

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: MARCH 8, 2026

Our Churches

St. Stephen Protomartyr (SSP) 3949 Wilmington, St. Louis, MO 63116
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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MEET OUR OCIA

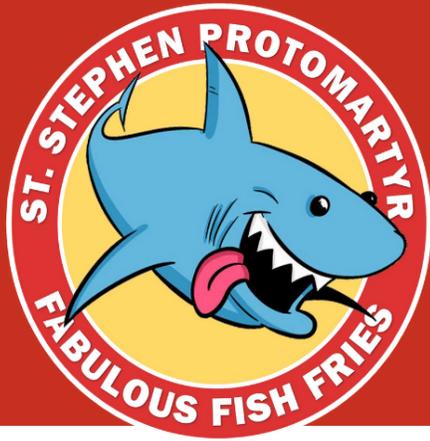
OCIA or The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the formal process by which adults are initiated into the Roman Catholic Church. Here at St. Stephen Protomartyr we have several individuals participating in OCIA who will formally join the Church come this Easter! Meet them below:

Christopher Hulsey
Sponsor: Rick Smith
Patron Saint: St. Jude

I went to a Catholic school for grade school and high school and always loved the Catholic church, but I was never baptized or received the sacraments. I went to protestant churches – Baptist, Pentecostal, mega churches – and they just weren't for me and never felt holy. The Catholic church did and always has. I'm here because the Catholic church has always felt like home. I love the beauty of the mass and the beauty of the church. I love how welcoming the parish is. I finally have felt in my heart that the Catholic church is for me, and I'm ready to be baptized, receive communion, and be confirmed. Please pray for me and for my sponsor.

Cheryse Dubois
Sponsor: Mary Raber
Patron Saint: St. Agatha of Sicily

I am a candidate in this year's OCIA process. I felt drawn to the Catholic church after leaving a Protestant church that was irreverent and too political. I enjoy writing, art, singing, and I run a local Spanish-English language exchange called Arcocambio STL. I use all my gifts towards building community and bringing forth God's glory. Sacred tradition was the missing puzzle piece to help me understand how God is leading me. I'm excited to join the fold and get confirmed at Easter vigil.



3929 WILMINGTON AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63116
DINE-IN / CARRY-OUT | CASH / CHECK / CREDIT
4-7 PM | FEB 18, 20 & 27, MARCH 6, 13, 20 & 27

MENU

ADULT DINNERS INCLUDES CHOICE OF TWO (2) SIDES, TWO (2) HUSHPUPPIES & 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) HUSHPUPPIES & 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 🐟

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR

FISH FRY

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- US WEALTH MANAGEMENT
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- LEONA MARKET – ALAA BASRA
- THS SPORTING GOODS
- SILVER FOX MARKETING – JOE "PEPE" GRECO
- CUSTOM MAINTENANCE – DON BRAND

**ARMED FORCES &
FIRST RESPONDER NIGHT**

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St. Stephen Protomartyr Fish Fry
proudly welcomes

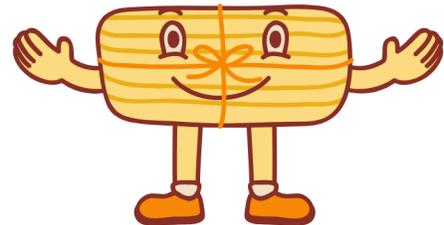
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY & COMMUNITIES
to a Patriotic Celebration & Fish Fry Dinner

-  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

TAMALE MAKING



Join *Serve Together* as they collaborate with parishioners of St. Cecilia to create tamales for the famous St. Cecilia fish fry.

MARCH 18TH

4PM – 7PM

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
5418 LOUISIANA AVE**

REGISTER NOW:



PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



We are making a last call for Pastoral Council nominations. Presently, our pastoral council is Tom Esswein (Chair), Elizabeth Flake (Vice Chair), Stephanie Wobbe (Secretary), Mike Broekleman, Anthony Omosule, and Mary Raber. Elizabeth and Anthony complete their terms of service this year, and we are looking for nominations so we can elect two new members in the spring. You can nominate yourself, or someone else you know who loves our mission. Here's the qualifications we need in a pastoral council member: people who love our parish and our mission, Catholics, 18 years or older, who support the teaching and discipline of the Church, who regularly attend weekend Mass at Saint Stephen Protomartyr, Who include the parish among the good works they support by their practice of tithing, and, who participate in our small groups or service opportunities.

I am very grateful for the service our pastoral council has given. Pastoral council applications will be open through March 15, 2026, and forms are in our vestibule.

God bless you!

Meet Our Small Group Leaders

After a successful launch, our small groups are in full swing! Take a moment to meet some of our leaders below:



Julia Anthon

Meet our director of small groups Julia Anthon! Julia just moved here in August from her hometown in Rhode Island. She received her degree in theology and loves to tell people how much Jesus has changed her life as much as possible. Her favorite saints are mother Teresa, Saint Paul and Saint Joan of Arc. Her favorite book is "till we have faces" and her favorite animal is a highland cow.

