

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — Psalm 23:1

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Welcome to the neighborhood and parish community!

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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

March 15 Contribution	\$ 3,308.50
Online giving contribution	\$ 2,007.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 5,315.50
R & I	\$ 126.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 919.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 71.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 71.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 15.00

Special collections in March: Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services.

During this time, we are continuing to pay our staff and faculty members as well as our regular bills. Until public Masses are reinstated, please consider mailing or dropping off your weekly contribution to the parish office or signing up for online giving at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/809>.

PASTOR'S NOTE

To say that much has changed since last week's bulletin would be the understatement of the century. We are all dealing with the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. **The goal is safety and mitigating the effects of the virus.**

At the time of this writing, the Archdiocese has mandated that there is to be **no public celebration of liturgy or other group services until at least April 5**. If you would like to use the church for personal prayer, please call the parish office before coming over, to make sure someone is available to let you in. Our staff are making necessary accommodations to work entirely from home, should that become necessary.

Because things are changing so rapidly, **I highly encourage you to subscribe to our communications via Flocknote**, which enables us to share information in the most timely manner. Please note, Flocknote is merely **the means by which** you are connecting with SSP. Many, many parishes use it. You don't have to download anything. You don't need a password. It is about

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- **SSP News Alerts** — sent only if something time-sensitive needs to be shared
- **SSP Nightly News** — sent every evening with a recap of recent developments which might affect our SSP community, including how / when / where we worship, the status of our events and missions, ways to keep one another safe and supported, and a bit of prayer and inspiration
- **SSP Weekly Bulletin** — sent each Sunday at noon
- **SSP Daily Lenten Reflections** — sent daily

At the encouragement of the Archbishop, we are exploring the possibility of livestreaming Masses from our church which you could view online. We will keep you apprised of any related developments through the **Nightly News** sent via Flocknote and will also update in next week's bulletin.

School Principal Search: We have formed a search committee of parents and parishioners to fill the position. We plan to conduct our first interviews on **March 19**. Please keep the committee and candidates in your prayers.

Gathering for Growth: Plans are still in place to continue with the smaller, more focused meeting on **April 19**. If you volunteered to be a representative at this meeting, you will be receiving a note in the mail. This meeting, of course, is subject to change. We will keep all of you informed about that.

Peace,



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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020

Reading 1 (Is 65:17-21)

Thus says the LORD: Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight; I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying; No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime; He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years, and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed. They shall live in the houses they build, and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b)

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; You preserved me from among those going down into the pit. **R**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger last but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing. **R**
 "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. **R**

Gospel (Jn 4:43-54)

At that time Jesus left [Samaria] for Galilee. For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his native place. When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves had gone to the feast. Then he returned to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While the man was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live. He asked them when he began to recover. They told him, "The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon." The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live," and he and his whole household came to believe. Now this was the second sign Jesus did when he came to Galilee from Judea.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

Reading 1 (Ez 47:1-9, 12)

The angel brought me, Ezekiel, back to the entrance of the temple of the LORD, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the right side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the right side. Then when he had walked off to the east with a measuring cord in his

hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water, which was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand and once more had me wade through the water, which was now knee-deep. Again he measured off a thousand and had me wade; the water was up to my waist. Once more he measured off a thousand, but there was now a river through which I could not wade; for the water had risen so high it had become a river that could not be crossed except by swimming. He asked me, "Have you seen this, son of man?" Then he brought me to the bank of the river, where he had me sit. Along the bank of the river I saw very many trees on both sides. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9)

The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress.

Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. **R**

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn. **R**

The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! Behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth. **R**

Gospel (Jn 5:1-16)

There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a sabbath.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Reading 1 (Is 7:10-14; 8:10)

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your

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God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us!"

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11)

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, But ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said, "Behold I come." **R**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do you will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!" **R**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R**

Your justice I kept not hid within my heart; your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of; I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth in the vast assembly. **R**

Reading 2 (Heb 10:4-10)

Brothers and sisters: It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins. For this reason, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel (Lk 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid," Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

Reading 1 (Ex 32:7-14)

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' The LORD said to Moses, "I see how stiff-necked this people is. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." But Moses

implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth'? Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people.

Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23)

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Our fathers made a calf in Horeb and adored a molten image; they exchanged their glory for the image of a grass-eating bullock. **R** They forgot the God who had saved them, who had done great deeds in Egypt, wondrous deeds in the land of Ham, terrible things at the Red Sea. **R**

Then he spoke of exterminating them, but Moses, his chosen one, withstood him in the breach to turn back his destructive wrath. **R**

Gospel (Jn 5:31-47)

Jesus said to the Jews: "If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is not true. But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true. You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. I do not accept human testimony, but I say this so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light. But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on my behalf. But you have never heard his voice nor seen his form, and you do not have his word remaining in you, because you do not believe in the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on my behalf. But you do not want to come to me to have life. "I do not accept human praise; moreover, I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I came in the name of my Father, but you do not accept me; yet if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe, when you accept praise from one another and do not seek the praise that comes from the only God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father: the one who will accuse you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

