St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019

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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 Picnic

Wednesday, June 12, 2019
3929 Wilmington
10AM - 9PM

COME JOIN US!

Rides, Carnival Games
Bands, & Bingo!
A Variety of Delicious Food
And Tasty Beverages
Chicken Dinner in Parish Hall 4 PM!
**STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, seven days a week — putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION**

- **May 26 Contribution**: $2,914.00
- **Online giving contribution**: $1,621.00
- **Total weekly contribution**: $4,535.00
- **R & I**: $212.00
- **Tuition Assistance**: $140.00
- **Cardinal Glennon**: $20.00

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

- **Saturday, June 8**: 4:00 p.m. — A. Rotermund, C. McGeehan
- **Sunday, June 9**: 9:30 a.m. — B. Stoff, G. Stoff

**SERVERS**

- **Saturday, June 8**: 4:00 p.m. — Meggie G., Hendrix F.
- **Sunday, June 9**: 9:30 a.m. — Connor H., Elsa Y.

**MAY MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP**

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

- **Monday in the Seventh Week of Easter**: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- **Tuesday in the Seventh Week of Easter**: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- **Wednesday, St. Boniface**: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- **Thursday in the Seventh Week of Easter**: Acts 22:30—23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
- **Friday in the Seventh Week of Easter**: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- **Saturday in the Seventh Week of Easter**: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25
- **Sunday, Pentecost**: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-4, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**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.

As is our tradition, we invite you to wear red to Mass next week in celebration of the Feast of the Pentecost.

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.

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 “Little Shop of Horrors,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” “Newsies,” and “Shrek: The Musical.”

Shows 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 from the show are used to support SSP’s music ministry.

FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the Fall 2019 season of soccer and volleyball at 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.

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.

All other adult, high school, and middle school volunteers should register at http://form.jotform.com/PSR/vbs-volunteer-registration-2019.

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!
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.

### Looking Ahead

- **June 11**: Parish Picnic Setup
- **June 12**: Parish Picnic
- **June 18**: Finance Committee Meeting
- **June 20**: 50+ Club Meeting
- **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

### Breast Cancer Healing Mass

A special Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, June 8, 2019**, at 9:30 a.m., at **St. Mary Magdalen-Brentwood** to honor and extend healing to all who have been affected by breast cancer. Survivors and patients as well as family members and friends are welcome. The Mass will offer those present the opportunity to join their sufferings with Christ, praying for the peace and healing of all.

**Fr. Jack Siefert**, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen, will be the celebrant. A reception will be held immediately following Mass. For more information, call 314-961-8400 or email prolife@archstl.org.

### Parish Board of Education

The parish Board of Education is calling for nominations of new members.

- Every registered parishioner who is at least 18 years old, who is interested in Catholic school and adult education, and who is willing to attend scheduled meetings during the three-year term should be nominated.

Please complete the information below and drop off at the parish office, or complete the online form at [http://bit.ly.sspboe](http://bit.ly.sspboe).

New members will be chosen by lottery during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, June 9, 2019**.

I would like to nominate: __________________________

His/her contact number is: __________________________
ONE LAST TOAST

The day her mom died, they drove two hours to the family home. On the drive, she fretted over the immediate and the practical: What are we going to do with the house and all that stuff? And she began to grieve: How will I live in a world without her?

They spent that first day packing up Mom’s clothes and making a first sort of her papers. That evening they had supper at the Ninety-Nine, Mom’s favorite restaurant. And in Mom’s honor, Mom’s beloved martinis all around: “To Mom!”

The couple on their left asked what they were drinking to. She explained that they were toasting her mother, who had just passed away. As they talked, they discovered that the couple knew her mother from church and told of her mom’s many kindnesses. They promised to say a prayer for her.

An older man and his middle-aged son sat to their right. They began talking. “Are you from around here?”
“No, we live two hours from here. My mother lived here, but she died this morning.”
“I’m sorry. Can I buy you a drink to toast your mom?”
“Yes, thank you. She — I — would love that.”

