

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017



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

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

May 28 Sunday Contribution	\$ 4,674.75
On-line Giving Contribution	\$ 1,662.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 6,336.75
R & I	\$ 142.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 210.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 65.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$ 25.00

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP

Weekend	Break Even Target	Actual Collection
May 6 / 7	\$8,762.69	\$8,630.25
May 13 /14	\$8,762.69	\$4,874.34
May 20 /21	\$8,762.69	\$9,549.50
May 27 / 28	\$8,762.69	6,336.75
May Total	\$35,050.76	\$29,390.84 -\$5,659.92
Fiscal Year to Date	\$341,715.04	\$364,479.59 -\$56,099.44

Lectors

Saturday, June 3

4:00 PM - B. McLain, C. Deeken

Sunday, June 4

8:00 AM - L. Harbaugh, C. Grindel

10:30 AM - G. Joly, E. Joly

Servers

Saturday, June 3

4:00 PM - Lily M., Maya W.

Sunday, June 4

8:00 AM - Charlie B., Isaac J.

10:30 AM - Pedro A., Sarah G.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday June 5	Tuesday June 6	Wednesday June 7	Thursday June 8	Friday June 9	Saturday June 10	Sunday June 11
No Service Quilters 9 AM - 2 PM 	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM St. Vincent de Paul meeting 7 PM	Mass 8 AM Arthritis Exercise 9 AM	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM Vigil Mass 4:00 PM	Masses 8:00 & 10:30 AM

WRAPPING UP THE SCHOOL YEAR

It is very hard to believe that this school year has come to an end, but when I look back on this school year we had so many wonderful programs, activities and awards that it is no wonder the time flew by.

We had several programs added this year that made St. Stephen Protomartyr a more enriching and exciting place.

This year we started the **OASIS Tutoring program** with tutors from our parish community who were trained in the Language Experience Approach to reading instruction. Then they were paired with students in our kindergarten through 3rd grades. It has been a wonderful experience for our tutors and our students.

We added **Meet the Masters Art Curriculum** to our fine arts program. Thanks to our PTO this program is well researched. The children learn about the fascinating lives and famous works of the Master Artists. The lessons are interactive and use multi-media content that captivates the students' interest. It is an enriching experiential class.

Shakespeare came to St. Stephen this spring – a live performance was enjoyed by the PreK4 to the 8th grade. After the performance, our students had the opportunity to interact with the actors. They asked questions about the actors' favorite character, where they studied theater, etc.

Girls on the Run was a super addition to the extracurricular programs this spring. Thanks to Ms. Kerri and the coaches for the time and talent they provided. Next fall the program will be expanded to 6th through 8th grades.

Our 7th & 8th grade math team competed in the **SLUH Math competition** and won 3rd place! This was the first time that our students competed in this competition against 12 other Catholic schools; so, we feel very confident that we have a very strong upper grade math curriculum.

Speaking of math – Mrs. Albers conducted an informal survey of our 6th and 7th grade students regarding the new math series. Following are the results:

7 th grade	33% liked last year's series	67% liked this year's series	90% feel their grades are better
6 th grade	13% liked last year's series	87% liked this year's series	91% feel their grades are better

This year we added **Therapeutic Playtime** to the services we provide to our students who need it. It has been a wonderful partnership for us and for our students. They provide speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and developmental therapy to children in their natural environment.

This spring we added a **Science Fair with the STREAM** family night. There were many excellent science projects along with the STREAM activities. This will definitely be on our school calendar.

St. Stephen Protomartyr School added liturgies celebrating the seasons of the Church Year. We wanted to be sure our students were focused on the holy seasons and move away from the secular events.

We celebrated the **Feast of the Epiphany** with sheep, shepherds, wise men, camels, cows, donkey, angels, and the Holy Family. Our second grade students represented the characters in the Nativity scene. It was a great way to continue to keep the Christmas Season in focus. The school had the chance to share the Epiphany service with the parish on a Sunday afternoon.

During Holy Week, instead of the traditional **Stations of the Cross**, we Dressed the Cross while reading the Passion. The service was led by students from our upper grades. It is a very dramatic liturgy using artifacts such as the crown of thorns, the purple robe, the hammer and nails, the reed and sponge, and the flagon.

