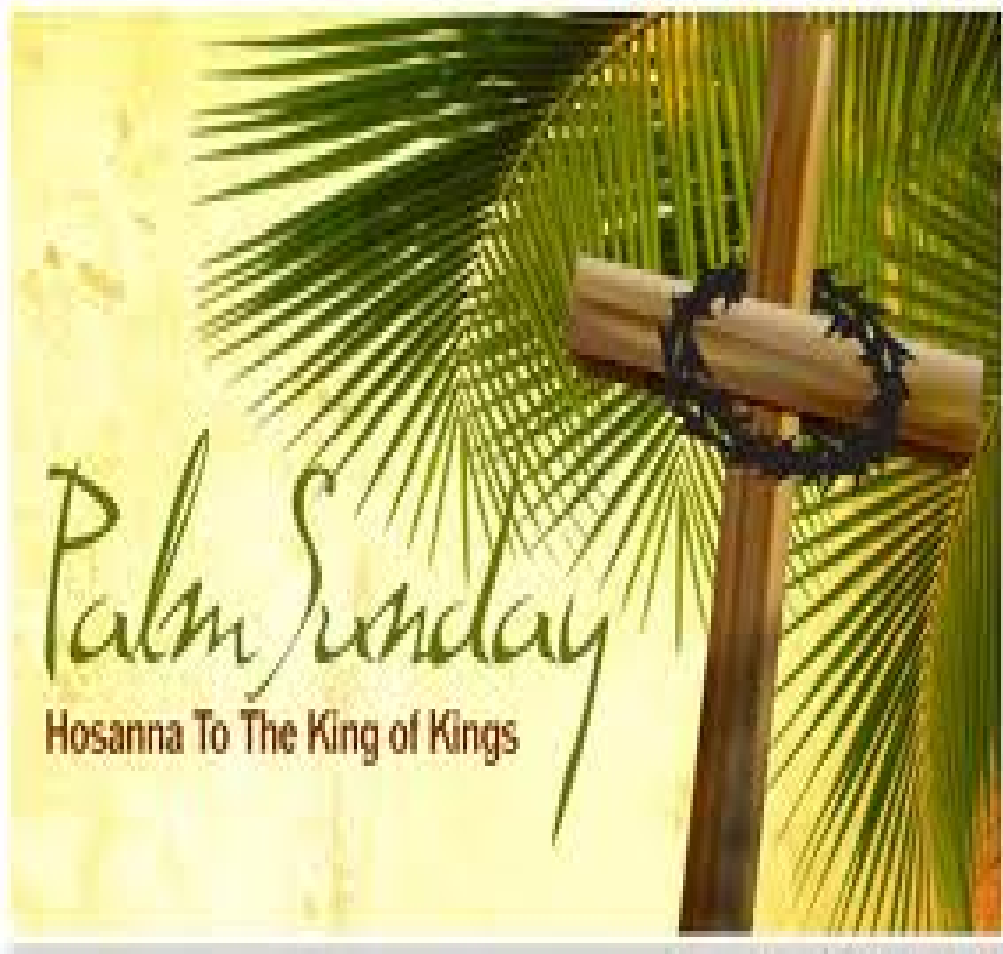


St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Parish Mission Statement

"Following the example of our patron St. Stephen, we are called to be witnesses of God's love and to be a faith-filled, reconciling parish."

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE and PRAYER

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 6, 2017

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the 24th St. Stephen Protomartyr Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 6th at Forest Park (Norman K. Probst) Golf Course. The tournament begins with lunch at 12 PM, tee off at 1:30 PM, and appetizers and dinner at the golf course after an afternoon of golf.

Players: please consider playing in this year’s tournament. It is always a fun time and a great way to support the school and parish.

Sponsors: the golf tournament is in need of sponsors – any donations would be deeply appreciated. To ensure the success of the tournament, please considering being a hole sponsors or donating an auction item.

Volunteers: the tournament is also in need of volunteers – if you available to help that day, please contact Ted Hartzler, 314-752-3631. There are many opportunities even if you can only help for an hour or two. Volunteers are always needed on tournament day.

Contact Person: if you would like a flyer mailed/ emailed to you or if you would like any information about the tournament, please send an email to sspgolf@sbcglobal.net.

