Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.

Luke 15:6

Week At A Glance

Sun, Sept 15
- 10:30 am, Town Hall Meeting
- 3 pm, Tongan Mass

Mon, Sept 16
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

Tues, Sept 17
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open
- 12 pm, Card & Game Party

Wed, Sept 18
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Sept 19
- 9:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

Sun, Sept 22
- 4 pm, Fr. Denis 50th Anniversary Mass
- 5 pm, Fr. Denis Reception

Schedule of Masses

Monday - Friday 7:30 am (Chapel, Rm 1)
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday - 4:30 pm

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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Sat 9/14 5:00 pm - Saint Stephen Parishioners
Sun 9/15 9:30 am - Jean Portello †
Fri 9/20 7:30 am - Mary Cook, (Birthday Blessings)
Sat 9/21 5:00 pm - Saint Stephen Parishioners
Sun 9/22 9:30 am - Mark Paolini †

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Our Town Hall Meeting is this weekend in the parish center after the 9:30 am Mass. Fr. Paulson will update us and answer any of our questions.

**Save the date – Saturday, October 12, at 6:00 pm, we will be having our first ever Bunco Night** at St. Stephen. Never played Bunco? This will be a fun excuse to give it a try.

**BRIDGE & GAME PARTY -** Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, September 17th at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rummikub, etc.). This is a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. All are welcome. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.

**Women’s Day of Recollection**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Date - Saturday October 19**

**Time: 9 am - 1 pm**

**Location:** St. Stephen Parish Hall

**Speaker:** Toinette Eugene, Ph.D.

**Topic:** Women of the Hebrew Scriptures Tell Their Stories

All women are welcome to join for our annual event. Sponsored by Women of Magdala of CTK and the Women’s Retreat Committee.

**3 CTK Author’s Event!**

Three published CTK authors, Fr. Paulson, Al Garrotto and Dr. Joan Savarese will talk about their books, read a few passages, discuss the moderator’s topics and take audience questions on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 pm at Christ the King’s Parish Hall.

**All are welcome!**

**Fr. Denis Des Rosiers requests the pleasure of your presence at a special Mass and reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Mass is at 4:00 pm followed by a reception in our parish center.** No gifts, please. If you would like to bring something, hors d’oeuvres would be appreciated and encouraged. Please contact the parish office if you are able to attend and if you will be bringing a dish to share.

**Fr. Mario will be training altar servers, both returning and new on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am.** If you are not currently an altar server but would like to become one or are just curious, please plan on attending. This includes all youth, 4th grade and older, as well as adults.

**Confirmation Registration -** If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year; please download a registration form at ctkym.org. Please call the Youth Ministry Office if you have questions at 676-0979.

**Parent and teen meeting is this Sunday, Sept. 22 at 7pm at Christ the King Church.**

**New parishioner?** We welcome those of you that are new to our parish. Be sure to fill out a registration form found on the tables in the back of the church. You can drop it in a collection basket or bring it to the office in Room 2.

**Parish Stewardship Sept. 7/8**

- **Regular Collection:** $3,135
- **Catholic Voice:** $10
- **Flowers:** $80
- **Maintenance:** $205
- **Priest Retirement:** $1,050
- **Donuts:** $39.80

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