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!

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered.”

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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Special collection for January is for The St. Louis Review.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS

Saturday, February 9
4:00 p.m. - W. Kveton, L. Harbaugh
Sunday, February 10
8:00 a.m. - C. Aasgaard, S. Gaydos
10:30 a.m. - B. Dowd, C. Grindel

SERVERS

Saturday, February 9
4:00 p.m. - Ben W., Colin M.
Sunday, February 10
8:00 a.m. - Bridgette F., Hendrix F.
10:30 a.m. - Gabriel S., Jake L.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, St. Agatha: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
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Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
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Go green by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to the parish website at www.saintstephensl.org and click on “Ways to Give” and then on “Giving On-Line.” You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs. Accounts and dates can be changed at any time. Email reminders let you know that the giving is about to be deducted from your account. It’s safe and easy.

Anyone needing a copy of their contribution statement for 2018 is asked to contact June Tessin at junetessinssp@gmail.com or 314-481-1133.

Unless you request to have it mailed, you can pick up your statement at the rectory during regular business hours.

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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

Last week after Masses, I mentioned a few areas around campus that had needed attention — just a few of the nuts and bolts of maintenance to keep our parish and school in working order.

Some folks commented that it was interesting to get that information and suggested that I do this more often. As a result, I thought a regular item in the bulletin would be a proper place to do just that.

So many of you generously contribute to our Renovation & Improvement fund — the pink envelopes found in your monthly giving package, and also a fund option through Online Giving. By way of reassuring you that these funds are very much needed, here are a few things we took care of last week:

- A compressor was replaced in one of the refrigerators in the cafeteria
- The grease trap in the kitchen needed to be cleared
- All drain lines in the kitchen were cable cleaned
- A parishioner skillfully painted one of our upstairs classrooms
- The intercom system for the school security doors needed to be replaced
- Our phone system was updated a few weeks ago and was reprogrammed this week
- The church organ had its yearly tuning

This is just one week’s activity.

Families have homes to maintain, and so do parishes. On behalf of this parish, I offer sincere thanks to all who are able to share their treasure with our community in this special, directed way.

Peace,

NEW COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

We are pleased to welcome to the parish staff Stephanie Wobbe, who will be helping us out part-time as the coordinator of communications. She will be producing the weekly bulletin and monthly e-newsletter, as well as helping with the website and social media for the parish and alumni.

Stephanie has been a parishioner for most of her life, and she and her husband, Mark, are months away from wrapping up their 15-year career as SSP school parents.

SPEAKING OF COMMUNICATION ...

Does the parish have your current email address and phone number on file? Please take a moment to check your copy of the latest parish directory or call the office to make sure your contact information is up to date.

If you aren’t already receiving emails from the parish, please send a note to stephaniewobbessp@gmail.com to get on the distribution. In addition to the monthly newsletter, we may send an e-blast in the event of a last-minute schedule change or important news.

Also, check out (and “like” and share) our Facebook pages for the parish (www.facebook.com/sspstl) and school (www.facebook.com/SSPCatholicSchool). Our alumni Facebook community (www.facebook.com/groups/StStephenAlumni) is a great way for you or your alumni children to stay informed and connected.

JOIN THE CREW AT STS. PETER & PAUL

One Saturday a month, volunteers from SSP cook and serve a meal for the homeless at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Soulard. More volunteers are needed — adults, teens, and seventh and eighth graders seeking service hours are all welcome!

For more information, contact Barbara Moore at 314-832-8725 or Gayle Chancellor at 314-752-2751.
THE “SAINTED” MRS. BARRETT

Dorothy Day is one of the most revered figures in the history of the American Catholic Church. As a college student in 1914, she became active in the fight for workers’ rights and many social justice causes. She became a journalist for several socialist publications. She also experienced doomed love affairs, a failed marriage, a suicide attempt, and an abortion. Her activism and tumultuous personal life eventually led her to the Catholic Church. In the early 1930s, she and Peter Maurin started the Catholic Worker Movement, which continues to this day, operating homes and soup kitchens for the poor and organizing to advocate for justice and peace issues. Dorothy Day died in 1980; her cause for canonization is under way.

In her autobiography The Long Loneliness, Dorothy Day writes of her conversion from atheistic anarchism to Catholic social consciousness. When she was eight years old, her journalist father lost his job and the Day family of six was forced to move into a dingy six-room tenement flat over a Chicago tavern. But it was at this hard time in her young life that Dorothy began to find something inspiring in the Catholic Church — an institution despised by her father.

Dorothy writes that her “first impulse toward Catholicism” was Mrs. Barrett, a neighbor and the mother of her friend Kathryn. One morning, young Dorothy burst into the Barrett apartment looking for Kathryn. Dorothy found Mrs. Barrett in the front bedroom. Mrs. Barrett was down on her knees, saying her prayers. Without dismay or embarrassment, Mrs. Barrett turned to tell little Dorothy that Kathryn and the children had all gone to the store and then went on with her praying.

