

St. Stephen
Protomartyr Parish

THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018



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!!

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE and PRAYER

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

May 6 Contribution	\$ 6,211.91
On-line Giving Contribution	\$ 1,637.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 7,848.91
R & I	\$ 569.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 745.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 30.00

Special Collection for May is Catholic Communication Campaign

Lectors

Saturday, May 19

4:00 PM - C. Grindel, S. Gaydos

Sunday, May 20

8:00 AM - L. Rahn, B. McLain

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

Servers

Saturday, May 19

4:00 PM - Ellen K., Tara J.

Sunday, May 20

8:00 AM - Lily M., Maya W.

10:30 AM - Stephanie W., Mark W.



BLOOD DRIVE

"Boy Scout Troop 104 is sponsoring a Blood Drive to benefit the American Red Cross on Sunday, June 3rd from 9 AM until 1 PM in the Parish Center. Boy Scouts will be at Masses on May 19th, 20th, and May 26th, 27th, to take appointments. Donors may also visit the website "www.redcrossblood.org" and enter the code "StStephenP" to schedule an appointment."



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Office Manager / Bookkeeper, Barb Edelmann, has taken a job closer to her home. The new Office Manager / Bookkeeper will start on July 2.

SO for the next two months, May and June, we will have flexible office hours and ask for your understanding. **PLEASE CALL before coming to the rectory** to make sure someone is here. Most days there will only be one person in the office. There will be times when we need to run errands, go to the bank etc and no one will be in the office.





Thank you for your cooperation.



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Wear **red** on Pentecost. All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit; let us show that we are alive in the Spirit.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday May 14	Tuesday May 15	Wednesday May 16	Thursday May 17	Friday May 18	Saturday May 19	Sunday May 20
Liturgy of the Word with Communion 8 AM Quilters 9 AM - 2 PM 	Mass 8 AM Arthritis Exercise 9AM	All School Mass 8 AM Baptism Service	Mass 8 AM Arthritis Exercise 9 AM 50+ Meeting 11AM May Crowning 2 PM	All School Mass 8 AM Graduation 6PM 	Mass 8 AM Vigil Mass 4 PM Alumni Mass & Mingle 	Mass 8 & 1030 AM  Choir Concert 3 PM

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."

"Prayer for all who mother"

By Victoria Weinstein

The life-giving ones
 Who heal with their presence
 Who listen in sympathy
 Who give wise advice . . . but only when asked for it.
 We are grateful for all those who have mothered us
 Who have held us gently in times of sorrow
 Who celebrated with us our triumphs--no matter how small
 Who noticed when we changed and grew,
 who praised us for taking risks
 who took genuine pride in our success,
 and who expressed genuine compassion when we did not succeed.

On this day that honors Mothers
 let us honor all mothers
 men and women alike
 who from somewhere in their being
 have freely and wholeheartedly given life, and
 sustenance, and vision to us.

Dear God, Mother and Father of us all,
 grant us life-giving ways
 strength for birthing,
 and a nurturing spirit
 that we may take attentive care of our world,
 our communities, and those precious beings
 entrusted to us by biology, or by destiny, or by friendship,
 fellowship, or fate.

Give us the heart of a mother today.

Amen



FREE CONCERT

The Paschal Road in Song and Story

The SSP choir and 5th and 6th graders, 8th grade cantors and 2 instrumentalists present an afternoon program of music and meditation. Please join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 20 at 3 PM as we look back on the seasons of Lent, Triduum, and Easter. We'll sing anthems, hymns, and songs to mark the key moments and celebrate the mystery and joy of this important time of the church year.

Admission is free.



ACE CARDS

Looking for an end of school year gift for your favorite teacher or graduate? The scrip company is issuing low denomination gift cards. These low denomination cards will only be available while supplies last so don't wait to place your orders.

- Amazon - \$10
- Barnes & Nobel - \$5
- Bread Co - \$5
- Target - \$10
- Starbucks - \$5
- Walmart - \$10



ALUMNI MASS & MINGLE

All SSP Alumni are invited to Mass and Mingle on
 Saturday, May 19
 4 PM Mass

Mingle follow Mass in the Parish Hall
 Light appetizers and refreshments served
 Get your classmates together and join us



SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year for soccer and volleyball. PLEASE NOTE:



Soccer is Pre-K through 8th grade and Volleyball is 3rd through 8th grade.

Registration will remain open through May 25th. We will NOT be able to



guarantee a spot for your child if you are not registered by May 25th. If you have any questions, please email Jason Joly (President) or Trish Vogel (Treasurer) at sspathletics@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

We would like to acknowledge our all graduates, grade school, high school and college in the bulletin.



