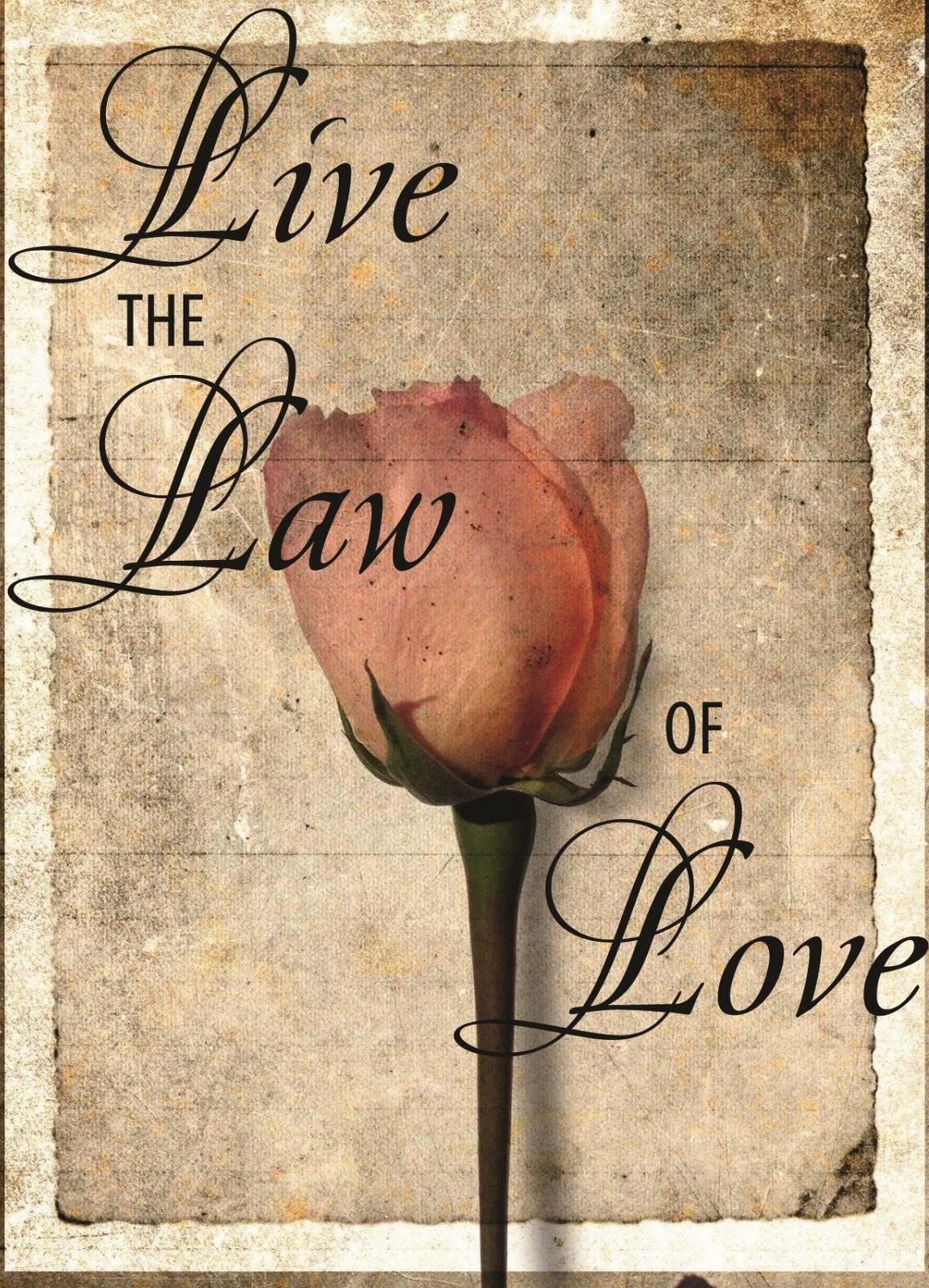


ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION

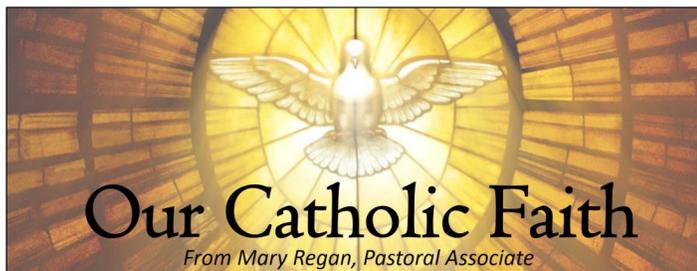
July 3 Contribution	\$ 3,116.00
Online giving contribution	\$ <u>3,224.00</u>
Total weekly contribution	\$ 6,340.00
Renovation & Improvement	\$ 275.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 300.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 45.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 149.00
Mission Plan Co-Op	\$ 75.00

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday, St. Benedict: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 10:34—11:1 • **Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24 • **Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27 • **Thursday, St. Kateri Takakwitha:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30 • **Friday, St. Bonaventure:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8 • **Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21 • **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Monday June 11	Tuesday July 12	Wednesday July 13	Thursday July 14	Friday July 15	Saturday July 16	Sunday July 17
No Mass	No weekday Mass this week	Mass 4pm	Mass 9am			



APOSTOLIC LETTER

What is an Apostolic Letter? It is a letter written by the Pope to encourage people on doctrinal issues.

On June 29, 2022, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter entitled "Desiderio Desideravi." In this letter Pope Francis wants "to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration." He goes on to call for liturgical formation so as to revive a sense of wonder at the mystery of the sacrifice of the Mass.

The SSP Liturgy Committee read the Letter and found it inspirational. We felt it would be worthwhile to share parts of it with the parish. In upcoming weeks members of the Liturgy Committee will present a paragraph or two of the Letter with some words of reflection about that paragraph.

We would be interested in your thoughts on any paragraph that spoke to you.

For those who want to read the 15-page letter in its entirety, it can be found at www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS AUDITIONS

The Young Catholic Musicians orchestra and choir is holding auditions for new members, aged 10-17.

The YCM has two rehearsals a month and leads the music for a Mass once a month. Auditions and rehearsals are held in Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

