

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN: MARCH 1, 2026

### Our Churches

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### 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:



## MEET OUR OCIA

OCIA or The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the formal process by which adults are initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. Here at St. Stephen Protomartyr we have several individuals participating in OCIA who will formally join the Church come this Easter! Meet them below:

### Shellie Kramer

**Sponsor: Nicole O'Keefe**

**Patron Saint: Bl. Zdenka Schelingova**

*I have always considered myself spiritual, but not religious. I had resisted the multiple calls to God in my life until now. I feel God did not give up on me and kept calling me. He placed very special people in my life who have helped draw me into the Catholic church.*

### Melissa Rasmussen

**Sponsor: Jennifer Meyer**

**Patron Saint: St. Patrick**

*I grew up Baptist and have been looking for a deeper connection to God. I was drawn to St. Stephen Protomartyr because of the warm community and the beauty of the mass. I am excited to receive the sacraments at Easter and become a fully initiated Catholic! Please pray for me and for my sponsor as we continue this journey.*



# FISH FRY

FRIDAY, 3/6  
4-7 PM

3929 WILMINGTON AVE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63116  
DINE-IN / CARRY-OUT  
CASH / CHECK / CREDIT



[www.saintstephenstl.org/fish-fries](http://www.saintstephenstl.org/fish-fries)

Facebook: @saintstephenfishfry

## ADULT DINNERS

INCLUDES CHOICE OF TWO (2) SIDES, TWO (2) HUSHPUPIES & A PIECE OF BREAD

FRIED OR BAKED COD [2 PIECE]	\$13
SOFT FISH TACOS [2]	\$13
BIG FRIED SHRIMP [5 PIECE]	\$14
CATCH OF THE DAY [SEE SPECIAL]	\$14

## KIDS DINNERS

INCLUDES CHOICE OF ONE (1) SIDE, TWO (2) HUSHPUPIES & A PIECE OF BREAD

FRIED OR BAKED COD [1 PIECE]	\$7
SOFT FISH TACO [1]	\$7
JUMBO SHRIMP [3]	\$7
THREE SIDES	\$8

## A LA CARTE

FRIED OR BAKED COD [1]	\$4
JUMBO SHRIMP [1]	\$2
SOFT FISH TACO [1]	\$5
EXTRA SIDE	\$3
DESSERT	\$1
SODA [20 OZ.]	\$2

## SIDES

- SAUTÉED GREEN BEANS
- CRINKLE-CUT FRIES
- SPAGHETTI
- MAC 'N CHEESE BITES
- CREAMY COLE SLAW
- VINAIGRETTE COLE SLAW

☛ COFFEE, ICED TEA, & LEMONADE ARE INCLUDED FOR DINE-IN PATRONS ☛



# 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.

[www.saintstephenstl.org/fish-fries](http://www.saintstephenstl.org/fish-fries)

Facebook: @saintstephenfishfry

Instagram: @sspfishfries

## FISH FRY DESSERT DROP OFF

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Desserts are to be dropped off at 3929 Wilmington Ave, utilizing the door across from the bell tower at the side of the school building.

Drop off times are:

Thursdays 5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Fridays anytime after 12:00 noon

**PLEASE NOTE!** Do not ring the bell at school during school hours for security reasons. They cannot “buzz” you in. Instead, call Greg Vennemann at 557- 218- 5161 (he will come to the door to receive your dessert)

Thank You!



## ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDER NIGHT

St. Stephen Protomartyr Fish Fry  
*proudly welcomes*

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY & COMMUNITIES  
to a Patriotic Celebration & Fish Fry Dinner

 Veterans (Active Duty & Retired)

 Police

 Firefighters

 EMS

Dinner • Dessert • Drinks – On Us!

