

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: October 5, 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 6:30am @ 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

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

1. As we gather at your Table, As we listen to your Word, Help us know, O God, your presence; Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story Till we claim it as our own; Teach us through this holy banquet How to make Love's victory known.
2. Turn our worship into witness In the sacrament of life; Send us forth to love and serve you, Bringing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion To forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image In the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon Other guests to share that feast Where triumphant Love will welcome Those who had been last and least. There no more will envy blind us Nor will pride our peace destroy, As we join with saints and angels To repeat the sounding joy.

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.

How We Pray

At Mass, when we respond together with prayers like the Gloria, the Creed, or the "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sanctus), we're not just saying words — we are joining our voices to the prayer of the entire universal Church and even to the angels in heaven. The Mass is both personal and communal prayer, lifting us into the worship of God with the whole Body of Christ.

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 (Habakkuk 1)

Please Be Seated

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PSALM 95)

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
2. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

SECOND READING (TIMOTHY 1)

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

GOSPEL (LUKE 17)

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree,

'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your

servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately

and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put

on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he

grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you

have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we

were obliged to do.'"

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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Please Be Seated

CHANGE OUR HEARTS

**Change our hearts this time Your word says it can be
Change our minds this time Your life could make us
free We are the people your call set apart Lord, this
time change our hearts**

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams One foot in paradise, one in the waste Drawn by your promises Still we are lured By the shadows and the chains we leave behind, but...

2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, Offering abundances, fullness of joy. Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal When we have bread and water in our hands, But...

3. Show us the way that leads to your side, Over the mountains and sands of the soul. Be for us manna, water from the stone, Light which says we never walk alone. And...

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 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

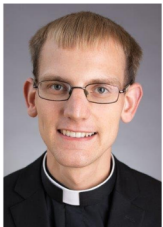
WE WALK BY FAITH

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; No gracious words we hear From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke, But we believe him near.

2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; But in His promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound, To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found.

4. That when our lives of faith are done, In realms of clearer light, We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.



Hello everyone,
In case we haven't met yet, my name is John Paul Angeli, and I'm a seminarian for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I grew up in Assumption Parish in South County, and I'm currently on track to be

ordained a transitional deacon in May 2026. As part of my seminary formation, I've been assigned to assist at a parish during the school year. This year, I've been blessed with the opportunity to serve here at St. Stephen Protomartyr, helping with small group ministry. After conversations with Fr. Nord and Julia Anthon, our small group coordinator, we've decided to launch a Men's Small Group Ministry. The goal of this group is to foster fraternity and prayer among the men of our parish community. We currently meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Beer Garden in Francis Park. As the days grow shorter and cooler, we hope to transition to a more suitable indoor location. I look forward to meeting many of you and growing together in faith. Hope to see you there—and God bless!

-John Paul Angeli

DAILY READINGS

MON-Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11, Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8, John 13:34-35, Luke 10:25-37
TUES-Jonah 3:1-10, Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, Luke 11:28, Luke 10:38-42
WED-Jonah 4:1-11, Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10, Romans 8:15bc, Luke 11:1-4
THURS-Malachi 3:13-20b; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Luke 11:5-13, Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, 10
FRI-Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9, John 12:31b-32; Luke 11:15-26
SAT-Joel 4:12-21, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Luke 11:28, Luke 11:27-28

PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



Our parish pastoral council reviews how well we are living our mission and vision and helps us consider whether our strategy is working. Our pastoral council members (Stephanie Wobbe, Anthony Omosule, Mike Broekelmann, Tom Esswein, Elizabeth Flake, and Mary Raber) are also excellent channels through which you can bring your ideas, questions, and concerns to parish leadership. The parish pastoral council meets 10 times a year, and two of those meetings—one in the fall and one in the spring—are open to all parishioners.

Our first parish pastoral council open meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the SSP parish hall. If you'd like to put a topic on the agenda, please let us know by midnight on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Provide your name and the topic you would like to discuss, and we'll put you on the agenda, time permitting.

We are also asking for everyone's input on two topics that we will be discussing at the pastoral council. First, what could we do in 2026 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish? Second, should we temporarily add an 8:30 a.m. Mass at SSP to our regular schedule of Sunday Masses in order to gather information about whether it would make sense to make this our Sunday Mass time at SSP, rather than 4:30 p.m.? I hope you'll come, pray with us, listen to others, and join the discussion. God bless you!