Please let us know the graduate's name and school by May 21. You may call the information to the rectory office (481-1133) or email it to maryreganssp@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, St. Matthias: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8
Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36
Jn 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7
Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ May 17 - May Crowning
- ◆ May 18 - Graduation
- ◆ May 19 - Alumni Mass & Mingle
- ◆ May 20 - Choir Concert
- ◆ May 25 - Last Day of School
- ◆ JUNE 13 - PARISH PICNIC

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish prayerfully recognizes these couples who participated in the Special Anniversary Celebration. Congratulations to all these couples and the many others from our parish who could not attend the event but are celebrating milestones in marriage! We asked them to share a little wisdom about matrimony. *What advice could they impart to an engaged couple?*

40 Years

John & Sue Hogenmiller: Talk to each other, but more importantly – listen to each other. Similar to rules for bringing up children.... Flexibility, choose your battles, and compromise.

Jim & Sharon Sahaida: Always be sure to “talk” to and “communicate” with each other and try to keep a sense of humor and laughter in your life.

Ron & Marilyn Lunnemann: Be financially savvy... money problems can really stress a marriage. Love is a daily decision and a commitment.

35 Years

Tom & Ileana Amsler: You need to always communicate all your problems and concerns with one another. You have to accept your spouse's family unconditionally.

30 Years

Andy & Theresa Sciaroni: Marriage is a work in progress, always keep working on it.

Kurt & Barb Edelmann: Always think of the other before you think of yourself.

25 Years

Tim & Pattie O'Connell: Never go to bed angry and always make sure you end the day with a kiss.

Dennis & Catherine Grindel: Expect to give 100% all the time without the expectation of any return. And see movies before you have kids!

Marshall & Colleen Dennis: Marry your best friend, always treat each other with respect and love each other through the good times and the bad and through the sickness and in health. Communication is a key factor, always discuss matters together, it's team work. Always stand by each other and be forgiving. Don't let anything or anyone come between you and above all have fun. Keep going on dates, take weekend trips and cherish your time together.

MR. PHIL STILL FEEDS THE CHILDREN . . .

It was a tragedy that ripped St. Paul, Minnesota, apart: On a summer evening in 2016, 32-year old Philando Castile was pulled over by a police officer for a broken tail light. When Castile reached into his pocket for his license, the officer thought Castile was going for a gun and fatally shot Castile. You may remember the video that was shot by his girlfriend who was in the car with Castile. The episode ignited a storm of angry protests around the country.

But the story does not end there.

No one was more devastated by Castile's death than the students at the J.J. Hill Elementary School in St. Paul. Castile, known as "Mr. Phil," supervised the food services program. Castile didn't just work in the cafeteria; he tutored and mentored students, as well. He knew every student's name; he was beloved by the students and staff at J.J. Hill.

Castile saw to it that every child had lunch every day, including poorer kids who couldn't afford it. Castile covered many lunches out of his own pocket. So a local university professor and her students created a charity to pay off J.J. Hill's entire student lunch debt. Since September, students in Prof. Pamela Fergus' Diversity and Ethics Class at Montgomery State University launched *Philando Feeds the Children*. The students have raised more than \$130,000 - enough not only to wipe out the lunch room deficit at J.J. Hill but all student lunch debt across St. Paul's 56 public schools.

Some 70 percent of St. Paul students qualify for free lunches, but many parents aren't aware of the program or struggle to complete the application; many families earn too much to qualify but still have difficulty paying for their children's lunches. Typically, more than 2,000 students end up owing money for lunch at the end of the school year.

The students at Montgomery State would now like to raise enough funds to extend the program beyond St. Paul.

The program has the blessing of Philando Castile's mother, Valerie. "No child should go hungry," she says. "And this project helps keep my son alive."

† **The generosity and compassion that Philando Castile inspired continues, even after his tragic death. On this Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, Jesus calls his disciples - including us - to continue the work of compassion, mercy and reconciliation that he inspired, the work that has been vindicated and perfected in God's raising him from the dead. We who have seen and heard the story of Jesus are now called to bring that hope into the lives of others and into the life we share as families, as the Church, as the human community. In every kindness we offer, in every word of encouragement and comfort we utter, in every moment we spend listening and supporting, we proclaim the Gospel of the Risen Jesus; every good work - however small or hidden - is a spark of the light of the Risen Christ in our midst.** †

From: [Connections, May 2018](#)

PICNIC NEWS



Please mark your calendars! The second and final SSP picnic meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

Our last meeting will recap what we have accomplished, and what needs to be done. If you have an agenda item for our upcoming meeting, please let us know. I will send out a meeting reminder along with the agenda prior to the meeting. We encourage everyone to attend.

Now is a good time to begin working to secure volunteers, but please let us know if you need assistance. Asking people to volunteer in person often yields the best results.

ALSO, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO REPLACE YOUR PICNIC SIGN OR YOU LIKE A SIGN FOR YOUR YARD. THERE WILL BE STICKERS WITH THE CORRECT DATE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

Picnic Booth Sponsors ROCK!

