

Let Love Live

It is said that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Sometimes this doesn't seem very likely.

Look at the "images and likenesses" that can settle into our hearts. Think about marriage, that institution which cradles the future of—not just of its delicate offspring—but also of the whole society, and which has become just a temporary arrangement, "just for the time being," followed by divorce.

And wouldn't you agree that sexual mores in the Western world are in the process of firmly and finally divorcing themselves from consideration of commitment, responsibility and care?

Aren't we tempted to addict ourselves to convenience, entertainment, internet, drinks, drugs, pleasures, pornography, and so on?

And how about the increasing number of very well known people—even priests and even bishops—who have wrecked the lives of children, some well-knowns still reaping pleasure from youths while still professing to be dedicated to the one who said "there is no greater love than to give up your life for your friend"?

I know, I know, the good has to be factored in as well. But with so much powerful evil stirred into the mix, what can be left of the image of God in human beings?

The poet e e cummings wrote a particularly strong poem that includes the following lines:

King Christ, this world is all a-leak, and life preservers there are none,
and waves that only he can walk who dares to call himself a man.

By "man," cummings means "human being," of course, and the one he refers to in this poem did in fact become a man, one named Jesus. He let his "boat" be rocked and wrecked and finally sunk. Then he arose and walked and continues to walk the waves of our rough, drowning world.

He is a man in the image and likeness of God.

Within himself, in the place where it matters most, Jesus has complete openness to love. He lets it come in and he lets it go out to others.

Do you and I dare to unite with the image of such a human being? Deep within our own selves, in imitation of Jesus, are we capable of making room for such love? Can love-incarnate come to life in us if we gradually allow it to?

Yes.

Love-incarnate wants to unite with us in the deep image and likeness of God. You and I have been created in it. This is the "image and likeness" we are made for.

If we addict ourselves instead, if we "exalt" ourselves, as Jesus puts it in the Gospel, we will wrap our souls in layer after layer of fraud. We will try to become our possessions, we will try to become what other people think of us, what culture manipulates us to be.

But our tiny boats of life actually are ship-worthy after all. If only we do not think they are ocean liners, able to grab whatever we want, we will "conduct our affairs with humility" (First Reading); we will allow God to love us and live in us.

And then we will be able to make a difference in the world. We will become the image and likeness of God's tolerance shining forth.

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2022

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St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm
Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

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 August 29th through September 4th:

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29
 Tue: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thur: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
 Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
 Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 123-17; Lk 14:25-33

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

8/28/22

9:00am Mass

Forrest Cole

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

9/4/22

9:00am Mass

Jim Cunningham

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

8/21

TBA

"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

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Praise Him now and always!

Mass Intentions this week

8/27: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+Clyde Ray
8/28: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	+Russ Millar
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Jim Leonard
8/30: Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	+Irene Millar
8/31: Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	Special Intention
9/1: Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	Darrell O'Neal
9/2: Friday 5pm St. Stephens	+Anita Spoonhunter
9/3: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	+Clyde Ray
9/4: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	SathTa Prue on her birthday
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	Rhea Johnson

Please pray for the family of:

+Blake Armajo

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

WCCW 68th State Convention

"Faith, hope, and love remain - greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13
 Sept. 9-11, 2022 - Our Lady of Peace Church - Pinedale, WY

Keynote speakers:

Danielle Bean - Ascension Press published author (WHISPERS) and "Girlfriends" podcast

Kitty Cleveland - "music missionary" - singer and songwriter - CDs found at Lighthouse Catholic Media

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Parish Business Manager

St. Stephens Catholic Church on the Wind River Indian Reservation is seeking a full-time Office and Business Manager. While providing a welcoming and orderly atmosphere for parishioners and visitors, the position oversees the administration, personnel, finances, and the building facilities of the parish. Qualifications include being a full initiated and practicing Catholic with the ability to work effectively with personnel, clergy, diocesan staff, advisory bodies, and volunteers, also, the ability to work in a multicultural environment with special outreach to Arapaho and Shoshone people. Salary range: \$55,000 to \$60,000 (DOQ), with full benefits. Please contact Melissa at St. Stephens for the full job description. 307.856.7806

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

If you would like to have your child baptized please talk with Sister Teresa.