Our Faithful Departed

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

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

6pm-8pm

517 Koeln Ave, St. Louis, MO 63111

LADIES SODALITY MEETING

**FATHER KEARNEY CENTER ON THE
IHM CAMPUS | OCT 8TH | 7PM**

REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED. WALKING TACOS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR REFRESHMENTS. WE'LL BE PLAYING "LET'S MAKE A DEAL" TO PARTICIPATE, BE CREATIVE. WEAR A MASK, MAKEUP, COSTUME OR DECORATIVE HEADBAND. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE EVERYONE PARTICIPATE. THERE WILL BE A MONETARY PRIZE FOR THE MOST CREATIVE.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

...for our sick and recovering and their caregivers — Mary Bentrup, Mary Ann Camache, Ann Dosenbach, 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.

HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

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

SERVE TOGETHER AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the volunteers who served at St. Anthony of Padua food pantry! You made a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need!

THANK YOU FROM THE NEW TO YOU RUMMAGE SALE

First, we thank God for the gift of creation and the chance, through our rummage sale, to repurpose and reuse. **Thank you:**

- Parish family & community for donating your treasures.
- Parish staff & Scouts for your support and hard work moving items.
- Volunteers for the time, energy, and creativity you poured into every step—from sorting to cleanup.
- Neighbors & partners to St. Cecilia's for tables, Schnucks for bags, our friends at St. Lucas Lutheran, and the "Holy Haulers" for distributing leftovers.
- Customers: for your enthusiasm and support.

Drumroll... this year's sale raised \$19,217.30!

With gratitude, Chris, Liz & Elizabeth | 2025 "New-To-You" Rummage Sale Leaders

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES ARE AVAILABLE TO PICKED UP AT IHM CHURCH, ANY DAY THE DOORS ARE OPEN FOR MASS. OCTOBER 1ST - OCTOBER 12TH. FROZEN CASSEROLE CAN BE RETURNED TO FATHER KEANEY CENTER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH BETWEEN 6:30P.M.-7:00P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH BETWEEN 5:30P.M.-6:30 P.M. OR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. -9:00 A.M. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

Monday, October 6

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Tuesday, October 7

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

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Mike Foley +

Wednesday, October 8

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Thursday, October 9

SJB 6:30am Fr. Tim Foley Intentions of the Clergy

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Charles & Virginia Stough +

IHM 6:00pm Confession

Friday, October 10

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

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

Saturday, October 11

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley Deceased Clergy

SSP 3:00pm Confessions

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Aaron Nord David & Denise Poepsel 50th

Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, October 12

SJB 7:00am Fr. Tim Foley Our Parish Family +

SJB 7:45am Confessions

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

IHM 10:00am Fr. Aaron Nord Tony & Mella Arguello +

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Aaron Nord N.E. Forti, +

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. Oct 6	10am Weekly Bible Study @ SJB 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM 3pm 8 th Grade Play practice @ SSP
Tues. Oct 7	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 7pm Men's Club Executive Board Meeting @ SJB
Wed. Oct 8	7pm Ladies Sodality Meeting @ IHM 7pm BOE Meeting @ SSP
Thurs. Oct 9	8am Quilters @ SJB 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB
Fri. Oct 10	9am Exercise @ IHM
Sat. Oct 11	
Sun. Oct 12	8am Small group Bible Study @SJB 8am Faith Adventures @ Our Lady of Sorrows 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word @ SSP

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MASS MINISTERS, OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 12

	Altar Server	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SAT 4pm SSP CHURCH	Elliotte Boudeman Bryce McMahon	Martha Navarro Beth Schlegel	Steve Gaydos Robin Guillot Jim O'Connell
SUN 7am SJB CHURCH	John Benz	Kathy Marty Rosemarie Schelling	Thom Pancella Patrick Schrappen Linda Yarnell
SUN 10am IHM CHURCH	Austin Kinealy Oscar Chierek	Sr. Ellen Orf Judy Hudson	Elizabeth Flake Colleen Hoyt Sadat Martinez Rusty Roth Tony Trull
SUN 4:30pm SSP CHURCH	Evan Goedeker Juliana Indelicato	Erin Goedeker Mary Anne Dundon	Elgin Manalang Jenny West Colleen Nigro Ileana Amsler

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