

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: FEBRUARY 1, 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:



SMALL GROUP LAUNCH

*Today is the day!
Find community,
grow closer to God.
Join a small group!*

*"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 by double tapping this graphic 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.

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 to study faith-based material in a structured setting, build community, and support one another in living out the Gospel.

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.

JOIN NOW:



PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



It's here! It's here! This is our small group launch weekend! We are doing some extra celebrating in the back of church because we are excited about all the good Jesus will do through the small groups that we will be starting in Lent! If you've been looking for the right time to sign up, now is the time. We have volunteers in the vestibule wearing red shirts ready to help you, and if you have any questions, just ask Julia Anthon, our Small Groups Director, or myself. The QR code to sign up is provided, too. God bless you!



OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially Jackie Semar, and Fran Oshaughnessy... May their souls 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, JoAnn Welby, Joseph Thang, Pat Merz, Charles Purcell, Jamie Bosslet... and those who are homebound or no longer living in their homes.

**CYC GOLF
REGISTRATION IS
OPEN**

OPEN TO 2ND-8TH GRADE

REGISTER THROUGH TEAM SIDELINE
REGISTRATION CLOSING FEBRUARY 8TH

CONTACT LAURA HARTZLER AT
GOLF@SAINTSTEPHENSTL.ORG
WITH QUESTIONS.

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 2-5PM 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.



LENT 2026

Lent is upon us!
We invite you to join our
parish through this season of
preparation, reflection, and
fasting:



Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 AM: Mass at SJB
- 8:00 AM: Mass at SSP
- 7:00 PM: Mass at IHM
- 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Fish Fry at SSP
- *Observance: Fasting and abstinence from meat*

Weekly Lenten Schedule

Every Thursday

- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Confessions at IHM

Every Friday

- 7:45 AM – 7:30 PM: SSP Church open for quiet prayer
- 2:00 PM: Stations of the Cross at SSP (with SSP students)
- 4:00 PM: Stations of the Cross at IHM
- 6:00 PM: Stations of the Cross at SJB
- 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Fish Fry at SSP
- *Observance: Abstinence from meat*

Special Services & Confessions

- Sunday, March 15: Parish Penance Service (after 4:30 PM Mass)
- Friday, March 20: Confessions at SJB (6:00 PM)

Ways to Serve & Grow

- Wednesday, March 18: Serve Together Opportunity – Volunteering to make tamales for St. Cecilia Church



2/18 - 4/2

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!**



HIGH SCHOOLERS: YOU ARE WORTHY!

- Join us the weekend of July 17th-July 19th for the Steubenville Youth Conference, presented by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
- We will be staying in the dorms on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO... Boys in one building, girls in another.
- Meals are included each day.
- Transportation is provided.
- FEE: There is none! St Stephen Protomartyr Parish is graciously covering the cost for graduating 8th - 12th graders.
- Spaces are limited on a first come first serve basis.
- Note: There is a gift shop and convenience store on campus for teens to purchase items if they wish.
- Confirmation of attending is needed by March 8, 2025
- Contact Martha Navarro at 314-852-3684 or sacredsparks@saintstephenstl.org to reserve your place!

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR FABULOUS

FISH FRIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2026

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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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MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE

2/7/26-2/8/26

LECTORS

2/7 4pm SSP

Tim Lorenz & Beth Schlegel

2/8 7am SJB

Thom Pancella & Kathy Marty

2/8 8:30am SSP

Larry Driscoll & Ann Rotermund

2/8 10am IHM

Mary Polleti-Lappe & Judy Hudson

2/8 4:30pm SSP

Erin Goedeker & Martha Navarro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2/7 4pm SSP

Steve Gaydos, Mary Anne Dundon, &
Sue Weber

2/8 7am SJB

Linda Yarnell, Chi Light, & Thom
Pancella

2/8 8:30am SSP

Erin Goedeker, Patrick Schrappen, &
Michelle Rusch

2/8 10am IHM

Elizabeth Cassmeyer, Roxanne
Wolfslau, Becky Will, Helen Wells,
Colleen Hoyt, Mary Bathon, &
Jim Wamser

2/8 4:30pm SSP

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

SERVERS

2/7 4pm SSP

Juliana Indelicato & Isabel Tomas

2/8 7am SJB

John Benz

2/8 8:30am SSP

N/A

2/8 10am IHM

John Lian & Jack Fete

2/8 4:30pm SSP

Blaine Bauer & Cora Lorenz

MASSSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

(+ indicates our deceased)

Monday, February 2

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev Patrick Christopher +*

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Kay Foley+*

Tuesday, February 3

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

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

Wednesday, February 4

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev John Deken +*

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

Thursday, February 5

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, February 6

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

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

Saturday, February 7

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Barbara Christ*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

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

Sunday, February 8

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

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** *Mike Ewing +*

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. 2/2/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 2/3/26	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 Pastoral Council Open Meeting @ SJB Parish Hall 7pm Men's Club Executive Board Meeting @ SJB Cafeteria
WED. 2/4/26	10am Re-New Monthly Bible Study Group #1 @ IHM 7pm Prayer Group @ SJB Cafeteria 7pm PTO Meeting @ SSP
THURS. 2/5/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church 7pm South City Young Adults Meeting @ IHM
FRI. 2/6/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 6pm Benediction and Rosary @ SJB Church 6pm First Friday Sacred Heart Devotions @ SJB Church
SAT. 2/7/26	7am Boy Scout Pizza Making @ IHM Cafeteria 8:30am First Saturday Devotions @ IHM Church
SUN. 2/8/26	8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 11am Fellowship Donut Sunday @ IHM Father Keaney Center 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP 5:30pm Sacred Sparks Monthly Meeting @ SSP Rectory

Donate
a bottle of wine
or bourbon
to the SSP Gala



Help us raise a glass to our SSP community!

We need your help to stock one of our most popular Gala features. Donate a bottle of wine or bourbon to the SSP Gala Wine & Bourbon pull.

Pick out a favorite bottle, share the love, and call it a good deed done. Contact Kim Armstrong (314.239.3068) to coordinate drop off or pick up.

Cheers to supporting SSP and making our Gala a night to remember!

Date Change!

2.3.26 at 7pm
SJB parish hall

OPEN PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING

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.*

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.