

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: JANUARY 25, 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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Have a maintenance request? Scan the QR code:



OPEN PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Date
Change!**

MEETING

2.3.26 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 by Jan 29, 2026.

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!



ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR FABULOUS

FISH FRIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

3929 WILMINGTON AVE
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2026

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



WE'RE FISHING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

SIGN UP NOW!

Scan the code or visit our
website to sign up!



**SET-UP • DISHWASHERS • BEVERAGE TABLE
DESSERT SERVERS • HOSPITALITY • CLEAN-UP
STATES RAFFLE**

4-7 PM | ASH WEDNESDAY: FEB 18

FRIDAYS IN LENT: FEB 20 & 27, MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27

CONTACT GREG FOR MORE INFORMATION: 557-218-5161

www.saintstephenstl.org/fish-fries

FACEBOOK: @saintstephenfishfry

INSTAGRAM: @sspfishfries



CALLING ALL BAKERS!! DESSERTS NEEDED!

THE FISH FRY IS IN NEED OF TREATS EACH WEEK

If you love to bake cakes, cookies, brownies, or any sweet treats, we'd love your help providing a baked dessert before the event that can be cut/divided into at least 8 individual servings.



SIGN UP NOW!

Scan the code, visit our
website or call Greg
at 557-218-5161



Drop Off Instructions

We'll be available for drop-offs:
Thursdays, 5-7 pm, and Fridays
after 12 pm. Please ring the
tower doorbell. Call Greg at
557-218-5161 with any
questions.

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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 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



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 and we'll coordinate how to pick it up from you.

BOY SCOUT Pizza Sale



Support SSP Boy Scout Troop 179's annual Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser! Order fresh, 14" pizzas by Feb 3rd. Pick up is Saturday, Feb 7th, from 2:00–5:00 PM at the IHM cafeteria. All profits directly fund Scout camping and activities. To order your pizza, contact a Scout or Scoutmaster John Ebert at theebert6@gmail.com or 314-258-0613.



K – 8th Grade CYC Baseball & Softball Registration is OPEN

Early Bird Pricing (till 1/24): \$75/player
After 1/24: \$125/player
Registration Closes: 1/31/2026
Games are played at CYC fields
throughout City/County, mostly on
Saturdays from April – June.



Register:



PreK South City T-Ball Registration at Francis Park is OPEN

Cost: \$65/player
Registration Closes: 3/15/2026
Games are played on Friday
evenings from April 24–June 26.



Register:



PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



If you are already excited about growing closer to Jesus and helping others see his glory, now's the time to sign up for a small group for Lent. You can use the QR code, or the form at the doors of church.



Our Pastoral Council has been giving us good service since Lent, advising me and helping to lead our parish towards our mission: Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples. Anthony Omosule and Elizabeth Flake complete their service this June, so we are looking for two new members to join Tom Esswein, Stephanie Wobbe, Mary Raber, and Mike Broekleemann on our Pastoral Council. Our new members will serve for three years, allowing us to have a few people rotate on and rotate off each year. We'd love to have you nominate people for our pastoral council. Members of our Pastoral Council should be Catholics, adults 18 years or older, regularly attending Mass at our parish, including the parish in their practice of tithing, and participating in one of our small groups or ministries. To nominate someone just use the QR code or the nomination form at the doors of the Church.



Archbishop Rozanski has asked us to take up a special collection in support of humanitarian and pastoral relief of those impacted by violence in Gaza. Thank you for your generosity and please keep praying for our parish and for peace!

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially Colleen Broderick, Bonnie McManus, and Char Balletti... May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE 1/31/26-2/1/26

LECTORS

1/31 4pm SSP

Ann Rotermund & Larry Driscoll

2/1 7am SJB

Barb Vineyard & Frank Rosario

2/1 8:30am SSP

Mary Raber & Beth Schlegel

2/1 10am IHM

Howie Hirshfield & Becky Will

2/1 4:30pm SSP

Martha Navarro & Anne Borgmeyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1/31 4pm SSP

Mark Loeffler, Jim O'Connell, Andy Sciaroni

2/1 7am SJB

Contact Elizabeth Flake for info

2/1 8:30am SSP

Contact Elizabeth Flake for info

2/1 10am IHM

Contact Elizabeth Flake for info

2/1 4:30pm SSP

Contact Elizabeth Flake for info

SERVERS

1/31 4pm SSP

Sebastian Nigro & Cora Lorenz

2/1 7am SJB

John Benz

2/1 8:30am SSP

N/A

2/1 10am IHM

Jack Fete & John Lian

2/1 4:30pm SSP

John Lorenz & Edward Keenan

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 26

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Gregory Varchetti*

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

Tuesday, January 27

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev. Michael Sandweg*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Kim Dengler*

Wednesday, January 28

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

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

Thursday, January 29

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

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Joseph Heaghney +*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

Friday, January 30

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev Gerard Welsch +*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Cathy Torrillo +*

Saturday, January 31

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

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

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

Sunday, February 1

SJB 7:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Ed Goodheart +*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Intentions of the Holy Father*

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

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

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Tim Foley *Intentions of the Holy Father*

WEEKLY EVENTS 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. 1/26/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement 7pm Ladies Sodality Board Meeting @ IHM Rectory
TUES. 1/27/26	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 School Financial Plan Meeting @ SSP Gym
WED. 1/28/26	11am Seniors Organization Meeting @ SJB Parish Center
THURS. 1/29/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church
FRI. 1/30/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm Benediction and Rosary @ SJB Church 7pm School Dance @ IHM
SAT. 1/31/26	6pm Sports Trivia @ SSP Gym
SUN. 2/1/26	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 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP

Carondelet History Project

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet have established a small group of sisters and lay persons to explore the history and experiences of Blacks and other People of Color in the Carondelet area since the early 1800's. This was before our time, but you may have heard stories from your grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles. We are especially looking for individuals who may have been connected to us through Sts. Mary and Joseph Church/School or persons who may have roots in the Carondelet area.

Contact Sr. Marion Weinzapfel at mweinzapfel@csjstl.org or 314-678-0338

CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 11 - Jan. 18, 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$ 12,696.87
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 628.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society...\$ 1,236.00
45% of these funds were donated online

Sign up for online giving at www.osvhub.com/saint-stephen-stl

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, 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.