

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN: JANUARY 18, 2026

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Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) 4092 Blow, 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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Have a maintenance request? Scan the QR code below:



## 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. The survey is accessible via the digital links provided or you can fill out a paper copy located in our church vestibules. **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)

**ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR FABULOUS**

# **FISH FRIES**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**2026**

**3929 WILMINGTON AVE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63116**

**DINE IN &  
CARRY OUT**

**ASH WEDNESDAY: FEB 18**

**FRIDAYS: FEB 20, FEB 27, MARCH 6,  
MARCH 13, MARCH 20, MARCH 27  
\*ARMED FORCES NIGHT\***

**4-7 PM**



**WWW.SAINTSTEPHENSTL.ORG/FISH-FRIES**

**Facebook: @SAINTSTEPHENFISHFRY**

## **OPEN MEETING:**

### **ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN**

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



# Upcoming

## Small Group Launch

### WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

Small groups are a unique opportunity for individuals to grow in their faith. These groups typically consist of 6 to 12 people who meet regularly in a structured setting to study faith-based material, build community, and support one another in living out the Gospel.

*"I looked forward to coming to the women's group every Tuesday night. We had great discussions and I usually left with a lot to think about"*  
- participant of The Well small group



### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

To sign up for a small group, fill out the survey linked to the QR code or fill out a paper survey in our church vestibules, available starting 1/31. Our upcoming Lent small groups are low commitment, giving you 6 weeks to evaluate their impact on your faith life. They will run once a week from 2/22 through 3/29.

### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFO?

Our small groups director, Julia Anthon, is more than happy to help! Questions and concerns can be directed to her via email at [julia.anthon@sspstl.org](mailto:julia.anthon@sspstl.org) or via phone at (401) 439-4277.

*"Love God,  
Love Others,  
Make Disciples"*



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**

LEARN MORE:



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

# GALA RAFFLE

**\$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  
Feb. 14th at the annual SSP Gala**

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



## Other ways to benefit the



**2026  
SSP GALA**



If you love hosting or just love a good time, think about putting on a Gala sign-up party this year. Past hits include Bocce Night, Camp Capri, Backyard Bash with the Wilingtons, Bags Tourney, Boogie Nights and SO many more legendary evenings.

Want to jump in or get the details? Reach out to Bridget Bernstetter at [Bridgethopkins812@gmail.com](mailto:Bridgethopkins812@gmail.com)



Do you have a duplicate, extra, or unopened gift that didn't quite steal your heart? Consider donating it to the Queen of Hearts Gala auction!

Your unused items can help us build an inspiring new STEAM classroom—turning extras into opportunities for our students.

To share your gift with us, email [gala@saintstephenstl.org](mailto:gala@saintstephenstl.org) and we'll coordinate how to pick it up from you.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY OF  
ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

**SSP**

**SPORTS TRIVIA**  
DOORS OPEN  
6:00 PM

**ENTRY  
\$50**

**JAN  
31ST**

**2025  
CHAMPS**



**LUDY'S FOUL  
BALL LOUNGE**

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**REGISTER  
HERE**

SCAN ME



**SELL OUT  
EXPECTED**

**3949 WILMINGTON AVE, 63116**  
Dinner included!



SSP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS

## 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, JoAnn Welby, Joseph Thang, Pat Merz, Marie Weber, Charles Purcell, Jamie Bosslet... 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.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 5 - Jan. 11, 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$	11,977.45
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$	745.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society...\$	245.00
28% of these funds were donated online	

Sign up for online giving at  
[www.osvhub.com/saint-stephen-stl](http://www.osvhub.com/saint-stephen-stl)



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)

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*I thought you should know...*



God's glory is all around us: but how to notice it? One powerful way to grow as a disciple, love others, and see more of God's goodness is to participate in a small group at our church. A small group is 6 to 10 people who gather weekly to seek a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ, sharing what's going on in their lives, learning from God's word together, and supporting each other as believers.