For information about The Young Catholic Musicians (now in its 48th year), visit the website at www.youngcatholicmusicians.org. Contact **Fr. Bruce Forman** (314-231-7464 or revycm@charter.net) or **Mrs. Mary Smith** (314-749-1444 or smithycm@sbcglobal.net) to schedule an audition.

NEW PRESCHOOL TEACHER

We are pleased to welcome to our staff **Stacey Varga Hulseley** (SSP '90), our new **lead preschool teacher** of the 4-5-year-old Dragonflies.



While her two children were young Stacey ran an in-home daycare for 10 years. She returned to the classroom eight years ago.

"I am excited to be returning to St. Stephen in a teaching role," Stacey says. "I can't wait to make new memories in the building where I grew up."

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the 6th Annual **Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage**, Oct. 10-14, 2022. For more information, visit www.katytrailpilgrimage.com or email MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com.

IT'S DIRECTORY TIME AGAIN

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Parish Directory for the church, which includes a directory of all registered parishioners.

These booklets are direct-mailed to each registered family at no cost to us, as they are subsidized by local businesses who advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to know more about advertising, please call **June** at 314-481-1133, ext 340, as soon as possible.

Do we have your most up-to-date contact information? Have you changed your phone number? Dropped the land line? Changed your email address? Have you moved? Preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home, and are they all included in your membership record? Would any of your older children like to register as adult parishioners?

Please let us know of any changes before July 22 by contacting **Mary** at 314-481-1133, ext 311, or mary.regan@saintstephenstl.org.

HAVE CONNECTION TO ST. ANGELA PARISH?

St. Angela Merici Parish, Florissant, Mo., is celebrating its 60th anniversary Diamond Jubilee on Monday, **July 18, 2022**. Mass is at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a cash bar, and music by Fanfare. Cost is \$17 per person or \$60 per family. To make your reservation, visit www.saintangelamerici.org before July 13.

