

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: September 28, 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

Masses

Saturdays 4pm @ SSP
Sundays 7am @ SJB • 10am @ IHM • 4:30 @ SSP
Weekdays 6:30am @ 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

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
3. No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plowshares. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.
4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life; waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your side.

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

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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 (Amos 6)

Please Be Seated

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 146)

Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.
2. The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.
3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

SECOND READING (TIMOTHY 6)

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

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The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

GOSPEL (LUKE 16)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

The priest will now preach the homily, explaining the

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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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Please Be Seated

TRANSFIGURE US O LORD

Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

1. Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show. You light the path before us, the way that we must go.
2. Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill, glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills; in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled.
3. Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep, a drink of living water for all who thirst and seek; and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least.

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4. To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go; your face set toward the ending, the cross to be your throne. Shall we journey with you, share your paschal road?

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 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

BUILD MY LIFE

1. Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh, we live for You

2. Jesus, the Name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge. And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation. And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

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

LOVE HAS COME

1. With one voice the Angels sing; Songs that make
creation ring Prophets hear and call us To live in
spirit and in truth

2. God the Father, Elohim; Voice of thunder, spirit
wind Breathe on me your very life; Grace will make
the darkness bright

**Word of God enthroned Dwell in us forevermore;
Love has come to show the way Halleluiah, peace
be with us Love has come to show the way**

3. God of covenant divine Lead us to the end of time
Beyond sorrow, beyond fear; Beyond pride and
earthen tears

4. Keeper of the sacrifice Manifest in Jesus Christ
Born to die and wake the dead As we hunger, keep
us fed

PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



Our parish strategy says, “As a united parish with three churches and a school, we 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.” Some members of our parish Pastoral Council and our liturgy committee have suggested that we might better welcome and love newcomers at our weekend Masses if we had an 8:30 am Mass at SSP Church instead of a 4:30 pm Mass at SSP Church. This would make our Sunday schedule 7 am at SJB, 8:30 am at SSP, and 10 am at IHM. As you might imagine, there is much we should consider before such a change.

That’s why we are considering an experiment to temporarily add an 8:30 am Mass for 6–10 weeks sometime this year. During the experiment, our Mass schedule would be 7 am SJB, 8:30 am SSP, 10 am IHM, and 4:30 pm SSP. Limitations on priests mean we couldn’t run that schedule long-term, but in the short term we would be able to gather information about the extent to which an 8:30 am Mass at SSP would help us while also continuing the good done by our 4:30 pm Mass.

What do you think? Come tell our Pastoral Council your thoughts at our fall open Pastoral Council meeting: 7 pm on Tuesday, October 28, in the SSP parish hall. We’ll also be discussing the upcoming 100th anniversary of SSP parish in 2026. God bless you!

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5. Now salvation has come In the New Jerusalem
Dancers dance and singers roar; Proclaiming Jesus Christ
is Lord

DAILY READINGS

MON-1 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5, Psalm 103:21,
John 1:47-51 TUES-Zechariah 8:20-23, Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mark
10:45, Luke 9:51-56 WED Nehemiah 2:1-8, Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6,
Philippians 3:8-9, Luke 9:57-62 THURS Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Psalm 103:21, Matthew 18:1-5, 10 FRI Baruch
1:15-22; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9, Psalm 95:8; Luke 10:13-16 SAT Baruch
4:5-12, 27-29, Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37, Matthew 11:25, Luke 10:17-24



Sacred Sparks is coming back with some exciting changes!
Starting October 19th, Sacred Sparks will be open to all kids,
grades K-8.

Sacred Sparks meets every 3rd Sunday. Attendees can join
leaders for 4:30pm Mass at SSP or can choose to join after Mass,
at 5:30pm, in the rectory. Meetings include music and discussion
followed by activities and fellowship. Meetings end at 7:30pm.



Volunteers Needed!

Sacred Sparks is in need of a volunteer musician (or two) to help
lead music at the start of meetings! If you have completed, or
are willing to complete, the Protecting God's Children training,
and are interested in sharing your musical gifts, please contact:
sacredsparks@saintstephenstl.org

49th Annual
Respect Life
Conference

Hope
IN THE
Gospel
OF *Life*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
Cardinal Rigali Center

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, David Schulte Sr, Grace Forti, Judy Vonderhaar, Ed Goodheart, Tim Lammert... and those who are homebound or no longer living in their homes.

Our Faithful Departed

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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Prayer of Solidarity with Migrants, Missionaries of Hope



Sunday, October 5

St. Pius V, 3310 S Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63118

Converge from home parish or Tower Grove Park beginning at

12:00 pm on the steps of the church

Prayer begins at 12:30 pm (rain or shine)

Followed by Fellowship & Hospitality

For more information contact Marie Kenyon at mariekenyon@archstl.org



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

In the month of August, our SVdP conference received 170 calls, and helped 108 households. We directly assisted 67 households with \$9,500+ in utility payments, and 9 households with furniture/Thrift store vouchers. **We can do nothing without your generous support.**

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, September 29

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Tuesday, September 30

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

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Art Schaefer +

Wednesday, October 1

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Thursday, October 2

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

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

IHM 6:00pm Confession

Friday, October 3

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

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Saturday, October 4

IHM 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Deceased Clergy

SSP 3:00pm Confessions

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Tim Foley Our Parish Family

Sunday, October 5

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 James Murphy +

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Aaron Nord Mary Jo Castellano

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 29	1pm Plarn Group @ IHM 3pm 8 th Grade Play practice @ SSP
Tues. Sep 30	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 The Well Small Group @ SJB 6pm Boy Scout Troop 179 Meeting @ IHM 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM
Wed. Oct 1	10am New Monthly Bible Study group 1 @ IHM 7pm Prayer group @ SJB 7pm PTO Meeting @ SSP
Thurs. Oct 2	8am Quilters @ SJB 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB 7pm South City Young Adults Meeting @ IHM
Fri. Oct 3	9am Exercise @ IHM 6pm First Friday Sacred Heart Devotions @ SJB
Sat. Oct 4	8:30am First Saturday Devotions @ IHM
Sun. Oct 5	8am Small group Bible Study @SJB 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ 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, OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 5

LECTORS

SAT 4pm
SSP CHURCH

Larry Driscoll
Denise Trampier

SUN 7am
SJB CHURCH

Loretta Ross
Frank Rosario

SUN 10am
IHM CHURCH

Mary Poletti Lappe
Becky Will

SUN 4:30pm
SSP CHURCH

Tim Lorenz
Erin Goedeker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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Robin Venneman
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