



St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 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

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

MARK 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

July 1 Contribution	\$ 5,906.75
On-line Giving Contribution	\$ <u>1,476.00</u>
Total weekly contribution	\$ 7,382.75
R & I	\$ 470.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,026.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$ 110.00
Mission Coop	\$ 161.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 639.00
Holy Land	\$ 25.00

Special Collection for July is Peter's Pence

July 8 Contribution	\$ 5,940.00
On-line Giving Contribution	\$ <u>3,836.00</u>
Total weekly contribution	\$ 9,785.00
R & I	\$ 70.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 90.00
Mission Coop	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00

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Lectors

Saturday, July 21

4:00 PM - C. McGeehan, A. Borgmeyer

Sunday, July 22

8:00 AM - E. Joly, G. Joly

10:30 AM - P. O'Connell, R. Moylan

Servers

Saturday, July 21

4:00 PM - Etalemahu T., Brian B.

Sunday, July 22

8:00 AM - TJ S., Lily M.

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



APPRECIATION MASS & BREAKFAST



At the May Pastoral Council meeting members discussed the idea of having an **Appreciation Sunday**.

We appreciate all our parishioners for the gifts they are to our parish. Each one of you is an important piece of who we are as a parish community.

Sunday Mass will be at 9 AM on August 5 followed by breakfast.

All are invited and welcome!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday July 16	Tuesday July 17	Wednesday July 18	Thursday July 19	Friday July 20	Saturday July 21	Sunday July 22
Liturgy of the Word with Communion 8 AM Quilters 9 AM - 2 PM 	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM Arthritis Exercise 9 AM 50+ 11 AM	Mass 8 AM	Mass 8 AM  Happy Birthday Fr. Ron Vigil Mass 4PM	Mass 8 & 1030 AM

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."

From the Pastor's Garden

We are in the process of filling two vacant positions on the parish staff; SSP Senior Ministry Coordinator and the Coordinator of Liturgical Music.

If you are aware of someone interested in either of these positions they are encouraged to send a resume to sspsearchcommittee@gmail.com. A job description will be sent upon request.

Senior Ministry Coordinator

St. Stephen Protomartyr is in search of a part-time Senior Ministry Coordinator. This position provides case management and supportive services to older adults in the parish. Work involves direct interaction with elders to promote safety and independence in the home, socialization, education of available community resources, and eligibility for benefits. Knowledge of older adult needs in the South City area, and an ability to communicate clearly with seniors in a manner that is respectful and confidential is necessary. Knowledge of legal areas concerning tax information, social security guidelines, health insurance and other government policies that will help guide our seniors in making complex decision that will enrich their lives. A Bachelor or Master Degree in Social Work is preferred but not required. Hours per week 8 to 12.

Coordinator of Liturgical Music

St. Stephen Protomartyr is in search of a part-time Coordinator of Liturgical Music. Qualifications include proficiency with organ and keyboard, and experience in Catholic Liturgical Music. Responsibilities include planning and coordinating liturgical celebrations, in consultation with our parish music ministers, accompanying three weekend Masses, two weekday school Masses, holydays, funerals and other sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Bachelor's Degree in Music or Liturgy required. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

We are at that time of year, once again, when our financial (fiscal) year comes to an end. One of my least favorite topics to discuss is money and I do try to keep such discussions to a minimum. But there is always a need to try to keep all informed with the financial progress of our parish.

All of our fundraising activity is well planned and supported by parishioners and our extended parish community. All the hard work is greatly appreciated and we do need every bit of the funds that we receive.

As we look at finances, we must always look ahead. To help present our financial picture on an ongoing pace, we put financial numbers in our Sunday bulletins. As you can see from the numbers we are in the negative \$60,786.43 for this fiscal year.

Where will we get this amount balance our budget? In years past we turned to our savings. This is not a long-term option. Taking out and not replenishing our savings is a dead end street and we do not want to go their. We have to increase our revenue in some way or else cut some of our expenses. As an active parish, I know we can cross this divide as we work and pray together. We need to come up with some fresh ideas and plans for the future.

This is an area we need to address now and make it a united effort for a bright future. This leaves us time for more discussion on fund raising ideas in the near future. I hope you will join in the conversation.

MORE AROUND TOWN

"All families are welcome to **Papapalooza! The World Meeting of Families**, St. Louis- style.

Saturday July 28th at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Join us for games for the whole family, vendors, an outdoor Mass, P'Sghetti's dinner, and a Youth Concert.

Register today at archstl.org/palooza \$12.5 (Adult 17+) \$5 (Children 3-16) Free (2 and under)."