We'll be starting many new small groups during Lent, which makes this a great moment to take a new step in your friendship with Jesus. To sign up for a small group, just fill out this short survey to tell us about yourself and your preferences for a time to meet. Our Lent small groups run once a week from February 22 to March 29, just 6 weeks, so this is also a great opportunity to try out a small group for the first time to see if it boosts your faith, hope, and love.



If you are interested in our Catholic School, we have an open house next Sunday, January 25 from 11 am to 1 pm. Come on by and see the good we do! God bless you!

## MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE 1/24/26-1/25/26

### LECTORS

1/24 4pm SSP

Erin Goedeker & Beth Schlegel

1/25 7am SJB

Rick Rauscher & Dooty Folz

1/25 8:30am SSP

Kathy Marty & Bob Dowd

1/25 10am IHM

Anne Borgmeyer & Mary Poletti-Lappe

1/25 4:30pm SSP

Mary Anne Dundon & Leigh Manalang

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1/24 4pm SSP

Steve Gaydos, Sue Weber & Andy Sciaroni

1/25 7am SJB

Linda Yarnell, Chi Light, & Thom Pancella

1/25 8:30am SSP

Gayle Chancellor, Rene Gamon, Mary Ellen Holdeninid, & Erin Goedeker

1/25 10am IHM

Elizabeth Cassmeyer, Roxanne Wolfslau, Becky Will, Helen Wells, & Colleen Hoyt

1/25 4:30pm SSP

Sara Dannan, & Meghan Hartzler

### SERVERS

1/24 4pm SSP

Oscar Lehmuth & Reagan Joly

1/25 7am SJB

John Benz

1/25 8:30am SSP

N/A

1/25 10am IHM

Jack Fete & Oscar Chierek

1/25 4:30pm SSP

Evan Goedeker & Clementine Foizey

## 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 19

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

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

### Tuesday, January 20

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev. Msgr. James Pieper +*

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

### Wednesday, January 21

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev. James Sullivan +*

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

### Thursday, January 22

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Michael Haislar (healing)*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

### Friday, January 23

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Poor Souls in Purgatory +*

### Saturday, January 24

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

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Michael Coen +*

### Sunday, January 25

SJB 7:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Our Parish Family*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am **Fr. Tim Foley** *St. Monica Boxes*

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

IHM 10:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

SSP 4:30pm **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Roger Fournelle Sr. +*

## 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. 1/19/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 1/20/26	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 Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions @ IHM Chapel 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM Chapel 7pm Liturgy Committee Meeting @ IHM Rectory 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting @ SJB Cafeteria
WED. 1/21/26	7pm Monthly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room
THURS. 1/22/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 1pm Game Day @ IHM Rectory 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church 7pm SSP Women's Club - Meeting @ SSP Parish Hall
FRI. 1/23/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm Benediction and Rosary @ SJB Church
SAT. 1/24/26	
SUN. 1/25/26	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 1:30pm AFC/NFC Watch Party @ SSP Gym 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP

## OPEN PASTORAL COUNCIL

### MEETING

**2.17.26 at 7pm**  
**SJB parish hall**

**Parishioners of SSP are invited to an open pastoral council meeting. Our pastoral council discerns what needs to be developed in our parish to better fulfill our mission and reach our vision**

*Do you have a question, concern, or idea you would like to have on the meeting agenda? Please submit it to [aaron.nord@sspstl.org](mailto:aaron.nord@sspstl.org) by Jan 29, 2026.*



SSP WOMEN'S CLUB  
INVITES YOU  
TO:

# WHITE ELEPHANT

*Bring a wrapped gift valued \$10 or under to participate!*

**JANUARY 22 7PM @ SSP CHURCH**

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN GAZA

St. Louis Archbishop, Mitchell Rozanski, has encouraged local parishes to take up a special collection during the month of January to benefit those impacted by the unrest in Gaza. SSP will be conducting this collection on the weekend of **1/24 & 1/25**. Thank you for your generosity.

