

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN: JANUARY 4, 2026

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St. John the Baptist (SJB) 4200 Delor, St. Louis, MO 63116

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Saturdays 4pm @ SSP  
Sundays 7am @ SJB • 8:30am @ SSP • 10am @ IHM • 4:30pm @ SSP  
Weekdays 6:30am @ SJB  
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8am @ IHM  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am @ SSP

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*Dear Parishioners,*

As you may have read in a recent pastor column, our editorial assistant, Eric Dao, has departed from our staff. After an in-depth discussion, Father Aaron and I have determined it is in the best interest of the parish that I resume Eric's duties as part of my current marketing role. We hope this transition will allow us to better serve our mission. Please continue to submit all bulletin items to [bulletin@sspstl.org](mailto:bulletin@sspstl.org). To ensure the highest accuracy, **we are moving our deadline to Friday at 8am, eight days prior to the intended publication date.**

To help with this transition, please note the upcoming schedule:

- For the Jan. 11th bulletin: deadline is Monday, Jan. 5th at 8:00am.
- For the Jan. 18th bulletin (and beyond): deadline is Friday, Jan. 9th at 8:00am.

To ensure our communications are clear and fit within our layout, submitted graphics may be reworked for legibility or space limitations. In July, Father Aaron and I will re-evaluate this plan to determine if it is meeting the parish's needs or if we should bring a new editorial assistant on board. Thank you for your patience and perseverance as we navigate these changes at SSP.

*Blessings,*

*Maggie (Mary) Moody, SSP Marketing Manager*

# OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

During this holiday season please keep the following individuals  
and families in your prayers:

## *IN MEMORY OF*

- Kenneth Angeles, Sr.
- Mary & Martin Smith
- Alice & Alphonse Angeles
- Deceased Members of Livingston Family
- Charlie & Evelyn Hupkins
- George & Mary Reuter
- Edward & Barbara Banks
- John A. Burnstetter & Lorraine Burnstetter
- Edward Leonar Vanzandt III.
- Carol Goodman
- Robert Winkler
- Ronald Winkler
- Larry Winkler
- John Winkler
- Jerry Winkler
- Deceased Vondera Family
- Deceased McGahan Family
- Cecelia Hawkins
- Don Hawkins
- Joseph & Margaret Burshek
- John Ruzicka
- The Schlegel Family
- Frank Temares
- Catherine Temares
- Tony Weber
- Florence Weber
- Robert Schneider
- Helen & Leo Pancer
- Carrie Lee & George Gaydos
- Mark, Gary & Bishop John Gaydos
- Shirley Pacer & Oscar Bowen
- M & S Mann
- Roy & Estelle Schlenk
- Len & Clara Bathon
- Roy & Diane
- Roland & Helen Keeton
- Stjepan & Kate Juresic
- Magdalen Mike
- Dave Sigmund
- Jul & Adele Nolen
- Dean & Elizabeth Ewing
- Alita, Elmer, Bob & Ken Mick
- Paul G. Morrison
- Richard C. DeBarry
- Lillian E. DeBary
- Kimberly Kay Christensen
- Rosaley Cathrine Christensen
- George & Mildred Christensen, Parents
- Fred & Anna Evers
- Jeanette M. Piechoemski Muessig
- Shirley E. Muessig
- Raymond A. Muessig



## *IN MEMORY OF CONT...*

- Evlyn Piechoeinski
- Stephen Piechoeinski
- Cecilia A. Muessig Paveli
- Warren Faller
- Elsie Allen
- Mike Ewing
- Bob Roelke
- Palazzolo Family
- Brendle Family
- Oliver & Delores Kloeckner
- Marion Covington
- David Steck
- Carl & Mildred Gartner
- The Hoelting Family (Mary Ann, Robert, Matt)
- The Venticci Family (Cos, Jackie, Gina)
- Edward Bradley, Sr.
- Marie Bradley
- Frank & Sophie Gibala
- Julius G. Rivera
- Margaretha Rivera
- Jack & Peggy Phillips
- Ted & Irene Kuehner
- Mike Silistria
- Alan & Jane Roth
- Walter & Barb Christ
- Gregory M. Christ
- Hannah L. Roth
- Dan Wells
- Jim Wells
- Gwen Wells
- Joyce Huelsmann
- Howard Neels
- Neels Family
- Zitko Family
- Blendi Gjata
- Fabick & Flanagan Families
- Joe & Dorothy Orf
- Deceased Members of the Corona Family
- N.E. Forti Families
- N.E. Forti
- J. Lizzie
- H. Crisafulli
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bradley, Sr.
- Fred, Bea & Mike Garcia
- Ricky Baynes
- Rosemary & Elmer Schuster
- Don & Mary Broekelmann
- Rose & Ted McBride
- Jane & Marty Meyer
- Arthur Gormley & Colleen Gormley

