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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www.saintstephenstl.org

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus’s command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday, St. Bonaventure: Ex 1:8-14,22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34-11
Tuesday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS
Saturday, July 20
4:00 p.m.— E. Kovac, Z. Mueller
Sunday, July 21
9:30 a.m.— C. Deeken, A. Rotermund

SERVERS
Saturday, July 20
4:00 p.m.— Brody Z., Meggie G.
Sunday, July 21
9:30 a.m.— Stephanie W., Mark W.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER RON!
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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! Spread the word!

Look ahead

- Aug. 4: Blessing of College Students, 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Aug. 11: Backpack Blessing / Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 14: First Day of School

CYC REFEREES NEEDED

The South Central CYC is in need of soccer referees for the upcoming fall soccer season. The requirements for NEW referees for this paid position are as follows:

- Must be 14 years of age by Aug. 1, 2019.
- Attend one of the classroom training clinic sessions — Sacred Heart-Valley Park on July 24 or Aug. 4 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., or St. Gabriel on Aug. 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- At training session, purchase referee jersey, whistle, lanyard, and red/yellow cards. Referee socks are also available for purchase.
- Score of at least 92% on 2019 Soccer Official’s test.
- Anyone 18 or older must meet additional archdiocesan requirements (www.cycstl.net/officials).

RETURNING refs must also receive a score of at least 92% on the Official’s test and are encouraged to attend a classroom clinic and on-field training. (Clinic is required for those scoring below 92% on the test.)

The pay is $20 per game for K-4th grade, $25 per game for 5th and 6th, and $30 per game for 7th and 8th. All refs must also purchase the $5 CYC-SOA insurance.

Find more information at www.cycsouthcentral.net (select “Soccer” and then “Officiating”). To register, contact referee coordinator Melanie Sullivan at 314-783-6249 or melaniesullivan9135@gmail.com.

CALLING LANDSCAPE LOVERS

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the parish grounds looking neat and lovely. Nancy Nafe has graciously volunteered to coordinate periodic cleanup days, on which gardens would be weeded, mulched, trimmed, raked, etc.

If you are interested in being on a call list for these events, please contact the rectory at 314-481-1133 or stephenprossp@gmail.com.

High school students seeking service hours are most welcome!
**SHE SAVED A LIFE, THEN WAS ARRESTED**

*The New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof reports on a real-life, modern-day version of today’s Gospel:

Theresa Todd is the single mother of two teenaged boys, 15 and 17. She works as a lawyer for a city and county in West Texas. Theresa was driving home on a Texas highway one cold night in February when she saw three desperate Central American migrants waving frantically. At least one car hurtled by them, afraid to stop. But for Theresa, compassion overrode fear and she stopped. The three were siblings: two brothers, aged 20 and 22, and their sister, Esmeralda, 18. The three escaped the violence in their native El Salvador, and then Guatemala, where friends were murdered and a gang leader wanted to make Esmeralda his “girlfriend.”

When Theresa found them, Esmeralda was suffering from starvation, dehydration, and a potentially fatal syndrome affecting her kidneys. Theresa invited the three to warm up in her car and then began frantically texting friends for advice on how to get medical care for Esmeralda. As she texted, a sheriff’s deputy and a Border Patrol officer pulled up behind her car. Theresa was detained in a holding cell for three hours, her possessions confiscated. Esmeralda was hospitalized for four days, and she and her siblings are now in ICE custody.

By stopping to help a stranger, Theresa Todd may have saved a life — but her compassion got her arrested. It’s unclear if she will face federal charges for assisting undocumented immigrants, but Theresa has no regrets:

“I’m a mom, and I see a young man who looked the same age as my teenaged son. And if my son was by the side of a road, I would want someone to help.” The whole experience “was totally surreal — especially for doing what my parents taught me was right, and what I learned in church was right, which was helping people. So finding myself in a holding cell for that, it was hard to wrap my head around … I’m simply a mom who saw a child in need and pulled over to help.”

*[The New York Times, May 15, 2019.]*

**FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember Audrey Dischert and the sister-in-law of Gayle Chancellor, who both died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERS**

Thank you for your generous support for the *Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora* and the work they are doing to help the poor in Tanzania. Your support of the sisters will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the entire year.

Sister Godeliva’s time spent at St. Stephen Protomartyr was a delight. Thank you for your kind hospitality by arranging for Sister to stay at the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Be assured also of our prayers and may God bless you always.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

Are you thinking about your summer vacation? A *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* weekend, away from all the distractions and pressures in your life right now, would be the best vacation of your life. You and your spouse will always remember this WWME Weekend away as a great time together that strengthened your marriage. The next weekends are Aug. 9-11, 2019, or Sept. 27-29, 2019, at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, Mo.