WELCOME JUNE TESSIN

Hello! My name is June Tessin and I am the new Office Manager. My husband, Scott, and I recently moved from Cincinnati, OH to St. Louis, MO to be closer to family and friends. We have two daughters, Molly (22) and Kelly (21). Molly will be attending Fontbonne University for a Master's in Speech Pathology. Kelly, will be finishing up her final semester at the University of Cincinnati and will graduate in December with a Spanish major. Scott, my husband, is ordained in the Lutheran Church, and is currently seeking employment in the St. Louis area.

I was born and raised in St. Louis by Violet and Raymond Rademeyer and I have four siblings. I graduated from Bishop DuBourg High School in 1982. Scott and I were married in August, 1993. Scott was born and raised in Michigan. We have journeyed through the states of Illinois, Texas, and Ohio. We are so excited to be back home! We will be moving into our new home located in Oakville on August 17.

I want to thank everyone for the kindness and BIG warm welcome to St. Stephen's! I am honored to be here and look forward to meeting everyone. I appreciate your patience as I learn so many new things. May God continue to bless each of you as we grow His Kingdom together.

PICKLE BALL COMING IN AUGUST

Adult play only.

Every other Friday night beginning Friday, August 17th at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

If you are interested, please email Tom Esswein at pickleballssp@gmail.com to receive more information



ST. PATRICK CENTER REQUEST

St. Patrick Center is in need of box fans and bottled water to provide care and comfort for our clients this summer. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at St. Patrick Center's donation dock on Hadley Street in downtown St. Louis, one block east of Tucker Blvd. Contact Kelly Peach at 314-802-0687 or kpeach@stpatrikcenter.org for more information.

SOUTH CITY DEANERY PSR

Registration packets are available for the 2018-2019 school year. We are accepting students in grades PK - 8. It is the Board's policy that all students who are preparing for sacraments must be in our program for two years before receiving the sacrament; that means that students must be enrolled in our 1st grade class to receive First Communion in second grade. Students must be in our Pre-Confirmation class before the Confirmation preparation class.

There will be two on-site registration opportunities at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center: Sunday, August 12th from 11:00am to 1:00pm and Monday, August 20th from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Classes begin August 27th with a Parent/Student Orientation. Please contact the SCDPSR at 314-773-3070 or stl.scdpsr@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT

June 2018 Report

Utility Assistance

17 helped with Electric = \$3,275.00

4 helped with Gas = \$500.00

Other

1 helped with bed = \$221.00

1 helped with A/C repair = \$285.00

1 helped with rent = \$200.00

1 helped with Water bill = \$123.76

4 helped with new A/C window units (Council paid for)

Food Pantry

Averaging 700 individuals in 340 families

Total: 30 cases = \$4,604.76 - \$921 (Council help) = \$3,683.76 conference out of pocket for the month of June 2018.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Is 1:10-17

Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13-16 Ps 94:5-10, 14-15

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-21 Mt 12:1-8

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 23:1-6

Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

UNFINISHED HOUSES

Education Across Borders is a nonprofit group that organizes volunteers to build homes for the poor in the Dominican Republic. Every summer, teenagers and young adults join the group for two-week service trips. Their initial enthusiasm wanes a bit on the first day when they begin work on a house and realize they will never see it finished. *Why can't we finish the house?* they ask. *Weren't we good enough? Didn't we work hard enough? Will the poor resent us for "failing" this project?*

John McLaughlin, who directs **Education Across Borders**, explains to them that service work, if it is to last, must be about accompaniment more than accomplishment. That unfinished house is a tangible reminder that there is still much to be done.

McLaughlin remembers one group from an American parish who came focused on the work of completing the house. They rose before dawn and worked ten or more hours every day in the tropical heat. They left disappointed that "we didn't get done as much as we wanted."

"But 'getting a lot done' was never the point," McLaughlin says. "Keeping up such an industrial pace had all but precluded [the students] from learning Dominicans' names, speaking Spanish or having their assumptions - about the causes and structures of poverty, for example - challenged. No emotional risk was involved for the students . . . little transformation could take place for anyone."

Another group McLaughlin worked with got little done because of constant downpours every afternoon. "We lost many hours of building time that week, but the students took the opportunity to talk more with the villagers, including Etienne, a young immigrant from Haiti . . . Several students went to great lengths to embrace him, plodding through long, piecemeal Spanish-English-Creole conversations, sharing their meals with him and even, in the case of one volunteer, giving him a church-suitable shirt (in a culture that values appearance highly) so that he could attend Mass for the first time.

"That Sunday, Etienne sat among the students at the service and afterward joined in the *despedida*, the traditional send-off party. The sun came out, and stayed out; perhaps we should have spent the day on the construction site, to make up for lost time. But by then the students knew, without me telling them, where they were most needed. They were in the community center,

dancing not with each other, but with their new Dominican and Haitian friends. . . .

