

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

September 27, 2020 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus.
— *Philippians 2:5*



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STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, and PRAYER

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." - Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

September 6 Contribution	\$ 2,674.00
Online giving contribution	\$ 2,202.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 4,876.00
R & I	\$ 370.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 291.00
St. Vincent de Paul, SSP	\$ 77.00
Catholic University	\$ 79.00
September 13 Contribution	\$ 8,498.00
Online giving contribution	\$ 1,959.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 10,457.00
R & I	\$ 178.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 442.00
St. Vincent de Paul, SSP	\$ 135.00
Catholic University	\$ 22.00
Hurricanes & Wildfires	\$ 100.00
September 20 Contribution	\$ 2,237.00
Online giving contribution	\$ 3,845.00
Total weekly contribution	\$ 6,082.00
R & I	\$ 179.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 890.00
St. Vincent de Paul, SSP	\$ 130.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00
Hurricanes & Wildfires	\$ 200.00

Special collection in September is for Catholic University.

PTO TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Virtual "DIY" Trivia Night is happening on Saturday, **Oct. 17, 2020!** See the flyer on the next page of the bulletin for information about how to get your team registered.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, St. Jerome: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, St. Therese of the Child Jesus: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, Holy Guardian Angels: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Archbishop Rozanski has initiated a special collection to help provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from **Hurricane Laura in Louisiana** and the **wildfires in California**. The funds will support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services and will be distributed where they are most needed.

Anyone wishing to donate is invited to please put your donation in an envelope marked "Hurricane Laura" or "Wildfires" and either drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket at weekend Masses.



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.

"ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ..."

It's been a long day. She sits in her dimly lit living room. It's after 11 p.m.; her day started before six. At the office, it was one crisis after another; then the school called: her eight-year-old she is raising alone came down with a fever, so she had to go and bring him home and arrange for her mother to come over so she could get back to the office. After getting him to bed, she took on the monthly challenge of making her salary cover all the bills (managed to make it again for another month!). She's tired but can't sleep just yet. She needs a few minutes just to be thankful for the beautiful boy snoring up a storm in the next room who makes her life as a mom more than worth it all.

He drives a truck for a package delivery service — and these are busy days. He takes a couple of extra shifts when he can because his family could use the money — the oldest is starting to look at colleges. But one night a week he manages to get home in time to gulp down some supper and head to the community center where he coaches a team of nine- and ten-year-olds in the city's youth basketball league. He first started coaching his son's team — and kept at it long after his son moved on. Yeah, there are other things he could be doing that, frankly, would make life a lot easier, but he knows that for some of these kids, this team is the best thing in their lives. So one night a week he continues to run, push and coach these kids for the good of his own soul.

He helps her with her coat and makes sure she has a good, steady grip on her cane. He then puts her arm in his and they walk the same path they walk every afternoon in the park across the street from their apartment. He points to a cardinal lighting on a tree branch overhead. He cheers a great catch made by a player in a pick-up football game. He talks about last night's call from their son and the latest doings of the grandchildren. But none of it registers with her. She is lost in a fog of dementia. All she recognizes is him, her husband of 63 years. And that's more than enough. He's thankful that they can walk arm-in-arm together for another day.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus upholds the sacred dignity of all men and women in the eyes of God: the struggling, the poor, the powerless, the ignored, the forgotten, the vulnerable, those pushed to the margins and peripheries of society. Every life is open to the "way of righteousness." Simple humility, faithfulness, and gratitude are the entries to the kingdom of God. Our standing in demographic and marketing profiles, our net worth, whatever labels society applies to us do not determine the "holiness" of our lives or the measure of God's love in our days. Christ invites us to realize the kingdom of God in our lives by our commitment to selfless generosity and faithful gratitude; God calls us to look beyond the designations and stereotypes like "tax collector" and "prostitute" and recognize, instead, the holiness that resides within the soul of every person — including ourselves.

Connections, September 2020

Do you have an extra coat or two? **Donate it!**

We are holding a One Warm Coat drive and collecting clean, gently worn coats of all types and sizes.

Donations will be accepted:
9/14 to 10/30

Donated coats will be distributed in our local community!

Do you know someone who needs a coat? Contact Mary Regan at 314 481 1133 and let her know gender and size.



LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 30 Pastoral Council Meeting
Oct. 14 Board of Education Meeting
Oct. 17 PTO Virtual Trivia Night
Nov. 7 PTO Holiday Boutique*
Dec. 5 Breakfast With Santa*

**Note that the details of these events (including whether they are in-person or virtual) have yet to be determined.*

SSP Trivia Night is the biggest fundraiser for the PTO every year. All money raised goes to support many programs and activities for our school children and faculty. Please help us reach our goal of 50 teams!



YouTube Livestream and Google forms will be used to conduct the trivia game.

Saturday, October 17

\$25/Person

**6:30 pm – Sign-On
7:00 pm – Trivia Starts**

8 people/team

Contact Chad and Janet Wilcox at 314-776-4268 or sspptotrivia@gmail.com to reserve your Team today!

SSP Trivia Night Info

What does SSP Trivia and a D.I.Y. project have in common?
Both make putting together a spectacular "table" so much fun!

How does SSP Trivia D.I.Y. work?

