St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

The Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. — Romans 5:5b

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**

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth ...” (John 16:13)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION**

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Special collections in June are for Cardinal Glennon Sunday and Peter’s Pence.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**
- Saturday, June 22
  - 4:00 p.m. — L. Driscoll, S. Gaydos
- Sunday, June 23
  - 9:30 a.m. — S. Gunter, L. Harbaugh

**SERVERS**
- Saturday, June 22
  - 4:00 p.m. — Brian B., Colin M.
- Sunday, June 23
  - 9:30 a.m. — Aaron V., Katie W.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Work will begin this summer to reconfigure the principal and administrative assistant offices and move the main school entrance to the “trophy-case doors.”

We hope to complete this project before the start of the school year on August 14.

Parishioners or school parents who do construction-related work are invited to submit bids for the various aspects of this project. For more information, please contact Facilities Manager Bob Wiley at 314-481-1133 as soon as possible.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
**Friday, St. Aloysius Gonzaga:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34
**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR**

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<td>50+ Club Meeting 11 a.m.</td>
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<td>SGSM Exercise 9 a.m.</td>
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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.

BLESSINGS OF BEING A STEPHEN MINISTER

When our current Stephen Ministers involved with SGSM were asked about the most rewarding part of their ministry, they responded:

“I have a new friend who tells me to come visit anytime.”

“Appreciation for God’s perfect timing.”

“Being appreciated. Helping with loneliness. Talking about things she wouldn’t talk about with family. Praying with and for each other.”

“Seeing my care receiver’s face light up when I come. Appreciating the closeness I have with them. Learning from them.”

Since 1975, more than 600,000 Christians from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. They became Stephen Ministers as a way to help others who were hurting — but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways as well.

Come find out for yourself! Join our next training class starting August 20, 2019. Contact Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 for more information.

RAZZLE DAZZLE 2019

Make plans to catch a performance of Razzle Dazzle, an SSP tradition since 1985! Parishioners young and not-so-young will be performing selections from four popular Broadway shows.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. Tickets will be sold at the door for $5. Proceeds will support SSP’s music ministry.

OUR ALUMNI SHINE

Several SSP graduates were recently named to the second semester honor roll at Bishop DuBourg High School. First honors (3.5+ GPA) — Peter Junker, Sarah Schulte, and Alex Venneman. Second honors (3.0-3.4999 GPA) — Michelle Kimack and Valerie Shelton. Well done!

HELP WANTED

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O’Fallon, Mo., have two new job openings — an IT Manager / Office Manager, and an RN or an LPN to assist the community’s Health and Wellness Coordinator.

More information can be found at www.cpps-ofallon.org.

LIFE TEEN: CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

The Young Catholic Musicians, an orchestra and choir of young people aged 10 to 17, will be holding auditions during June and July. These young people lead music for Mass once a month at different churches in the Archdiocese and perform a Christmas and spring concert. For more information, visit www.archstl.org/musicians.

Contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314-231-7464 to schedule an audition.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all kids entering preschool up through fifth grade — Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the SSP hall and cafeteria.


If you can donate supplies, please sign up for specific items listed at https://tinyurl.com/y24tzqh9 or email pamelabrucessp@gmail.com.
NEW TO THE PARISH FAMILY

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family, Elizabeth Engler and Brendan Anthony, who registered recently.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Born to new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the waters of baptism, we congratulate Elliot Haines, son of Ryan and Michelle Haines, who was baptized recently.

CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY

Our best wishes are with Nicholas Rettig and Melissa Marks, who entered into the covenant of holy matrimony on May 25, 2019. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Michael Esswein.

NUTRITION AND THE AMERICAN SENIOR

Please join South Grand Senior Ministry for an Aging Wisely workshop on nutrition misconceptions and what you should be consuming.

The presentation by Holly Steen, nutrition student at Fontbonne University, will take place in the Centennial Room at St. Cecilia (5400 Louisiana) on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. and includes lunch. Park on the lot and use the gym doors.

To make a reservation, please call Heather at 314-351-1318, ext. 201, before July 11.

ALL AGES, ALL STAGES

Get some pep in your step at Balance and Revitalize Class with Eileen Kinsella.

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.

