Every organized relationship of human persons has to provide that opportunity for each other.

## Solemnity of the Christian Family

### ENTRANCE RITE: 1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10

*V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

**R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA: Proverbs 6:20

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. Observe, my son, your father's bidding, and reject not your mother's teaching.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Solemnity**

**The Christian Family**

**Blessing of First Responders**

**Welcome Back Breakfast  
After each Mass**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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**SUNDAY – October 17<sup>th</sup>  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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**SUNDAY – October 24<sup>th</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**Intentions for the repose of the  
souls of Rev. Francis N.**

**Kaczmarczyk and Beatrice**

**Kaczmarczyk offered by Francis**

**D. Kaczmarczyk and Eleanor  
Kaczmarczyk.**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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**SUNDAY – October 31<sup>st</sup>  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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## NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a Polish Food sale November 20<sup>th</sup>. We have begun to make pierogis. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and showed up already. Please consider volunteering to help on the upcoming days. Signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help make this sale a success. And not only women can make pierogi, men can too!

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## INTENTIONS:

### My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father....**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, October 10<sup>th</sup>**; The YMS of R will be sponsoring a free Welcome Back Sausage Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. This will be in conjunction with the celebration of our first ever Blue Mass honoring the brave first responders in our area, who are also invited to this free breakfast. I hope to see everyone there to show our support and appreciation to the first responders for all that they do.

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**; Pierogi Prep. Please sign up to volunteer.

**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

**Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**; The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library to review the Book "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. All are welcome to attend.

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**; Polish Food Sale. 9:00 AM until sold out. Tell your friends.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022**; Saint Stephen's Annual Picnic returns! From 10:00AM until whenever at Saint Benedict's Picnic Grove in Mohnton. We have a band, a beer wagon and of course, great Polish Food. The picnic has been sorely missed the past few years by almost everyone, parishioner and non-parishioner alike so let's get behind the Picnic Committee and volunteer to help when the time comes in order to make the return of the Picnic a rousing success.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For the months of October, November and December all of the donations to the Little White Church will be used to help the less blessed of our community as the winter and holiday seasons come upon us. These donations will be used for heating assistance and other such necessities. We will soon be placing the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall so that gifts can be donated for the elderly and shut in individuals of our community. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and God bless.

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