

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

Immaculate Heart of Mary † St. John the Baptist † St. Stephen Protomartyr

WEEKLY BULLETIN: July 13, 2025

Welcome!

We are so glad that you have joined us for Mass. You matter to God, and you matter to us.

If you haven't been to a Catholic Mass, before, know that we use several different postures for prayer: standing, sitting, and kneeling. You can follow along and do what everyone else does, standing when they stand, and so on.

We believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, so we kneel to express adoration of God-With-Us. If it is hard for you to kneel, you can sit instead.

At Communion, if you are not Catholic or not ready to receive the Eucharist, you can come forward with your arms folded to receive a blessing instead

God Bless You!

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Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) 4092 Blow, St. Louis, MO 63116
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Saturdays 4pm @ SSP
Sundays 7am @ SJB • 10AM @ IHM • 4:30 @ SSP
Weekdays 6:30 @ SJB
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8am @ IHM
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am @ SSP

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Please join us in singing the entrance hymn. The lyrics for the music chosen for 10 AM Mass are printed below, all other mass lyrics can be found in the Breaking Bread hymnal

ENTRANCE SONG

Please Stand

HOLY SPIRIT

1. There is nothing worth more, that will ever come close, no thing can compare, you're our living hope. Your presence Lord. I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of love, when my heart becomes free and my shame is undone. Your presence Lord.

Holy spirit, You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Gloria to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Gloria to God in the highest, and on Earth peace to people of good will.

FIRST READING (Deuteronomy 30)

Please Be Seated

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 69)

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness: in your great mercy turn toward me.

2. I am afflicted and in pain; let your saving help, O God, protect me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

3. "See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

4. For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The descendants of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

HOW WE PRAY

During Mass, when the priest prepares the chalice, he adds a small drop of water into the wine. This symbolizes the union of Christ's divinity (wine) with our humanity (water) — a powerful sign of how we are drawn into divine life through the Eucharist.

SECOND READING (COLOSSIANS 1)

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL (LUKE 10)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more

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than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

The priest will now preach the homily, explaining the day's Scriptures and applying them to life today.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please Stand

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

HOW WE PRAY

The gesture of striking one's chest during the Confiteor ("through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault") is an ancient sign of repentance — a physical expression of sorrow meant to engage both body and soul in asking God for mercy.

OFFERTORY SONG

Please Be Seated

OPEN MY EYES

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

Bridge. And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we've never known.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Stand

Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and Earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and

profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin, and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope, and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the Kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

At this time the congregation will offer one another a sign of peace; some embracing, some shaking hands, etc. This gesture flows from Christ's teaching to make peace with others as we approach the altar.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us, grant us peace

Please Kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

At this time the congregation will come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament in communion. If you are not Catholic or are not prepared to receive the Eucharist you are invited to cross your hands over your chest and come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

TASTE AND SEE

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord, for he has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise his name. I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free.
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in him we need put all our trust.

COMMUNION SONG 2

GOD'S HOLY GIFTS

God's holy gifts for God's holy people; come now to share the banquet of Christ. Feed on his love with faith and thanksgiving. Know in your heart that he died for you.

1. May the Body of Christ be food for our souls and bring us to everlasting life.
2. May the Blood of the Lord protect us from harm and mark us as God's loving ones.
3. As the grain of this bread was gathered as one, so may we who believe be bound by love.
4. As the cup that we share is offered up, may we offer our lives in love.
5. When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we hold in our hearts the Lord.

PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



Recently someone reasonably asked, "why sell SJB grade school after its boiler broke, when we put new AC into IHM church?" Our strategy says, "As a united parish with three churches and a school, welcome and love newcomers with transformative weekend worship, and then lead young, old, and in between to take their next step as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church." Our three churches and school need to be in good repair for this strategy. Other buildings we repair to the extent they help us towards our vision. The SJB campus has lots of usable space, and rental income could not recoup the cost to repair the grade school boiler. So our Finance Council advised against repairing it. Your questions are always welcome! God bless you!

FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow your heads for the blessing.

The response after each prayer is: **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice. O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
3. And all ye saints of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on him cast your care: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
4. Let all things their creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

DAILY READINGS

MON-Exodus 1:8-14, 22, Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, Matthew 5:10, Matthew 10:34—11:1 TUES-Exodus 2:1-15a, Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34, Psalm 95:8, Matthew 11:20-24 WED Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12, Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7, Matthew 11:25, Matthew 11:25-27, THURS Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27, Matthew 11:28, Matthew 11:28-30, FRI Exodus 11:10—12:14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; John 10:27; Matthew 12:1-8 SAT Exodus 12:37-42 Psalm 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 12:14-21

ST. ANN'S LADIES SODALITY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 26 AT 9:00 AM
LOCATION: MASS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

WE WILL REMEMBER OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AT THIS MASS. ALSO, PLEASE BRING YOUR FLOWERS TO BE PLACED BY THE STATUE OF ST. ANN. THE OFFICERS WILL SERVE A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AFTER MASS IN THE CAFETERIA. WE WILL ALSO COLLECT EXTRA POSTAGE STAMPS & CARDS FOR BETH'S HOMEBOUND PROJECT. ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME.