## *IN HONOR OF*

- Pete & Ginny Haselhorst
  - Jach, Gary, Wayne Christensen Brothers
  - Gilbert Nugent
  - The Malone Family
  - Ed Hartman
  - Viola Evers
  - Palazzolo Family
  - Brendle Family
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# NEW MASS TIME

**Sunday**

**8:30 AM**

**@ SSP Church**

**Our parish will be running a new, experimental mass time between now and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 8:30am on Sundays at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church (our 3949 Wilmington Avenue campus.) Bring your friends! We hope to see you!**

*A night with the...*

## Queen of Hearts



## ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR GALA

**2/14/26**

**3949 Wilmington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116**

**COST IS  
\$100 PER  
TICKET**

**PURCHASING  
CLOSES  
2/13/26**

**DINNER &  
DRINKS  
INCLUDED**



*"Pick out your ballgowns and suits and join SSP for a masquerade of the ages..."*

## SEEKING SINGERS

The Funeral Choir is looking for singers to help with singing at funerals. No audition required, just an interest in assisting with this important ministry. The choir sings at all three churches as the need arises. All the hymns are in the Breaking Bread hymnal and are familiar. **If interested, please contact Betsy Stoff at 314-691-7317.**



## EPIPHANY PAGEANT

Close out the Christmas season with a prayerful reenactment of the Nativity of our Lord by our first graders. We'll sing some carols along the way and then enjoy a couple of songs from the SSP Choral Club. The event takes place Sunday, Jan. 11th, at 2pm at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church.



# ANNUAL HOLY NAME SOCIETY DINNER

JANUARY 13TH, 2026

THE LEONA @ 5700 LEONA STREET

Cocktail hour starts at 6pm

Dinner served at 7:15pm

Cost is \$45 and includes yearly membership fees

RSVP ONLINE!



<https://ssphns.square.site/holy-name-annual-dinner>

All are welcome. If you feel this amount is a financial hardship, please reach out to HNS President Ted Hartzler via email at [ted@tedhartzlersales.com](mailto:ted@tedhartzlersales.com) or 314-497-5195 to make a reservation. HNS hopes to see everyone at the annual dinner!

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*I thought you should know...*



It's a new year, and we have some new things here at Saint Stephen Protomartyr parish! We have a new format for our bulletin and worship aids, and our Marketing Manager Maggie Moody is producing both of them. We'd love to hear what you think. This weekend also marks the start of our Mass Schedule experiment; we are adding an 8:30 am Mass at SSP through April 5, 2026, Easter.

In the weeks ahead, we'll have lots more new things coming, including a survey about how our parish transition is going and a presentation on our plans to renovate parts of our school; plan to join us on January 27 at 7 pm at the SSP parish center to learn more. Most of all, I hope that you'll open your heart to God's glory shining in your life and the lives of those near you by signing up for one of our Lent small groups. God bless you!

## OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

## LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

... for our sick and recovering and their caregivers — Frank Gion, Buddy Horrell, Kathleen Moody, Deacon Jim Murphy, Garry Winter, Rev Ronald Chochol, Quinn Mattingly, Gary Stoff, Grace Forti, Kathy Ruggeri, Margie (Niebling) Yanko, Mary Bentrup Gherardini, Paula Bonn, JoAnn Welby, Joseph Thang, Pat Merz, Marie Weber... and those who are homebound or no longer living in their homes.

## NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help. Call 314-289-6101, x1181, if you or someone you know needs emergency assistance with utilities or food. A Vincentian will return your call within one to two days. All calls are confidential.

## DAILY READINGS

MON- 1 JOHN 3:22—4:6, PSALM 2:7BC-8, 10-12A, MATTHEW 4:12-17, 23-25 TUES- 1 JOHN 4:7-10, PSALM 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, MARK 6:34-44 WED- 1 JOHN 4:11-18, PSALM 72:1-2, 10, 12-13, MARK 6:45-52 THURS- 1 JOHN 4:19—5:4, PSALM 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17, LUKE 4:14-22 FRI- 1 JOHN 5:5-13, PSALM 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, LUKE 5:12-16 SAT- 1 JOHN 5:14-21, PSALM 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B, JOHN 3:22-30

## MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE 1/10/26-1/11/26

### LECTORS

1/10 4pm SSP

Martha Navarro & Beth Schlegel

1/11 7am SJB

Agnes Baca & Rick Rauscher

1/11 8:30am SSP

Erin Goedeker & Kathy Marty

1/11 10am IHM

David M Borgmeyer & Ann  
Rotermund

1/11 4:30pm SSP

Leigh Manalang & Mary Anne Dundon

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1/10 4pm SSP

Sue Weber, Andy Sciaroni, & Steve  
Gaydos

1/11 7am SJB

Linda Yarnell, Chi Light, & Thom  
Pancella

1/11 8:30am SSP

Gayle Chancellor, Rene Gamon, Mary  
Ellen Holdeninid, & Michelle Rusch

1/11 10am IHM

Mary Bathon, Agnes Baca, Sadat  
Martinex, Becky Will, & Monica  
Wamser

1/11 4:30pm SSP

Angie Butz, Sara Dannan, Elgin  
Manalang, & Colleen Nigro

### SERVERS

1/10 4pm SSP

Elliott Boudeman & Bryce McMahon

1/11 7am SJB

John Benz

1/11 8:30am SSP

N/A

1/11 10am IHM

Austin Kinealy & Oscar Chierek

1/11 4:30pm SSP

Evan Goedeker & Lilly Minor

## MASSSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

(+ indicates our deceased)

### Monday, January 5

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

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

### Tuesday, January 6

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Margie Nielbling Yako (Health)*

### Wednesday, January 7

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

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *The Zapf Family (Living)*

### Thursday, January 8

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

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

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

### Friday, January 9

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Nancy Marty +*

### Saturday, January 10

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm **Fr. Tim Foley** *Marie Gardner, Donna  
Byington +*

### Sunday, January 11

SJB 7:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Marion Covington +*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

IHM 8:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord**

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

IHM 10:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Mike Ewing +*

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

For more information, please refer to or subscribe to our calendar at [www.sspstl.org/ssp-calendars](http://www.sspstl.org/ssp-calendars) or call the parish office at 314-481-1133.

<b>MON.</b> 1/5/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
<b>TUES.</b> 1/6/26	9am Exercise and Balance Class @ IHM Cafeteria 10am Quilters @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 1pm Men's Small Group Meeting @ IHM Rectory Basement 6pm Boy Scout Troop 179 Meeting @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm The Well - Small Group @ SJB 6pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions @ IHM Chapel 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM Chapel 7pm Men's Club Executive Board Meeting @ SJB Cafeteria 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting @ SSP Rectory
<b>WED.</b> 1/7/26	10am Re-New Monthly Bible Study Group #1 @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 7pm Prayer Group @ SJB Rectory Meeting Room 7pm PTO Meeting @ SSP
<b>THURS.</b> 1/8/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church
<b>FRI.</b> 1/9/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm Benediction and Rosary @ SJB Church
<b>SAT.</b> 1/10/26	N/A
<b>SUN.</b> 1/11/26	8am Faith Adventures @ 5020 Rhodes Avenue 8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP

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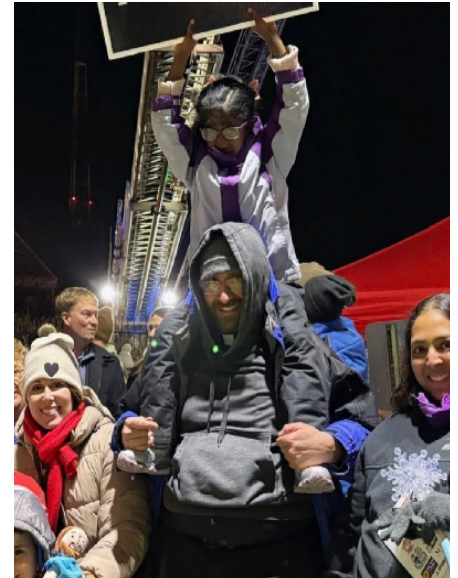
Dec. 22- Dec. 28 2025 (includes all recent holiday masses)

General Parish Funds.....\$ 23,427.40  
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 1,413.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Society...\$ 1,653.00  
42% of these funds were donated online

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### SERVE TOGETHER THANKS YOU

A massive thank you from our Serve Together ministry to all those who attended Light Up Glennon this year. Despite the initial snow cancelation, the rescheduled event was a huge success!



### SAINT MARTHA'S THANKS YOU

To the SSP parish family, thank you for remembering the families of St. Martha's every year at Christmas time. We are so grateful!  
- St. Martha's Catholic Charity

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