St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

The Feast of Corpus Christi

June 23, 2019

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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Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, Jesus said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.
Luke 9:16
STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn’t seem like much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant!

God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS

Saturday, June 29
4:00 p.m.— E. Goedeker, C. Grindel

Sunday, June 30
9:30 a.m.— W. Kveton, C. Kveton

SERVERS

Saturday, June 29
4:00 p.m.— Ben W., Ellen K.

Sunday, June 30
9:30 a.m.— Tara J., Gabriel S.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS


Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday, Sts. Peter and Paul: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kgs 19:16b,

ST. PATRICK’S PERSONAL CARE ITEM DRIVE

Truth: Nearly half of St. Louis-area low-income women have to choose between food and hygiene products.

St. Patrick Center is hosting a feminine hygiene product drive through the end of June for women experiencing homelessness.

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Patrick Center’s Donation Center dock at the back of the building (800 N. Tucker Blvd.), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Maggie Kloppenberg at 314-802-5418 or mkloppenberg@stpatrickcenter.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 a.m. — 12 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.

**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 **Au. 20, 2019**. Contact **Leigh Manalang** at 314-486-0717 for more information.

**ST. JOSEPH HOUSING INITIATIVE**

The **St. Joseph Housing Initiative** gratefully invites you to participate in the blessing of its first home on Monday, **July 1, 2019**, at 10 a.m., at 5036 South Grand Blvd. Please join **Archbishop Carlson**, members of the SJHI Board, and its partners and friends to celebrate this new beginning.

No RSVP required. Parking will be available at St. Mary’s High School. For more information, contact **Maureen McCuen** at 314-919-6176.

**OUR ALUMNI SHINE**

Congratulations to **Hayden Fournelle** (‘18), who was named to the honor roll at CBC High School with a 4.18 GPA. Well done!

**BLESSING OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

At the 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Aug. 4, 2019**, there will be a blessing of all of the new and returning college students in our community. Hope to see you there!

**NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

We welcome our newest members of the Parish Board of Education — **Catherine Grindel**, **Tom Esswein**, and **Felicia Spencer**. They join continuing members **Rosalie Yezbick**, **Mandy Borgmeyer**, **Patrick Holley**, **Catherine Kent**, and **Alesia Bessire**. We thank outgoing members **Kim Mohr**, **Katie Cunniff**, **Tabitha Wilson**, **Heather Mattingly**, and **Bridgette Fyvie** for their term of service.

**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 **LPN** to assist the community’s Health and Wellness Coordinator. More information can be found at www.cpps-ofallon.org.

The **Archdiocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life** is looking for a **Marriage Ministry Coordinator**. For a full job description, please visit www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life. If interested in applying for the position, send a resume and cover letter to humanresources@archstl.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 Archdiocesan churches and perform a Christmas and spring concert. For information, visit www.archstl.org/musicians. Contact **Fr. Bruce Forman** at 314-231-7464 to schedule an audition.
In early 2018, 37,000 teachers went out on strike in West Virginia, no longer tolerating the injustices of inadequate school funding by a state government that put tax breaks for extractive industries before children.

For many families, the nine-day strike had consequences more desperate than just no school. It meant that their children would go hungry. For too many children in America — and not just in Appalachia — the only real meal they have each day is in the school cafeteria.

A small Methodist church in West Milford, W.Va., put into operation a meals program to feed such at-risk children. Parishioners gave their time, money, and energy to make nutritious meals in the basement kitchen for some 1,100 people — kids, parents, and the teachers picketing long hours across the street. The church became not just a place of sustenance but a table of support and consolation where this community’s problems and possibilities were on full display for nine hectic days.

Writing in The Christian Century [June 6, 2018], Debra Dean Murphy of West Virginia Wesleyan University describes the scene: “I was struck by how ‘eucharistic’ it all was. In the sanctuary above that basement, worshipers gather regularly to share in a ritual meal that can seem ... unrelated to other meals and other kinds of eating. But the simple gifts we take into our bodies at Christ’s table are sustenance for living eucharistically in the world, for practicing the kind of hospitality Jesus practiced when he fed hungry followers and ate with all the wrong people. Our own bodies are meant to nourish other bodies — not to judge them or try to fix them but to love them, and to see that their flourishing (and our own) depends on exposing and redressing systemic inequalities of all kinds. In this way, the Eucharist is always justice in the midst of injustice, reconciliation in the midst of estrangement, communal conviviality in the midst of private pain and loneliness.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus creates, through bread (and fish) blessed, broken and shared, a crowd into a community. That same Spirit of generosity and humility works a similar “eucharistic” miracle in a West Virginia church basement. We come here with our struggles and doubts and pains and sorrows and, if the Eucharist is what Jesus intended, we find support and compassion from those who come to the tables with us. The Eucharist compels us to become Eucharist for others: to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all in our own acts of charity and kindness.

