St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

October 20, 2019

Twenty-Ninth 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!

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“… proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient …” (2 Timothy 4:2)

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION**

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Special collections in October are for the Formation of Permanent Deacons and World Mission Sunday.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

- **Saturday, October 26**
  - 4:00 p.m. — A. Rotermund, C. Prag

- **Sunday, October 27**
  - 8:00 a.m. — A. Bormeyer, B. Bormeyer
  - 10:30 a.m. — R. Rone, L. Rahn

**SERVERS**

- **Saturday, October 26**
  - 4:00 p.m. — Brian B., Joseph T.

- **Sunday, October 27**
  - 8:00 a.m. — Jack S., Makenna S.
  - 10:30 a.m. — Sophie W., Aaron V.

**BEYOND SUNDAY IMPACT REPORT**

The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri — administrators of the Archdiocesan Beyond Sunday funds in support of Catholic education — has provided us with its Fall 2019 impact report. To date, St. Stephen Protomartyr has raised $287,784 in gifts and pledges.

- **40% Parish Share Distributions** — $74,167 has been distributed to be spent according to the parish case statement
- **Beyond Sunday Scholarships** — $58,500 has been awarded to 20 students in our parish
- **Beyond Sunday School Grants** — $22,420 has been granted to our school in collaboration with other schools and programs

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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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.

HELP NEEDED!

Denise Dowd graciously volunteered last year to serve as the wedding coordinator at the SSMJ chapel. She and her team have spent countless hours giving the chapel, the grounds, and the Msgr. Keating Center a deep clean and face lift to prepare it for hosting weddings, including the installation of a beautiful dressing room.

Denise has also been the coordinator of the fall festivals, which raise funds for the improvements and upkeep. She is in urgent need of some additional volunteers for Saturday’s festival.

- Someone to coordinate the set-up in morning or afternoon and tear-down in evening — ideally with a truck and a few strong folks to haul risers, tents, chairs, and tables to and from SSP
- Roving raffle-ticket sellers (any time from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Drink-table workers (any time from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Cashier (any time from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Please contact Denise at 314-517-3998 or dmd1860@aol.com as soon as possible if you have any time available on Oct. 26 to help out.

NEW AT SCHOOL: “ELECTIVE TUESDAYS”

Last week, our school implemented its new Elective Tuesdays program for grades 5 through 8.

Students can choose two elective courses from art, culture/travel, health, stop-motion animation, web design, and advanced math/science.

Band will also become a Tuesday elective. By offering band at this time, participating students will no longer miss a class on Tuesday mornings.

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2019-20 basketball season. Pee Wee basketball is K-2nd grade, and has a fee of $40. CYC basketball is 3rd-8th grade, and has a fee of $60. (Basketball is not offered for Pre-K.)

Please visit https://ezrosters.com/stl-ssp to sign up. Registration will remain open through Oct. 31, 2019.

The Chapel of Sts. Mary and Joseph (6304 Minnesota Ave.) is a beautiful and historic landmark that is a Mission Church for St. Stephen Protomartyr. To raise funds to help support the upkeep of the property, we are sponsoring an Alphabet Club Raffle to be held each month in 2020.

The cost of a ticket is $20. This enters you into all 12 drawings on the 15th of each month in 2020. The winning letter/number combo drawn wins $100, and the letter/number combo on each side of the winning combo each wins $25. We are only selling 260 tickets, and you will have 36 chances to win.

To purchase tickets, email joerusch@sbcglobal.net with your letter/number choice(s) -- A to Z, 1 to 10. (Some letters are already sold out.)

Tickets will also be available at the SSMJ Fall Festival on Oct. 26, 2019. (See above for more information.)
GO SHOPPE-ING FOR SSP SPIRIT!

Now that fall has arrived, our school children have the opportunity to order uniform-approved sweatshirts and other spirit items from our Shark Shoppe.

We would like to invite the rest of our parish community to take a look at the entire array of Shark Shoppe items as well. You can shop online at https://forms.gle/ePvXQU17KNWtrb9Y8.

The measurements for each style are on the order form below each section. (There are samples of each size in the school office.) Orders will be placed on the next two Fridays. The sooner you get your order in, the sooner you will receive it.

These lovely items are produced by school parent Kate Schoellhorn. If you do not have a child in SSP School, please leave that line on the form blank and Kate will be in touch with you regarding delivery or pickup. If you have questions, please contact Kate at kateschoellhorn@gmail.com.

SSP’S 12TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 @ 7 p.m.
Parish Center Lot @ 3929 Wilmington Ave.

Trick or treating, music, dancing, face painting, tattoos, games & crafts
Hot dogs, chili, nachos, soda available for purchase

$5 per table before Oct. 18
$15 after that

Contact Stephanie Minor at 314-276-6995 to reserve

SPONSORED BY THE GIRL SCOUTS OF SSP

SSP PTO PRESENTS THE 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
St. Stephen Protomartyr School Hall
3929 Wilmington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63116
Sip N Snack Peruse

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

At our 8 a.m. Mass on Nov. 2, 2019, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls by naming those from our parish who have died in the past year.

If you have a family member who died this past year who is not being remembered at an All Souls celebration at another parish, please contact Mary Regan at 314-481-1133.