And as they toasted Mom and the stories continued, they discovered that her mother and the older man grew up in a nearby town. His parents emigrated from Italy. He told of the kindness and welcome Mom’s family extended to his family, who faced discrimination and bigotry as immigrants.

It turned out to be a wonderful evening of celebrating a woman’s life. Her daughter left still heartbroken — but she no longer wonders how she can live in a world without her. Mom showed her that evening that she will always be with her.

[Adapted from “One Last Toast” by Jeannette Sanderson, The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine, December 30, 2018.]

Today’s feast of the Ascension celebrates both an ending and a beginning; today marks both an absence and presence: Jesus has returned to the Father but remains fully alive with us in his spirit of compassion and humility that inspires us, motivates us, compels us to take on the work of being his witnesses and proclaimers of his Gospel. In every kindness we extend, in the principles of justice and mercy we advocate for, in making reconciliation a reality in the midst of division and discord, we reveal the presence of the Risen One to our broken and struggling world.

From Connections, June 2019

NUTRITION AND THE AMERICAN SENIOR

Good fats, bad fats, carbs — what do I do?

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

Holly Steen, nutrition student at Fontbonne University, will help you understand what foods are best for you and which you should be avoiding.

The presentation will take place in the Centennial Room at St. Cecilia (5400 Louisiana) on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by lunch. Park on the lot and enter through the gym doors.

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

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.
PARISH PICNIC UPDATE

BIG MONEY
If you're interested in purchasing a Grand Raffle ticket and your regular seller has not yet contacted you, please contact Dan West at 314-518-7357. Only 400 tickets are sold. They will sell out, so don't wait for picnic day! Tickets are $100 each, with a chance to win $10,000, $3,000, or $2,000. Drawing takes place at 9 p.m. on picnic day. You do not need to be present to win.

WORKERS STILL NEEDED
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 / Ted Drewes / Pretzels**: 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)

GETTING READY
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! Also — any and all help is welcome on **June 11** to set up for the big day.

RIDE BRACELETS AND GAME TICKETS
Ride bracelets/tickets and game tickets will be available for presale after Masses on the weekends of June 1-2 and June 8-9, as well as during picnic setup on June 11 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Presale ride bracelets are $26 ($30 on picnic day), and presale game tickets are four for $1 (three for $1 on picnic day)

BAKED GOODS
Calling all bakers! It's time to break out those cake pans, cupcake papers, and cookie sheets. Baked donations are needed for the Cake Walk booth. Not a baker? You can still help! Store-bought donations are welcome, or donate your time by working in the booth. For your convenience, cake boxes and cookie bags will be available in the back of church beginning June 1. Questions? Contact Heather Mattingly at 314-537-5208 or hemattingly@gmail.com. Please bring baked goods to the parish hall during picnic setup on June 11 or to the on the morning of the picnic.

INTRODUCING …
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.

KEEP IT COMING
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 setup or on picnic morning.

CONSIDER SPONSORING
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 or even your SSP graduating class 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.
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

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 3
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, June 4
8:00 a.m.— Donald Willmann

Wednesday, June 5
8:00 a.m.— Peggy Welby

Thursday, June 6
8:00 a.m.— Blanche Pohl

Friday, June 7
8:00 a.m.— John & Cecelia Hopmeir

Saturday, June 8
8:00 a.m.— Polo & Karmela Vushaj
4:00 p.m.— Our Parishioners

Sunday, June 9
9:30 a.m.— Thomas Flanagan, Frances Crimi

Please Pray

for our sick and recovering ...
Florence Arcipowski
Dave Asinger
Suzi Beck
Liz Bentrup

Ann Dosenbach
Wence Kveton
Thomas Lorenz
Lois McClellan

Steve Moylan
Grace Phillips
Vince Stehlin
Virginia Zenthoefer

for our homebound ...
Jeanette Holmer
Albertine Honious
Al Eckert
Ann Dosenbach

Art Petersen
Rose Schuster
Ellie Kearns

for those in nursing homes ...

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

Jack Renick
Brian Schoellhorn
Dylan Schulte

Mitch Sollmann

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. Held the first Sunday in September through Mother’s Day excluding holidays.