

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



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While you wait ... consider joining the decorating committee!

BRING BIBLES TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Blessing for the newly instituted Sunday of the Word of God

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*To each individual the
manifestation of the Spirit is
given for some benefit.
(1 Cor 12:7)*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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January 9 Contribution	\$ 3,799.00
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THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday January 17	Tuesday January 18	Wednesday January 19	Thursday January 20	Friday January 21	Saturday January 22	Sunday January 23
No Mass PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED in Observance of MLK	Mass 8am Today & Tomorrow Scholarship Apps Open Finance Council 7pm	Mass 8am (Gr 6-8) Parish Staff Meeting 9am	Mass 8am (Gr K-2) Canned Goods Drive PTO Dine Around @ Cecil Whittaker's 10am-10pm	Mass 8am (Gr 3-5) Dancing Classrooms Culminating Event Fish Fry Committee Meeting 7pm	Mass 4pm	Mass 9am

COMING UP AT CHURCH ...

Stay after Mass this Sunday, Jan. 16. to learn more about Stephen Ministries from local coordinator Leigh Manalang.

The coat drive spearheaded by 8th graders Ollie, Tommy, and Colin ends this weekend. Thanks to all who have donated!



In 2019, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter entitled *Aperuit illis* instituting that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will annually be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God throughout the world. In honor of this observance, we are inviting you to **bring your Bibles to Mass** on the weekend of **Jan. 22-23** for a special blessing.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In the charity of your prayers, please remember **Jill Calkins**, the sister of **Susan Klein-Shelton**, who died Jan 1. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Save the date!

Join Archbishop
Rozanski at the Cathedral
Basilica on **Feb. 13, 2022**,



at 2:30 p.m., to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day.

More information to come.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Young Catholic Professionals has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (aged 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, St. Anthony, Abbot: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mk 2:18-22 • **Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28 • **Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6 • **Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12 • **Friday, St. Agnes:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 & 11; Mk 3:13-19 • **Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21 • **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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THE FOUR SPOUSES IN EVERY MARRIAGE

Sigmund Freud wrote that there are four participants in every marriage: the woman, the man, the man she thinks she's marrying, and the woman he thinks he's marrying.

The realization that the person we married is far from perfect and a lot less “awesome” than we thought is the first crisis just about every marriage faces.

Rabbi Harold Kushner reflects on this conflict between fantasy and reality in his book *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. Rabbi Kushner observes that it's not only about the shortcomings of our mate — it's about coming to terms with our own shortcomings, as well.

“I confess that I have a bias in favor of remaining married to the person you are married to. I believe that there were probably good reasons why you married the person you did, and those reasons are still there, buried under the debris of mistakes and hurt feelings. (This does not apply to cases of physical abuse and criminal behavior, which no one should be asked to tolerate.) I believe (and I have seen this happen in so many families) that with a little digging, one can rediscover those feelings ...

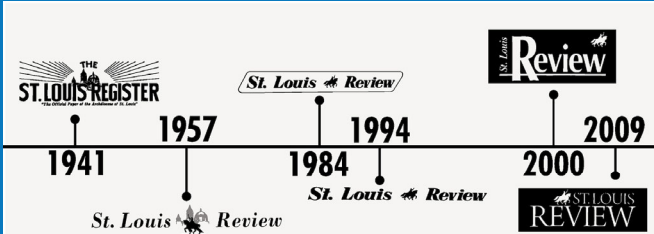
“And I believe that a little humility helps here as well, the ability to see where you may have contributed to the problem and the willingness to tolerate imperfections in your partner as you tolerate them in yourself. One marriage counselor I know would often say to each member of a couple he was advising, ‘I’ve heard enough about your complaints about each other. Can you tell me something you’ve done that has contributed to your unhappiness and something you can do differently to make things better?’

“For what is love, our love for each other and God’s love for us ... if not the willingness to accept something less than perfection ... ? If you are

mature enough to love someone, you are probably mature enough to love the person you are living with, even if he or she isn’t the person you fell in love with and married.”

Good if imperfect marriages manifest the love of God at its most powerful: love that enables spouses to navigate together life’s hard roads of fear, disappointment, heartache, and illness. That Jesus performs his first “sign” at a wedding underscores the sacredness of marriage as the revelation of God’s healing forgiveness and compassion in our midst. As ministers of the marriage sacrament, husbands and wives, in their love for one another, reveal to all of us the great love of God the Father made real for us in the person of his Christ, the Bridegroom.

From *Connections*, January 2022



A timeline showing the evolution of the St. Louis Review. It marks the years 1941, 1957, 1984, 1994, 2000, and 2009. Above the timeline are logos for 'THE ST. LOUIS REGISTER', 'St. Louis Review', and 'St. Louis Review'. Below the timeline are logos for 'St. Louis Review' and 'ST. LOUIS REVIEW'.

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Monday, January 17

No Mass

Tuesday, January 18

8 a.m. — Vince Stehlin

Wednesday, January 19

8 a.m. — Edna Sullivan Stough

Thursday, January 20

8 a.m. — Maggie Welby

Friday, January 21

8 a.m. — Leo Esswein

Saturday, January 22

4 p.m. — Thomas James Flanagan

Sunday, January 23

9 a.m. — Our Parishioners

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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Eucharist

Saturday: Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 9 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday: Mass, 8 a.m.

Reconciliation

Please call Father Ron at 314-481-1133, ext. 305, to make an appointment.

Infant and Child Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated after any weekend Mass.

Parents are asked to call Mary Regan at 314-481-1133, ext 311, to arrange a date and time.

Adult Initiation / Reception Into the 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 Mary Regan at 314-481-1133, ext 311.

Marriage

Please contact Mary Regan at 314-481-1133, ext 311, 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 Mary Regan at 314-481-1133, ext 311.

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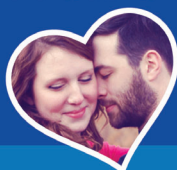
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