From Connections, June 2019

GAME DAY

Game Day for July will be on Thursday, July 11, 2019, due to the holiday. Hope to see you at Immaculate Heart of Mary from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Debbie Gartner at 314-481-9385 or dgartner@ihm-stl.org.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 5: Adult Pickleball
- Aug. 4: Blessing of College Students, 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Aug. 11: Backpack Blessing / Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 14: First Day of School
**AROUND TOWN**

**GIRLFRIEND RETREAT**
Ladies, gather your closest girlfriends for a very special event on **Aug. 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.

“**PRIESTS PLAY**”  
Since 1981, the **Fr. William Scheid Players** have presented plays, reviews, and musicals featuring St. Louis Archdiocesan clergy and laity to raise funds for youth programs. This year’s production is **“Once Upon a Mattress,”** to be performed **July 19, 2019**, at 7:30 p.m. and **July 20 and 21, 2019**, at 2 p.m., at **Nerinx Hall High School** (530 E. Lockwood). Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Contact **Ann Madden** at 314-605-7521 or annmaddenstl1@gmail.com.

**BOOK FAIR**
The Women’s Guild of **Our Lady of Sorrows** (5831 S. Kingshighway) is sponsoring a book fair on **July 27, 2019**, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., **July 28** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., **July 29-Aug. 2** from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., and **Aug. 3** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hardbound books are 75 cents, paperbacks are 25 cents, and children’s books are five for a dollar. For more information, contact **Linda** at 314-752-4660.

**SAINT LOUIS CATHEDRAL CONCERT**
The **Saint Louis Cathedral Concerts** is happy to have the all-boy English vocal group **Libera** back in concert on **Monday, July 29, 2019**, at 8 p.m. at the **Cathedral Basilica** (4431 Lindell Blvd.). The distinctive sound of Libera has traveled the world in the last few years. The group’s albums have topped both mainstream and classical charts in many countries, and their recordings hold their place in top-tens alongside major artists like Bocelli.

Tickets are $19, $29, or $42. For more information, visit www.cathedralconcerts.org. (This concert is not part of any 2019-20 season subscription or patron donation package.)

**WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME**
The **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows** (442 S. Demazenod Dr., Belleville, Ill.) is presenting its 13th annual **When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference** on **Friday, Aug. 23, 2019**. The event is designed to help those journeying with people with mental illness (families, friends, and professionals).

This year’s theme is “**Resiliency: Bouncing Forward,”** and the keynote speaker is **Gary Behrman, Ph.D.**

For more information, contact **Bette Meyer** at bette.meyer@snows.org.
Picnic Day is always special ... but here we have a bell tower and some tents, a lot of damp poncho-ed people and more threatening skies, old folks and kids, parishioners, school families, alumni, neighbors, a couple of light sabers, margaritas, hamburgers, and a hometown hockey team one game away from its first championship on a projection screen attached to a church.

Yes, the rains did come again, but all hands on deck moved the essentials downstairs — hamburgers, beer, and big screens — and we shared this one-of-a-kind experience together.

Thanks to our chairs Matt and Ann Marie Guntli and Eric and Angie McMahon — and all of our many, many volunteers — for running the day like clockwork in spite of Mother Nature’s surprises.

A big win all around.

PICNIC RAFFLE WINNERS

Grand Raffle
$10,000 — Pam Holmes
$3,000 — Mike & Ellen O’Rourke
$2,000 — Ann Rotermund

Main Raffle
$500 — Marian Gartner
$250 — Don Occhi
$100 — Steve & Sandy Gaydos

Raffles of Fun
Cardinals Package — Mary Kay Goodman
Chromebook — Jane Alles

Gift Card Extravaganza — Jim Forgash

Plant Raffle
Bayer’s Gift Card — Nancy Doerhoff
Garden Cart — Pam Holmes
Spirea — Tim & Alice Marchink
Ficus — Virginia Schweiger

Quilt Raffle
Batik Throw — Curt Wicthuchter
Queen Quilt — Helen Schneider
Crib Quilt — Curt Wicthuchter
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 24**  
8:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word

**Tuesday, June 25**  
8:00 a.m. — Bourisaw Family

**Wednesday, June 26**  
8:00 a.m. — Bill Lightner

**Thursday, June 27**  
8:00 a.m. — Michael & Carol Annunziata

**Friday, June 28**  
8:00 a.m. — Vince Hogg

**Saturday, June 29**  
8:00 a.m. — Florence Morrison  
4:00 p.m. — Our Parishioners

**Sunday, June 30**  
9:30 a.m. — Charles & Virginia Stough, Carroll Simon, Ken Simon

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**PLEASE PRAY**

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

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 Schoellhorn  
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

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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 Mass at 9:30 a.m., excluding holidays.