Lectors

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 PM - R. Moylan, B. Borgmeyer

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 PM - G. Stoff, B. Stoff

Easter Vigil, April 15

8:00 PM - TBA

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM - A. Rotermund, E. Kovac

10:30 AM - R. Thenhaus, K. Thenhaus

Servers

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 PM - Luke J., Audrey M., Maya W., Sarah G.

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 PM - TJ S., Audrey M.

Easter Vigil, April 15

8:00 PM - Katie O., Colleen O., Luke J.





Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM - Sarah G., Isaac J.

10:30 AM - TJ S., Maya W.



THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday April 10	Tuesday April 11	Wednesday April 12	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Liturgy of the Word with Communion 8 AM Quilters 9 AM - 2 PM	Mass 8 AM	All School Mass 8 AM Stations of the Cross 7 PM				Masses 8:00 & 10:30 AM 

WELCOME!

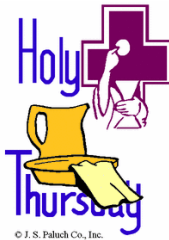
If you are new to St. Stephen Protomartyr parish or just visiting, Welcome!!
 Visitors please sign the Guest Book found near the main entrance to the Church.
 If you would like to register in the parish, please call or email the parish office. Welcome to the neighborhood and parish community!!

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

We are invited to make the days known as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday different from all the other days of the year. On these Sacred Days, we are invited to gather a number of times for prayer. Together we hear some of the church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures, and we sing some of our most meaningful music. Please join us for prayer as often as you can. May our celebration of the Sacred Triduum once again be a moment of grace for all of us this year!

Holy Thursday, April 13

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
 Chrism Mass at Cathedral 10:00 AM
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
 Night Prayer 9:00 PM



Good Friday, April 14

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM
 Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 PM
 Tenebrae 9:00 PM



Holy Saturday, April 15

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM

Easter Vigil, April 15

Celebration of the Great Easter Vigil 8:00 PM



Easter Sunday, April 16

Masses: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed FRIDAY, April 14 - Monday, April 17 for the Easter holydays. We will be open for regular office hours again on Tuesday, April 18. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

There are cards at every entrance to the church with the name of one of our children who will be making their First Communion on April 30. Please take one or more of these cards home and pray for this child as she / he prepares to receive Jesus for the first time. There are also pictures of the children on a board near the main entrance if you would like to put a face with the child you are praying for.



Some asked about sending a card or note to the child letting them know you are praying for them. If you would like to do this just drop it in the collection basket with the child's name on the envelope and we will see that they receive them.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Each year on Pentecost Sunday the Archdiocese of St. Louis celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation with those adults who have been baptized, received their First Communion but have not completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This year the **Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be on June 4, at 2:30 PM**, at the Cathedral Basilica.

If you would like to be confirmed please contact Mary Regan (481-1133 or maryreganssp@gmail.com) before May 17 so the registration form can be sent.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

Due to an early deadline by the bulletin publisher the Sunday contribution amounts for April 2 were not available in time for this bulletin. They will be available in the April 16 bulletin.

THE LIFE & DEATH OF ROSALIND FRANKLIN

In 1962, Doctors James Watson and Francis Crick accepted the Nobel Prize for medicine for their discovery of the chemical structure of DNA.

It was one of the great injustices in the history of scientific research.

Because the real ground-breaking work that led to their discovery was done by an English researcher who had died before the prize was awarded.

The story of Rosalind Franklin's life and work remains one of controversy. During her lifetime, she received little recognition for her contributions to one of the most significant discoveries of the 20th century.

Rosalind Franklin was born in London in 1920. A gifted student, her teachers described her as being "alarmingly clever." Rosalind went on to become a chemist, specializing in mineralogy. Her work led to the development of a more effective gas mask that saved thousands of lives during World War II.

After the war, she starting working on DNA, the material our genes are made of. Ignored by her male colleagues, she produced the first X-ray image that revealed the double helical structure of DNA. Without her knowledge, the photograph was passed along to Watson and Crick who used the photograph and her data in their work. Dr. Franklin was never credited when their findings were published; she never realized the crucial role her work played in the discovery of the chemical structure of DNA. If she did, she never expressed any bitterness or frustration.