May Crowning was an all school liturgy, and the second grade students had the chance to wear their First Communion attire. We honored Mary our Mother with music and prayer.

Music continues to be one of the most defining parts of our curriculum due to the Dave and Anne Borgmeyer and Ann Dolan. The **Bell Choir, Choral Club, 8th Grade Play, Music Sharing and the Archdiocesan Music Festival** are just some of what Anne and Dave do for us. We are so fortunate to have a school band, and to have Ann Dolan as our band director.

This has been a terrific year! Thank you to all our parents, teachers, volunteers and staff who made this happen.

Blessings.

Michel Wendell, MA Ed. Principal

GOD AS A 'VERB'

How would you describe God?

God is the Creator of heaven and earth. God is the Father of all. God is the Supreme Being, the Author of everything that is good and right and holy. God is the ultimate Judge. God is love.

All true,

But today's solemnity of Pentecost asks us to consider God in another way - to think of God in terms other than as a noun.

Pentecost is about God as **verb**.

God as doing, being, acting.

The Spirit of God is God breathing in us, God animating us, God pulling us together as a Church. God loving and healing and reconciling. God sanctifying the everyday, God comforting the grieving, God seeking out the lost.

The Spirit of God is the manifestation of God as a **verb** -- God not only **is** but **does**.

† **God's gift of the Spirit animates us both as individuals and as a church to do the work God does, to be the people of God, to live the life of the Gospel Christ. Pentecost celebrates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church -- the *ruah* ("breath") that animates us to do the Gospel of the Risen One, the *ruah* that makes God's will our will, the *ruah* of God transforming us so that we might bring his life and love into our broken world. God "breathes" his Spirit into our souls so that we may live his life in the here and now; God ignites the "fire" of his Spirit within our hearts and minds that we may realize the coming of God's reign in our own time and place. †**

From: [Connections: May 2008](#)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Best wishes and blessings to the following couple who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Jessica Werner and Kevin Schone
May 13, 2017



LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ June 14 - Parish Picnic
- ◆ June 26 - 30 - Vacation Bible School
- ◆ August 16 - School starts

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please extend a warm SSP welcome to the following families who registered in the parish during May:



Jim & Krissy Forgash and
daughter Cecilia
and
Mitch and Emily McCurren

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Sarah Ann Schaberg
daughter of Danielle and Jamie Schaberg
Baptized on May 7, 2017



ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time resumes the Monday following Pentecost, June 5, this year with the 9th week.

Ordinary Time sounds like nothing special. Ordinary Time means something ordered, not just ordinary. This long stretch between the Easter and Advent seasons marches silently along, quietly marking the hum of the spinning cosmos.

During the six months of summer and fall Ordinary Time we walk with the disciples alongside Jesus and learn the rhythm of their day-to-day lives. A pattern of learning and teaching, love and service.

Ordinary Time is our season to discover how to live our faith day by day, in the light of the risen Christ, with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, St. Boniface: Tb 1:3; 2:1-8 Ps 112:1-6
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday, St. Norbert: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2, 7-9

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11, 16-17 Ps 25:2-9 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9 Ps 128:1-5
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:1-2, 6-10 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 (Ps) Tb 13:2, 6-8
Mk 12:38-44

The Most Holy Trinity: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56
2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18



RIDE BRACELETS

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is almost here! Presale ride bracelets and game tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of June 4th and 11th, and the day prior the picnic on Jun 13th from 5 to 7 PM. Presale ride tickets are \$26 (\$30 day of), and game tickets are 4/\$1 (3/\$1 day of). Cash, check, and credit will be accepted.

SPONSOR A BOOTH

Businesses. Organizations. Elected Officials. Consider sponsoring one our SSP picnic booths - a great way to show your support for South St. Louis. Please pick up your sponsor form at the back of church or contact Gina Joly at 314-882-8762 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling for volunteers! You know the saying, "*Many hands make for light work.*" Preparation for our annual parish picnic on June 14th requires organizing the many volunteers that it takes to make this important event run smoothly. There are over 1000 man hours required to run all the activities on the day of the picnic. Since this is a **PARISH** picnic, we are sending a plea to **ALL** parishoners for volunteers. If you are available to volunteer, please contact us at 314-276-5034. Thank you advance for your help!