Sponsoring a booth is a wonderful way to show your generous support for SSP and have your family or company name displayed on professionally designed signage to be seen by over 800 people. Please consider sponsoring a booth this year. Booth sponsor forms can be found at the back of church or by the transept doors. For more info, please contact Gina Joly at 314-882-8762 or jolygg@gmail.com or Annie Neidel at (314) 299-2376 or annie.neidel@slu.edu.

It's that time of year again! We are looking for donations for the **Ring-A-Bottle booth** at the Parish Picnic. Toys, games, knick knacks, and bric a brac are needed. Please no glass or fragile items. Prizes can be left in the back of church if labeled 'Ring-A-Bottle' booth.



Bridgette Fyvie is also available to pick up or you can leave it on her porch. Please contact to make arrangements 314-477-9008.

Thanks!



EXPLORE THE SITES IN HANNIBAL!



South Grand Senior Ministry will hit the road for a day trip to Hannibal, Missouri on **Tuesday, May 22nd**! We will depart from Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Church, 4092 Blow Street, at 7:30 am (Please arrive by 7:15 am).

Upon arriving in Hannibal we'll be greeted by a guide that will give us a bus tour of the city. We will then visit the historic Rockcliffe Mansion and its spectacular views of Hannibal and the Mississippi River. Time for lunch at Ole Planters Restaurant. You can then spend the afternoon walking in the footsteps of Mark Twain exploring his boyhood home and the

Mark Twain Museum.

We also built in some time for you to explore the shops of Main Street Hannibal. The bus will return to IHM at 6:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$65 per person which includes lunch and entrance to all attractions.

To make reservations, please contact Heather at 314-351-1318 ext. 201 no later than Wednesday, May 16th. Mail a check made payable to St. Cecilia to 5418 Louisiana Ave, 63111. Please include your name, phone number, parish, and emergency contact name and phone number.

AGING WISELY: LINKING SENIORS TO SERVICES

Join South Grand Senior Ministry for our next installment in the Aging Wisely series.

Wednesday, May 30th, 1:30 pm

Location: IHM Rectory Meeting Room, 4092 Blow St.

Here's your chance to learn about services and programs that the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) offers to city residents. A representative from SLAAA will be with us to educate our seniors, their caregivers, and adults with disabilities. Come hear about Home Delivered Meals, Nutritional Supplements, Transportation, Bus Pass Program, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Benefits Assistance, Legal Assistance, Home Repair Program, Senior Centers, and more.

You won't want to miss this informative workshop! Light refreshments will be provided. **Please RSVP to Ann at 481-7543.** We hope you can join us!

JOIN US FOR EXERCISE AND FEEL GOOD!

Among the churches involved in South Grand Senior Ministry, there are several exercise opportunities for you. Anyone is welcome.

Arthritis Exercise – Marian Amsler, a certified instructor through the Arthritis Foundation, leads classes Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-10:00 am at St. Stephen's Parish Hall. Provides exercises that can help reduce pain and stiffness, keeping you healthier for longer. All exercises are done seated. Call 353-0910 for more information. **FREE**

Fitness Fun – Judy Hudson offers exercise and dance on Tuesdays and Fridays at Immaculate Heart of Mary school cafeteria, 4092 Blow Street. Gather at 8:30, exercise class 9:00-10:00 including gentle yoga, then dance exercise begins at 10:15 am. Come for both or just one. \$2 a day. Call 314-797-8182 for more information.

Balance & Revitalize – Eileen Kinsella, Registered Somatic Movement Therapist, teaches class on Fridays 9:00-10:00 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, in a classroom on the first floor. Using pliable balls, silks and all way stretch fabric, you can discover how to find your balance and increase flexibility. \$3 per class. Call 608-3862 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 14

8:00 - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, May 15

8:00 AM - N. Edward Forti

John Louis

Wednesday, May 16

8:00 AM - LaVerne Gartner

Thursday, May 17

8:00 AM - Mike Bauer

Friday, May 18

8:00 AM - Mary Kloeppel

Saturday, May 19

8:00 AM - Jean Westrich

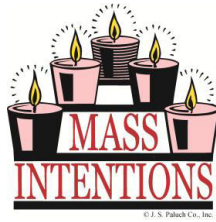
4:00 PM - Walter G. Schweiger

Sunday, May 20

8:00 AM - Our Parishioners

10:30 AM - Jean Bolte

Virginia Vennemann



PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering

Suzi Beck - Liz Bentrup - Fran Campbell - Joseph Clements - Ann Dosenbach - Thomas Lorenz - Marianne Marx - Lois McClellan - Robert Morse - Steve Moylan - Marcella Mueth - Margaret Ringkamp

for our homebound

Jeanette Holmer - Albertine Honious - Rose Schuster

for those in nursing homes

Lorraine Burke - Ellie Kearns

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.

Christmas Novena - December 17 - December 23 at 7 PM

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 and Holidays

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.

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