Three years later, Rosalind Franklin was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Her small circle of friends and colleagues are convinced she contracted the disease from the radiation given off from the X-rays she worked with. She continued working in her lab until a few weeks before her death in April 1958. She was 37.

Rosalind Franklin's image of the DNA molecule was key to deciphering its structure, but only Watson and Crick received the Nobel Prize. Nobel Prize rules prohibit the awarding of the prize posthumously.

Rosalind Franklin' ground-breaking work, in all probability, cost her life. She died alone, betrayed by colleagues, her work taken from her.

But the work of her life outlives her in the advances that have been made in medicine over the past six decades.

✝ The story of Rosalind Franklin mirrors the story of Jesus' passion and death. The Passion account we read today is as much a story about us as it is about Jesus: in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' condemnation, suffering and crucifixion, we confront the greed, betrayal, and cruelty we are capable of. But in the person of Jesus, God takes on our humanity in all its sinfulness in order to move us beyond our failings, to realize his grace and compassion in our lives. As Rosalind Franklin's work lives on despite the injustice and suffering she endured, Christ transforms death from the final humiliation into the beginning of something much greater and sacred. ✝

From: [Connections: April 2017](#)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday of Holy Week: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday of Holy Week: Is 50:4-9
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday of the Passion of the Lord: Is 52:13 -- 53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

The Easter Vigil:
Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Gn 22:1-18 Ps 16: 5, 8-11

Ex 14:15--15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18

Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Is 55:1-11 (Ps) Is 12:2-6

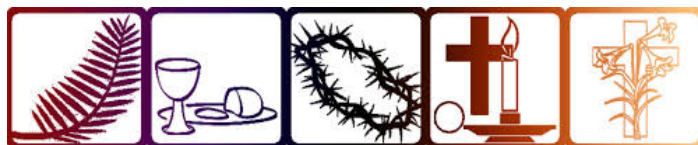
Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4 Ps 19:8-11

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4

Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:
Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 Mt 28:1-10



2017 QUARTER AUCTION

If you missed the last one, don't miss out again!

Saturday, June 3

7:00 PM SSP Parish Center

\$15 admission per person

Includes bid card, beer, snacks and fun!



Yes, we are taking reservations.

Reserve as individuals or a table of 6-10 people.

This is an adult event.

Bring quarters to bid on great items!

Maximum individual bid per item \$1.00

Choose from nearly 100 bid items valued from \$10 - \$100!

New this year:

An "All In" Bid Card will be available.

Accepting donations NOW!!

New items, gift cards, services.

Restaurants, Hardware, gas cards to name a few!

Values from \$10 to \$100

(We use MSRP or original value on retail items not sale or reduced prices)

More information in future bulletins or contact:

Leslie Harbaugh 440-0730

Sharon Reibe 393-0750

Linda Seemiller 566-4959

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

The **Pastoral Council** members are: Claudia Comerford, Nancy Doerhoff, Larry Driscoll, Nancy Grimaud, Andy Kopff, Joyce Stockmann, Chad Wilcox, and Stephanie Wobbe.

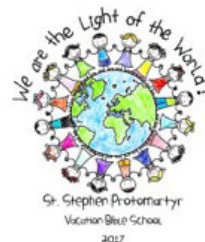
The **Parish Board of Education** members are: Ben Borgmeyer, Amy Cerventes, Kate Cunniff, Bridgette Fyvie, Jim Gunter, Janet Kinder-Wilcox, Marilyn Lunnemann, Heather Mattingly, Kim Mohr, and Tabitha Wilson

The **Finance Council** members are: Marty Bickel, Ann Esswein, Matt Guntli, Paul Payne, and John Schrader



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you interested in helping children nurture their love of God, while further exploring your own faith life? VBS is currently looking for adults and high school students interested in volunteering as leaders and assistants for this summer's program, "We are the Light of the World."



