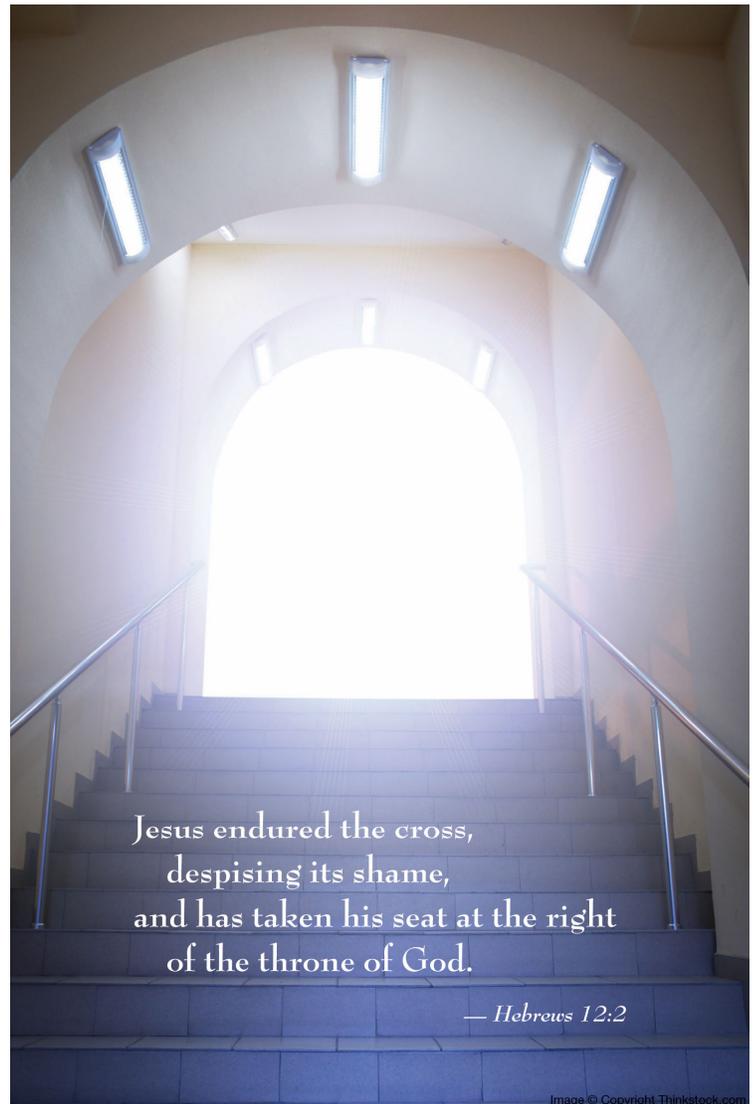


# St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

## August 18, 2019

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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!**

#### **PARISH**

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**STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER**

**“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” (Luke 12:51)**

**Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.**

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION**

<b>August 11 Contribution</b>	\$10,786.77
Online giving contribution	\$ 2,811.00
<b>Total weekly contribution</b>	<b>\$13,597.77</b>
R & I	\$ 560.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 77.00
Latin America Apostolate	\$ 50.00

Special collection in August is for the Latin America Apostolate.

**NEW: SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship is more than a sharing of our treasure. As the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, we are also asked to share our time and our talent. Our parish offers numerous opportunities to serve both our own members and the wider community.



In future bulletins, we will regularly feature our various parish ministries and organizations as a way to recognize their special services and also to invite you to discern whether you may be called to action in a new or different way.

*Lord, hear our prayer as we seek to be good stewards of the many gifts you have given to us. Give us wisdom to discern Your will for us, strength to meet the challenge, and the grace to remain committed to You. Help us to use our Time, Talent, and Treasure for Your greater honor and glory. In your name we pray. Amen.*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, August 24**

4:00 p.m. — B. McLain, L. Rahn

**Sunday, August 25**

8:00 a.m. — C. Prag, P. O’Connell

10:30 a.m. — T. Jenney, C. McGeehan

**SERVERS**

**Saturday, August 24**

4:00 p.m. — Jake L., Aaron V.

**Sunday, August 25**

8:00 a.m. — Katie W., Gabriel S.