Deacon Dana



Deacon Dana has been with the Church since 1993. A baptized Catholic, he came into Full Communion with the church at the SJB Easter Vigil in 1993. Since then, he has been active in various Parish organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul, Men's Club, Parish Missionary Disciples, and many other organizations and events. Deacon Dana was ordained in 2020 and is assigned to our combined parish. He currently leads weekly and seasonal Bible studies, and is engaged in a number of parish activities including Faith Adventures and Lectio Divina.

Seeking more info about small groups?

Contact Julia at julia.anthon@saintstephenstl.org

HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

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

Youth Ministry Updates: Sacred Sparks Changes

After some prayer, discussion, and much reflection, the Sacred Sparks core team has decided to restructure our youth ministry. While we've tried our best to include all ages, the current setup isn't sustainable. As a result, our last K-8 meeting in this format will be March 15th.

However, we have some exciting news! We're bringing back our famous Parent's Night Out (PNO) events which take place every 6 to 8 weeks. These will focus on grades K-5 and are open to every child, regardless of the school they attend. These nights are free and include group activities, games, food, and movies.

Our regular meetings will shift focus to the high school age group, covering topics like faith, community, and prayer. These remain open to any teen, regardless of where they go to school. We'll officially launch these meetings this fall.

As we evolve, we're always open to your feedback. Our goal remains fostering a relationship with Jesus and providing a place for youth to grow without outside pressures. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Please feel free to reach out via email at sacredsparks@saintstephenstl.org with any thoughts or suggestions.

- The Sacred Sparks Core Team



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 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**

**Come join
the fun!**

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

MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE

3/14/26-3/15/26

LECTORS

3/14 4pm SSP

Thom Pancella & Beth Schlegel

3/15 7am SJB

Frank Rosario & Ann Rotermund

3/15 8:30am SSP

Sandy Gaydos & Mary Raber

3/15 10am IHM

Howie Hirschfield & Judy Hudson

3/15 4:30pm SSP

Ben Borgmeyer & Martha Navarro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/14 4pm SSP

Juanita Bishop, Andy Sciaroni

3/15 7am SJB

Kathy Anger, Jim Gall, Tim O'Neil, Chi Light

3/15 8:30am SSP

Rene Gamon, Mary Ellen Holdeninid, Colleen Nigro, Meghan Hartzler

3/15 10am IHM

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

3/15 4:30pm SSP

Stephanie Minor, Katie Cunniff, Jenny west, Joe Rusch

SERVERS

3/14 4pm SSP

Blaine Bauer & Bryce McMahon

3/15 7am SJB

John Benz

3/15 8:30am SSP

N/A

3/15 10am IHM

Austin Kinealy & Oscar Chierek

3/15 4:30pm SSP

John Lorenz & Lily Minor

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 9

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev. Robert Argent+*

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Becky McNut+*

Tuesday, March 10

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

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

Wednesday, March 11

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev. Msgr. Raymond Orf+*

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Rosemary & Les Medley+*

Thursday, March 12

SJB 6:30am Fr. Tim Foley *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Diane & Daniel Tretter+*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

Friday, March 13

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Mary Mount*

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

Saturday, March 14

IHM 8:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rose, Adeline, & August Verplanke+*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Tim Foley *Marian Voss+*

Sunday, March 15

SJB 7:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Bishop John Gaydos+*

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

IHM 10:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Our Parish Family*

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Tim Foley *St. Monica Boxes*

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. 3/9/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 3/10/26	9am Exercise and Balance Class @ IHM Cafeteria 9am Helping Hands @ SJB 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 Parish Missionary Disciples Meeting @ SJB Parish Center 8pm Holy Name Meeting @ SSP
WED. 3/11/26	10am Lent Bible Study @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 7pm Lent Bible Study @ SJB Conference Room 7pm Ladies Sodality Meeting @ IHM Father Keaney Center 7pm BOE Meeting @ SSP
THURS. 3/12/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church
FRI. 3/13/26	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
SUN. 3/15/26	8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 8am Donut Fellowship after Mass @ SJB 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 11am Donut Fellowship after Mass @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 12:30pm Finance Council Meeting @ SSP Parish Hall 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP



LADIES SODALITY MEETING

**IHM LADIES SODALITY
INVITES WOMEN OF THE
PARISH TO AN EVENING
OF FELLOWSHIP,
FRIENDSHIP AND FOOD!**

March 11th

7:00pm

**@ The Father Keaney Center
on the IHM campus.**

**Refreshments will include
Irish soup, Irish bread, and
apple cakes.**

**Entertainment will be "rob
your neighbor".**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Feb. 23 - Mar. 1 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$ 17,659.39
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 545.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$ 1,161.00
35% of these funds were donated online

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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, Bobby Anderson, Gary Stoff, Grace Forti, Kathy Ruggeri, Margie (Niebling) Yanko, Mary Bentrup Gherardini, JoAnn Welby, 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.

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