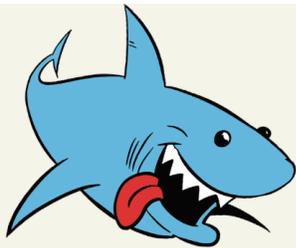
Friday, March 27, 2026

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

3929 Wilmington Ave

St. Louis, MO 63116



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR

# FISH FRY

### SPONSORS

- BORGMEYER DENTAL – DR. SAM & DR. DAVE BORGMEYER
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- STL URGENT CARE – DR. GUS BORGMEYER
- SWEETS BY CHELLI – CHELLI FALETTI
- BOMMARITO TOYOTA – TIM O'CONNELL
- STACKED RESTAURANT
- M & L FOODS – LENNY TOCCO
- GREENBORO - A COUNTRY ROCK BAND – DAN KRISS
- CHIMICHANGAS
- KELLER-WILLIAMS – DENISE DOWD
- URBAN CANDLE – GRACE BUTZ
- US WEALTH MANAGEMENT
- LINDELL BANK – JIM FORGASH
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- SILVER FOX MARKETING – JOE “PEPE” GRECO
- CUSTOM MAINTENANCE – DON BRAND

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*I thought you should know...*



On Holy Thursday, I wash the feet of members of our congregation to help us all remember Jesus' service and his call to all of us to serve others. Would you like to enrich the prayer of our community on that day, and experience Jesus' love in a new way? Please sign up to be one of the people whose feet are washed. All you need to do is let me know by March 15 that you can help (314-481-1133 x309; aaron.nord@sspstl.org) and come 15 minutes early for our Holy Thursday service on April 2, 2026 at 7 pm.

I had to make a difficult choice recently. We have temporarily paused production of our worship aid for Masses. I made this choice to give our staff time to complete another project with great value for our parish. Our worship aid helps new people pray with us, so it's an important boost to our experience of Sunday Mass, and I think in the months ahead we'll have systems in place that will make its production possible so I plan for it to return in August 2026. Please join me in praying that God's mercy will provide for new people at Mass with us until we can bring back the worship aid as a way to help them.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that our deadline for bulletin submissions is 8am eight days before the publication date.

God bless you!



***Dear parishioners,  
You may have recently received a mailing regarding becoming a "Steward of the ACA." Please note that you can use these materials to make your Annual Pledge or Gift. All contributions will be credited to St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish.  
God Bless!***

### **OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially John Phillips. 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, JoAnn Welby, Joseph Thang, Pat Merz, Charles Purcelli, Jamie Bosslet, Bob Keisker, Dixie Keathly, Barb Skurat, Mary Ann Franklin, Bart Bieser... 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.

### **¿NECESITA ASISTENCIA DE EMERGENCIA?**

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl está aquí para ayudar. Llame al 314-289-6101, ext. 1181, si usted o alguien que conoce necesita asistencia de emergencia con los servicios públicos o alimentos. Un miembro de nuestra sociedad le devolverá la llamada en un plazo de uno a dos días. Todas las llamadas son confidenciales.



## ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish and School are approaching their 100th anniversaries! The Parish hits this milestone in June 2026, followed by our school in September 2027, giving us plenty of time for all kinds of special observations. Our dreams are limited only by the number of people who'll help to make them reality. All are invited to a meeting on **Monday, March 16, at 7pm in the SSP Parish Hall**, where we'll form our Centennial Committee. This group will get to work on strategizing ways to reflect on our history while looking toward our 100-candles-bright future!

*Can't attend but still want to contribute?  
Contact Stephanie Wobbe at [s.wobbe@att.net](mailto:s.wobbe@att.net)  
or 314-660-1548.*



# Trivia Night

SPONSORED BY SSP LADIES SODALITY

**3/21/2026 @ 7pm**

**Doors open @ 6pm**

**Location: IHM FKC  
4092 Blow Street**

**Tables of 8 @ \$20 a person**

**Bring food and drinks to share!  
(Water provided)**

**RSVP to Nancy:  
314-566-1475  
or  
[Nancy.b2248@Juno.com](mailto:Nancy.b2248@Juno.com)**

**Come join  
the fun!**

**Raffle with  
a chance to  
win \$100**

## 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](mailto:sacredsparks@saintstephenstl.org) to reserve your place!