Reading 1 (Wis 2:1a, 12-22)

The wicked said among themselves, thinking not aright: "Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, Reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and styles himself a child of the LORD. To us he is the censure of our thoughts; merely to see him is a hardship for us, Because his life is not like that of others, and different are his ways. He judges us debased; he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure. He calls blest the destiny of the just and boasts that God is his Father. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put him to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take

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care of him." These were their thoughts, but they erred; for their wickedness blinded them, and they knew not the hidden counsels of God; neither did they count on a recompense of holiness nor discern the innocent souls' reward.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress He rescues them. **R**

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. Many are the troubles of the just man, but out of them all the LORD delivers him. **R**

He watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him. **R**

Gospel (Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

Jesus moved about within Galilee; he did not wish to travel in Judea, because the Jews were trying to kill him. But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret. Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, "Is he not the one they are trying to kill? And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him. Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ? But we know where he is from. When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

Reading 1 (Jer 11:18-20)

I knew their plot because the LORD informed me; at that time you, O LORD, showed me their doings. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me: "Let us destroy the tree in its vigor; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will be spoken no more." But, you, O LORD of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause!

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12)

O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.

O LORD, my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and rescue me. Lest I become like the lion's prey, to be torn to pieces, with no one to rescue me. **R**

Do me justice, O LORD, because I am just, and because of the innocence that is mine. Let the malice of the wicked come to an end, but sustain the just, O searcher of heart and soul, O just God. **R**

A shield before me is God, who saves the upright of heart; a just judge is God, a God who punishes day by day. **R**

Gospel (Jn 7:40-53)

Some in the crowd who heard these words of Jesus said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But others said, "The Christ will not come from Galilee, will he? Does not Scripture say that the Christ will be of David's family and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" so a division occurred in the crowd because of him. Some of them even wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not bring him?" The guards answered, "Never before has anyone spoken like this man." So the Pharisees answered them, "Have

you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed." Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?"

They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Then each went to his own house.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

Reading 1 (Ez 37:12-14)

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **R**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. **R**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **R**

Reading 2 (Rm 8:8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel (Jn 11:1-45)

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them

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about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT, JAN-MARCH

Utility Assistance

10 helped with Spire gas bill (\$1,457)
30 helped with Ameren electric bill (\$4,735)

Other

11 helped with 16 beds, furniture, clothes, miscellaneous
(\$4,000 thrift-store credits used)
3 helped with rent (\$1,850)
2 helped with cars (\$12,000)
1 helped with bus passes (\$156)
1 helped with shower chair

Food Pantry

1,696 people served / 758 families

TOTAL FOR JANUARY-MARCH

58 individual cases at \$24,198 less \$4,000 credits &
Council help of \$12,418 = \$7,780 out-of-pocket

Thank you for your continued donations and support.



STS. MARY & JOSEPH CHAPEL

March 2020

Alphabet Club Raffle Winners:

M/6: Jane Alles ~ \$100.00

M/5: Mark Sielfleisch ~ \$25.00

M/7: Les Wendell ~ \$25.00

Congratulations!

HELP WANTED — VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are looking for that special someone who would be interested in coordinating our **Vacation Bible School** this summer. The dates of the program are flexible to accommodate the availability of an interested coordinator.

There are many worker-bee volunteers at the ready to help; we are in need of a person to manage the moving parts. Contact **Mary Regan** at 314-481-1133 or maryreganssp@gmail.com.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In the charity of your prayers, please remember **the grandfather of Alaina Baker-Nigh**, who died recently.

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



PREVENT & PROTECT STL

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called **Prevent and Protect STL**. All clergy, employees, and volunteers who minister to minors and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese are required to register in the new system. This includes those new to service **and those who are currently in service**. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system.

In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register. Contact SSP Child Safety Coordinator **Mary Paule** at 314-481-1133 or marypaulessp@gmail.com with any questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the mandate of the Archbishop, no public Masses are to be offered this week. Any Masses celebrated privately are to be offered as *missas pro populo* — Masses offered for the people.

Personal Mass intentions that had been scheduled during this time will be rescheduled for a later date. We will be in touch with you.

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering ...

Suzi Beck	Paul Heidbrier	Steve Moylan
Liz Bentrup	Thomas Lorenz	Grace Phillips
Ann Dosenbach	Bob Marx	Virginia Zenthoefer
Erin Goedeker	Evelyn Matt	
Jan Haffer	Lois McClellan	

for our homebound ...

Jack Heffernan	Albertine Honious	Art Petersen
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for family members serving in the military ...

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

DEVOTIONS

Please contact the parish office if you would like to pray privately in the church.

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.

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.

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 office.

Parish School of Religion

PSR formal classes in our Catholic Faith

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Call the PSR Director at 314-773-3070.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

In verdant pastures He gives me repose;

beside restful waters He leads me;

He refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil;

for You are at my side

with Your rod and Your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

for years to come.

Amen.

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