If you would like to apply or get more information, call 314-649-7317 or visit stl-wwme.org/schedule.php.
MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI & CALHOUN COUNTY TRIP
Join South Grand Senior Ministry on Monday, July 29, 2019, as we explore the Mighty Mississippi and search Calhoun County for delicious peaches!

The bus departs from St. John the Baptist (4200 Delor St.) at 8 a.m. First up is the National Great Rivers Museum and the Melvin Price Locks and Dam for a private tour and movie. Next you will be able to search the local produce stands in Calhoun County for the perfect peaches and vegetables. Lunch is served at the historic Wittmond Hotel in Brussels, Ill. Then after lunch, we will stop at the Audubon Center at Riverlands before heading back. We will return around 2:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is $50 per person for parishioners of SGSM parishes and $55 per person for non-SGSM participants. The fee includes bus transportation and a delicious family-style lunch. To make reservations, please contact Heather at 314-351-1318, ext. 201, before Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Make check payable to “South Grand Senior Ministry” and mail to St. Cecilia, SGSM Trip, 5418 Louisiana Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111. Please include your name, phone number, parish, and emergency contact name and phone number.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH IS NEWEST MEMBER OF SGSM
SGSM welcomes St. Mary Magdalen Parish (4323 S. Kingshighway Blvd.) to our membership! St. Mary Magdalen’s senior minister Marilyn Muegge will serve as the contact for the parish. “We at St. Mary Magdalen are looking forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with South Grand Senior Ministry,” says Marilyn. “Besides taking part in the offerings of the organization, we have our unique ideas, ministries, and facilities to add to what has been in place for many years.”

MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEMS
Falls are a major cause of injury, hospitalization, and loss of independence for our elders. SGSM partners with Blue Star Seniortech to keep seniors safe, healthy, and connected with a medical alert system. Seniors of the SGSM parishes may be eligible for assistance in payment for the easy-to-use mobile system. For more information, contact St. John the Baptist senior minister Diane Huck at 314-353-1255, ext. 106.

ONGOING EVENTS
Game Day — Held the first Thursday of every month, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., at the rectory meeting room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (4092 Blow St.). A variety of card and board games are available. Light refreshments are provided. Contact Debbie at 314-481-9385 for more details.

Chair Yoga — Non-stress yoga classes, every Wednesday, 8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. at the school building at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Cost is $3 per person. Call Debbie at 314-481-9385 for more information.

Low-Impact Exercise — Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., held in the cafeteria at Immaculate Heart of Mary. A small fee is charged.

Balance Classes — Every Friday from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. in the St. Stephen Protomartyr parish hall.
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.

“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.

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.

ST. LOUIS JESUITS’ FINAL CONCERT
The St. Louis Jesuits — Coming Home is a fitting title for the final concert of the St. Louis Jesuits, the last time that Bob Dufford, S.J.; John Foley, S.J.; Tim Manion; Roc O’Connor, S.J.; and Dan Schutte will perform together.

Having first joined their talents in the early 1970s to release their landmark album “Neither Silver Nor Gold,” the members of the group have since gone on to write and record some of the most recognizable hymns that still today are sung in thousands of churches each Sunday in countries around the world.

The St. Louis Jesuits, backed by the College Church Choir, will perform many of their most beloved liturgical songs and hymns on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, at 3 p.m., in the setting of St. Louis’s magnificent Powell Hall, a few blocks from Saint Louis University, St. Francis Xavier “College” Church, and the former Fusz Memorial (residence for Jesuit scholastics), where it all began nearly 50 years ago.

Ticket prices range from $15 to $65. There is a VIP pre-concert reception at 1 p.m. which is open to anyone paying an additional $50. Purchase tickets at www.powellhall.com or by calling 314-534-1700. All profits will benefit the Ignatian Spirituality Project.
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 15
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, July 16
8:00 a.m.— Virginia Stough

Wednesday, July 17
8:00 a.m.— Polo & Karmela Vushaj

Thursday, July 18
8:00 a.m.— Marie Bocklage

Friday, July 19
8:00 a.m.— Lorraine Hempen

Saturday, July 20
8:00 a.m.— Children With Cancer
4:00 p.m.— Richard Meisemann

Sunday, July 21
9:30 a.m.— Our Parishioners, John & Cecelia Hopmeir,
Dave Pope

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering ...
Florence Arcipowski  Paul Heidbrier  Grace Phillips
Dave Asinger  Wence Kveton  Vince Stehlin
Suzi Beck  Thomas Lorenz  Ron Thenhaus
Liz Bentrup  Lois McClellan  Alan Varga
Ann Dosenbach  Steve Moylan  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 Schoellhorn
Ryan O’Neil  Dylan Schulte

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:
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.