St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
— Galatians 6:14
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

Due to an early deadline for the July 7 bulletin, we do not have the Sunday contribution figures for June 30. They will be included in next week’s bulletin.

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!

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, St. Benedict: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS
Saturday, July 13
4:00 p.m.— A. Borgmeyer, R. Moylan
Sunday, July 14
9:30 a.m.— R. Rone, G. Joly

SERVERS
Saturday, July 13
4:00 p.m.— Gregory F., Abigail S.
Sunday, July 14
9:30 a.m.— Aidan J., Jack S.

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!

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.

BLESSINGS OF BEING A STEPHEN MINISTER

We asked our current Stephen Ministers: What is the most rewarding part of being a Stephen Minister?

One had this to say: “Knowing that my care receiver really enjoys and looks forward to my visits and knowing that I am hopefully making a little difference in someone’s life. I also think it has made me a better person in my relationships at home, with friends, at work, and most importantly in my own spiritual life. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to be a Stephen Minister.”

Since 1975, more than 600,000 Christians from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. They became 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 Aug. 20, 2019. Contact Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 or leighsgsm@gmail.com for more information.

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH FAMILY

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family, Daniel and Erika Murphy and their son, Brayden, who registered recently.

And the winner is … Angie Arcipowski. Angie is our second winner in the Every-Other-Month Quilt Raffle. Congratulations!

There will still be four more drawings. If you don’t have a ticket, chances are available at the rectory office — one for $1 or six for $5. Good luck!

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.

LOOKING 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
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. If questions, contact Debbie 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 be 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
Join us at Balance and Revitalize Class with Eileen Kinsella. Classes are 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.

The president of one of the nation’s leading theological schools and a former church pastor himself visited two pastors. Both ministers had lived long, productive lives and were now in the last stages of terminal illnesses. They all knew this would be the last time they would talk, so they took their time and chose their words carefully.

M. Craig Barnes, the president of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts the conversation with his two senior colleagues in an essay in The Christian Century [January 4, 2019]:

“As I listened to these two pastors, the most striking thing to me wasn’t their fearlessness at dying. Nor was I in awe of their amazingly sturdy faith, which was why they had so little to fear. The thing I keep thinking about is what both of them kept talking about at the end of their lives: gratitude.

“They were grateful for their families and for those who loved them through their days of faithfulness and failure over the years. They expressed gratitude to God for the grace of life. And they were grateful that they got to be pastors.

“Both of them had served several congregations over long ministries before becoming members of our seminary’s board of trustees. In their later years they became very close friends. It was almost as though they knew they would be leaving life on earth together. When our board had dinner, they would often sit together and exchange stories from their ministries. I loved listening in.

“There was nothing particularly remarkable about these stories, except the part where holiness broke through. But they were told as a way of saying, Can you believe I got to see that? At the very end these two well-worn pastors were amazed that they got to be used in God’s story with the congregations they served. That was their last sermon.

“This is how pastors spend their lives. And at the end, this is what they remember, and why they die with gratitude on their lips. They don’t tell the stories of their successful capital campaigns or how many new members they found for the church. Nor are they particularly bothered by their ideas that failed badly and almost drove the congregation into the ditch. They believe in grace too much to care about what went well and what did not ...

“This is what the old pastors remember, and why they are so grateful at the end of their lives. They got to spend their years functioning essentially as angels who keep saying, Behold! They knew the ground of the church was holy even when it was a holy mess ...

“That’s the real job description of the pastor: revealing the presence of God in the ordinary life of a flawed church. Good pastors give their lives to do it again and again.”

That’s what Jesus calls the seventy-two — and now all of us — to do: To “reveal the presence of God” in every ordinary life, and to do so not with a sense of superiority or self-righteousness but in a spirit of gratitude and humility that we might be the means for God to illuminate and bless the life of another. And, as we work to make a difference in our neighbors’ lives, we make a difference in our own: the peace we work for embraces us and our own families, the justice we seek changes the way we see ourselves and others, the good we are able to make happen gives our lives a satisfying sense of meaning and purpose. We can bring such joy and peace to our own homes and neighborhoods in our own response to Jesus’s call to work for God’s harvest of reconciliation and justice in the part of the vineyard God has entrusted to us.

From Connections, July 2019
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.

WORKING WITH THE DYING

Aquinas Institute of Theology (23 S. Spring Ave.) is offering a workshop for spiritual directors and chaplains called “Working With the Dying” on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presenter Sandra Spencer is a Catholic laywoman, spiritual director, and retired chaplain. She has an M.A. in pastoral healthcare from Saint Louis University and for 17 years served as chaplain and director of pastoral care at SLU Hospital, where she cared for trauma patients, cancer patients, and their families. Among her particular interests are the call to holiness in the elder years and accompanying the dying.

The cost of the workshop is $35. To register, visit www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804.

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.

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.
Thanks to Pamela Bruce, Anne & Dave Borgmeyer, Carol Anne Lorenz, Julie Hickey, Lois Herbergs, our teenaged volunteers, and all donors for making this week possible. Our 36 Vacation Bible School students joyfully and musically learned about the power of prayer.
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, July 8
8:00 a.m.— NO LITURGY OF THE WORD

Tuesday, July 9
8:00 a.m.— Anna Jamboretz

Wednesday, July 10
8:00 a.m.— Ron & Kathy Ulrich

Thursday, July 11
8:00 a.m.— The Ulrich Family

Friday, July 12
8:00 a.m.— John & Cecelia Hopmeir

Saturday, July 13
8:00 a.m.— N. Edward Forti
4:00 p.m.— Jean Westrich, J. Lizzi

Sunday, July 14
9:30 a.m.— Our Parishioners, Marie Simon, Fran Crimi

Please pray

For our sick and recovering ...
Florence Arcipowski    Wence Kveton    Vince Stehlin
Dave Asinger           Thomas Lorenz    Ron Thenhaus
Suzi Beck              Lois McClellan   Alan Varga
Liz Bentrup            Steve Moylan    Virginia Zenthofer
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

Devotions

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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.