RETREAT WITH ST. TERESA OF AVILA

What can we learn from a sixteenth century Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic Saint, Carmelite nun and author? Consider participating in a special retreat weekend **July 29-31, 2022**, offering sacred space and time to explore The Seven Mansions of Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle.

People of all ages and in all stages of spirituality are welcome to this retreat, which will include large group presentations, small group discussions, periods of reflection, and prayer in community.

The presenter for the weekend is **Susan Komis**; she is a former Director of Programs & Services for Contemplative Outreach, Ltd., and continues to serve as a commissioned presenter and retreat director. She is a Pastoral Minister and has been active in adult faith development, spiritual direction and interspiritual dialogue.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. on Friday night, and the retreat will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. The retreat will conclude before lunchtime on Sunday. Cost is \$243. To register or for more information, visit www.marianistretreatcenter.com/events/the-seven-mansions-of-the-interior-castle.

AN INVITATION FROM A NEW NEIGHBOR

My name is Brandon Otto, and I am a member of the St. Louis Byzantine Catholic Mission. Our mission recently moved into your parish's neighborhood, at 7100 Virginia Avenue.

I wanted to introduce our mission to your parish and offer an open invitation to attend our liturgies or other services, in order to experience the Christian East. Our mission celebrates Divine Liturgy at 2 p.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on the eve of Holy Days; we also celebrate a shortened Matins service at 1 p.m. on Sundays, before liturgy. All of our services are held in English.

Our mission began in 1977, but the church at 7100 Virginia is our first owned (not rented) building. We do not currently have our own parish priest; instead, we are served by a number of bi-ritual priests in the St. Louis area. Our administrator is Fr. Joseph Weber, pastor of St. John Bosco Parish in Creve Coeur. Being Ruthenian Catholic, we are under the jurisdiction of Bishop Milan Lach, S.J., of the Eparchy of Parma, Ohio.

If you have any questions about our mission or about our Byzantine Catholic traditions, feel free to e-mail stlouis@parma.org. You could also look at our website — www.byzcath.org/stlouis/index.html — which we are in the process of rebuilding.

I hope that our two parishes will have a fruitful relationship.

FIAT
WOMEN'S GROUP

AT KENRICK-GLENNON SEMINARY



All women are invited for prayer and a talk at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary on the third Thursday of the month. Please see this month's details:

Date | Thursday, July 21

7:30 a.m. - Doors Open | 8 a.m. - Rosary | 8:15 a.m. - Talk | 9 a.m. - Fellowship

Presenter | Mrs. Joanne Criscione, Assistant Director of Psychological and Counseling Services

Topic | The wisdom & practical spirituality of St. Francis de Sales

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COMPANIONS ON THE WAY TO ETERNITY

One night, nurse Sandra Clarke was making her rounds at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Oregon, when an elderly, frail patient made a request. His organs were failing; he had a do-not-resuscitate order. He knew he was dying. “Will you stay with me?”

Sandra promised she would — as soon as she finished her rounds. Ninety minutes later, after checking charts and assessing vital signs, dispensing meds and assisting with bathroom trips for the other patients on the floor, she returned to the man’s room. But it was too late. “I was angry because I was so helpless,” Clarke later said. “All he wanted was companionship.”

That led the Oregon nurse to start “No One Dies Alone” — NODA — which places volunteers with patients as they die. Clarke modestly calls it a “fancy phone tree,” but the program has saved thousands of patients from a lonely death. NODA serves dying patients who may not have any family, the homeless, those whose families must travel long distances, those estranged from their families. More than 1,500 NODA programs are operating in hospitals and prisons worldwide.

Ken Budd is a NODA volunteer in Virginia. He understands the responsibility of what he’s taken on. Six years ago his mother died alone in her home of a heart attack. He still hasn’t shaken the feeling of guilt and failure.

On this particular evening, Ken enters the room of a 78-year-old woman who is dying. She may not survive the night. He says quietly, “My name is Ken. I’m a volunteer and I’m going to be staying with you a bit. It’s an honor to be here.” Ken writes of that night in *The Washington Post Magazine* [December 8, 2021]:

“I sit quietly. The dying can feel our presence, I’m told. That’s the mission here. To be a compassionate human being. To provide family members — in this case, the woman’s devoted daughter — with a break from their vigil. To make certain someone is here if she needs something. To ensure that she won’t feel alone and, most important, that she won’t die alone.”