Classes are held on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the St. Stephen parish hall. Contact Eileen at 314-608-3862 or embodied.life.living@gmail.com with any questions.
Spend the day reflecting, praying, and discerning who you are truly meant to be. The day will include music and prayer, wisdom from theologians and prophets, silence and sharing. Cost is $60; lunch is included.

**Special overnight package pricing** for both events is available. For information or to purchase tickets, call 314-909-4677, email rdepew@mercycenterstl.org, or visit www.mercycenterstl.org.

These events are a fundraiser benefiting Mercy Center and are sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas-South Central Community.

**GIRLFRIEND RETREAT**
Ladies, gather your closest girlfriends for a very special event on **August 3-4, 2019**. **Girlfriends in Grace** is a 28-hour overnight retreat designed just for you and those incredible women you’re blessed to call friends. Treat yourselves to this relaxing, prayerful, and fun getaway at the **Marianist Retreat & Conference Center**, with its 120 acres of rolling hills and trails on the banks of the Meramec River in Eureka, Mo.

The retreat will include some large group presentations, but each group of friends will function as its own small group for discussions. There will be a variety of activities and plenty of down time. Time for prayer will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on Sunday. The retreat starts on Saturday at 1 p.m. and ends Sunday at 5 p.m. The cost is $111 per person and includes a private room with a bathroom and shower, linens, towels, three meals, and snacks.

For more information, email julie@mretreat.org or register online at www.mretreat.org.

**ANNUAL LOVE & LIFE MASS AND DINNER**
Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun on **Saturday, July 13, 2019**, in celebration of the 51st anniversary of the release of *Humanae Vitae*. Connect with friends from around the St. Louis area for this annual event sponsored by the Office of Natural Family Planning. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis** by **Bishop Mark Rivituso**, followed by dinner catered by Pasta House and children’s entertainment in Boland Hall.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children aged 3 to 11 (maximum of $60 per household). Purchase tickets at www.bit.ly/HVDinner2019 by July 7. For information, call 314-997-7576 or email stlnfp@archstl.org.

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**CONCERT AND RETREAT AT MERCY**
**“God Will Delight”** is a celebration of **David Haas** and **Lori True**’s contribution to the world of congregational song, including such classics as “You Are Mine” and “Blest Are They.”

The concert is Friday, **June 28, 2019**, at 7 p.m. at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center (2039 N. Geyer Rd.). Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance and $35 at the door.

Mercy Center is also sponsoring a retreat on **Saturday, June 29, 2019**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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**THE CARETAKER OF THE WELL**
In the folklore of Haiti, there is a story about a severe drought on the island. All the streams dried up and the wells were parched. There was no place to get water. The animals met to discuss the situation and decided to ask God for help. God responded by creating a well that would provide unlimited water, as long as one of the animals would serve as the caretaker and welcome all who would come in need.

The lizard Mabouya volunteered to be caretaker — but he soon became intoxicated with his newfound power. Mabouya became a gatekeeper, not a caretaker, and sent everyone in need away.

Eventually, God replaced the lizard with the frog, who croaked to all, “Come! This is God’s well! The hole in the ground is yours, but the water belongs to God.”

[From “Carrying the Water” by Mark Nepo, *Spirituality and Health*, May/June 2019.]

Today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity calls us to realize the hand of God in every molecule of creation, in every cell of our being — life that God has brought into being out of a love so great and complete that we can hardly imagine it. Our only response to our creation and the world that sustains us is to humbly and gratefully acknowledge God’s goodness by becoming wellsprings of that goodness to one another, to make it possible for all our brothers and sisters to find their places at God’s table.

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Trinity Sunday: A Sonnet

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other’s inspiration.

He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

by Malcolm Guite
from Sounding the Seasons
June 16, 2019

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 17**
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

**Tuesday, June 18**
8:00 a.m.— Marie Cain

**Wednesday, June 19**
8:00 a.m.— St. Stephen Class of 1961

**Thursday, June 20**
8:00 a.m.— Jerry Wessels

**Friday, June 21**
8:00 a.m.— Kay Niebling

**Saturday, June 22**
8:00 a.m.— Jean Westrich
4:00 p.m.— Walter Schweiger

**Sunday, June 23**
9:30 a.m.— Our Parishioners

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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:
9:30 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 9:30 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 9:30 a.m. 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. During our Sunday Masses at 9:30 a.m. excluding holidays.

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**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 Kearns  Dolores Meisemann

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

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**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