STEUBENVILLE STL  
MID-AMERICA  
LEARN MORE:



## MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE 3/7/26-3/8/26

### LECTORS

3/7 4pm SSP

Mary Ann Dundon & Tim Lorenz

3/8 7am SJB

Cathy Kveton & Rosemarie Schelling

3/8 8:30am SSP

Gina Joly & Kathy Marty

3/8 10am IHM

Dooty Folz & Becky Will

3/8 4:30pm SSP

Erin Goedeker & Leigh Manalang

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/7 4pm SSP

Robin Guillot, Mark Loeffler, Jim O'Connell

3/8 7am SJB

Linda Yarnell, Chi Light, Thom Pancella, Thomas Neiers

3/8 8:30am SSP

Patrick Schrappen, Mike Broekelmann, Diana Sollmann, Gayle Chancellor

3/8 10am IHM

Agnes Baca, Sadat Martinez, Elizabeth Flake, Jim Wamser, Tony Trull, Barb Unger, Rusty Roth

3/8 4:30pm SSP

Angie Butz, Sara Dannon, Elgin Manalang, Colleen Nigro

### SERVERS

3/7 4pm SSP

Juliana Indelicato & Isabel Tomas

3/8 7am SJB

John Benz

3/8 8:30am SSP

N/A

3/8 10am IHM

John Lian & Reagan Joly

3/8 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, March 2

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Maridan Makovic*

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Poor Souls In Purgatory*

### Tuesday, March 3

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev Donald Glastetter+*

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

### Wednesday, March 4

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev Msgr Salvador Polizzi+*

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Service Members Especially Those In Conflict Zones*

### Thursday, March 5

SJB 6:30am Fr. Tim Foley *Poor Souls In Purgatory*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *N.E. Forti+*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

### Friday, March 6

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Ken Angeles Sr.+*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *John Frein+*

### Saturday, March 7

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Mary & Leo Verplanke+*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Aaron Nord *Mike Foley+*

### Sunday, March 8

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

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Don & Mary Broekelman+*

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

IHM 10:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Adolf Wuenscher*

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](http://www.sspstl.org/ssp-calendars) or call the parish office at 314-481-1133.



MON. 3/2/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 3/3/26	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 Men's Club Executive Board Meeting @ SJB Cafeteria 7pm Pastoral Council Meeting @ SSP
WED. 3/4/26	10am Lent Bible Study @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 7pm Lent Bible Study @ SJB Conference Room 7pm Prayer Group @ SJB Rectory Meeting Room 7pm PTO Meeting @ SSP
THURS. 3/5/26	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. 3/6/26	9am Exercise @ IHM Cafeteria 2pm Stations of the Cross @ SSP 4pm Stations of the Cross @ IHM 4pm Fish Fry @ SSP 6pm Stations of the Cross @ SJB
SAT. 3/7/26	8:30am First Saturday Devotions @ SJB
SUN. 3/8/26	8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 8am Faith Adventures @ St. Lucy 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 1pm Faith Adventures @ SSP 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP

Retired and hungry for spiritual growth? Consider the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC). Ignatian Volunteers serve marginalized or impoverished communities two days a week and grow together in Ignatian spirituality. The service year begins and ends with reflection or retreat. Contact Christy Hicks Aydt at 314-758-7147, [ivcstl@jesuits.org](mailto:ivcstl@jesuits.org), and/or visit our local and national websites at [www.jesuits.family/ivc](http://www.jesuits.family/ivc) and [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org)

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb. 16 - Feb. 22 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$14,647.25  
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$638.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$1,380.00  
32% 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)

### HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Email [bulletin@sspstl.org](mailto:bulletin@sspstl.org) or call 314-481-1133, x303. Items must be received by Friday at 8am, 8 days before the intended publication date.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

### The Biennial Gala: Supporting Our School Through A Night Of Fun!

On Valentines Day, our gym was completely transformed into a "Wonderland" for the SSP Gala. This biennial fundraiser does so much for our school, and it's all thanks to our incredible volunteer team. We are beyond lucky to have such dedicated parishioners. A massive thank you to everyone who donated their time and resources to make the magic happen!