1. You submit a TEAM NAME and your Team Captain's EMAIL ADDRESS to our SSP Trivia Coordinators to reserve your participation. (Visit www.saintstephenstl.org/trivia-night to register your team, or complete the form below.)
2. SSP Trivia Coordinators will email your Team Captain's address with details to test your email in advance of trivia night. This will ensure your connection is made.
3. Gather your team and be ready: this is Trivia Night D.I.Y. style!
Will you be in a room? Will you be in a Zoom?
Will you project on a wall? Will you be listening on a call?

How will I get questions and submit answers?

- On October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Team Captains will receive links:
 1) *YouTube LiveStream* and
 2) *Google Form for Round 1* (for submitting answers)
- Questions will be read over the YouTube LiveStream. Listen closely!
- You submit the completed Google Form at the end of each round.
 A new link will be provided by email to Team Captains for each round.
- Answers for each round will be read after all teams have submitted their Google Forms for that round.



**For more info,
 please contact
 Chad and Janet Wilcox at
 314-776-4268
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Trivia Team Reservation Form

Team Name: _____

Team Captain Name: _____

Team Captain email address: _____

How many people will you have on your team? _____

(\$25/per person; Max 8 people)

Don't forget your Mulligans! 1 per Round / \$20 per Team.
Please include payment with your reservation.

Please send payment by cash or check to SSP Parish Rectory or School Office.

Stay tuned in to our COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

WEBSITE www.saintstephenstl.org

- **School:** www.saintstephenstl.org/school

FACTS is our parents' main source of the nitty-gritty, but here you can find more general information.

- **Livestream:** www.saintstephenstl.org/live-stream

Go here to see any of our live streams in real time, including Masses and other events; after their live airing, all videos are available in the archive, at the bottom of the page.

YOUTUBE www.youtube.com/ststephenprotomartyr

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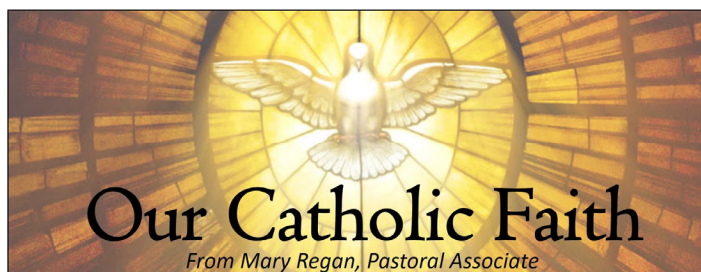
Our main parish communication tool. Sign up for whichever groups are of interest; unsubscribe at any time. Receive notes via email and/or text.

- **Daily Reflections:** Reflections on the day's readings from Mary Regan and parishioners.
- **Nightly News:** Born of sheltering in place, parish news and a reflection.
- **Weekly Bulletin:** Our weekly church bulletin.
- **Monthly Update:** Encapsulation of news & happenings over the past month.
- **News Alerts:** Urgent news; used rarely.
- **Prayer Tree:** Prayer requests from our community.

FACEBOOK

- **Parish:** www.facebook.com/sspstl
- **School:** www.facebook.com/SSPCatholicSchool
- **Alumni:** www.facebook.com/groups/StStephenAlumni
Public group of graduates of St. Stephen and anyone else who's interested.
- **PTO:** www.facebook.com/groups/SSPPTO
Private group limited to current school parents and staff. Go to group to request to join.

Questions? Contact **Stephanie Wobbe** at stephaniewobbe@saintstephenstl.org or 314-660-1548.



This year, the Church celebrated Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020. The 2020 theme is ***I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.***

This is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Sometimes we think that only teachers are catechists. But we are all catechists in teaching our children, our grandchildren, and one another what it means to live our faith.

*If you have a question about the Catholic faith you would like addressed, contact **Mary Regan** at 314-481-1133, #2, or mary.regan@saintstephenstl.org. If Mary doesn't know the answer, she'll try to find it. All questions will respect the privacy of the questioner, who will remain anonymous.*

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Throughout the United States on Saturday, **Oct. 10, 2020**, thousands will gather to pray the rosary for peace. You are invited to join the Legion of Mary and others at **St. Anthony of Padua** (3140 Meramec St.) in the front yard of the friary at noon. There is ample parking on the east side of the church. It is handicap-accessible, but you will need to bring your favorite folding chair. For more information, contact **Grace Phillips** at 314-352-0541.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of faith remains. Keep your radio set on AM 1460



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September 27, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28

Private Mass

Tuesday, September 29

8 a.m. — Rev. Robert Boisaubin

Wednesday, September 30

8 a.m. — Evelyn Borgmeyer

Thursday, October 1

8 a.m. — Martha Grega, Msgr. Robert L. McCarty

Friday, October 2

8 a.m. — Brothers of the 3rd and 1st Cavalry

Saturday, October 3

4 p.m. — Our Parishioners

Sunday, October 4

9 a.m. — S. Mann

PLEASE PRAY

for our sick and recovering ...

Suzie Beck	Paul Heidbrier	Steve Moylan
Liz Bentrup	Tim Krueger	Grace Phillips
Ann Dosenbach	Thomas Lorenz	Laurie Rahn
Steve Gaydos	Bob Marx	Virginia Zenthoefer
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
Sam May	Brian Schoellhorn	Mitch Sollmann
Tristan Moylan	Chris Schrader	

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: 8:30 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

Make a reservation to attend **weekend** Masses via the link on our parish website or call Mary at 314-481-1133, option 2

Saturday: Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: Mass, 8 a.m. (no reservations required)

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

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