



St. Stephen Protomartyr's PARISH PICNIC

Join us for rides, carnival games,
bands, bingo and a variety of
delicious food and beverages.

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
10 am - 9 pm
3929 Wilmington

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE and PRAYER

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' LUKE 7:13

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to "love one another." Unfortunately today, many people have "passion" for activities they enjoy - their job and off-work activities. Many times our "passion" to excel is at the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.

May 29 Sunday Contributions	\$ 4,539.00
On-line Giving Contribution	\$ <u>1,841.00</u>
Total weekly contribution	\$ 6,380.00
R & I	\$ 47.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 555.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 507.00
Cardinal Glennon Hospital	\$ 26.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00

Lectors

Saturday, June 11

4:00 PM - M. Moylan, R. Moylan

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM - P. O'Connell, C. Prag

10:30 AM - J. Tecu, L. Rahn

Servers

Saturday, June 11

4:00 PM - Sophia W., Drew V.

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM - Colleen O., Anthony P.

10:30 AM - Sarah G., Charlie B.

Monthly Stewardship

Weekend	Break Even Target	Actual Collection
April 30 / May 1	\$7,884.64	\$8,624.25
May 7 / 8	\$7,884.64	\$6,961.00
May 14 / 15	\$7,884.64	\$7,818.75
May 21 / 22	\$7,884.64	\$6,239.00
May 28 / 29	\$7,884.64	\$6,380.00
May Total	\$39,423.20	\$36,023.00 -\$3,400.20
Fiscal Year to Date	\$378,462.74	\$381,288.18 +\$2,825.44



TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Parish Tuition Assistance committee met recently and awarded \$28,750 in tuition aid. This allows 29 families to continue to send their children to St. Stephen Protomartyr school.

It is through your generosity in using the blue "tuition assistance" envelopes / or contributing to this fund on-line that the parish is able to offer this help to families.

Thank you very much for your continued support of St. Stephen Protomartyr School families and children.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday June 6	Tuesday June 7	Wednesday June 8	Thursday June 9	Friday June 10	Saturday June 11	Sunday June 12
Liturgy of the Word with Communion 8 AM Quilters 9 AM - 2 PM 	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM 	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM Vigil Mass 4 PM	Masses 8 & 10:30 AM Beyond Sunday follow up meeting after the 1030 Mass

PICNIC NEWS

***** WE NEED YOU! *****

We need volunteers for this year's picnic! Please donate an hour to two to work in a booth or assist with set up/clean up.

Contact Jill or Nick Pace about volunteer opportunities at ssppicnic@gmail.com or [314.413.1349](tel:314.413.1349).

CHILD ID BOOTH

New York Life is teaming up with SSP to help ensure the safety of our children by hosting a Child ID booth from 9 am – 5 pm on picnic day. This booth will be located right outside the bounce houses in the gym. At this booth, parents can receive a free Identification disc for their child, as well as a card that includes their child's photo, digital fingerprints and other vital information. New York Life keeps no records of the child's information, as these Child IDs are produced strictly for parents' use. Please stop by the Child ID booth if you don't have already have an updated ID card for your children.

RING TOSS BOOTH

We are collecting items for the parish picnic. We're currently collecting anything and everything you'd like to donate. Toys, books, craft stuff, holiday paper plates, games, stationary, kitchen stuff, trinkets and costume jewelry, coin collections, bobble heads, silly socks from Great Aunt Bertha that you never wore, etc. ANY AND EVERYTHING. Think garage sale stuff. The only thing we won't take are items made of glass. Please leave these items in the box in the back of church or call me or email me for pick up: 477-9008 or bfyvie@yahoo.com



PICNIC PRE-SALE RIDE BRACELETS & GAME TICKETS

You can purchase pre-sale ride bracelets and game tickets on the following dates:

6/7 -- picnic set up day

Prices are as follows:

Ride bracelets: Pre-sale: \$26 or Day of picnic: \$30

Game tickets: Pre-sale: 4 for \$1

Day of picnic: 3 for \$1

For more information, please contact Jill and Nick Pace at ssppicnic@gmail.com

***** TAKE A CHANCE *****

The generous support of our raffles contributes greatly to our picnic success.

Enter the **GRAND RAFFLE** to win up to \$15,000 in cash. Only 400 tickets will be sold, each for \$100. Buy your own or split one with friends or family. To purchase

Grand Raffle Tickets or sell them, contact Tim & Pattie O'Connell at 352-8145 or tjo6692@sbcglobal.net.

Tired of trying to figure out what's for dinner? Then give yourself a night off and enter



the **GIFT CARD EXTRAVAGANZA** for a chance to win more than \$1,000 in STL restaurant gift cards. Tickets are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20.

