

# ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL

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Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Central City, Ky.

Your parish community has a special day on the diocesan calendar in the near future. The feast day of your parish patronage is the feast of St. Joseph on March 19, in the liturgical calendar. We want to celebrate with you in a spiritual way.

We, the parishioners of Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish have the practice of special prayer for your pastor, Fr. Josh McCarty, and your parish on your special feast day. Since more of us can attend Sunday liturgy, we will offer this communal prayer of intercession during the weekend Masses closest to your feast day, namely March 13.

As a Parish Cathedral, our mission with Bishop Medley is to be the "Mother Church" for the People of God in these 32 counties of the Diocese of Owensboro and Western Kentucky. This feast day prayer in our Sunday general intercessions will connect us with you in the most nurturing way we have to support one another, through the Eucharistic Liturgy, the *Communio* of the Body of Christ.

May our unity and prayerful support of one another bring many former Catholics back home to the Church of Western Kentucky! May your particular parish family and your mission bring many new people to become Catholic. And, may your special needs and prayers be blessed by the Risen Christ who draws us together in this local Church!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alex and Karen Howard, on behalf of the Saint Stephen Cathedral Parishioners

P. S. If you wish, please find a way to share our promise of prayer with your parishioners.

*The Cross of Christ in the center of the rose stained-glass window in St. Stephen Cathedral is the symbol of the well-ordered soul. When we make God the center of our life, everything else falls into place.*