

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN: JANUARY 11, 2026

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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 • 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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## WINTER TRANSITION SURVEY

It has been over two years since the beginning of our transition from 3 separate churches to one united parish. SSP Staff would love to know your thoughts on the process! Please fill out our 2026 winter transition survey at your earliest convenience. Your voice matters here.

The survey closes Friday, January 23rd.

SCAN FOR ACCESS!



OR FOLLOW THE LINK

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq8QL4-stTssR52D9pou9cHzplP9q7VLsw-ERFyFNwEl\\_Gow/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq8QL4-stTssR52D9pou9cHzplP9q7VLsw-ERFyFNwEl_Gow/viewform)

# NEW MASS TIME

# EPIPHANY PAGEANT



**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!**

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 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

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!

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

RSVP ONLINE!



# PRE-K AT SSP? YES, INDEED!

Starting August 2026, St. Stephen Protomartyr school will be offering a PK2 class!

The waiting list is forming now, so if you are interested, please contact June Tessin at the school office (314-752-4700) or by email at [june.tessin@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:june.tessin@saintstephenstl.org)

Children must be two years of age by August 1, 2026 to apply. 16 students will be accepted into the program.

***Don't delay - reach out today!***

## CASSEROLE DROP OFF @ SJB

Saint Patrick casseroles can be dropped off on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 10am at our St. John the Baptist campus rectory (4200 Delor Street). Thank you for your contributions!



### Queen of Hearts



### ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR GALA

2/14/26

3949 Wilmington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116

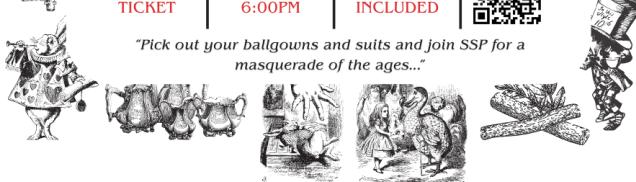
COST IS  
\$100 PER  
TICKET

DOORS  
OPEN AT  
6:00PM

DINNER &  
DRINKS  
INCLUDED

MORE INFO:

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



## GALA RAFFLE

Win a golf cart! Win a golf cart! Win a golf cart! Win a golf cart! Win a golf cart!

### \$100 per ticket

**Tickets can be purchased with cash or digitally on the givesmart app**

*Ordering open through 2/14/26*

Winner will be announced on February 14th at the annual SSP Gala

Prize is a 2021 Tempo Fleet golf cart produced by Club Car!



SSP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

★ AFC/NFC ★

# WATCH PARTY



JAN. 25, 2026

**\$40/person**

DOORS OPEN  
AT 1:30 P.M.

Register at:

<https://sspathletics.square.site>



Questions? Email [athletics@sspstl.org](mailto:athletics@sspstl.org)

## CYC TRACK

CYC Track sign-ups are officially open for the 2026 season! Practices are Thursdays at 5:30pm and Saturdays at 9:30am at St. Mary's Track. There is 1 preliminary meet that is at the end of April/beginning of May (we won't know which Saturday date St. Stephen will be participating in until February) and the final meet is 5/16/26. Please contact Coach Katie Sprehe at [track@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:track@saintstephenstl.org) with any questions. You can find sign ups at the CYC Southeast Region website under the registration tab.

**Registration closes 2/1/26.**



## New Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned



January 18th is a joyous day for our congregation as six new individuals will be commissioned into a special ministry of care and concern for others as Stephen Ministers. This rite of commissioning culminates a period of extensive training and preparation. Our congregation's ministers being commissioned are:

Blandine Kemayou

Dave Kohler

Jeanne Kriss

Elgin Manalang

Ann Rotermund

Robin Venneman

You are invited to the Commissioning Service taking place Sunday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Storyline Southwest Church, 6401 Scanlan Ave, St. Louis, MO 63139. A small reception will follow. Please keep these people (and all of our Stephen Ministers) in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to their care receivers.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

## SSP CHORAL CLUB: BRINGING COMMUNITY THROUGH SONG

Did you know that sharing the gift of song with our community has been a St. Stephen Protomartyr School tradition for nearly 40 years? This year, the SSP Choral Club continued that legacy, bringing Christmas joy to residents at Our Lady of Life, Rose Hill, and Nazareth Living Center. The students also shared their talents during personal visits to our homebound parishioners, the Sisters of St. Joseph Advent Service, and meetings for the SSP Men's and Women's Clubs. Their season culminated in a beautiful performance at our annual Epiphany Pageant. We are so proud of these students for their dedication to music and ministry!



### PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



Each winter during the past few years we've done a survey of all our parishioners. Past surveys have helped us understand what we are doing well and what needs improvement. Last year's survey let us to start moving around the Holy Day Mass times among our three churches and convinced me that we should have a pastoral council primarily elected by the parishioners rather than primarily appointed by the pastor.

We'd like your help again this winter evaluating our live as a parish. Please tell us what you think of our experience of prayer on Sundays and our progress in helping people become disciples of Jesus Christ in south St. Louis by completing our winter transition survey. You can use the QR code on this page, or fill out a paper survey available in the vestibule of our churches. The survey will remain open through January 29, 2026. God bless you!



### 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, Charles Purcell... 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

1/17/26-1/18/26

### LECTORS

1/17 4pm SSP

Cathy Kveton & Sandy Gaydos

1/18 7am SJB

Thom Pancella & Lucy Borgmeyer

1/18 8:30am SSP

Bob Dowd & Larry Driscoll

1/18 10am IHM

Howie Hirshfield & Mary Raber

1/18 4:30pm SSP

Martha Navarro & Tim Lorenz

### **MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS**

*SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church*

*IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church*

*SJB = St. John the Baptist Church*

*(+ indicates our deceased)*

### **Monday, January 12**

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Eternal Rest KH+*

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

### **Tuesday, January 13**

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

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

### **Wednesday, January 14**

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

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Micheal Haisler (Healing)*

### **Thursday, January 15**

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 16**

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev Greg Gebelein +*

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

### **Saturday, January 17**

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

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm **Fr. Tim Foley** *Bishop John Gaydos*

### **Sunday, January 18**

SJB 7:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Mike Ewing +*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

IHM 8:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *St. Monica Boxes*

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

IHM 10:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Al Book +*

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

### SERVERS

1/17 4pm SSP

Reagan Joly & Sean Finney

1/18 7am SJB

John Benz

1/18 8:30am SSP

N/A

1/18 10am IHM

John Lian & Sebastian Nigro

1/18 4:30pm SSP

John Lorenz & Bryce McMahon

## 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.

MON. 1/12/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 1/13/26	9am Exercise and Balance Class @ IHM Cafeteria 9am Helping Hands @ SJB Teacher's Lounge 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 Holy Name Society Dinner @ The Leona 6pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions @ IHM Chapel 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM Chapel 7pm Parish Missionary Disciples Meeting @ SJB Parish Center
WED. 1/14/26	7pm BOE Meeting @ SSP 7pm Ladies Sodality Meeting @ IHM Father Keaney Center
THURS. 1/15/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church
FRI. 1/16/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm Benediction and Rosary @ SJB Church 6pm The Potter's House - Small Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
SUN. 1/18/26	8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 111am Fellowship - Donut Sunday @ IHM Father Keaney Center 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 1pm Faith Adventures @ SSP Parish Hall 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP 5:30pm Sacred Sparks Monthly Meeting @ SSP Rectory

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 29 - Jan. 4 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$ 16,961.88  
 Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 413.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society....\$ 1,015.00  
 37.78% of these funds were donated online

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[www.osvhub.com/saint-stephen-stl](http://www.osvhub.com/saint-stephen-stl)

## OPEN MEETING: SSP SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN

An open meeting regarding potential plans for the expansion of St. Stephen Protomartyr School will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the SSP parish center. All community members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you then!

## 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.**



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**2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO**

**4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO**

**6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO**