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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Due to an early deadline for the April 14 bulletin, we do not have the Sunday contribution figures. They will be included in next week’s bulletin.

Special collections in April are for Catholic Home Mission Appeal, Holy Land, and Retired Priests.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

SSP is such a warm and welcoming place, it seems that the neighborhood birds want to make us their home. We recently spent approximately $1,200 to secure the roof on the church and school.

Thank you again for your continued monetary support of the parish and school.

50+ CLUB — CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The 50+ meeting date has changed for April only to Thursday, April 25, 2019, due to April 18 being Holy Thursday. As always, the meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

Reminder about our trip to Fairmount Park on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Cost is $16. We are carpooling, but please sign up at the meeting so we can plan.

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 22: Night at the Ballpark
- April 27: Fishpot Creek Bluegrass Band at 4 p.m. Mass
- May 5: First Communion
- June 12: Parish Picnic

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14
Outdoor procession, weather permitting, at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18
8 a.m.— Morning Prayer*
10 a.m.— Chrism Mass at Cathedral Basilica
7 p.m.— Mass of the Lord’s Supper
9 p.m.— Night Prayer*

Good Friday, April 19
8 a.m.— Morning Prayer*
3 p.m.— Stations of the Cross
7 p.m.— Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
9 p.m.— Tenebrae*

Holy Saturday, April 20
8 a.m.— Morning Prayer*

Easter Vigil, April 20
8 p.m.— Celebration of the Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.— Mass

WHAT’S THAT ALL ABOUT?

Q: What are Morning/Evening Prayer and Tenebrae?
A: The Liturgy of the Hours is the daily prayer of the Church, most commonly associated with the Divine Office as practiced by religious communities. During the Triduum, we at SSP participate in this universal practice for about 15 minutes of antiphonal prayer, scripture, and song. Tenebrae is a special version of night prayer to observe silence and darkness before the Easter celebration of life and light.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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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.”

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS
Holy Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.— S. Gunter, C. Grindel
Good Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m.— TBD
Easter Vigil, April 20
8:00 p.m.— TBD
Easter Sunday, April 21
8:00 a.m.— G. Joly, E. Joly
10:30 a.m.— W. Kveton, T. Jenney

SERVERS
Holy Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.— Ben W., Luke W., Katie W., Brian B.
Good Friday, April 19
7:00 p.m.— Aaron V., Colin M.
Easter Vigil, April 20
8:00 p.m.— Connor H., Jack S., Zach M.
Easter Sunday, April 21
8:00 a.m.— Tommy G., Mary Kate C.
10:30 a.m.— Hendrix F., Aiden J.

SSP NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK
Let’s go out to the ballgame! The SSP Choral Club will be singing at the ballpark again. All are invited to cheer on the Cardinals against the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:45 p.m. We are selling regularly priced $43 tickets for only $20. Tickets are available for purchase in the school and rectory offices.

ECO BOOK FAIR
Our school is having an Eco Book Fair to celebrate Earth Day and promote literacy. The fair will run Friday, April 26, 2019, through Sunday, April 28, 2019, and will be open after all Masses that weekend. We’re collecting used and new books, especially books for kids and young adults, to sell at low prices. You can call Ellen Kunkelmann at 314-322-8232 to arrange pickup or drop books off at school during office hours.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday of Holy Week: Is 42: 1-7; Ps 27: 1-3; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday of Holy Week: Is 5-:4-9a; 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, 15-18; 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, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c
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, 11-12a, 13b
Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11
Ez 36:16-17, 18-28; Pss 42:3, 5, 43:3-4
Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
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; Lk 24:1-12

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

Mark your donation “Easter 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.

In memory / honor of: __________________________
______________________________
______________________________

Donated by: __________________________
What is the most precious thing you own?

What is that one thing that defines who you are, that one thing that you would be totally lost without?

Your job? Your profession? Is it your work that gives your life meaning? Do you find your identity in what you do as a doctor, a lawyer, a manager, a police officer, a health care worker, carpenter, a computer tech? Does your work express what you want to make of your life and your world?

So are you willing to lay it all down on the road?