Protecting God's Children

Anyone working with children, whether as an employee or a volunteer, must meet the requirements for Archdiocesan Safe Environment Compliance. The program is designed to help protect the youth, elderly, and vulnerable adults of our parish as they participate in activities within our community.

New volunteers should begin this process by visiting our website: sspstl.org

~ Click on the PGC tab at the top far right of the home page

~ Follow the directions on the page

Please contact Bridget Judge, Child Safety Coordinator, with questions.
314-481-1133 X 307 Bridget.judge@sspstl.org

Our Faithful Departed

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially Judy Pelton, Matthew Farrel, Patrick Holleman, and Mike Sullivan. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me-Matthew 25:40

In the months of April and May, our SVdP conference received 267 calls, and helped 162 households. Assistance totaled \$15,244.

We directly assisted 97 households with \$13,269+ in utility payments, and 20 households with furniture/thrift store vouchers. We can do nothing without your generous support. THANK YOU !!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

... for our sick and recovering and their caregivers — Mary Bentrup, Mary Ann Camache, Ann Dosenbach, Harley Gardner, Frank Gion, Buddy Horrell, Thomas Lorenz, Rosemarie Miller, Kathleen Moody, Denise Trull, Garry Winter, Felix Lopez, Rev Ronald Chochol, Quinn Mattingly, Cathy Tarillo, Marion Covington, Gary Stoff, Cassie Knightlingerm... and those who are homebound or no longer living in their homes.

HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Email bulletin@sspstl.org or call 314-481-1133, x303. Items must be received by Monday before 8 a.m.

MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

Monday, July 14

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Intentions of the Holy Father

IHM 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Edward Leonard Van Zandt III +

Tuesday, July 15

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Intentions of the Holy Father

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Tom Fasl +

Wednesday, July 16

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Intentions of the Holy Father

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Joseph Lipic +

Thursday, July 17

SJB 6:30am Fr. Tim Foley Tony & Ralph Michaels +

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Intentions of the Holy Father

IHM 6:00pm Confessions

Friday, July 18

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Intentions of the Holy Father

IHM 6:00pm Confessions

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley William and Catherine Hardebeck

50th Anniversary

Saturday, July 19

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Our Parish Family

SSP 3:00pm Confessions

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Aaron Nord Nancy Krampfert +

Sunday, July 20

SJB 7:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Lois Singler +

SJB 7:45am Confessions

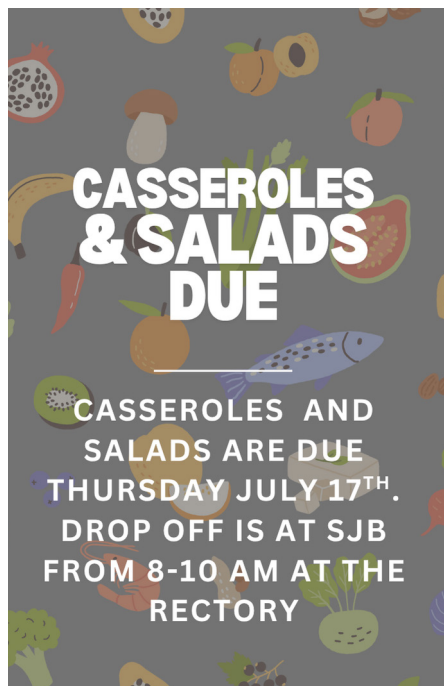
IHM 9:30am Confessions, 9:35am Rosary

IHM 10:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Sheriff Jim Murphy +

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Tim Foley Our Parish Family



Stephen Ministers are people like you—caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those going through difficult times. If you missed the Informational Meetings but want to learn more, call Leigh Manalang at 314-486-0717 for more information and an upcoming training schedule.



CALENDAR

For more information, please refer to — or subscribe to — our calendar at www.sspstl.org/ssp-calendars or call the parish office at 314-481-1133.

Mon. July 14	10am Quilters @ SSP 10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM
Tues. July 15	9am Exercise and Balance Class @ IHM 10am Quilters @ IHM 1pm Men's Small Group Meeting @ IHM 6pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions @ IHM 6pm Rummage Sale Volunteer Opportunity @ IHM 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM 7pm Boy Scout Troop 179 Meeting @ IHM 7:30pm Men's Club meeting @ SJB
Wed. July 16	9am Rummage Sale Volunteer Opportunity @ IHM 10am Quilters @ SSP 7pm Monthly Bible Study Group 2 @ SJB
Thurs. July 17	8am Quilters @ SJB 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB
Fri. July 18	9am Exercise @ IHM 6pm Eucharistic Procession & Rosary @ SJB 6:30pm Pickleball @ SSP
Sat. July 19	
Sun. July 20	8am Small Faith-Sharing Group Meeting @ SJB 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word @ IHM 11am Fellowship Donut Sunday @ SSP 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word @ SSP 5:30pm Sacred Sparks Youth Group @ SSP

Interested in more parish events and local opportunities? Join our Flocknote community: <https://saintstephenstl.org/> weekly-update



CONTRIBUTIONS

June 23- June 29, 2025

General Parish Funds.....\$ \$18,708.26
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ \$895.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society\$ \$1,910.00
38% of these funds were donated online

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