St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

January 26, 2020

Third 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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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.

Salv 9:1
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

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Special collection in January is for The St. Louis Review.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTORS
Saturday, February 1
4:00 p.m. — G. Joly, P. O'Connell

Sunday, February 2
8:00 a.m. — C. Kveton, W. Kveton
10:30 a.m. — B. McLain, R. Moylan

SERVERS
Saturday, February 1
4:00 p.m. — Tommy G., Brody Z.

Sunday, February 2
8:00 a.m. — Gabriel S., Zach M.
10:30 a.m. — Ella C., Anya J.

Anyone who needs a copy of their 2019 contribution statement can contact June Tessin at junetessinssp@gmail.com or 314-481-1133.

Unless you request to have it mailed, you can pick up your statement at the rectory during regular business hours.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday, St. Thomas Aquinas:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Feast of the Presentation:** 1 Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; 2 Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too.
Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything.
Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
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.

GATHERING FOR GROWTH, PART 2

At the end of January, you will be invited to complete an anonymous survey, available both through the bulletin and an online link. The responses we receive to the survey will provide the focus for a formal meeting to reflect on where we are today as a community of faith. On Sunday, March 1, 2020, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, there will be a facilitated town-hall-style gathering for all members of the parish and school community.

At this meeting you will be encouraged to express your thoughts on various topics in small groups and then to the larger group. Your ideas and suggestions will help us to flourish as a parish and school in the months and years to come.

SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thanks to everyone — the cooks, the workers, and the diners — who supported our recent spaghetti dinner to benefit the Chapel at Sts. Mary & Joseph. We raised a total of $1,401.96!

And special thanks to Denise Dowd for coordinating!

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SPRING SPORTS

Registration is now open for the 2020 season of tee-ball and CYC baseball / softball at ezrosters.com/stl-ssp.

Tee-ball is pre-K through 1st grade, CYC baseball/softball is 2nd grade through 8th grade, and track is 2nd grade through 8th grade.

Fees are $50 for tee-ball and track and $60 for CYC baseball or softball. Registration will remain open through Feb. 29, 2020. We will NOT be able to guarantee a spot for your child if you are not registered by Feb. 29.

If you have any questions, please email Athletic Association President Jason Joly or Treasurer Gretchen Simons at sspathletics@gmail.com.

FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Epiphany Lutheran Church’s International Friendship Center (4045 Holly Hills Blvd.) offers free classes to serve those who are learning English as a Second Language. Students must be 17 years of age or older and not currently enrolled in high school.

Classes are held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Child care is provided, and there are refreshments for children and adults.

Learn basic English and build vocabulary. Practice conversation and life skills. Enjoy meeting new people during social hour! Teach us your traditions and culture while learning about ours!

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 8 — Gala
Feb. 11 — Holy Name Society Meeting
Feb. 12 — Confirmation
Feb. 20 — 50+ Club Meeting
Feb. 26 — Ash Wednesday / First Fish Fry
March 1 — Gathering for Growth Meeting
May 2 — Golf Tournament
June 10 — Parish Picnic
In a delightful story on Vogue.com [February 2, 2018], Patricia Garcia tells the story of how she finally “learned to stop worrying and love my nose.”

In the seventh grade, as her body was changing, which was good for the most part, her genetics decided to lengthen her nose by at least a full inch. Her exaggeratedly pointy, slightly asymmetrical nose became the bane of her existence. That summer she and her family were visiting the zoo when they came to a group of flamingos standing around a pond. “Hey, look!” her brother shouted, pointing at her. “Your real family!” Ouch.

At 14, Patricia was having lunch with her aunt. “Why don’t you have a boyfriend yet?” she asked. The aunt, who had “work done,” added that “if you just took a little bit of length from that nose, you could be beautiful.” Thanks, Auntie.

At 16, Patricia looked into rhinoplasty — a terrible name for this type of procedure: a doctor peels off a layer of skin from your face, and then takes a hammer and chisel to the nose, fractures the bone in half, and reshapes what’s left. No, thank you.

When she was a senior in high school, Patricia was at a house party with her then-boyfriend. After a few too many beers, he proclaimed his love for her and said he had discovered the perfect name for her: “jolie laide.” She looked it up in the Oxford dictionary: “A woman whose face is attractive despite having ugly features.” It was the end of the relationship.

In college, Patricia read about singer Ashlee Simpson’s “fantastic” nose job, including the before and after pictures in US Weekly. She called her mom, determined to find a plastic surgeon. Her mother sighed, “I thought you had grown out of this by now.” But her mother, who barely used makeup and had a naturally straight smile, agreed to go with her to a plastic surgeon who was recommended to them.

The surgeon immediately focused on her ability to breathe with her deviated septum. He showed her on a computer screen what he would do to bring her already “beautiful nose down to a better size.” Patricia did not like what she saw. She had seen that nose on so many other people. She hated it. She left the surgeon’s office as quickly as possible.

So Patricia started a mental catalog of women with fascinating, unconventional noses: Barbra Streisand, Sofia Coppola, Anjelica Huston, Sarah Jessica Parker, Diana Vreeland. Good company, she reasoned.

At 23, she met a photographer — a guy with a perfect nose. He liked to take her picture when she was caught off guard. One night he showed up at her apartment and snapped a photo as Patricia opened the front door. I love this and I love you, he later wrote in an email with the photo. In it, Patricia is smiling with her face turned to the right and the light of the flash settled entirely on her protruding beak. She put it on her Facebook page. “Bella!” her aunt wrote.

Patricia married the photographer. “We now have a daughter. And we love everything about her. Especially her pretty, prominent nose,” Patricia writes.