10:30 a.m. — Brian B., Elsa Y.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday, St. Bernard:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday, St. Pius X, Pope:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday, Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday, St. Bartholomew:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR**

Monday August 19	Tuesday August 20	Wednesday August 21	Thursday August 22	Friday August 23	Saturday August 24	Sunday August 25
Lit of Word 8 a.m.  Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Mass 8 a.m.	Mass 8 a.m.  Liturgy Committee 7 p.m.	Mass 8 a.m.  Boy Scout Night 6 p.m.	Mass 8 a.m.  SGSM Exercise 9 a.m.	Mass 8 a.m.  Mass 4 p.m.	Mass 8 & 10:30 a.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.**

## PLANNING A PURGE?

The **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Truck** will be stationed in our Livingston Lot on the weekend of **Oct. 5-6, 2019.**



Tell your neighbors, friends, and family that we will be collecting used clothes, shoes, most household items (dishware, eating & cooking utensils, kitchen items, linens, blankets, small appliances, etc.), books (paperback and hardbound) and any working electronics (please NO tube type TVs or computer monitors).

Please put these items in bags or boxes and take them to the truck in the Livingston Lot on Saturday, **Oct. 5** (noon to 4 p.m.) or Sunday, **Oct. 6** (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Someone will be available to take your donations and give you a receipt if you want one.

Items will either be resold or recycled at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Kingshighway (next to Burlington Coat Factory).

We can take smaller furniture items, but if you have very large furniture items or large appliances, call the Thrift Store (314-881-6006) for pickup at a later date.

Questions? Call **Jim Prag** at 314-504-8216.

## Blessings on our students, faculty, and staff as they learn, live, and love their way through another school year.



## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In the charity of your prayers, please remember **Jeanette Schoemehl**, who died recently.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



## 81ST DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETING

Meet face-to-face with your state rep to discuss issues important to South St. Louisans.

Representative **Steve Butz** is hosting a town hall meeting for the 81st District of Missouri on Tuesday, **Aug. 27, 2019**, at 7 p.m., at Meramec Elementary School (2745 Meramec St., east of St. Anthony of Padua).

Call Steve at 314-250-1710 with any questions.



## JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS & DINNER

We would like to invite all couples from our parish who have reached a milestone in marriage to celebrate at our Jubilee Anniversary Mass and Dinner on Saturday, **Sept. 7, 2019**. We will be honoring those who are celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50 years of marriage in 2019. We also welcome anyone who has been married more than 50 years to join us.



The celebration will start with 4 p.m. Mass and continue with dinner following in the Parish Hall. We hope you can join us in our celebration! Please complete this form and return it to the parish office by **Aug. 30** to make your reservation. For more information, call **Mary Paule** at 314-481-1133.

Names	_____
Wedding Anniversary Date	_____
Phone	_____
Email	_____

## THE ELUSIVE ANSWER TO “WHY?”

It's becoming more and more of a challenge for parents of young children today: talking to them about God.

When children show an interest in God or start asking questions about their faith, many parents feel conflicted between their faith in God and the controversies surrounding religious institutions and the failures of many of its leaders. While their children's spiritual imaginations are growing, their parents' anxieties and sadness about the inevitable disappointments the world would serve up make those conversations difficult — especially among parents who feel insecure about their own grasp of faith, whose own childhood religious formation was largely a negative experience.

Parents experience similar feelings of loss and inadequacy when struggling to answer their children's “how come?” regarding violence, sexism and racism. How do white parents explain that what is “normal” for their children isn't always normal for families of color? How do you reassure children that the places that should be safe — like their schools — sometimes are not?

Meghan Murphy-Gill is the mother of a five-year-old. In an essay in *U.S. Catholic* [July 2019], the Chicago writer reflects on her own experience of trying to explain life's painful truths to her own son:

“I don't try to protect my son's innocence. That might seem counterintuitive to some parents, but in my experience going to lengths to shield him from the cruel realities of the world only makes my own anxieties worse — and his. Our children do active shooter drills in elementary schools, after all. They want to know why. But they also want our assurances that we will do everything to protect them.

“One of the reasons my husband and I decided to baptize our son was because the Christian story was not only the story we had been raised with but also one we believe is holy and filled with truth. It reminds us that, yes, the world can be a terrible place and do terrible things, but those terrible things don't have the last word.”

**The vulnerability and fragileness of our lives are at the heart of today's difficult passage from Luke's Gospel. In the divisions we suffer, in the contradictions we encounter, in the disconnect between our faith and values and the demands and expectations of our world and culture, the love of God is the one constant that brings us back to one**

**another, that heals the rifts, that bridges what divides between us. The compassion, the selflessness, the humility, the justice that Jesus demands of those who would be his disciples are the “fire” and “baptism” through which we transform our world in the sacredness of God. Discipleship is not without cost; balancing the Gospel's ethical and moral imperatives with the day-to-day practical realities of our lives is difficult. The challenge of discipleship, Jesus teaches, is not to let God's word of justice and mercy divide us but to realize how that word can bring all humanity together as God's holy people.**

*Connections*, August 2019

## NEIGHBORHOOD SALE — JOIN THE FUN!

Some Holly Hills residents are organizing a **neighborhood yard sale** to be held Saturday, **Sept. 21, 2019**, from 8 a.m. to noon. **If you are interested in participating**, please contact **Amy Koeln** at [HHSales2019@hotmail.com](mailto:HHSales2019@hotmail.com) so that she can include your address when she advertises the sale.