You can return all raffle tickets with your donation through SSP School, rectory, or church collection basket.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's time to break out those cake pans, cupcake papers & cookie sheets. Baked donations are needed for the SSP Parish Picnic Cake Walk. Not a Baker? You can still help! Store bought donations are welcome or donate your time by working a booth! For your convenience, two different sized cake boxes and cookie bags are available in the back of church. For questions please contact Heather Mattingly 537-5208 or hemattingly@gmail.com. Please leave donations and contact information in the parish hall, the evening before the picnic on June 7th or the morning of the picnic.

PICNIC WASHER TOURNEY

Games will be played between 1–5 PM. Teams will receive advance notification of game times. Single elimination --- \$25 team registration fee. Winning team receives \$200 in cash. Second place gets \$100 in gift cards. Registration & payment due before tournament on June 8. To register, please contact Travis and Christine Dawson at chart0209@att.net or 443-9040

SNEAK PREVIEW OF RAFFLES OF FUN

Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

ADULT RAFFLE

BOX SEAT CARDINAL BASEBALL TICKETS playing the Pirates on July 5 PLUS an IGLOO 125 QUART PARTY BAR on wheels -- holds 158 cans and Lights Up and much, much more

KIDS RAFFLE

IPAD MINI plus a MONTH membership at YMCA and much more

You can return all raffle tickets with your donation through SSP School, rectory, or church collection basket.

If you have any questions call Jan Oppelt (314) 351-2489 or email bojo33345@aol.com.

A GRIEVING MOM'S REQUEST

A year after the death of her daughter, a grieving mom writes to family and friends:

"There are no appropriate words; nothing you can say that will make it better. But your calls, your visits, your invitations mean a lot to me. They remind me I am still alive and still have a life outside this tragedy.

"I cry a lot, and I am OK with that. I'm not embarrassed about it, and you shouldn't be, either. Don't suggest that I take medication. I'm entitled to my emotions. I need to feel, to grieve. I want to talk about my daughter. I want to say her name and hear her name, and if I cry, it's OK. Please don't avoid talking to me because you don't want to upset me. I will cry either alone or in front of you, and I don't want you to feel uncomfortable or guilty.

"If what you tell me is true, that you think of me all the time, please call me or send me an e-mail. Don't wait for that random grocery-aisle meeting to tell me how much I am on your mind . . . My loss is not contagious. You shouldn't be scared to be with me. Any discomfort you initially feel should subside if you give it a chance and give me a chance. If you are planning an evening out, a lunch date, a getaway, please make an effort to include me. I often feel like a pariah. My intention is not to 'bring you down,' and I do my best not to burden anyone with my sadness. Don't feel awkward inviting me to have some 'fun,' and don't assume I won't join in, so why even bother asking. I may often decline, but it is comforting to be included. Being excluded is killing me . . .

"If you see my kids, don't just ask them how I am doing; please ask them how they are doing. They lost their older sister, their confidante, their best friend, and need to know that people are concerned about them, too. This loss happened to my whole family - all of us.

"I realized this past year, after the last meal was dropped off, the last card arrived, and the official visits were over, everyone's lives resumed, except for ours. Yes, we go through the motions, smiling, working, shopping, nodding, and telling people we are fine. But deep inside there is that void, that constant ache that will always be there, as it should be, and that is all right with me."

[Roberta Levine Waters, "A Grieving Mom's Request," **The Boston Globe Magazine**, March 8, 2015.]

† **In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters the widow of Nain who is burying her son and, Luke writes, "was moved with pity" for her. While we feel the**

heartbreak for survivors like the widow and the mom grieving for her daughter, we don't know what to do or say and so we avoid them. But in her letter to her family and friends, this grieving mother offers all of us a lesson in compassion. While we cannot restore their loved ones to life as Jesus does in today's Gospel, we can restore the grieving to life - we can help them cross the bridge from their isolating grief to being part of the community again. It does not require an understanding of the psychology of grief; it begins with loving and caring enough to call, to invite, to inquire, to offer. There are no words that will make it better - we can only offer the compassion that is of God that heals and restores in its own good time. †

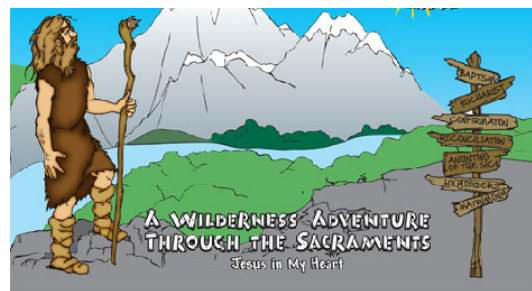
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please join us for
Vacation Bible School at
St. Stephen Protomartyr!