Or is it your skill as a writer, a cook, a carpenter, a painter? Do you find your life’s satisfaction in what you create? Do you find your joy in expressing what others are unable to express and see their awe and delight at what you are able to communicate in the medium you work in? Or is your greatest joy the pleasure you bring with your beef bourguignon or chili or chocolate chip cookies?

Or do you do you consider yourself blessed to be able to fix what is broken or restore what’s been lost?

Will you lay it all down on the road?

Or maybe it’s being a loving parent or grandparent; a patient, generous teacher; a successful coach that can make a team out of a bunch of players.

Will you lay it all down on the road?

Whatever it is that makes you the person you are, whatever gifts you possess that give your life purpose and meaning — will you lay it all down on the road?

Would you lay your work, your talents, your love before the “One who comes in the name of the Lord?”

There is something noticeably missing in Luke’s version of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: palm branches. Unlike Matthew and Mark’s accounts, Luke makes no mention of palms being waved or hosannas being sung. In Luke’s account of Jesus’ entry into the city, the people place along Jesus’ path their single most important possession: their cloaks. A cloak was the most expensive article of clothing one possessed; most people owned only one that was constantly mended and never discarded. For the poorest of the poor, a cloak was more than an article of clothing: it was their shelter and home. The holy poor of Luke’s narrative place all that they have at the disposal of the Messiah. To be disciples of the Redeemer Jesus is to “lay down” at the service of one another whatever we have and are, to “empty” ourselves (as the Apostle Paul writes in today’s second reading) our comforts and fears and pride in order to become vessels of God’s life and love in our own Jerusalems, in our own Holy Week journeys.

From Connections, April 2019

RAZZLE DAZZLE — SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our Razzle Dazzle musical extravaganza scheduled for June 21-23, 2019. Stay tuned for information about participating. The show is open to parishioners of all ages.

OUR PICNIC IS AROUND THE CORNER

The Parish Picnic Committee is in full swing, preparing for the big event on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, “Like” the Picnic page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ssppicnic.

HELP WANTED — VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are still looking for that special someone who would be interested in coordinating our Vacation Bible School this summer. There are many worker-bee volunteers at the ready to help; we are in need of a person to manage the moving parts. Contact Mary Regan at 314-481-1133 or maryreganssp@gmail.com.

QUILT RAFFLE

The Every-Other-Month Quilt Raffle is in full swing. The first drawing is April 25. There will be six drawings in all: April, June, August, October, and December 2019, and February 2020. Buying now means maximum chances to win! Tickets are still available at the rectory or after Mass on Sundays.
Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

During this Lenten season, we seek to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and sacrifice, and it is in that light that I write to you today.

The annual Archbishop’s Collection for Retired Priests will be taking place on Easter Sunday. This collection serves to provide support and care for the priests who have sacrificed so much for our parishes and communities. The Archbishop’s Collection for Retired Priests is an opportunity to give back to those who give so much.

Through spiritual milestones and decades of service, our priests are there when you, your family, and your fellow parishioners count on them. But in retirement, it will be the priests who count on you for prayers and support so that they can continue to serve in the name of God. Your individual contributions help meet the needs of our priests during this period of aging and disability.

For the continued prosperity of our parishes and our archdiocese, it is essential that we support our priests and provide them with the peace of mind that they will be cared for in retirement. With our support, they can continue to give the entirety of their effort toward serving you, your loved ones, and your faith.

Please help to ensure that this care is available for retired priests now and in the future by contributing to the Archbishop’s Collection for Retired Priests on Easter Sunday. You can also contribute online by visiting www.archstl.org/RetiredPriests. The Archdiocese and our priests are deeply grateful for your support.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

The St. Louis Metro Singers (with whom Betsy and Gary Stoff sing) will present a concert of inspirational Lenten music entitled “Then Sings My Soul” at St. Anthony of Padua (3140 Meramec St.) on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 3 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but a free-will offering will be collected. Come join these outstanding singers in an emotional musical experience for the Lenten season.

St. Joseph Housing Initiative is a faith-based organization dedicated to helping St. Louis City residents build financial security through homeownership.