## SVDP MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY

We would like to inform our generous parishioners of how your donations are being put to good use through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your continuing support. Any questions, contact **Jim Prag** at [jp4121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jp4121@sbcglobal.net).

### Utility Assistance

20 helped with electric (\$4,653.66)

11 helped with gas (\$1,409.56)

### Other

5 helped with 7 beds (\$1,500 Bed Program)

5 helped with households goods (\$689 - credits, including

2 used air-conditioning units and 1 new unit)

1 helped with rent (\$200)

### Food Pantry

Averaging 750 individuals in 340 families

### TOTAL

42 individual cases at \$8,452.19 minus \$4,219 credits/  
twinning help = **\$4,233.19 out-of-pocket for July 2019**

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St. Stephen Holy Name Society was formed for the purpose of helping the men of our parish to grow in faith, development, and support of the parish. The HNS has been in existence since 1928 and has been a supporter of the church, school, and youth organizations since its inception.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exceptions of June, July, and August. We begin with a short prayer service in the church at 7:30 p.m., followed by a short meeting, which acts as a clearinghouse of information regarding the neighborhood, parish, and school. Meetings rarely last longer than 30 minutes.

Following the meeting, we enjoy fellowship and a light dinner.

### Schedule of 2019-20 Meetings and Events

Sept. 10	Kick-off meeting (Pretzel Boys)
Sept. 20-21	Mass in the Park (many hands make light work)
Oct. 8	October meeting (deli sandwiches)
Nov. 12	November meeting (TP and DB Pasta meatballs)
Dec. 10	Christmas meeting
Jan. 14	Annual dinner at the Feasting Fox
Feb. 1	Sports Trivia
Feb. 11	Mardi Gras meeting (Cajun menu)
March 10	St. Pat's meeting (corned beef)
April 14	April meeting
May 12	May meeting

All men of the parish and school are welcome! Bring a friend!

Ted Hartzler  
President, Holy Name Society

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR MOVE-IN-KITS

**St. Patrick Center** (800 N. Tucker Blvd.) is asking for your help with stocking its move-in kits for clients who are ready to move into permanent housing. The following new items are requested:

comforter sets, bath towels, washcloths, pots/pans, shower curtains/hooks, mops, hangers, and laundry baskets. Parishioners may drop off donated items Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Center's donation center dock at the back of the building.



## CAN YOU PLAY CHECKERS OR CHESS?

**Peter & Paul Community Services** is looking



**PETER & PAUL COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
Solving Homelessness Together

for volunteers to play checkers or chess at the Biddle House homeless shelter (Tucker & Biddle) the Peter & Paul shelter (711 Allen), and Garfield Apartments (Jefferson & Wyoming) against residents of the programs. Contact **Ed Rataj** at 314-727-4827 or ratajfam@att.net to schedule a visit or if you have any questions.

## PARENT-CHILD FERTILITY AWARENESS

You are invited to an event that provides an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss fertility and to promote communication between parent and child. The programs are presented by a parent and a physician, who are joined by a panel of teens for questions and answers. The programs emphasize respect, understanding, and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as age-appropriate information on the functions of the reproductive system.



### An Afternoon Program for Mothers & Daughters:

Oct. 13, 2019, for 10- to 12-year-old girls and their moms

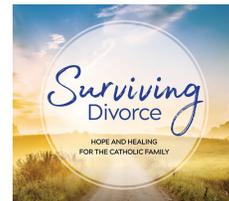
**Father/Son: Boys Into Men:** Sept. 29, 2019, for 11- to 12-year-old boys and their dads; Nov. 10, 2019, for 13- to 17-year-old boys and their dads

For more information about these programs, contact **Jeanne** at 314-991-0327 or jeanne.stoll@mercy.net.

## DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS

Whether you're in the courts now or have been divorced for many years, you can find hope and healing.

**Surviving Divorce** is a 12-week DVD program featuring Catholic experts and lay men and women on the journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment, and much more. Meetings begin Thursday, **Sept. 5, 2019**, and running through Thursday, **Nov. 21, 2019**, at **Seven Holy Founders Parish** (6741 Rock Hill Rd.). Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact **Don** at 314-406-3098 or donaldedwg@gmail.com.



