

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: September 7, 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
St. John the Baptist (SJB) 4200 Delor, 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

IN THIS PLACE

1. We are all hungry people We need shelter and strength We are one in our hurting We are one in our pain In our suffering and sadness We are saved by the grace Of the power and the spirit That is here in this place

We are gathered at table As one in the Lord We are gathered as people Who are living the word Our hearts and our spirits Are nurtured by grace It is Jesus who fills us He is here in this place

2. All our lives are a mystery We seek not where they lead We are asked now to trust you And we know we must believe As our feet become Christ's feet We go forth with the grace Of the power and the spirit That is here in this place

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

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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 (Wisdom 9)

Please Be Seated

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 90)

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

2. You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

3. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

How We Pray

During Mass, Catholics join in silent prayer as well as spoken prayer. These quiet moments give space for each person to speak to God in their heart and to listen for His presence.

SECOND READING (PHILEMON 9)

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

GOSPEL (LUKE 14)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

During Mass, Catholics pray together using the Psalms. These ancient prayers from Scripture connect us with the same words Jesus Himself prayed, uniting our voices with the whole Church across time and history.

OFFERTORY SONG

Please Be Seated

ABBA, FATHER

Abba, Father, You are the potter; We are the clay, The work of Your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us Into the image of Jesus Your Son, Of Jesus Your Son
2. Father, may we be one in You. May we be one in You as He is in You And You are in Him.
3. Glory, glory and praise to you. Glory and praise to You forever, amen, forever, amen.

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.

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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 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

10,000 REASONS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Forevermore

COMMUNION SONG 2

LORD I NEED YOU

1. Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord I need You, oh, I need You Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness Oh God,
how I need You**

2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge. Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand
I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay

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.

PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



Have you heard the good news about Faith Adventures? Saint Stephen Parish and Saint Lucy Parish sponsor a regional faith formation program for children in grades K-8 called Faith Adventures. This program helps children get ready for First Communion and Confirmation if they don't attend a Catholic school, and teaches children the whole panorama of the Catholic faith. Like a standard parish school of religion (PSR), we teach children all the wonderful ways God our Father loves us through Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

But Faith Adventures is so much more than a standard PSR program, because Faith Adventures gives children not just the teachings of Catholicism, but experiences of living our Catholic faith, experiences of how we live as friends of Jesus. We also help children process those experiences in small groups where they can share their questions, hardships, and victories with children their age and caring adults.

If you know a family whose child has been in PSR in the past, or who might benefit from Faith Adventures in the future, send them our way! Families can join us for our morning session starting on September 14 or our afternoon session starting September 28. Our Faith Adventure Director, Colleen Kelsey, would love to answer any questions you have: colleen.kelsey@sspstl.org. God bless you!

CLOSING SONG

LEAD ME LORD

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace; all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

DAILY READINGS

MON-1 Micah 5:1-4a, Psalm 13:6ab, 6c, Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 TUES-
Colossians 2:6-15, Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11, John 15:16, Luke 6:12-19
WED Colossians 3:1-11, Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab, Luke 6:23ab, Luke
6:20-26 THURS Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 1 John
4:12, Luke 6:27-38 FRI 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
11, John 17:17b, 17a; Luke 6:39-42 SAT 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Psalm 113:1b-2,
3-4, 5 and 6-7, John 14:23, Luke 6:43-49

ROSES FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

J. Ainsworth 12/27; Jennifer and Ryan Kime 1/26/26

Please keep them in your prayers



Ladies SODALITY

September 10th at 7:00pm in the IHM Rectory basement. Ice cream and Apple pie will be provided. We will be playing Left, Right, Center. Please bring 3 quarters for each game you play. Please feel free to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. New members are always welcome.



Please pray for our Stephen Ministers In-Training



We are grateful that 14 individuals from St. Stephen Protomartyr and the Lindenwood community have answered the call to participate in a joint training class. The classes will prepare them to provide care for individuals who are hurting in our communities and beyond. Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they study, learn, and grow together. Hiroko Hansen, John Hansen, Cathy Hinton, Jessica Jakul, Blandine Kemayou, Dave Kohler, Jeanne Kriss, Elgin Manalang, Aimee Mankus, Sarah Nash, Bill Newman, Ann Rotermund, Bob Stagg and, Robin Venneman.