June 27 - July 1
9 AM - 12 noon

A WILDERNESS ADVENTURE
THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS



Spend your morning singing, crafting, learning... making new friends and so much more!

HELP WANTED!! Incoming 6th - 8th grade students are welcome to register as helpers.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 13.

Contact Carol Anne Lorenz at lorenz6509@gmail.com with questions or to register.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ June 8 - Parish Picnic
- ◆ June 12 - Follow-up Beyond Sunday Meeting
- ◆ June 27 - July 1 - Vacation Bible School
- ◆ July 21, 22, 23 - Razzle, Dazzle
- ◆ July 31 - Choir Concert



In March we held two meetings to explain the Beyond Sunday campaign.

Due to the ACA campaign falling in the middle of the Beyond Sunday campaign we contacted half of the parish in March and will meet with the others in the parish this summer.

On Sunday, **June 12 after the 1030 Mass** we will hold a follow up meeting for those invited but unable to attend the March meeting. You will receive information about the campaign and your pledge card.

After this meeting we will set the date to meet with the other half of the parish.

If you attended a meeting in March, it is very important that you return your pledge card, even if you are unable to give to the campaign.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this campaign.

School News

It is hard to believe that this school year has come to an end! And what a wonderful year it has been! St. Stephen Protomartyr School is a gift to the community, neighborhood and parish - but of course you know that. I am so grateful to be a part of St. Stephen's community.

Thank you to the teachers, parents and, of course, students who have been so helpful as I muddled my through this first year!

I am sad to officially tell you that Mr. Bob Bolland and Mrs. Julie O'Brien are not returning to St. Stephen. It is really hard to think of St. Stephen Protomartyr without them on our faculty. Mr. Bolland came here in 1997 and Mrs. O'Brien came in 2000. Both of them have left a lasting legacy of excellence in education. They have impacted the lives of so many students who will never forget the gift of their wisdom and expertise.

The school office will be closed June 25th through July 11th. Miss Quinn and I will be throughout the summer to check mail and return phone calls.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer of relaxation, reading and rejuvenation! Make sure that you spend time with family and friends (which I am sure you will), but more important make sure that you attend Mass. Blessings,
Michel Wendell, MA Ed
Principal

Sacraments Celebrated

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism we congratulate and welcome:

Alexander Joseph Overmann
son of Jon and Sarah Overmann
who was baptized in May.

Team Joey Trivia Night

June 25, 2016

WE NEED RESERVATIONS

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish Center

Doors Open at 6:30 PM

Trivia begins at 7:00 PM

Tables of 8 @ \$25/person



We are now taking reservations for an *All Entertainment* Trivia Night for Joey Renick who is battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia for the third time in his young life. The funds collected will help finance medical bills and home renovations necessary for a bone marrow transplant patient to survive in a sterile environment.

If you cannot attend Trivia but would like to join Team Joey, we are looking for gift baskets, Round Sponsorships and cash donations. Joey can feel your love and support and his family appreciates all of your continued prayers as he this courageous battle.

Email your table reservation to
Carol Ann Lorenz at lorenz6509@gmail.com or
Jane Barber janebarber411@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to "Diana Sollmann". Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, St. Norbert: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1-8
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, St. Ephrem: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, St. Barnabas: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3
Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:33-37

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 Sm 112:7-10, 13
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3



You're Invited....



STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th, South Grand Senior Ministry will celebrate the beginning of our newest program, Stephen Ministry. This ministry will enable our organization to minister to those who are most in need of God's love and support.

Stephen Ministry will strengthen our caring and spiritual outreach to the older adults who are members of our partner churches as well as those residing in the neighborhood around our churches. We will be commissioning 16 men and women who completed training as Stephen Ministers. These individuals will be providing one-on-one caring support to older adults experiencing a difficult time such as the loss of a loved one or changes in their health status. We are so grateful for their ability to answer God's call to participate in this ministry.

Please join us in celebrating our Commissioning of these Stephen Ministers. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church.

