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

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used, or like our opinion doesn’t matter. It takes courage to “love my neighbor” when he may be someone I don’t like, someone I don’t know or someone who doesn’t look like me.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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R & I: $297.00  
Tuition Assistance: $484.00  
Black & Indian Missions: $60.00  
Central/Eastern Europe: $60.00  
Holy Land: $100.00  
Society for the Propagation of the Faith: $150.00  
Retired Priests: $100.00

Special collection in May is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS

Saturday, May 25  
8:00 a.m.— E. Kovac, R. Moylan  
10:30 a.m.— B. McLain, C. McGeehan

Sunday, May 26  
8:00 a.m.— Tommy G., Sam C.  
10:30 a.m.— Luke W., Gregory F.

SERVERS

Saturday, May 25  
4:00 p.m.— T. Jenney, P. O’Connell

Sunday, May 26  
8:00 a.m.— Gabriel S., Elijah S.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

One of our recent expenses is the repair and resurfacing of our parking lots. Holes were patched and filled last week, and the seal coating will happen after the Parish Picnic. The total cost of the project is $20,017.

In addition, in our continuing effort to have the safest campus possible, we are upgrading all school doors to those with an interior push bar (“panic bar”) to facilitate easier exit. We do not have a final bid for this project.

This summer — also in the interest of security — we plan to reconfigure the school office and relocate the main entrance from the bell-tower doors to the trophy-case doors. Visitors will enter directly into the office, no longer having to walk through a good portion of the school before getting there.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
Friday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday in the Fifth Week of Easter: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTMARTYR

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| Liturgy of the Word 8 a.m.  
Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Preschool Graduation 6 p.m. | Mass 8 a.m.  
Perpetual Help Devotions  
Finance Meeting 7 p.m. | All School Mass 8 a.m.  
8th Grade Graduation 6 p.m. | Mass 8 a.m.  
SGSM Exercise 9 a.m.  
Adult Pickleball 7 p.m. | All School Mass 8 a.m.  
Mass 8 & 10:30 a.m. | Mass 4 p.m. |
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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Summer Sunday Mass schedule begins June 2.
There will be one Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m.
No change to Saturday Mass at 4 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE AT THE READY

Stephen Ministers are people who feel called to be companions to those in need of some extra care, particularly those who are experiencing a crisis, loneliness, loss of a spouse, retirement changes, anxiety, depression, hospitalization, grief, chronic or terminal illness, or being shut-in.

This ministry is completely confidential.
There are trained ministers who are available to begin weekly visits to those in need. If you or someone you know could benefit from such ministry, please contact Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 or leighsgsm@gmail.com.

The next training for new ministers in the South Grand Senior Ministry area will begin Aug. 20, 2019, and run through the fall. If you feel called to this ministry of caring, supporting, and listening, please contact Leigh for more information.

GLENNON SUNDAY

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the country. When Cardinal Glennon opened its doors in 1956, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

Many of you will remember the story of John Smith, a young man who fell through the ice of a frozen lake and was without a pulse for nearly an hour. His odds-defying recovery is the subject of the new movie “Breakthrough.”

Please join us in making miracles like John’s possible by making a donation at Mass during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 1-2, 2019, or online at www.glennon.org. Parishioner Carol-Anne Lorenz will be speaking at both Masses that weekend to share a bit about her own very personal experience with Cardinal Glennon as the sister and mother of two special people receiving ongoing care for leukemia.

On behalf of patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith, and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

ALL AGES, ALL STAGES

Are you suffering from lack of mobility, chronic pain, or fear of falling? This class is for you!

Get some pep in your step, breathe freely, and meet wonderful people. Come to Balance and Revitalize Class with Eileen Kinsella, RSMT, IDME, BCTMB. Participants will discover how to find their balance, find their own body proportion, increase flexibility, access strength, open the joints, align the spine, and free the breath.

All are welcome!

Classes are held on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the St. Stephen Parish Hall.

Please contact Eileen at 314-608-3862 or embodied.life.living@gmail.com with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 29: Pastoral Council Meeting
- June 2: Summer Sunday Mass Schedule Begins
- June 8: Parish Grounds Clean-up Day
- June 12: Parish Picnic
- June 21-23: Razzle Dazzle Musical Revue
- June 24-28: Vacation Bible School
The phone rings for the sixth time in less than an hour. She knows who it is. It’s her mother — again. It’s 8 o’clock on a cold spring night. It has been a long day: her five-year-old has been a handful since she got up, and she has been on crutches for seven weeks, recovering from surgery.

A stroke claimed her mother’s brain, leaving her dogged by paranoia and in a fog of dementia. Every call is a challenge: the same conversation again and again, the same reassurance that her mom is not being evicted from her home, the same insisting that she had just been to see her mother just the day before.

She held it together for the first five calls; she doesn’t think she can handle a sixth. But she picks up the phone again. Her patience deserts her and she quickly finds herself yelling at her mother — or the woman who used to be her mother.

Worn out, she flops on the couch, frustrated and angry — at herself.

That’s when her five-year old comes over and asks, “Can I talk to Grandma Ellie?”

“She hands over the phone to her daughter.

“Hi, Grandma!”

She hears her mother exclaim through the receiver. “Sweetheart! How are you? Did you go to school today?”

What is this? All she said was “Hi, Grandma,” and her mother sounds like a person fully alert to the heartbeat of a normal day.

“Yes, Grandma, and today was share day and I brought my Wonder Woman bracelets.”

“Can you put it on speaker?” she whispers to her daughter.

She obliges, and out of the phone comes a waterfall of good cheer. Her mother tells her daughter how much she loves her and how lovely her voice sounds. Then:

“I hope I’ll see you soon?” Her mother makes her plea for a promise of companionship.

She hears her mother’s voice differently now. She softens as she watches her little girl handle her fragile grandmother with such deftness.

“Grandma, we are taking you to the carousel this weekend. I’m going on the frog, and you can go on the horse next to me.”

“Oh, that’s wonderful, darling!”

“Tell me, did you go to school today?” She already asked that, but her daughter doesn’t miss a beat.

“Yes, Grandma, I went to school and we had share day. I brought my Wonder Woman bracelets.”

“You did? How wonderful!”

“Do you want me to sing you a song? I know three songs from ‘Annie’.”

And then the little girl sings.

It is an epiphany for her:

“I listen to my daughter crooning to her grandmother, caring for her with exquisite patience. I spend so much time wishing she had a ‘real’ grandmother, wishing she knew my ‘real’ mother. In this moment, I see that she does have a real grandmother, and she does have a real relationship with her.

“When they hang up, after many kissing noises, I tell my daughter it is bath time. She wildly protests, but I draw the bath anyway. I am still Mommy after all, and she is still five.

“And yet tonight, she taught me how to answer the phone like a grown-up.”

[From “This is How You Pick Up a Phone” by Leslie Kendall Dye, The New York Times, November 3, 2017.]

Jesus’s commandment to love can be most difficult when it comes to those we love most: when our patience is all but gone, when our hurt is most raw, when our frustration and exhaustion make us most susceptible to striking back. But, as this mom learns from her five-year-old, patient, humble, generous love grows stronger the more it is tested, endures and remains steadfast the more it is pulled, continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged. Our very identity as disciples of Christ is centered in such persistent and constant love; our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely and unconditionally, as God has loved us in his Christ.

From Connections, May 2019
TAILGATE SALE
St. Wenceslaus Parish (3014 Oregon Ave.) is hosting a tailgate sale on Saturday, June 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are still spaces available for $17 each. Barbeque will be available for purchase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or space reservations, please call Tim at 314-814-0486.

CARONDELET CONCERTS IN THE PARK
The Carondelet Community Betterment Foundation, along with support from area businesses and residents, is once again sponsoring a season of concerts in three of our neighborhood parks.

There is no charge to attend, but donations are always welcome at www.carondelettliving.com.

Carondelet Park, Sundays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
June 2 — Bob Kuban Band (variety)
June 9 — Mary D. Spikener’s On Call Band (blues)
June 16 — Miss Jubilee (hot jazz)
June 23 — Mystic Voyage (variety)
June 30 — Starlifter — USAF Band of the Midwest (pop)
July 7 — Power Play (variety)
July 14 — Dirty Muggs (hip hop)
July 21 — LOOPRAT (jazz/hip hop)
July 28 — Cree Rider Family Band (Americana/country)
August 4* — Memories of Elvis (tribute)
August 11* — Soulard Blues Band (blues)
August 19* — Cornet Chop Suey (jazz)

South St. Louis Square Park, Mondays, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
June 3 — Melissa Neels Band (blues/rock/oldies)
June 10 — Diesel Island (classic country)
June 17 — Dave and Greg Band (acoustic multi-genre)
June 24 — Grass Fed Mule (hippie bluegrass)

Fanetti Park, Mondays/Tuesdays, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
July 1 — Bull Harman and Bulls Eye (bluegrass)
July 2 — Tommy Halloran (blues/jazz)
July 8 — Bug Tussle (bluegrass)
July 9 — Gaslight Squares (traditional jazz)
July 15 — Dennis Stroughmatt et L’Esprit Creole (bluegrass)
July 16 — Sadie Hawkins Day String Band (mountain)
July 22 — That Dalton Gang (bluegrass)
July 23 — Dock Ellis Band (classic country)
July 29 — Chris Talley Trio (bluegrass)
July 30 — Leslie Sanazaro (blues/jazz)

*August concerts begin at 5:30 p.m.

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE
Come one, come all, and join your fellow parishioners and school families in cleaning up the grounds for the picnic. Join us on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 9 a.m. on the bell tower lot. Bring your gardening tools and sunscreen to pull some weeds, spread some mulch, and generally clean up to make sure our grounds are at their best for our neighborhood!

The Plant Booth is now called Garden Thyme and is collecting new garden tools, gloves, backyard ornaments, etc., as well as plant startings, bulbs, and plants. There will soon be a box in the back of church for garden items — NOT PLANTS. Please do not bring plants to church; save the plants until set-up on June 11 or picnic morning. We can also pick up, if needed. While you’re getting your own garden started, consider picking up an additional plant or hanging basket for the booth. Contact Ginny Wunderlich at 314-481-1643 with questions.

Keep those goodies coming for Ring-A-Bottle Booth! This booth accepts toys, books, small household items (no glass, please). Contact Bridgette Fyvie at 314-477-9008 with questions.

Don’t forget to save us the cost of mailing by picking up your (and/or maybe your neighbor’s) picnic envelope from the back of church.

Thanks to our generous SSP Picnic Booth Sponsors who contributed more than $5,000 last year to help underwrite the cost of the picnic! If your family or business would like to be a picnic sponsor, please pick up a flyer located near all church doors. Complete the form on the back and return to the rectory. Contact Gina Joly at 314-882-8762 or jolygg@gmail.com for more information.
SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM A BUSY SPRING SEASON AT SCHOOL

Top left: Our fifth grade Dancing Classrooms team waltzing their way to the Colors of the Rainbow final competition on May 7.

Center left: Fourth graders learning to climb a tree the professional way.

Center: Fourth graders celebrating Harry Potter Day.

Center right: The culminating performance of our after-school Drama Club, facilitated by school mom Julie Hickey.

Bottom left: The final meeting of the Readers to Leaders program.

Bottom right: A scene from our after-school Video Production class, facilitated by school dad Ryan Hanlon.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 20**
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

**Tuesday, May 21**
8:00 a.m.— John Louis

**Wednesday, May 22**
8:00 a.m.— Polo & Karmela Vushaj

**Thursday, May 23**
8:00 a.m.— Marie Bocklage

**Friday, May 24**
8:00 a.m.— Rev. John Blomberg

**Saturday, May 25**
8:00 a.m.— Virginia Schwartz
4:00 p.m.— Pat Janson

**Sunday, May 26**
8:00 a.m.— Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m.— Carroll Simon

**PLEASE PRAY**

for our sick and recovering ...
Florence Arcipowski  Ann Dosenbach  Steve Moylan
Dave Asinger        Wence Kveton      Grace Phillips
Suzi Beck           Thomas Lorenz     Vince Stehlin
Liz Bentrup         Lois McClellan   Virginia Zenthoefer

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

for those in nursing homes ...
Al Eckert            Ellie Kears
                      Dolores Meisemann

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

**DEVOTIONS**

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

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**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.