## NATURE'S CALL CATHOLIC CAMPOUT

Young adults (aged 21 to 35): Nature is calling you this Labor Day Weekend! Join us **Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2019**, at the 26th Annual **Nature's Call Campout**.

You and other young adult Catholics from across the Midwest will enjoy a relaxing getaway to **Lake Pomme de Terre**, where you can pitch a tent or simply hang a hammock on the several acres of land on the lake. You will meet and grow in friendship with 100-plus young faithful while enjoying swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more. Holy Mass and confessions will be available during the weekend. Food and beverages will **not** be provided. Stores are nearby for any necessities. The campsite does have restrooms with running water and shower facilities.

To learn more and to purchase tickets (\$25 online, \$30 at the door), visit [www.naturescall.camp](http://www.naturescall.camp).



## MARRIAGE ON TAP

Married couples are invited to a fun date night! Be with other couples who care about a good marriage growing better and who want to enrich themselves.

Join us Tuesday, **Sept. 17, 2019**, at 6 p.m., at Pasta House (8213 Delmar Blvd.). After a buffet dinner, **Vince & Marianne Burkemper** will present a dynamic talk — **Living Our Faith as a Family**. The Burkempers are parishioners at St. Joseph Parish in Manchester and have been married for 33 years.

Cost is \$25 per person to cover the dinner (includes tax and tip). RSVP is required before **Sept. 13, 2019**, to [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).



**Marriage on Tap STL**  
September 17, 2019

## LITTLE FLOWER DANCE SCHOOL

A new season of dance school is beginning soon at **Little Flower Catholic Church** (1275 Boland Pl., Richmond Heights). Registration for the 2019-20 season is Wednesday, **Aug. 28, 2019**, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Little Flower school hall. Classes begin Sept. 14, 2019. For more information, visit [www.littleflowerstl.org/little-flower-dancing-school](http://www.littleflowerstl.org/little-flower-dancing-school).



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Join South Grand Senior Ministry as we cheer on the Cardinals on **Monday, Sept. 16, 2019**. We will depart from Immaculate Heart of Mary (4092 Blow St.) at 5 p.m. and return after the game.

The cost for parishioners of SGSM parishes is \$25, which includes your ticket to the game and bus ride to and from the game. Others are welcome; the cost for others is \$30. To reserve your spot call **Heather** at 314-351-1318, x201.



## FREE LIFE PLANNING FORUM

As a service to the Catholic community, **SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation** is presenting a free life planning forum on Thursday, **Aug. 29, 2019**, 10 a.m.

to 12 p.m., at the Missouri Athletic Club West (1777 Des Peres Rd.). Prepare yourself and your family for the unexpected and hear from experts who will reveal essentials for life planning, including Ethics for Moral Understanding; Wills and Trusts for Financial Certainty; Philanthropy — A Legacy for All; and Health Care Directives for Legal Harmony.

Light fare du jour and refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register for this free event, please call 314-577-5605.



## ONGOING EVENTS

**Game Day** — 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 and refreshments are available. Contact Debbie at 314-481-9385 for details.



**Chair Yoga** — Non-stress yoga, Wednesdays, 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., 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.

August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 19

8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

### Tuesday, August 20

8:00 a.m.— Ollie Rusch, Florence Arcipowski

### Wednesday, August 21

8:00 a.m.— Bill Jost, John & Cecelia Hopmeir

### Thursday, August 22

8:00 a.m.— John & Cecelia Hopmeir

### Friday, August 23

8:00 a.m.— Florence Arcipowski

### Saturday, August 24

8:00 a.m.— Mary Hesse

4:00 p.m.— Jeanette Schoemehl

### Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m.— Our Parishioners

10:30 a.m.— Joe & Rita Fernandez

## PLEASE PRAY

### for our sick and recovering ...

Dave Asinger	Paul Heidbrier	Doug Paule
Suzi Beck	Wence Kveton	Grace Phillips
Liz Bentrup	Thomas Lorenz	Vince Stehlin
Ann Dosenbach	Lois McClellan	Ron Thenhaus
Art & Jan Haffer	Steve Moylan	Virginia Zenthoefler

### for our homebound ...

Jeanette Holmer	Art Petersen
Albertine Honious	Rose Schuster

### for those in nursing homes ...

Al Eckert	Ellie Kearns	Dolores Meisemann
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### 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

SAINT  STEPHEN

Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish

### 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:

8:00 a.m.

10:30 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 10:30 a.m.

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 10:30 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 10:30 a.m., excluding holidays.