That single moment had a profound impact on the young Dorothy. “I felt a burst of love toward Mrs. Barrett that I have never forgotten, a feeling of gratitude and happiness that warmed my heart,” Dorothy remembered. “Mrs. Barrett in her sordid little tenement flat finished her breakfast dishes at ten o’clock in the morning and got down on her knees and prayed to God. ... She had God, and there was beauty and joy in her life.”

Dorothy Day’s own baptism would take place two decades later, following years when the very thought of God was alien to her. But the memory of Mrs. Barrett’s kindness and peace remained with her. Mrs. Barrett probably never knew the impression her simple prayer life had on young Dorothy. Yet this mother and neighbor was a true “prophet”: the love of God was revealed in her simple dedication as a mother and the faith reflected in her own simple prayer life. God continues to raise up parents and teachers, preachers and ministers, friends and classmates to help us realize our own call to be prophets of God’s word, to embrace God’s grace enabling us to transform our own Nazareth into God’s dwelling place. May we possess the grace and wisdom to see God in the love in which others embrace us and to hear God speaking in the example of the prophets calling us, by the selfless integrity of their lives, to “proclaim” God’s kingdom justice and peace here and now.

From Connections, February 2019

STEPHEN JONES IN CONCERT

Our musical director Stephen Jones is performing a piano concert on Feb. 10, 2019, at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran (737 Barracksview Rd., 63125). Stephen will perform three of his own compositions as well as works by Debussy and Albeniz. The event is free and open to the public.

STEPHEN MINISTRY — TRAINING THIS FALL

Stephen Ministry training is moving to the fall of 2019. We would like a group large enough to benefit from experiential learning. So if the timing of the original training sessions did not work for you, perhaps later in the year may work.

Look for more detailed information in the bulletin during the summer, with classes to start in late August. Please consider joining us!

For more information, call Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717.

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 12: Holy Name Society Meeting
- February 15: Adult Pickleball
- February 19: Finance Committee Meeting
- February 21: 50+ Club Meeting
- February 23: PTO Mouse Races
- February 27: Pastoral Council Meeting
FREE INCOME TAX HELP

For those who file a federal or Missouri income tax return, AARP Tax-Aide will help individuals prepare tax forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, Circuit Breakers, and other standard schedules. Call 1-888-AARP-NOW for locations near you. Listed below are a few of the neighboring AARP sites — call 314-525-1660 for an appointment.

- Carondelet Library, 6800 Michigan, Mondays 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Carpenter Library, 3309 S. Grand, Mondays 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Buder Library, 4401 Hampton, Mondays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GAME DAY

For seven months, people from various parishes have been gathering together on the first Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the rectory basement of Immaculate Heart of Mary (4092 Blow St.). We break up into various groups and enjoy the afternoon playing a variety of games, enjoy snacks, talk, and laugh. What’s not to love?

Feel free to bring a friend or relative. Any questions — call IHM pastoral associate Debbie Gartner at 314-481-9385. (In the event of snow or ice, game day will be cancelled. Otherwise, even if it is cold outside, we will be there!)

HELP WITH UTILITIES, HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Individuals 60 years and older who are a resident of the city of St. Louis and earn up to $18,210 in gross annual income or $1,518 per month for a one-person household (increase based on the total number living in household), may be eligible to receive services through the Economic Security through Energy Resources (EASTER) program.

The program offers utility payment assistance as well as minor and major home improvement assistance.

For more information, call 314-918-2258.

SAVE THE DATE: SSP NIGHT AT BALLPARK

Mark your calendars for the evening of April 22, 2019, to enjoy another St. Stephen Night at Busch Stadium. All are invited to cheer on the Cardinals together in a block of seats in the right-field loge section. Tickets will be a discounted $20.

Our Choral Club will be singing that evening inside the stadium.

Stay tuned for more details.

SSP PTO MOUSE RACES

Join us for the first SSP PTO Mouse Races on Feb. 23, 2019, in the Parish Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the first race starts at 7 p.m. There will be games between the races as well as 50/50 and Booze Barrel Raffles. Cost is $20 per person and includes beer, wine, and soda. Feel free to supplement with your own snacks or beverages — and bring cash for bets.

Proceeds support enrichment activities for the school children and parents via the PTO.

Contact Amy Cervantes at 314-518-5735 or amycervantes31@gmail.com to make a reservation.

FIFTH GRADERS FEED THE HUNGRY

Last month the fifth graders begin their study of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. They learned that sharing God’s great gift with one another includes a responsibility to care for the poor.

The students, led by teacher Theresa Lueke, made sandwiches and soup from ingredients supplied by their families and delivered it to Xavier Winter Inn at St. Francis Xavier “College” Church. The Inn is an emergency cold-weather homeless shelter.

