### Week At A Glance

**Mon, June 24**
- 9:30 am-1 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

**Tues, June 25**
- 10 am-1 pm, Office Open

**Wed, June 26**
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 1 Chapel
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open

**Thurs, June 27**
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open

### Upcoming Mass Intentions
- Sat 6/22 5:00 pm - Violet Deborja, Birthday Blessings
- Sun 6/23 9:30 am - Don Bellew †
- Mon 6/24 7:30 am - St. Stephen Parishioners
- Tues 6/25 7:30 am - Phyllis Pauplis †
- Wed 6/26 7:30 am - Leonard Pauplis †
- Thur 6/27 7:30 am - Michael Pauplis †
- Fri 6/28 7:30 am - Michael & Philomena Pauplis †
- Sat 6/29 5:00 pm - Virginia Cook †
- Sun 6/30 9:30 am - St. Stephen Parishioners

### Schedule of Masses

**Mon - Fri: 7:30 am (Chapel, Rm 1)**

- Saturday: 5 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am

**Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm**

### Ministers Schedule: June 29 - 30

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### Christ the King Catholic Church (sister parish)
- 195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
- 925-682-2486
Dear Friends,

US Bishops respond to migrant issues at the border: On June 10, the Catholic Bishops of Mexico stated: "We express our concern for the lack of a truly humanitarian reception for our brother migrants, which reflects our conviction regarding the protection of the rights of all human beings equally," the bishops further stated, "Our brother migrants must not be a bargaining chip. No negotiations should be placed above what the church and civil society have defended for years: not criminalizing migrants nor the defenders of human rights." Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration has issued a statement in support of Catholic Bishops of Mexico: “We stand in solidarity with our brother bishops in Mexico. We implore the Administration not to confuse economic issues with the humanitarian issues of forced migration. Families fleeing violence, persecution and extreme poverty must be treated with love and compassion and not be used as a tool for negotiations. As always, we recognize the right of a nation to secure its borders. However, the Gospel teaches us to love our neighbor. This is the imperative we must follow in treating our migrant brothers and sisters with compassion and dignity. We should be working with the governments of the Northern Triangle and the Mexican Government to eradicate violence and improve the local economies from which families are being forced to migrate.”

U.S. Bishops Voted in Favor of Three Additional Bishop Accountability Measures During Baltimore General Assembly last week. These reforms are designed to hold bishops accountable for instances of sexual misconduct against minors and vulnerable adults.

- The first measure provides protocols for imposing limitations on former bishops who were removed from office for grave reasons. It also empowers the USCCB president to restrict bishops removed or resigned for reasons related to sexual abuse or abuse of power.
- The second measure implements a bishop code of conduct, including the affirmation that the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is expanded to include bishops as well as priests and deacons.
- The third measure presents a plan for optimal implementation of Pope Francis’s recent Motu proprio in the United States, including an outline for lay involvement.
- In addition to these three measures, the body of bishops passed another bishop accountability reform, voting for the establishment of a Third-Party Reporting System for receiving confidentially, by phone and online, reports of possible violations by bishops of Vos estis lux mundi. The action item commits to activating the system no later than May 31, 2020.

Update on CTK Facilities:

- The church sewer system has been dug out and is 90% complete. The work included the sewer that connects the Church, Ministry Center and School. We are set for another 40 years.
- Gym restrooms are at the final stages of completion. Plumbing, electricity, insulation and Sheet rocking complete. Floors, doors and other fittings in the works.
- Parish Hall floor renovation nearing completion, and Room A,B,C will commence soon.
- School administrative Block floor renovation in final bidding stage. Will commence soon.
- All other works progressing as planned. (Gym floors, Solar energy, rectory etc.) Thank you for your generosity. You have inspired me in so many ways! Some of you asked me if you could make another pledge in view of the rectory. Yes, please do. Once again, thank you.

Paulson

Body and Blood of Christ
June 23, 2019

First Reading:
Genesis 14:18-20

Today’s reading from the book of Genesis tells us all we know about an obscure king named Melchizedek. Abraham had just won a military victory, and Melchizedek honors him with a meal of bread and wine. Over the course of time, this meal was seen as a distant foreshadowing of the Eucharist, which is why this passage was chosen for today’s feast.

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The first letter to the Corinthians was written about 25 years after Christ’s death and resurrection. Today’s passage contains our earliest written account of what Jesus did at the Last Supper. It predates even the Gospels.

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**Mission Statement:** To Live and to Love in Christ

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUMMER PANTRY NEEDS:** Thank you to all St. Stephen parishioners for the support and donations you have given St. Vincent de Paul over the years. Once again, we ask for your help in stocking up our food pantry which has become somewhat depleted. We need of the following items: Canned Chili, Refried Beans, Rice, Spam, Canned Chicken, Canned Vegetables (no corn) and Canned Fruit are needed. Any of these items, unopened and unexpired would be very much appreciated by your St. Vincent de Paul conference and by the families in need that receive the result of your charity and love.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Please look over the names on our bulletin boards for those parishioners and friends needing special prayers. Our sister parish, Christ the King also has a prayer line - send your confidential prayer requests to prayerline@ctkph.org and we will pray for you.

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**St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County** is celebrating their 55th Anniversary! Please come and celebrate with them at a free event acknowledging the SVdP Community for the work they do to help our neighbors-in-need! Saturday, June 29, 5-7 pm here at St. Stephen. RSVP by calling 925-439-5060 or emailing info@svdp-cc.org. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Attendees will receive a special gift in gratitude for their ongoing support of SVdP.

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**YOU ARE NEEDED!** Saint Stephen is kept alive through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, our needs are greater than our volunteer list. Besides office volunteers we need additional Ministers of Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and Lectors. You are already at Mass anyway; why not help out while you are here? Training is available for those new to any of these positions. Please contact Chris Lang or the parish office if you have time to step in and help.

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**Parish Stewardship June 15/16**

- **Regular Collection:** $2597.00
- **Maintenance:** $165.00
- **Donuts:** $38.76
- **Flowers:** $30.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

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**Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of Germany and Africa** - Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Lake Nakuru, & Masai Mara. September 9, 2020 - September 22, 2020. For more information, stop by the CTK parish office and pick up an information packet with the itinerary.

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**Peter's Pence** will be next Sunday’s 2nd collection. The Peter’s Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a “pence,” from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. Please be generous. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you do not have one in with your offertory envelopes.

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**Join us for Coffee and Donuts** after the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday.

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**Special upcoming summer activities at St. Stephen:**

**Movie Nights:** Wednesdays, July 17 and August 14, 7 pm in the Parish Center – come and enjoy viewing movies on our new screens while feasting on popcorn and root beer floats. Movies TBD.

**Wine & Cheese:** July 13 and August 10, after the 5 pm Saturday Mass. Enjoy these warm summer nights in our cool Parish Center while socializing with a glass of wine.

**Married Couples:** Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Weekends include June 28-30 in Danville and Sept. 13-15 in Concord. Register at oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at 925-849-5466.

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