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, Kathleen Moody, Denise Trull, Garry Winter, Rev Ronald Chochol, Quinn Mattingly, Cathy Torillo, Marion Covington, Gary Stoff, Cassie Kightlinger, Paul Clark, David Schulte Sr, Grace Forti, Judy Vonderhaar, Ed Goodheart, Mike Ewing... 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.

Our Faithful Departed

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially Rose Kopp... May her souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

HOW DO I RESPOND?

Evangelization and Relational Ministry

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
6:00-8:30 PM**

St. John the Baptist Church

4200 Delor St., 63116 (St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish)

Join us for an evening of prayer & fellowship in the Northern Vicariate to connect with others on mission to make disciples.

Together we will share innovative practices, ideas, and learn how to support each other in our evangelization efforts. Scan QR Code or visit archstl.org/northern-vicariate for more information or to register.



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RUMMAGE SALE

Need a warm winter coat, comfortable kitchen chairs, new running shoes or a bicycle for your Fall exercise regime, a Halloween costume, a good novel or jigsaw puzzles to pass the time during those cold winter days, an ugly Christmas sweater or pair of pajamas or just craving a famous "Walking Taco!" You name it, we got it! At the 12th annual "New-To- Rummage" Sale On the campus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church In the Father Keaney Center and old IHM school On Saturday, September 20 from 8:00 until 3:00 pm, and Sunday, September 21 from 7:30 am until noon. All Are Welcome! You name it, we got it!!!!!! At the 12th annual "New-To- Rummage" Sale On the campus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church In the Father Keaney Center and old IHM school On Saturday, September 20 from 8:00 until 3:00 pm, and Sunday, September 21 from 7:30 am until noon. All Are Welcome!

MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

Monday, September 8

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Becky Blake +

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Carolyn Iovann +

Tuesday, September 9

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Dale Baumann +

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Wednesday, September 10

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Carolyn Iovann +

Thursday, September 11

SJB 6:30am Fr. Tim Foley Mike Foley +

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Victims of Sept. 11 Attack

IHM 6:00pm Confession

Friday, September 12

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord Ed Lorenz +

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Saturday, September 13

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

SSP 3:00pm Confessions

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Tim Foley N.E. Forti +

Sunday, September 14

SJB 7:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Ed Lorenz +

SJB 7:45am Confessions

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

IHM 10:00am Fr. Tim Foley John Ruzicka +

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Aaron Nord St. Monica Boxes

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. Sep 8	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM
Tues. Sep 9	9am Exercise and Balance Class @ IHM 9am Helping Hands @ SJB 10am Quilters @ IHM 1pm Men's Small Group Meeting @ IHM 6pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions @IHM 6pm Rummage Sale Volunteer Opportunity @ IHM 6pm Boy Scout Troop 179 Meeting @ IHM 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM 7pm Parish Missionary Disciples Meeting @ SJB 8pm Holy Name Meeting @SSP
Wed. Sep 10	9am Rummage sale Volunteer Opportunity @ IHM 10am Monthly Bible Study Group @IHM 6pm Disciples Make Disciples Series @ SJB 7pm Ladies Sodality Meeting @IHM
Thurs. Sep 11	8am Quilters @ SJB 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB
Fri. Sep 12	9am Exercise @ IHM 6pm Eucharistic Procession & Rosary @SJB
Sat. Sep 13	11am Sts Peter & Paul Lunch Service
Sun. Sep 14	8am Faith Adventures @ Our Lady of Sorrows 8am Small Faith-Sharing Group Meeting @ SJB 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word @ IHM 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word @ SSP

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



MASS MINISTERS, SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 14

SERVERS

LECTORS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**SAT 4pm
SSP CHURCH**

Elliotte Boudeman
Bryce McMahon

Sandy Gaydos
Beth Schlegel

**SUN 7am
SJB CHURCH**

John Benz

Sr. Ellen Orf
Loretta Ross

**SUN 10am
IHM CHURCH**

Lazaro Navarro
Oscar Chierek

Bob Dowd
Judy Hudson

**SUN 4:30pm
SSP CHURCH**

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