

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

June 21, 2020 • Twelfth 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

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Matthew 10:32)

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak?

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a

joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

June 14 Contribution	\$ 3,086.00
Online giving contribution	\$ 2,319.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 5,405.00
R & I	\$ 235.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 207.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$ 346.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 10.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 55.00
St. Vincent de Paul, SSP	\$ 100.00

Special collection in June is for Cardinal Glennon Hospital.

ONLINE-GIVING SYSTEM UPGRADE

Our online-giving provider will be migrating to a new system effective Monday, **June 22, 2020**. If you are a user of the online-giving option, a communication will be sent to you on or around June 22 from the provider. This communication will inform you of the upgrade and provide you with the new website address to access your online giving account.

Please understand that **current online-giving users will not need to re-enroll**. All donors' gifts will continue without interruption.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

We are pleased to announce that the parish office will now be open regularly, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

For the time being, we are going to continue to use the "disaster" phone system as it is easier to connect with someone if they are not physically in the office. **PLEASE NOTE:** The option 5 (general mailbox) is not working properly. Please select the most appropriate of the other options and we will get you where you need to go.

A NOTE FROM FATHER RON

We were among the first organizations to apply for and receive financial assistance in April from the **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** established through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Even before the availability of these funds became public knowledge, our accountant had the application forms ready for my signature. With the help of **Jim Forgash**, we submitted the application and had approval within three days.

In addition to receiving funds through the PPP, we have also received funds from the CARES Act to help finance equipment and supplies used in the classrooms.

These funds help to offset some of the shortfalls we have experienced with the loss of a few of our usual fundraisers. Our regular stewardship has been steady, and for this I am most grateful. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Peace,



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL RESUMES

As we look forward to returning to a more normal schedule of activities and sacramental celebrations, you are invited once again to participate in the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Your continued support helps those in need, including many who have been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in our Archdiocese.



More information can be found at **aca.archstl.org**. Gifts can be made online, or please drop your pledge card and gift at the rectory. If you have not yet received a pledge card and would like one, please contact **June** at 314-481-1133.

Will & Meghan Hartzler
SSP ACA Coordinators

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.

OUR VIRTUAL PARISH PICNIC

To our SSP family:

Where do we begin?

Over three months ago, we held our first picnic meeting and brainstormed ways we could make it the most successful picnic ever.

Two months ago, given all of the circumstances surrounding the pandemic, we were going back and forth, trying to decide if we should move forward with the event.

One month ago, we asked for your help in creating a different picnic experience where we would be together in a virtual way. We decided to sell a commemorative t-shirt, continue with the Grand Raffle, and pull on your heartstrings and checkbooks to see if we could collect some money to make up for having to cancel the picnic.

Little did we know that so many of you would open up your hearts and make the virtual picnic such a huge success. We are still collecting donations and finalizing numbers, but this is looking like one of the most successful "picnics" we have had in recent years.

We are truly blessed and grateful to be members of such a giving community. We did not imagine our last year as picnic chairpersons would end this way, but we are extremely grateful to all of you for making it a picnic to remember!

Thank you!

Matt & Ann Marie Guntli



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School registration is well under way for the 2020-21 school year.

If you have not already done so, please **log into your FACTS**

Family Portal and select the Apply/Enroll tab on the left side and follow the links from there.

The process takes about 15 minutes per student. Please be sure to REVIEW the final enrollment form where you will select SUBMIT. The registration fee is \$200.

If you have any questions, please contact **June** at 314-481-1133 or **Amanda** at 314-752-4700.



PSR

Pass on the good news!

What good news? The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith!

This fall, over 100 children and young people will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by **becoming a catechist** for the South City Deanery PSR.

Classes are on Mondays from 6:20 p.m. to 7:40 p.m., on the campus of St. John the Baptist (4200 Delor). As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well. As one long-time catechist put it: "I learn so much from the children!"

Training and support will be provided.

For more information, contact **Deacon George Watson** at 314-773-3070.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



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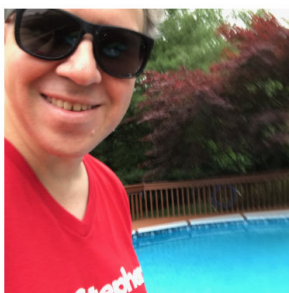
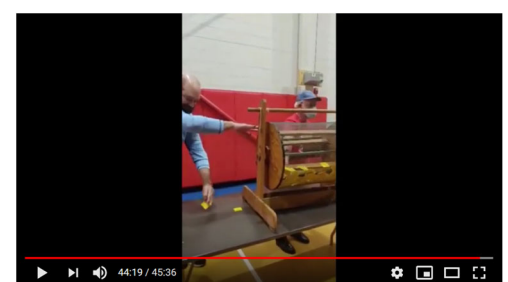
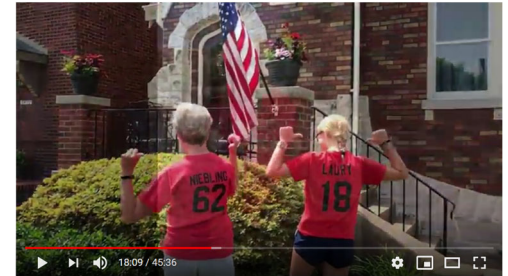
Alphabet Club Raffle Winners:

B/8: Jane Alles ~ \$100.00

B/7: Barb Crockett~ \$25.00

B/9: Jane & Loy Barber~ \$25.00

Congratulations!



GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS:

- \$10,000 — Jim & Carol Prag
- \$3,000 — Terry Keenan
- \$2,000 — Adam Kellerman

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A LIFE OF CONSTANT DEVOTION

Acknowledging Jesus before others incorporates not only the words we speak, but also our actions. The empirical evidence convicting us as Christians should be apparent in every aspect of our lives. The person we portray in the office should be the same person we bring home at night, and clearly recognizable as the person who arrives at Sunday Mass.



Jesus identifies Nathanael as a person with no duplicity, no guile, no deceit within him. Nathanael, in return, recognizes Jesus as Rabbi, the Son of God! He does not look around first to see who might hear him acknowledge Christ; he is true to himself and, more importantly, his convictions.

Do we deny Jesus when we are uncomfortable, perhaps holding back who we are, particularly with family, friends, or co-workers? Does the warning Jesus speaks in Matthew's Gospel — "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father" — hold no significance for our actions?

Are we willing to take the chance that these words came with conditions: Acknowledge me only if it is convenient or easy? Are we worried more about the repercussions of our behavior with people over God?

The prayer after Communion includes the words, "constant devotion," and St. Paul speaks in Thessalonians about "praying without ceasing." A life with Christ is one of continued worship, every moment of our lives offered in devotion to one who knows the number of hairs on our head and counts our worth invaluable.

Our Father, with the most intimate knowledge of our life, is aware of those moments when we fail to glorify him, yet in his mercy, he never ceases to offer protection from the one who can destroy both body and soul.

Examine your life this week, every single aspect. Pray for the grace and strength to fulfill the teaching in this Gospel. Count the ways you acknowledge Jesus with your life, repent for where you do not, and seek every day to live bravely as a follower of Christ.

Allison Gingras
LPi *Connect!*

ST. PATRICK CENTER

Each **St. Patrick Center** client who moves into permanent housing receives a move-in kit to start his/her new home. St. Patrick Center is running low on items for move-in kits and is asking for help in the way of donations of NEW pots and pans; bath towels and washcloths; comforter sets; laundry baskets; and more. Drop items at St. Patrick Center's Donation Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Katie Joseph at 314-802-1976 or kjoseph@stppatrickcenter.org. Find the full move-in kit list at stppatrickcenter.org/donate.



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In the charity of your prayers, please remember **Fr. Tim Vowels** and **Fr. John J. Hughes**, who died recently.

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



FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

On Thursday, **June 18, 2020**, Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy, will present a talk on "The Power of Desire for the Sacraments."

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this talk will be a virtual event only, available on the seminary's livestream, beginning with Mass at 8 a.m. and followed by the talk from 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

Visit www.kenrick.edu/fiat for more information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MASS

Join other #NFPproud families on the Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stlnfp) for a watch party for the annual **Love & Life Mass**. The Mass will be live-streamed from the Basilica Cathedral of St. Louis and celebrated by Archbishop Robert J Carlson on Saturday, **July 11, 2020**, at 5 p.m.

To attend the Mass in-person, follow Archdiocesan and Cathedral guidelines at www.cathedralstl.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22

Private Mass — Fr. Tim Vowels

Tuesday, June 23

Private Mass — John Michael Letz

Wednesday, June 24

8 a.m. — Fr. John J. Hughes

Thursday, June 25

Private Mass — Edward Henke

Friday, June 26

Private Mass — Martha Grega

Saturday, June 27

Private Mass — Michael & Carol Annunziata

Sunday, June 28

9 a.m. — Ken Simon, Carroll Simon

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering ...

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

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.

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SAINT  STEPHEN
Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Parish Office Hours

314-481-1133

Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays

Bulletin Article Deadline

Monday at 12 p.m. prior to the weekend bulletin.

Sacramental Celebrations

Eucharist

Sign up to attend Masses via the link on our parish website or call Mary at 314-481-1133, option 2

Sunday: Mass, 9 a.m.

Wednesday: Mass, 8 a.m.

Reconciliation

Please call Father Ron to make an appointment.

Infant and Child Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated at any weekend liturgy or on the last Sunday of the month following the latest Mass. 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
Children: 4 yrs. through 8th grade and high school
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