



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

ST. STEPHEN - KING OF HUNGARY

975 - 1038



St. Stephen from The Demidoff Altarpiece, Carlo Crivelli, 1476, National Gallery, London.

Stephen introduced into Hungary both the faith of Christ and the regal dignity. He obtained his royal crown from the Roman Pontiff [August 17th, 1001]; and having been, by his command, anointed king, offered his kingdom to the Apostolic See. He built several houses of charity at Rome, Jerusalem, and Constantinople: and with a wonderfully munificent spirit of religion, he founded the archiepiscopal See of Gran and ten other bishoprics. His love for the poor was equaled only by his generosity towards them; for, seeing

in them Christ himself, he never sent anyone away sad or empty-handed. So great indeed was his charity that, to relieve their necessities, after expending large sums of money, he often bestowed upon them his household goods. It was his custom to wash the feet of the poor with his own hands, and to visit the hospitals at night, alone and unknown, serving the sick and showing them every charity. As a reward for these good deeds his right hand remained incorrupt after death, when the rest of his body had returned to dust.

He was much given to prayer; and would spend almost entire nights without sleep, rapt in heavenly contemplation; at times he was seen ravished out of his senses, and raised in the air. By the help of prayer, he more than once escaped in a wonderful manner from treasonable conspiracies and from the attacks of powerful enemies. Having married Gisela of Bavaria, sister of the emperor St. Henry, he had by her a son Emerick, whom he brought up in such regularity and piety as to form him into a saint. He summoned wise and holy men from all parts to aid him in the government of his kingdom, and undertook nothing without their advice. In sackcloth and ashes, he besought God with most humble prayer, that he might not depart this life without seeing the whole kingdom of Hungary Catholic. So great indeed was his zeal for the propagation of the Faith, that he was called the Apostle of his nation, and he received from the Roman Pontiff, both for himself and for his successors, the privilege of having the Cross borne before them.

He had the most ardent devotion towards the Mother of God, in whose honor he built a magnificent church, solemnly declaring her patroness of Hungary. In return the Blessed Virgin received him into heaven on the very day of her Assumption, which the Hungarians, by the appointment of their holy king, call “the day of the Great Lady”. His sacred body, exhaling a most fragrant odor and distilling a heavenly liquor, was, by order of the Roman Pontiff, translated, amidst many and divers miracles, to a more worthy resting place, and buried with great honor. Pope Innocent IX commanded his feast to be celebrated on the fourth of the Nones of September [1st quarter moon]; on which day, Leopold I emperor elect of the Romans and king of Hungary, had, by the divine assistance, gained a remarkable victory over the Turks at the siege of Buda.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Institute of Christ the King
Sovereign Priest - Cardinal Burke at
Ordination Week 2021*

Please continue to pray for a speedy and complete recovery of His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, who is still hospitalized because of COVID-19. His Eminence made much progress in recent days and we wish to invite all faithful to continue their generous prayers on behalf of Cardinal Burke.”



❖ Canon Wiener was away from Shrewsbury between August 8th and August 28th to visit Germany and to attend the chapter in Gricigliano. Please continue to pray for the superiors of the Institute and all canons who attended this year’s Chapter.

❖ We thank Father Gerard McGuiness, who most generously agreed to come to St. Winefriede’s to celebrate the daily Masses from Monday, August 23rd to Friday, August 27th.

❖ On Sunday, August 29th, Father Stephen Goodman of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (Wolverhampton) will come to us to celebrate the Mass at 12:30pm. We are most grateful for Father’s generous offer to assist Canon Wiener who, due to COVID travel restrictions, will not be able to celebrate publicly for several days after his return.

❖ The public weekday Masses of Monday, August 30th through Thursday, September 2nd had, unfortunately, to be cancelled due to these restrictions. The normal schedule will resume from Friday, 3rd September. In the schedule below, the cancelled Masses are indicated by asterisks on the left: *

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun	29 th Aug	12:30 pm	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	PI	
* Mon	30 th Aug	10:00 am	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	PI	
* Tue	31 st Aug	6:30 pm	St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor	PI	
* Wed	1 st Sep	10:00 am	Commemoration of St. Giles, Abbot	Louis Stevens	
* Thu	2 nd Sep	6:30 pm	Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Supreme and Eternal High Priest	PI	
Fri	3 rd Sep	10:00 am	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	PI	
Sat	4 th Sep	10:00 am	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	PI	
Sun	5 th Sep	12:30 pm	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	PI	

All Masses (incl. Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride’s Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.

Note that Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30 pm before the 6.30 pm Mass.

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