RING A BOTTLE BOOTH

It's that time of year again! We are in need of donations for the world famous Ring-A-Bottle booth at the Parish Picnic. Knick knacks, toys, household items, books, tchotchkes*, and more are needed. Please leave donations in the box located in the back of church marked 'Ring-A-Bottle Booth' or contact Bridgette Fyvie to make arrangements for pickup or delivery. Thanks! 477-9008 bfyvie@yahoo.com
*Russian for trinkets



GRAND RAFFLE

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 314.352.8145 or tjo6692@sbcglobal.net.



CAKE WALK BOOTH

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 will be available at the back of church beginning May 28. It is not obligatory to use provided boxes. For questions please contact Heather Mattingly 314-537-5208 or hemattingly@gmail.com. Please leave donations in the parish hall, the evening before the picnic on June 13th or the morning of the picnic. Many Thanks!





BETTER BRAIN STUDY

Dr. Eric Lenze at the Washington University School of Medicine is investigating the use of computerized cognitive training and a medication to improve memory and cognitive function in older adults. You might qualify if you:

- 1) Are age 65 or older
- 2) Do not take any psychiatric medications
- 3) Have noticed changes in your memory with aging

This study will include the following: Approximately 6 outpatient study visits over approximately 6 months; Study-related assessments and an MRI; At-home computerized cognitive training; Study medication (either vortioxetine or placebo); Up to \$390 for time and effort.

For more information about the Better Brain Study, contact Jissell Torres at (314) 747-5935 or torresj@psychiatry.wustl.edu

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Did you know that volunteering is good for your health? It's true! According to a study from George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, just two hours of volunteering a week can have a positive effect on the overall well-being of older adults.

The researchers found that older adults who volunteered had better assessments than non-volunteers on three measures: daily functioning, health and depression. Volunteering nearly two hours a week produced the best results. Keeping that in mind, the senior ministry program is always looking for volunteers, specifically to drive our elders to medical appointments and also to help with our newsletter mailing. Please contact Leigh at the parish office at 481-1133 ext 307 or email: leighsgsm@gmail.com

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment day, Monday, June 5 is the United Nations flagship day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. This year's theme is . . . connect with nature.

We are nature. We are the water; our bodies are 90% water. We are the sky; our bodies need oxygen to breathe. We are the earth; other animals and plants sustain our bodies, give us strength, as we give to them when we protect them from harm and disappearing from the environment. No matter where we come from and no matter who else we are. We are nature.

Some ways to cherish and celebrate this vital relationship:

- ◆ Go outside and INHALE the many scents and aromas that you find waiting for you. Breathe in the beauty. Taste and see that God is GOOD and so are YOU. What thoughts, feelings, perceptions did you experience?
- ◆ Plant a small bush, a tree or some flowers in your yard.
- ◆ Take a walk in the dark and rely on your ears and nose to experience nature.
- ◆ Take off your shoes, walk in the grass, on the ground, getting your feet dirty and hands too.
- ◆ Recall all the places that matter to you. What one matters most? Get in touch with why it is special for you, its importance to you. Find a photo or take a photo, or draw a picture of that place. Share with someone what it is you are willing to do to protect what is special to you, what you love and why.
- ◆ Plan a PICNIC, go for a HIKE, organize a CLEAN UP.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 5

8:00 AM - No Service

Tuesday, June 6

8:00 AM - Luke Horn

Wednesday, June 7

8:00 AM - Fr. Theodore Burghoff

Thursday, June 8

8:00 AM - Jane & Martin Meyer

Friday, June 9

8:00 AM - Fr. John Geoghegan

Saturday, June 10

8:00 AM - Tom Cline Family

4:00 PM - Natalie Liebmann

Sunday, June 11

8:00 AM - Our Parishioners

10:30 AM - Clarita Pauley

Leslie Mike



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 - Mary Lopinot -
Patricia Jost - Thomas Lorenz - Janet Matthews -
Lois McClellan - Robert Morse - Steve Moylan -
Dan Nichols - Joey Renick - Margaret Ringkamp -
Tommy Saito - 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 - Ryan O'Neil - 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. Stop by the rectory for entry

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

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