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 25 — Trunk or Treat
Oct. 26 — SSMJ Fall Festival
Oct. 30 — Pastoral Council meeting
Nov. 3 — Donut Sunday
Nov. 5 — St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting
Nov. 8 — PTO Holiday Boutique
Nov. 12 — Holy Name Society meeting
Nov. 22-24 — 8th grade play
Dec. 7 — Breakfast With Santa
Feb. 1 — Sports Trivia Night
Feb. 8 — Auction Gala
He sits in the back of the classroom, carefully following the teacher’s lesson. He loves school, but everything else in his life is a struggle. His exhausted mom is raising him and his brother alone, and money is tight. He works a part-time job that helps keep the family afloat month to month. He’s naturally shy and feels intimidated, surrounded by kids from families far better off than his, so he tends to stay in the background. He’s a bright kid, with potential to do great things — if only someone would see him.

She works hard in the office. She’s been there for a while, making a little more than minimum wage. But truth be told, she makes the place work: she picks up the slack when someone messes up; she’s learned to think three and four steps ahead, often solving a problem before it starts. The manager and sales team have come to depend on her — they just don’t realize it. Her organizational skills are terrific; her generosity of spirit and her ability to deal with people with patience, empathy and focus have won her the respect of all. She could and should be on the management track — if only someone would see her.

Then there are those who work hard not to be seen. Some are here legally, with limited visas; many are not. They work the farms at harvest; they crew fishing and crab boats. Except for a few dollars for their few expenses while here, they send their earnings home to the families waiting for their return. But many have come to consider them enemies, thieves — and worse. But they just want what we all want for our families: food, shelter, clothing and security. Why can’t we see that?

Today’s Gospel challenges us to see the “persistent widows” in our midst: to recognize their struggles and the gifts they possess that we overlook or discount. The widow of Jesus’s parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter and son, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who work for a cure so other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded. Jesus challenges us to put aside our obliviousness and self-absorption and see her. In her many guises, she is Christ in our midst.
ST. PATRICK CENTER 5K NEEDS HELP

The St. Patrick Center needs more than 50 volunteers on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, to help operate its Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk in downtown St. Louis.

Job assignments include registration, water stations, route course marshals, family area, fan club, and food/beverages. Shift start times range from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Volunteer groups welcome. Contact Sarah Webb at 314-802-0681 or swebb@stpatrickcenter.org.

MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS

The Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs is offering opportunities to learn more about different religious traditions and experience the aesthetic of their gathering spaces. Visit https://www.archstl.org/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/events to RSVP for gatherings at the St. Louis Islamic Center on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019; the New Northside Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019; the Confluence Zen Center on Sunday, March 15, 2019; and the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, March 22, 2019.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT MERCY CENTER

Accepting Hardship as a Pathway to Peace, Sunday, Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Painful life events will happen for each of us. Join us as we explore key questions that will help us embrace life’s challenges and uncertainties with faith, grace, and acceptance. An afternoon of reflection and discussion led by Paul Kraus, a lifelong teacher, retreat director, and service moderator for middle/high school and adults.

Holidays or Holidaze? Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — This practical and experiential workshop will provide time to explore mindfulness practices that can enhance this special season. This workshop is suitable for those new to mindfulness as well as those who are long-time mindfulness practitioners. Facilitator Coke Hennessy has had a mindfulness practice for over 20 years and is a certified mindfulness instructor.

Conscious Self-Care, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Experience how your energetic presence affects those around you and why it’s important to take care of yourself, especially as you care for others. You’ll walk away empowered with simple ways to support yourself throughout your day. Presenter is Amy Camie, certified clinical musician, spiritual harpist, and conscious self-care advocate.

All programs are held at the Mercy Conference & Retreat Center (2039 N. Geyer). For more information or to register, visit www.mercycenterstl.org.

PSR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE’S

Please support the South City Deanery Parish School of Religion fundraiser at Raising Cane’s in Hampton Village (4320 Hampton) this Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you mention the PSR Fundraiser at the register, the PSR program at St. John the Baptist will receive 15% of the sale.

DESERT DAY AT SANGUIS CHRISTI

How often have you said to yourself — “I really need a day of prayer and quiet!” Desert Days are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center (204 North Main, O’Fallon, Mo.) on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. Opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is available. Lunch is provided, and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or by email at corf@cpps-ofallon.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

Missouri Life Caravan is now accepting registrations for its bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 23-25, 2020. We will meet with our representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court’s decision to legalize abortion. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided).

We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area. We do not stay in hotels; we sleep on the buses. The cost before Dec. 20 is $205. The cost after Dec. 20 is $220. For more information and to register, visit www.missourilifecaravan.org, call 314-434-4900, or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. The registration deadline is Jan. 2, 2020.
October 20, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, October 22
8:00 a.m.— Bourisaw Family

Wednesday, October 23
8:00 a.m.— Tom Majda, Jr.

Thursday, October 24
8:00 a.m.— Msgr. Patrick J. Molloy

Friday, October 25
8:00 a.m.— Harold Schlegel

Saturday, October 26
8:00 a.m.— Louis J. Oehler
4:00 p.m.— Sr. Emerita McManus, CPPS

Sunday, October 27
8:00 a.m.— Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m.— Michael Simon

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering ...

Dave Asinger  Jan Hafler  Steve Moylan
Suzi Beck  Paul Heidbrier  Dianne Neels
Liz Bentrup  Wence Kveton  Grace Phillips
Ann Dosenbach  Thomas Lorenz  Vince Stehlin
Erin Goedeker  Lois McClellan  Virginia Zenthoefer

for our homebound ...

Albertine Honious  Art Petersen

for those in nursing homes ...

Dolores Meisemann

for family members serving in the military ...

Derek Hirtz  Ryan O’Neil  Dylan Schulte
Tristan Moylan  Brian Schoellhorn  Mitch Sollmann

DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays, after 8 a.m. Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

First Friday of the Month, after 8 a.m. Mass: Holy Hour and Benediction

Weekdays, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.: Church is available for prayer. Stop by the rectory for entry.

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 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 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.