A wise and perceptive photographer reveals to a young woman that her true beauty and grace is much deeper than the “prominence” of her nose. That’s what it means to “catch” others for God: enabling them to see the beauty in themselves, helping them realize the good that they are and can be, showing them the real presence that God is in their lives. Christ calls us to “fish” for those who are working hard to build fulfilling and meaningful lives for their families; Christ calls us to “catch” those who are struggling to survive; Christ calls us to “fish” for those have lost all hope. In Baptism, we accepted Jesus’ invitation to cast our “nets” of patience, humility and hard-won wisdom to bring others to the peace and compassion of God.

From Connections, January 2020

**KIDS’ INDOOR SOCCER**

There will be an indoor soccer program for boys and girls of the parish aged 5 to 12. The program will be conducted at Vetta Concord’s indoor soccer facility in South County and will begin in early February.

For more information, call Marty at 314-393-1164.

**SOUTH CITY PSR FUNDRAISER**

Dine in at Mariachi’s II (4625 Gravois Rd.) on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., when the restaurant will donate 15 percent of its sales to the South City Deanery Parish School of Religion. Please mention this fundraiser at the time of dining so that PSR receives the 15 percent.
HISTORY OF DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Altenheim (5408 S. Broadway) is hosting local author and historian Nini Harris on Feb. 2, 2020, at 1 p.m.

Ms. Harris will provide a presentation on the evolution of downtown St. Louis.

After the presentation, her book, Downtown St. Louis, will be available for sale and free tours of the Altenheim will be offered.

For more information, contact Dana at 314-269-5316 or dboyland@stlouisaltenheim.com.

Lenten Retreat

South Grand Senior Ministry invites you to a Lenten Day of Reflection. This annual event will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at The White House Retreat Center (7400 Christopher Dr.). The program will include conferences by Fr. Jim Blumeyer, with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day will include Mass and lunch.

Cost for the day is $5 per person, payable at the door. The retreat is open only to parishioners of SGSIM member parishes. For reservations, call Diane at 314-772-1525, ext 206, by Tuesday, March 3.

SSP 50+ Club Meeting

All seniors of SSP Parish are welcome to join us at the monthly meetings of our 50+ Club on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in our Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2020.

Looking for Dedicated Ladies

If you are retired, bored, and/or lonely and maybe looking for a renewed sense of purpose, consider joining Senior Services Unlimited, which assists elderly persons having physical therapy in their home. They are tired and enjoy a companion and some light assistance. No heavy lifting involved.

Call Cherie Posley, LPN, at 314-646-8131 for more information.
WHO DOESN'T LOVE A SIGN-UP PARTY?
What's a sign-up party? Sign-up parties are events donated (and usually hosted) by parishioners which are scheduled at a time during the upcoming year. Gala attendees can purchase ("sign up" for) a spot at the event for a set price until all spots are sold. Sign-up parties are historically SUPER POPULAR Gala items -- and a way to extend the fun beyond February 8!
Just a few of the offerings —
• Borgmeyer Bros' Rare Beer & Hand-Crafted-Sausage — Raid Sam’s world-famous beer cellar while enjoying an array of Ben’s soon-to-be-famous homemade sausages
• Backyard Luau Party — Live Hawaiian music, roast pig, and Pacific-isles-inspired fun hosted by the Payne, Bauer, Lohff, Reich, and Thenhaus families
• Oktoberfest — Open bar, German-inspired delicacies, live music, games & more at Jim & Krissy Forgash’s home, co-hosted by the Bauers, Finneys, and McMahons

WHAT TO WEAR? WHAT TO WEAR?
For those who enjoy dressing the part ... In the spirit of LIVE FROM NEW YORK, we invite everyone to be inspired by their favorite “Saturday Night Live” or Broadway show characters. Run with it! (Costumes are not required.)

GRAND CENTRAL STATION SPONSOR
Imagine ... a treasured family photo next to your very own subway tile in the lobby of the big event! And then seeing your tile in the cafeteria during Lent — you could be FISH FRY FAMOUS for only $25! To become a Grand Central Station Sponsor of the Gala, please visit ssp2020.givesmart.com.

KEEP THE WINE & BOURBON COMING!
We are still taking donations of wine worth at least $10 a bottle and bourbon worth at least $25 a bottle. Put bottles in the back of church or send to the school office, marked with your name and the dollar value (regardless of sale price). Questions? Contact Mandy at 314-602-5122.

SPP2020.GIVESMART.COM
This is where you go to RSVP to the event, purchase chances in the raffles, become a Grand Central Station Sponsor, and preview items for bidding.
If you attended the 2018 Gala, you already have an account with GiveSmart. If not — or if you do not remember your password — visit the site to get set up or reacquainted.
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 27**
8:00 a.m.— Liturgy of the Word

**Tuesday, January 28**
8:00 a.m.— Joseph Heaghney

**Wednesday, January 29**
8:00 a.m.— Deacon Russ Butler

**Thursday, January 30**
8:00 a.m.— Agnes Kahn

**Friday, January 31**
8:00 a.m.— Rev. Edmond Fitzgibbon

**Saturday, February 1**
8:00 a.m.— Rev. Ferdinand Wesloh
4:00 p.m.— Mary Louise McCumber

**Sunday, February 2**
8:00 a.m.— Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m.— Rev. Robert Marshall

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**PLEASE PRAY**

**for our sick and recovering ...**

| Dave Asinger | Erin Goedeker | Steve Moylan |
| Bob Beck | Jan Haffer | Dianne Neels |
| Suzi Beck | Paul Heidbrier | Grace Phillips |
| Liz Bentrup | Thomas Lorenz | Virginia Zenthoefer |
| Ann Dosenbach | Lois McClellan |

**for our homebound ...**

Albertine Honious | Art Petersen

**for family members serving in the military ...**

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

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**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.

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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:
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.