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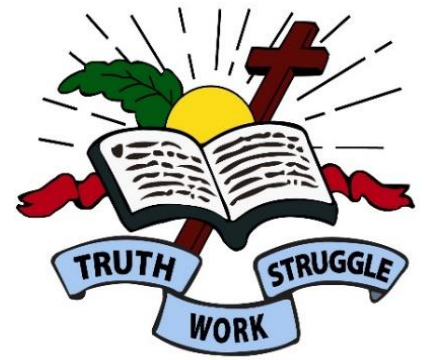
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December 26, 2021

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds – Feast of St. Stephen

A Festival Thought

Today we reflect on the humble shepherds and why God chose them, among the lowliest of people, to spread the good news of great joy.

About Today's Bible Readings:

JEREMIAH 31:10-14

The joy of the coming of the Saviour and the salvation of Israel are extolled.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. A light will shine on us this day; The Lord is born for us.

GALATIANS 4:1-7

St. Paul tells us that the coming of Christ elevates us from childhood to children of God.

LUKE 2:15-20

The shepherds see the Christ Child in the manger and, filled with awe, return to spread the Good News.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 18:14-15a; Psalm 93:2

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.

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: Psalm 93:1a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord is King, robed with majesty; the Lord is robed, girded with might.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – December 26th

**Solemnity – Humble
Shepherds**

Saint Stephen the Martyr

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ONE MASS ONLY!

MONDAY - December 27th

**Feast of Saint John
Apostle and Evangelist
Blessing and
Distribution of Wine**

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 2nd

**Solemnity – Holy Name of
Jesus**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

THURSDAY - January 6th

**Solemnity
Epiphany of our Lord**

7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY - January 9th

**Solemnity
Baptism of our Lord**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS



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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, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, Cheryl and Darryl Weinhold and Riley Rejniak. Let us Pray: **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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 2nd: The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library. All of the women of the parish are encouraged to attend and to join the ANS if you are not already members.

Sunday, January 9th: School of Christian Living Open House at 11:00 AM. Please join us and bring your children and grandchildren to learn about our Sunday school options for children of all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, January 10th: The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Thursday, January 13th: The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome and we hope to make participation online available via TEAMS. Check back for details.

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!

NEW YEAR

As we approach the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 30th. We are in need of someone to step up and fill the positions of Vice-Chairperson and of Secretary as well as volunteers for the Picnic Committee. If you are interested in serving your parish, please see Fr. Sr. Donald or Tom Schalata. I would also like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting And if you have not already done so, please see to it that your yearly dues are paid up to date. Thank you and God bless.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the Parish Committee, myself and my daughter, Danielle, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy, Healthy, Blessed and most prosperous New Year!