VBS runs from 9 AM - 12 PM during the week of June 26 - 30. All adults (including recent High School graduates) must complete the requirements of Protecting God's Children before VBS begins. If you would like to volunteer or request more information, please contact Theresa Lueke at theresaluekessp@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ April 30 - First Communion
- ◆ May 6 - Golf Tournament
- ◆ May 11 - Music Sharing
- ◆ June 3 - Quarter Auction
- ◆ June 14 - Parish Picnic

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the rectory (481-1133) and let us know. We will arrange for a Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring communion.

EASTER FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for Easter flowers for the Church in honor of living and deceased members of the parish or of your family.



Mark your donation for "FLOWERS" and list the names of those you wish to remember. At the end of the season, the flowers may be taken home by those who made a donation.

Please PRINT clearly:

In memory of: _____

Donated by: _____



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES DAY



The Alzheimer's Association is hosting an open house for those people wishing to complete Living Wills and Durable Health Care Powers of Attorney. **This is a free event. No registration is required.** Friday, April 14, 2017, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Location: Alzheimer's Association, 9370 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132. This event open to everyone: clients, general public, staff, and volunteers. Please contact Dahley Mensah at 314-801-0401 or dmensah@alz.org with any questions.

COFFEE CONCERT IN MAY

SGSM is headed to the Sheldon Concert Hall & Art Gallery on **Wednesday, May 3rd!** Join us for *Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers* with their exciting blend of authentic hot jazz, swing, rhythm & blues and rock and roll, spanning the 1920s-1950s. Fronted by a high energy female vocalist and backed by a swingin' rhythm section, Miss Jubilee is a favorite among swing dancers and fans of all ages who enjoy uplifting and energetic music! Prior to the concert, we will have coffee, bagels and doughnuts at the Sheldon. The Art Gallery will be open for those who care to stroll through the gallery.

Lunch (at your own expense) will follow the concert at Sweetie Pie's Upper Crust on Delmar. Sweetie Pie's serves up made-from-scratch soul food that the owner's mother taught her to make when she was just a girl. Sweetie Pie's restaurants have become St. Louis landmarks and are featured on a reality TV show called "Welcome to Sweetie Pie's" on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

Depart by bus from Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4092 Blow Street, on Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:30 am and return at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$24 including transportation and concert. Call Leigh at 481-1133 ext. 307 for reservations by April 12th. Seating is limited. Make checks payable to St. Stephen and mail to: SSP, Attn: Leigh, 3949 Wilmington, St. Louis, MO 63116.



IRS & U.S. TREASURY SCAMS

You receive an ominous phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer or government agent (often the IRS). They are coming to arrest you for overdue taxes or for skipping out on jury duty... but you can avoid it by sending money via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Another variation on this is that you'll be arrested for an overdue payday loan. Whatever the "violation," it's scary to be threatened with arrest, and many people pay out of fear.

How to Avoid

- ◆ Hang up! The IRS and other government entities will not call you to collect money and will never ask it to be paid via a pre-paid card, wire-transfer or Western Union.

Don't let senior scams catch you off guard. Ask questions, do your research, don't share information, never wire money to strangers, and hang up! For more information, contact the Better Business Bureau at 314-645-3300 or www.bbb.org/stlouis

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 10

8:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 AM - Bourisaw Family
Carol Annunziata

Wednesday, April 12

8:00 AM - Jane & Martin Meyer

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 PM - Ed & Mary Edith Smiley
N. Edward Forti

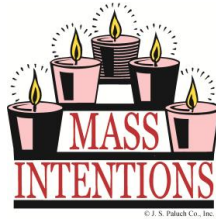
Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 14

Easter Vigil, April 15

8:00 PM - Cathy Kveton

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00 AM - Our Parishioners
10:30 AM - Michael Bauer
Clarita Pauley



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.

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering

Suzi Beck - Bob Crawford - Janice Doerhoff -
James Forgash - Mary Lopinot - Thomas Lorenz -
Janet Matthews - Robert Morse - Steve Moylan -
Dan Nichols - Joey Renick - Margaret Ringkamp -
Beth Simon - Jean Westrich

for our homebound

Jeanette Holmer - Florence Morrison - Rose Schuster

for those in nursing homes

Lorraine Burke - Ellie Kearns - Rosemary Kobylinski -
Gene VanderPluym

for family members serving in the military

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

DEVOTIONS

Tuesday - after 8 am Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesday - 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.

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