"Service is fundamentally about relationship," McLaughlin has discovered. "Yes, it involves mixing concrete or ladling soup, but it also means walking with and listening to the suffering, sharing stories and laughter, tears and prayers. Understanding service as accompaniment reminds us to whom the house really belongs, and to Whom we really belong."

[From "Unfinished Houses: Building the kingdom on God's time" by John J. McLaughlin, *America*, July 21-28, 2014.]

† Just as he sends forth the Twelve, Jesus sends us forth with our "walking sticks," not to build or rule or dominate but to heal, comfort and encourage. Our own service to others, Jesus says, should be centered not in efficiency or results but in mercy, humility and gratitude. Let us build houses for the poor, but first may we welcome them into our homes and communities; let us feed the hungry, but first make places for them at our tables; let us reach out to the lost and troubled, but first recognize them as our brothers and sisters in Christ. †

From: [Connections](#), July 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ August 5 - Mass at 9 AM followed by breakfast
- ◆ August 12 - Backpack blessing at 1030 Mass
- ◆ August 12 - Pre-K parent meeting after 1030 Mass
- ◆ August 12 - 6th, 7th, 8th grade parent meeting after 1030 Mass
- ◆ August 13 - Server's Appreciation Picnic
- ◆ August 13 - Back to School Night 6 PM
- ◆ August 15 - Feast of the Assumption, Holy day Masses at 8 AM, 2 PM (all school Mass) and 7 PM
- ◆ August 15 - First day of school - 9 AM start
- ◆ August 25 - Adult Dance Party
- ◆ September 14 - SSP Night at the Cardinals game
- ◆ September 22 - Mass in the Park

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION

I would like to nominate:

Signed (optional): _____



FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM—OH MY!



Are your children and grandchildren on social media? Would you like to be able to keep in touch and see their pictures, but aren't sure where to begin? Join us on **Thursday, July 26th** at 10:00 AM at St. Cecilia, 5418 Louisiana.

We will help you open an account on Facebook or Instagram and show you some basic navigation skills of the sites. You need to bring your own device (smart phone, tablet, laptop). You will be able to connect to our Wi-Fi. We will meet in the Parish Center off the parking lot (some steps required). Snacks will be provided. To reserve your spot, contact Heather at 314-351-1318 ext. 201 by Monday, July 23rd.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMING

Come be a part of the SGSM Planning Committee! We are looking for help with suggestions and planning for upcoming day trips and educational workshops. If you like planning events, coordinating details, and working with other team members, this will be a great committee for you! Please call Heather at 351-1318 ext. 201 to let us know of your interest. All seniors are welcome to join us!

GAME DAY WAS A SUCCESS!

Twenty people from various parishes arrived ready to play games and have fun at our first monthly game day in July! Tripoli, Dominoes, Gulf, Yahtzee and Pinochle were the games of choice. Hope you can join SGSM next month. **ALL are Welcome!** First Thursday of each month: **Thursday, August 2nd 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.** in the IHM rectory basement, 4092 Blow Street. (The Tripoli game has extra-large print on the cards and the Scrabble Game has white tiles with large black letters -- to help with vision.)



AROUND TOWN

Hodak's Fried Chicken Dinner

St Matthias the Apostle Parish Center
800 Buckley Rd, St Lous 63125
Saturday, July 21 from 4:30-7:00 pm
Call Sandy 314-544-2162 after 3 pm for more information

Faith--Music—Teenagers

This is a call to young people age 10 - 17 to share your vocal and/or instrumental musical talent in a faith-filled group of music ministers from 40 parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of St. Louis called **The Young Catholic Musicians**. These young people lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches. **Auditions are being held now through July.** To schedule an audition, contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314-231-7464 or Mary Smith at smithycm@sbcglobal.net. Information on YCM at our web page: archstl.org/musicians.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 16

8:00 - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday, July 17

8:00 AM - Dory Potts

Wednesday, July 18

8:00 AM - Thomas Sonntage

Thursday, July 19

8:00 AM - Jean Westrich

Friday, July 20

8:00 AM - Carol L. Kopff

Saturday, July 21

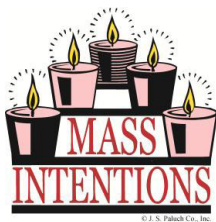
8:00 AM - John & Cecelia Hopmeir

4:00 PM - Ruth Flanagan

Sunday, July 22

8:00 AM - Our Parishioners

10:30 AM - Cecelia Hopmeir



PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering

Suzi Beck - Fran Campbell - Ann Dosenbach -
Harley Gardner - Patricia Jost - 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

Derek Hirtz - Tristan Moylan - Ryan O'Neil -
Jack Renick - Brian Schoellhorn - Mitch Sollmann

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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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS