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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Jesus said,
“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”
John 14:26

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019
STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“… do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety, or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

| May 19 Contribution        | $ 2,821.00 |
| Online giving contribution | $ 2,794.00 |
| Total weekly contribution  | $ 5,615.00 |
| R & I                      | $ 131.00   |
| Tuition Assistance         | $ 844.00   |
| Catholic Communications    | $ 71.00    |

Special collection in May is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

BLESSING OF MINISTERS

During each of our Masses next weekend (June 1 and 2) Father Ron will be commissioning all liturgical ministers — ushers, greeters, lectors, musicians, choir members, cantors, and Eucharistic ministers. Anyone serving in these roles is invited to come forward to receive this special blessing.

OUR NEWEST SERVERS

We are pleased to welcome 11 new altar servers from our rising fourth-grade class. Our new servers will be ministering at the summer weekday Masses. They appreciate your patience and support as they learn the ropes!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS

- Saturday, June 1
  4:00 p.m.— C. Prag, L. Rahn
- Sunday, June 2
  9:30 a.m.— Z. Mueller, R. Rone

SERVERS

- Saturday, June 1
  4:00 p.m.— Abigail S., Aidan J.
- Sunday, June 2
  9:30 a.m.— Jack S., Brody Z.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday in the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday in the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday in the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday in the Sixth Week of Easter: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:23, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday St. Justin, Martyr: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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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.
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.

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.

MISSION APPEAL

Sr. M. Godeliva Subyeki will be speaking at both Masses during the weekend of June 15-16, 2019, on behalf of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora and their ministries in Tanzania.

The charism of the congregation is love and service, and all community members engage in activities such as health care, pastoral ministry, social works, education, women, and youth development. Education and healthcare services are particularly directed to rural areas, where they serve poor nomadic people, orphans, and deaf children.

Any donations made during Sister’s visit will be used in support of a well at the Tabora diocesan school.

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.

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.
### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all kids entering preschool up through fifth grade — Vacation Bible School will be taking a trip around the world to learn about saints, prayer, and how to grow closer to our Lord! VBS will be held **June 24-28, 2019**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the SSP hall and cafeteria.


We are in need of **Art, Snack, and Game core team members** to plan and run those stations. If you are interested in one of these larger volunteer roles, please email Pam Bruce at pamelabrucessp@gmail.com as soon as possible.


If you are interested in donating supplies, please email Pam at pamelabrucessp@gmail.com.

Thanks again to SSP faculty member Pam Bruce for stepping up to coordinate VBS this year!

### CARONDELET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On **June 15, 2019**, more than 20 historical museums and sites in St. Louis, St. Louis County, and Illinois are hosting open houses. Among these museums is the **Carondelet Historical Society** (6303 Michigan Ave.), which will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Docents will be available for tours. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available.

The Society has graciously invited our 7th and 8th graders to display their recently completed research projects on the Carondelet and Holly Hills neighborhoods during the open house.

### MISSION CARNIVAL 2019

Our school hosted the annual Mission Carnival on **March 5, 2019**, coordinated by teacher **Nancy Anglo** and the 8th grade class.

This year’s carnival raised $2,000, which was donated to **Friends of Honduras** to help bring clean water to the village of Guanacosta.

Friends of Honduras is a community development project led by SSP alumnus **John Hock** (’64) and his wife Marilyn.

### FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the Fall 2019 season of soccer and volleyball at [https://ezrosters.com/stl-ssp](https://ezrosters.com/stl-ssp).

Soccer is Pre-K through 8th grade, and volleyball is 3rd grade through 8th grade. Fee is **$60** for 3rd through 8th grade soccer and volleyball players. Fee is **$50** for Pre-K-2nd grade soccer.

Please make every effort to register your child by June 7, as these are the counts used by the league when forming teams. Those registered after this date will incur a **$30** late fee.

If you have any questions, please email **Jason Joly** (president) or **Gretchen Simons** (treasurer) at sspathletics@gmail.com.

### HELP WANTED

**Regina Cleri Home** on the Cardinal Rigali Campus in Shrewsbury is looking for two server / dishwasher employees, one full-time and one part-time. Regina Cleri is a rewarding work environment in which you would serve our retired Archdiocesan priests.

Both positions operate on a split shift from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter to [humanresources@archstl.org](mailto:humanresources@archstl.org) and reference “Regina Cleri” in the subject line. No phone calls, please.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- June 8: Parish Grounds Clean-up Day
- June 12: Parish Picnic
- June 21-23: Razzle Dazzle Musical Revue
- June 24-28: Vacation Bible School
- Aug. 11: Backpack Blessing / Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 14: First Day of School
PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

Calling all parishioners! We would love to have your help on picnic day to **work one of our booths**. We have several booths staffed by school families and several dedicated to the parishioners. If you could spare an hour or two, please contact the following people:

- **Sno Cone / Drewes / Pretzel**: Tom Kunkel (314-351-4948)
- **Chuck Wagon**: Will & Meghan Hartzler (314-749-1767)
- **Garden Thyme**: Ginny & Anne Wunderlich (314-481-1643)
- **Raffles of Fun**: Maureen Stroer (314-457-0188)
- **Chicken Dinners**: Jim & Pam Gunter (314-210-1225)

Set aside some time on Saturday, **June 8**, at 9 a.m., to **clean up** the grounds before the picnic. Bring your gardening tools and sunscreen to help pull weeds, spread mulch, and do general sprucing up to present our best face to the neighborhood!

New booths this year include **Kiddie Basketball** for our youngest friends; **Minute to Win It**, designed by Greg Venneman; and **Dime Toss**, a new game of chance.

Please continue to look for treasures for our **Ring-A-Bottle** and **Garden Thyme** booths. You may leave items for these booths in the back of church — except for plants. Please bring donated plants to the Garden Thyme booth at picnic set-up or on picnic morning.

Many thanks for our generous **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 in the back of church. Questions? Contact **Gina Joly** at 314-882-8762 or jolygg@gmail.com.

From Connections, May 2019
Quartermary Auction and Vendor Fair

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (4092 Blow St.) is hosting a quarter auction and vendor fair on Friday, June 7, 2019. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; auction begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Paddles are $5 each or three for $10. Reservations are not required, but if you would like to reserve a table for eight, please call Brenda at 314-517-2604. Tea, lemonade, and water will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own food and beverages.

Workshop at Aquinas Institute

Aquinas Institute of Theology (23 S. Spring Ave.) is hosting a workshop called How God Speaks to Us, for seekers and spiritual directors, on Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The presenter is Bill Huebsch, spiritual director, writer, and international speaker.

The cost is $50, which includes lunch and parking. To register, visit www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804.
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 27
9:00 a.m. — Virginia Schwartz

Tuesday, May 28
8:00 a.m. — Bourisaw Family

Wednesday, May 29
8:00 a.m. — Dorothy Williams

Thursday, May 30
8:00 a.m. — Tom Guntli

Friday, May 31
8:00 a.m. — Nancy Marty

Saturday, June 1
8:00 a.m. — Pauline Kveton
4:00 p.m. — Bill Jost

Sunday, June 2
9:30 a.m. — Leo Esswein / Our Parishioners

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  Jack Renick  Mitch Sollmann
Tristan Moylan  Brian Schoellhorn
Ryan O’Neil  Dylan Schultz

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

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.