

## The Call

If today has been “one of those days” for any of us, meaning stressful and tiring, maybe we could let the readings for Sunday bring us home for a while. We could look especially at the Second Reading, taken from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

- It calls us to “live with humility.”

Humility call us to accept all that we are and all we are not. We do not have to be perfect in order to be beloved. Lives that have to be huge and greatly respected and listened to and in control are based on fear, not humility. Gradually we could try to accept the love God has for us, the love that makes us safe.

- It calls us to “live with gentleness.”

This can be a little more difficult. Commercials say that women have to be beautiful at all times or be rejected. They must take care of others, be happy with their detergent, be as strong as men seem, keep up the social calendar, and have a full time job as well. These are some of the pressures advertising puts on women. But relax. God is the gentlest receiver of all, milder than any product, milder than the air we breathe. Relax. We are enough. We are loved by God, who is infinitely gentle.

And culture tells males that gentleness is just for women and children. Men have to be tough, all tough, and only tough. This is false. Both men’s and women’s bodies and minds have the capacity to be strong, but peace comes from balancing toughness with tenderness toward our mates, our families, our religious brothers and sisters, our elders, our friends.

- It calls us to “live with patience.”

Patience is often defined as “bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint.” This is a good enough definition, but did you know that the Latin origin of the word patience (patior) means “to allow”? We are to allow the gift of real life in all its forms, not push it away simply because there is too much else to do. God gives us ourselves one minute at a time, one hour at a time, not sooner.

If we want “to have it all and have it now” we are going against our nature. Each moment, each flower, each step is precious if we let it be. We are to accept the gifts of the compassionate giver and let be.

- It calls us “to bear with one another through love.”

Think how wonderful it would be if someone were to bear with you, even when you mess up. You would not have to be anything but your own adequate self, loved by God, able to bear up under the surprisingly light burden of loving others.

- Finally, it calls us “to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.”

One Lord,  
one faith,  
one Baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.

We are all to keep this Lord before our eyes. The God who gives lasting peace. It is our hope and our call. It is the “barley loaf,” the “one bread” we will receive in our own hands on Sunday (First Reading and Gospel).

One bread, one body, one Lord of all.

John Foley, SJ

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 25, 2021

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#### St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by benediction 3:45pm will resume on August 6th

Saturday: Confessions 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am

#### St. Josephs, Ethete

**11am Sunday Mass will resume on July 25th**

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

#### Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM**

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

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♦ Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house  
♦ of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our  
♦ faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you  
♦ Welcome!  
♦.....

*The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

## Readings July 26th through August 1st:

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35  
 Tue: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
 Thur: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27  
 Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b; Mt 13:54-58  
 Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

7/25/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Linda Bebout

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

8/1/21

#### 9:00am Mass

Lector: Melissa Brown

#### 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Volunteer Needed

### Parish Collection

7/18 \$1308.06

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

THANK YOU to all who have continued to make financial contributions to St. Stephens Indian Mission throughout this past year! God Bless!

### Mass Intentions this week

7/24:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	For the people
7/25:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Lorraine Addison
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Marge St. Clair
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Danny Ortiz
7/27:	Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	Jim Leonard
7/28:	Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Russ Millar
7/29:	Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	Mike & Peggy Long
7/30:	Friday 5pm St. Stephens	+Father Joe Damhorst, SJ
7/31:	Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Special Intention
8/1:	Sunday 9am St. Stephens	For the people
	Sunday 11am St. Josephs	+Ardena Spoonhunter
	Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	+Ronnie Givens

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Jude Jenkins, Sr.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

As we continue to celebrate Mass at St. Stephens, we are limited to 25% occupancy in attendance as we follow the Wind River Intertribal Council's resolution. Please call the parish office to make sure your contact information is on file with the Parish as this is our primary way to contact you when things change or if we have an event you might be interested in.

Face masks are strongly encouraged at Mass. Please use hand sanitizer and maintain a safe distance apart.

Praised be Jesus Christ!  
Praise Him now and always!

WCCW Retreat and Convention, September 9-11, 2021 at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming: If you have indicated you will be attending the WCCW convention, please submit your registration form and fee to Nancy Hall at 216 Mandan Lane, Cheyenne, WY 82009 by August 16, 2021. Checks made payable to the Cheyenne Deanery. Registration forms are available from your CCW President and the Diocese of Cheyenne website. [www.dioceseofcheyenne.org](http://www.dioceseofcheyenne.org)  
For your shopping pleasure there will be silent auction items, raffles and a purse raffle. The Saturday Mass Offertory will support St. Joseph's Society for retired priests. Please contact Jan McGuire, 307-631-3507 or Rosemary Barrett, 307-640-4311 for information or questions.

In the spirit of transparency, the Diocese of Cheyenne reports that Reverend Eckley Macklin (85 years old) has been restricted from public ministry due to a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor in the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Rev. Macklin is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). The alleged incident of abuse did not take place within the Diocese of Cheyenne; however, he served in the Diocese of Cheyenne from 2003-2015 in the parishes of St. Ann in Saratoga; St. Joseph in Lovell, St. Stephens Mission in St. Stephens; and St. Margaret in Riverton.

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse should contact the local law enforcement agency or the Department of Family Services. Upon notification of authorities or if you have questions, contact the Chancellor Jean Chrostoski at 307-638-1530, ext. 105 ([jchrostoski@dioceseofcheyenne.org](mailto:jchrostoski@dioceseofcheyenne.org)) or the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Adams at 307-220-0485.

## Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

### 11am Mass

What a blessing to return to Mass at St. Josephs! Masks are strongly encouraged and please keep as safe distance as possible from those who are not in your immediate household. Hohou!