Thank you to our school and Mrs. Lueke for teaching our children how to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation’s application period is open. Scholarships are available for students in Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, all Catholic high schools, and any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis. The deadline for application is Feb. 28, 2019.

Concert Tribute to Broadway
Ready your hearts for Valentine’s Day! The Marianist Retreat Center is sponsoring a concert on Feb. 3, 2019, at 2 p.m., at 400 Hwy. 109, Eureka, MO 63025.

The concert, performed by seasoned professionals and some new young performers, features love songs and comedic numbers from Broadway classics such as Guys and Dolls, Les Miserables, Godspell, and Carousel.

Tickets are $20 each for adults, $5 for kids aged 7 to 17, and free for kids 6 and under. Proceeds support MRCC’s family ministry.

Encountering God: Sacraments and Sacramentality in Everyday Life
This first in a series of three lunchtime Spring Dialogues sponsored by The Aquinas Institute is presented by Rhodora Beaton, Ph.D. The event is at Il Monastero Banquet Center (3050 Olive St., 63103) on Feb. 12, 2019, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $25, which includes lunch. For more information, contact Diane Henderson at 314-256-8856 or henderson@ai.edu.

Upcoming topics and dates are “Mindful Discernment: Contemplative Prayer for Developing Practical Wisdom” on March 5, and “Straight Talk Today About the Real God” on April 9.

Eckert’s Valentine Event to Benefit SVDP
Eckert’s Restaurant & Orchard (Green Mount Road off Route 15, Belleville, Ill.) is collecting items for the needy at two Valentine Weekend events. On Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. or Feb. 17 at 12:30 p.m., enjoy a great meal and live music from an orchestra and 18 singers.

Share the love with donated items for St. Vincent de Paul food pantries. Receive one ticket for a deluxe Valentine-themed basket raffle for each non-perishable food item, clothing item, or blanket you bring.

Admission is $10-15 for adults, $8-$10 for children (free under age 5). Food and drinks are available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or call 618-409-0015 to reserve a table.

Catholic Women for Christ
The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life is hosting its periodic gathering of Catholic women at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on March 9, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event includes speakers, vendors, reconciliation, adoration, and vigil Mass. Tickets are $45 in advance, $50 at the door.

Visit www.catholicwomenforchrist.org, or contact Alyssa Bergman at alyssabergman@archstl.org or 314-792-7185 to register.

Griffin Theatre’s Bedtime Stories
Calling all elementary and preschool-aged kids! Vianney High School is inviting you to be our guest on March 8 at 9 a.m. for Bedtime Stories. To make reservations for the complimentary performance, please email Monica Sabatino at msabatino@vianney.com before March 6. Questions, call 314-965-4853, x134.

Birthright Run for Life
The 18th Annual Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is March 30, 2019, at Creve Coeur Lake.

Register for the 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, or Quarter-Mile Kids Run — with Fredbird — at run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

Meeting Our Neighbors
The Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs is offering two upcoming events in the spirit of meeting our neighbors.

On Feb. 10, 2019, at 9 a.m., all are invited to celebrate Chinese New Year with a short presentation and opportunity to witness a meditation in the Chinese Buddhist tradition at Fo Guang Shan St. Louis Buddhist Center (3109 Smiley Rd. in Bridgeton).

On March 10, 2019, at 3:15 p.m., the Turkish American Society of Missouri (664 Lemay Ferry Rd.) is hosting a presentation and mingling.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, February 4**
8:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Hours, Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, February 5**
8:00 a.m. - Rev. Ted Pieper

**Wednesday, February 6**
8:00 a.m. - Rose & Ben Hegger

**Thursday, February 7**
8:00 a.m. - Francis Hunleth

**Friday, February 8**
8:00 a.m. - Mike Bauer

**Saturday, February 9**
8:00 a.m. - Rev. Joseph J. Ryan
4:00 p.m. - Bob & Jean Westrich

**Sunday, February 10**
8:00 a.m. - Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m. - Polo & Karmela Vushaj

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**PLEASE PRAY**

for our sick and recovering ...
Dave Asinger  Dwayne Hickey  Grace Phillips
Suzi Beck  Jack Jung  Vince Stehlin
Jerry Buchet  Thomas Lorenz
Fran Campbell  Lois McClellan
Ann Dosenbach  Steve Moylan

for our homebound ...
Jeanette Holmer  Albertine Honious  Rose Schuster

for those in nursing homes ...
Ellie Kearns  Olivia “Dee Dee” Owen  Shirley Weathers
Dolores Meisemann

for family members serving in the military ...
Derek Hirtz  Ryan O’Neil  Brian Schoellhorn
Tristan Moylan  Jack Renick  Mitch Sollmann

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**DEVOTIONS**

**Tuesday** - after 8 a.m. Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

**Wednesday** - 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: 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 a.m. Mass.
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