PLANTS OF THE BIBLE WORKSHOP

"It is a land the Lord your God looks after, which the Lord your God always has his eyes on, from the year's beginning to the year's end." Deuteronomy 11:12

When: Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 am

Where: St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 3135 Meramec Street

Plants are an integral part of the Bible, from the beginning of the Old Testament to the gospels of the New Testament. South Grand Senior Ministry will explore the history and use of biblical plants through readings and a slide presentation. Live plant material from the Biblical garden at Missouri Botanical Garden will be explored. Participants will also have the opportunity to create a bouquet of herbs used during biblical times to enjoy as decoration or use in cooking. The presenter will be Jeanne Carbone, Therapeutic Horticulture Instructor from the Missouri Botanical Garden. Cost is \$6 to cover the class. We will serve a complimentary lunch at Noon. RSVP to Barb Salmo at 314-655-0554.



THE BOSNIAN EXPERIENCE

You are invited to celebrate the beginning of summer with Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry and a day trip called *The Bosnian Experience!* Joe DeGregorio will show us around the Bosnian-American neighborhood and cultural center in the Bevo Mill area. Many still remember the circumstances that brought these war refugees to America and the assistance the United States provided them to resettle here. The St. Louis contingent now numbers between 60,000 and 70,000, the largest group of "Bosniaks" outside of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Many refugees in other American cities moved to St. Louis in the last 15 years mainly because of the strong ethnic community that was established in the old German neighborhood. Many of us have ancestors who left repressive environments and endured many hardships to migrate here and these war refugees from the former Yugoslavia are no exception.

Be prepared to truly experience Eastern Europe for a day, without the need for a passport! We'll hear many stories of war experience, migration and settlement in St. Louis. We'll tour the Islamic Community Center Mosque. Lunch will be at Grbics restaurant, a Central and Eastern European style gathering place, on the site of the old Baily's Farm Dairy. During lunch we'll enjoy a mini-concert by Edo, a professional accordion player and singer. We'll also have time for some local shopping.

Monday, June 20th 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM

\$50/person

Reservations: Katie at 647-4591

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 6

8:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service

Tuesday, June 7

8:00 AM - Antonio Estrada-Willmann
John Louis

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 AM - Andrew Ruppert

Thursday, June 9

8:00 AM - Rose Byers

Friday, June 10

8:00 AM - Natalie Liebmann

Saturday, June 11

8:00 AM - Agnes Suit
4:00 PM - Our Parishioners

Sunday, June 12

8:00 AM - The Johnston Family
10:30 AM - N. Edward Forti

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering

Florence Arcipowski - Suzi Beck - Carol Brown -
Rich Brown - James Forgash - Mary Lopinot -
Herb Herberts - Catherine Messmer - Dan Nichols -
Grace Phillips - Joey Renick - Brad Rowe -
Margaret Ringkamp - Lu Sturm - Kaydin Wigfall

for our homebound

Rich Brown - Jeanette Holmer - Rosemary Kobylinski
Florence Morrison - Delores Riley - Rose Schuster

for those in nursing homes

Lorraine Burke - Ellie Kearns - Rich Meisemann -
Cecilia Olson - Gene VanderPluym

for family members serving in the military

Joel Bruce - Derek Hirtz - Brandon Johnson
Stephen Napier - Jack Renick - Brian Schoellhorn -
Donald Shaver - Mitch Sollmann - Mark Tisius -
Bradley Westcott

DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesdays, 8:45 am—4:00 pm: Church is available for Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month, Holy Hour and Benediction after the 8:00 AM Mass.

SAINT STEPHEN

Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Parish Office Hours 314-481-1133

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM — 3:00 PM
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays and Holy Days

Bulletin Article Deadline

Monday at 12:00 PM. prior to the weekend bulletin.

Sacramental Celebrations

Eucharist

Saturday evening Vigil:
4:00 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM
10:30 AM (nursery available)

Monday: Liturgy of the Word with Communion
8:00 AM

Tuesday through Saturday: Mass
8:00 AM

Holy Day:
8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Infant and Child Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated at any weekend liturgy or on the last Sunday of the month following the 10:30 am. Eucharist. Parents are asked to call the parish office to arrange a Baptism.

Adult Initiation / Reception into the Catholic Church

Any adult who would like to know more about our Catholic faith, and/or who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Marriage

Please contact one of the clergy at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

We have a communal celebration of this sacrament at the weekend liturgies in the fall and in the spring. If you would like to be anointed before entering the hospital or if you are homebound, please call the parish office.

Parish School of Religion

Parish School of Religion formal classes in our Catholic Faith
Children: 4 yrs. through 8th grade and high school
Located on the campus of St. John the Baptist Parish.
Call the PSR Director at 314-773-3070.

Church Nursery

Located in the rectory basement during 10:30 AM Mass.
Enter by way of the alley. Staffed by parents.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4 through second grade are invited to participate and hear the scriptures in a way meaningful to their age. Held the first Sunday in September through Mother's Day excluding holidays.

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

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