On our life’s journey, we do not travel alone. We are all companions on this adventure to the life of God. As “neighbors” to one another, we are called to lift one another up, to seek what is good for one another, to put one another first — and allow ourselves to be caught and lifted up by others when we stumble and fall. The work of No One Dies Alone volunteers, like the Samaritan’s compassion for the man nearly killed by robbers, mirrors the unconditional love of God and the selfless compassion of Christ. May we journey with one another as such “neighbors,” honoring the sacred dignity each one of us possesses as sons and daughters of the God of all that is good.

From *Connections*, July 2022

96th Annual St. Ann Novena

at St. Nicholas Catholic Church



St. Ann, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

St. Ann, grandmother of Jesus, pray for us.

JULY 18-26, 2022

DATES	THEMES	12:15 P.M.	6:30 P.M.
Mon., July 18	Creation	Rev. Stephen Giljum	Rev. Nick Winker
Tues., July 19	Vocations/Leaders	Rev. Edmund Mundwiler, O.F.M.	Rev. John Nickoli
Wed., July 20	Our Elderly	Rev. Steven Benden, C.S.s.R.	Msgr. Robert Gettinger
Thurs., July 21	Our Children	Rev. Bruce Forman	Rev. Thomas Haley
Fri., July 22	Christian Unity	Rev. Scott Jones	Rev. Lijo Kallarackal
Sat., July 23	Emotional & Mental Well-Being	***** Sat. @ 4:00 p.m., Rev. Arthur Cavitt *****	
Sun., July 24	Those in Physical Pain	***** Sun. @ 10:30 a.m., Most Reverend Mark Rivituso *****	
Mon., July 25	Gift of Reconciliation	Rev. John Vogler	Rev. Arthur Cavitt
Tues., July 26	Sanctification	Rev. Vincent Nyman	Rev. Arthur Cavitt



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The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski has served as the 10th Archbishop of St. Louis since August 25, 2020. Archbishop Rozanski was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 6, 1958, the first of three sons born to Alfred and Jean Rozanski. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on November 24, 1984. He served for 20 years in several parishes in the archdiocese until 2004. He was ordained a bishop on August 24, 2004 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. At the

time, he was the youngest bishop in the United States. Archbishop Rozanski serves on the board of Cross Catholic Outreach and is the Roman Catholic co-chair of the Polish National Catholic/Roman Catholic Dialogue, a position he's held since November 2017. He also serves on the Advisory Council of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, the USCCB subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Archbishop Rozanski has been supportive of Worldwide Marriage Encounter and presided at the World Marriage Day Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis in February 2022.

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset 44 Banquet and Bistro, 118 W. Adams Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122

Cost: \$38.00 per person/\$76.00 per couple (non-refundable) includes Salad, Choice of Entrée, Side, Vegetable, and Bread Pudding. Price also includes tax and tip. Cash bar available.

Questions? Find us on Facebook at Marriage on Tap STL or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com

This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. 

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 6, 2022. To register, please return the portion below to:

Marriage on Tap STL, 7932 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130

Marriage on Tap Registration, Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Names _____

Entrees: (Indicate number of each) Chicken Dijon____, Pork Bordelaise____, Vegan/Gluten Free____

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Have you attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience? Yes____ No____ If so, when? _____

Please enclose a check in the amount of \$76.00, payable to Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 11

No Mass

Tuesday, July 12

No Mass

Wednesday, July 13

No Mass

Thursday, July 14

No Mass

Friday, July 15

No Mass

Saturday, July 16

4 p.m. — Megan Schlueter

Sunday, July 17

9 a.m. — Our Parishioners, Virginia Stough

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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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PSR offers formal classes in our Catholic faith for children aged 4 years through high school. Classes are held on the campus of St. John the Baptist Parish. To enroll, contact the PSR director at 314-773-3070.

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