Currently focused in the Dutchtown / Bevo / Carondelet neighborhoods, the group renovates and sells houses at an affordable price to low- and moderate-income families, providing additional resources and support along the way.

If you are interested in becoming a homeowner, have a house to sell, or would like to donate, call Maureen at 314-919-6176 or visit www.stjosephhousing.org.

There are loving church members available to watch your active toddlers and preschoolers during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you would like some peaceful prayer time, come to St. Stephen’s nursery program, located in the rectory basement, which can be reached from the alley door at the west transept of the church.

A parent or high school student volunteer watches one– to four-year-olds during the hour of Mass. There are many age-appropriate toys and books for the children. We also play Bible and nursery rhyme music and enjoy a light snack. It is a fun time for these small children of our parish to meet and play together!

Call Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 for more information or to volunteer your time in this ministry.

April 14, 2019
GRANT’S FARM-SOLDIERS MEMORIAL TRIP
Join South Grand Senior Ministry on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, for a visit to Grant’s Farm and the newly renovated Soldiers Memorial.
We will depart from Immaculate Heart of Mary (4092 Blow St.) at 8 a.m. and head to Grant’s Farm, where we will spend the morning and have lunch. After lunch, we will get back on the bus and head to the Soldiers Memorial downtown. At the museum, you will have time to explore the general exhibits as well as the WWI at Soldiers Memorial exhibit. The bus will return to IHM at 3:30 p.m.
The cost of the trip is $35 per person for parishioners of SGSM parishes and $40 per person for non-SGSM participants, which includes lunch at Grant’s Farm. To make reservations, please contact Heather at 314-351-1318, x201, before May 15. Mail a check payable to “South Grand Senior Ministry” and send to 5418 Louisiana Ave., 63111. Please include your name, phone number, parish, and emergency contact name and phone number.

THE CONVERSATION: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES
Conversations about illness, death, and dying are never easy. Whether death comes suddenly or after prolonged illness, most of us are not comfortable discussing our medical wishes or end-of-life plans with our loved ones.
However, being prepared ensures that your final wishes are followed. It is important for you and your loved ones to understand the Church’s teachings on end-of-life decisions.
The Roman Catholic Foundation is hosting a free seminar on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr.) for people of all ages and life situations. Topics include: The Principles of Catholic Bioethics; Advance Directives & Estate Planning; Charitable Gift Planning; and Funeral & Cemetery Planning.
Lunch will be provided. To register, please call 314-918-2892 or visit rcfstl.org/the-conversation.

UPCOMING AED / CPR CERTIFICATION
We have scheduled certification and recertification classes for AED and CPR for coaches, scout leaders, parishioners, ushers, and any others who are interested.
You have your choice of either Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 7 p.m., or Sunday, May 19, 2019, after 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no charge to participate. Please contact Mary Regan at 314-481-1133 or maryreganssp@gmail.com to register.
If you are already certified through work or otherwise, please send us a copy of your card or bring it to the rectory for copying for our records.

STS. PETER & PAUL TRIVIA NIGHT
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church invites you to a Trivia Night on Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Franklin Room (816 Allen Ave.). Cost is $160 for a table of eight, which includes beer and soda. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., trivia begins at 7 p.m. The emcee for the evening is Mike Roberts, former meteorologist at KSDK-TV.
Contact Donna Hobart at 314-780-3870 for information or to pay with a credit card. Checks made payable to “Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church” can be mailed to 1919 S. 7th St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

A CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS
KENRICK GLENNON DAYS
CAMP ONE (RISING 6TH & 7TH): JUNE 3-5
CAMP TWO (RISING 8TH & 9TH): JUNE 6-8
stlvocations.org/kgd
Tuesdays, after 8 a.m. Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.: Church is available for Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the rectory for entry.

First Friday of the Month, after 8 a.m. Mass: Holy Hour and Benediction

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Fridays at 2 p.m.

Parish Office Hours 314-481-1133
Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Bulletin Article Deadline
Monday at 12:00 p.m. prior to the weekend bulletin.

Sacramental Celebrations
Eucharist
Saturday evening vigil:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (nursery available)
Monday: Liturgy of the Word
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday through Saturday: Mass
8:00 a.m.
Holy Day:
8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

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.