

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: MARCH 15, 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:



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:

Grayson Lyons

Sponsor: Katelyn Calentine

Patron Saint: St. Thomas Aquinas

I grew up in a small town in Southern New Mexico, and was raised in the Methodist tradition. I was brought to the St. Louis area by my lovely fiancé, Katie, who I will marry this upcoming June here at St. Stephen's. Through my conversations with Catholic family members and close friends, I was filled with a profound zeal to join this glorious and righteous tradition. Additionally, through my attendance of mass, and my many interactions with the members of this lovely parish, I am incredibly anxious to join this beautiful community of believers.

Jorge Cucuc

Sponsor: Cecelia Lopez

Please pray for me and my family as we continue on this path to move forward and be closer to Christ, our heavenly Father.

Learn more about our OCIA program



PASTOR'S NOTE

I thought you should know...



The Lego Movie taught us, "All this is true because it rhymes", so... "Deep in Lent, it's time to repent!" Join us for special opportunities to go to confession and receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Today (Sunday March 15th) we'll have a penance service at 5:30 pm at SSP church, and our beloved Msgr. Bommarito will be hearing confessions. Thursday we have confessions at IHM church from 6-8pm, and Friday we have confessions while Stations of the Cross happen at SJB church at 6pm. Come receive forgiveness and peace!

We are looking for some great new school staff members for the 2026-2027 school year. Do you know someone who could help us as a middle school science teacher, a third grade teacher, a first grade teacher, or a full time teacher's aid in Pre-School? If so, please have them send a resume to my email: aaron.nord@saintstephenstl.org.

Finally, we have invitations for Easter Masses at all the doors this weekend. Invite your family and friends to join us for the glorious celebrations to come!

SEASONAL CHURCH DECORATING

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE JOYFUL TASK OF DECORATING FOR EASTER VIGIL. THIS WILL HAPPEN ON SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2026 AT 9AM IN SAINT STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR CHURCH. NO NEED TO SIGN UP, JUST COME HELP OUT!



BE PART OF
SOMETHING
BIGGER


ImpactLife

BLOOD DRIVE

To schedule an appt,
scan QR code,
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401,
or online at bloodcenter.org/group
grp #10176

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, March 22

7:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Parish Center

4200 Delor

Every donation earns rewards!
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\$20 e-gift card, points to shop
our Rewards Store, or
donate e-gift card to your
favorite nonprofit for all
successful donations!

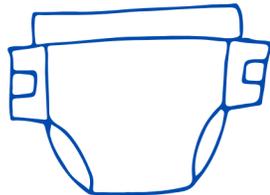
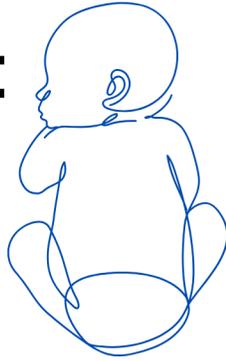


HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

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.

DIAPER DRIVE

SSP parish is collecting diapers and wipes for those in need within our community. Both baby and adult diapers and wipes are accepted! Items can be placed in the church vestibules during weekend Mass.



Sponsored by the permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis in conjunction with the Respect Life Office

SSP 2026-27 School Year Job Openings

Middle School Science Teacher



1st Grade Teacher



3rd Grade Teacher



HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK

Thursday, April 2nd
@ SSP Parish Hall

Doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 5:30pm.

Mass to follow at 7pm at SSP Church.

The parish will provide meat and bread.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring a

dish according to their last name: **A-F: Vegetables**

G-L: Potatoes

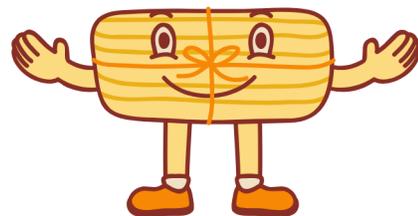
M-R: Salad

S-Z: Dessert



**TO RSVP CONTACT
JAMES GALL AT
314-623-0469**

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:



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As our parish is preparing our IHM campus for a new major tenant, the New-To-You rummage sale team has decided to take a one-year pause. So, **there will not be a rummage sale or drop off days in 2026.** God willing, we'll be back for community, helping the earth, and rehoming treasures in 2027.

After 12 years of fabulous sales, the New-To-You rummage sale team has acquired many items that made it possible to set up for our sale days. We are interested in finding these items new homes. Due to this, we have scheduled a **FREE-CYCLE Day** for Sunday, March 22nd after the 10am mass. Please stop by the school to see if you find anything (shelving, hangers, plastic bins, books, etc....) that you might be able to use. All items are FREE!

And finally, Saint Louis City Recycles is hosting another Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event in March!

Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Time: 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: 1640 S. Kings highway Blvd 63110 (Saint Louis Water Department)

The Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) professionally recycles almost anything with a power cord or battery! For more information about what MRC accepts, check out their website.

Documents are securely transported to MRC and shredded

Limit of two document boxes per vehicle

Fees for this event are waived for City residents, while funding lasts.

ID is required

Thank you for all of your support of the New-To-You rummage sale over the years.

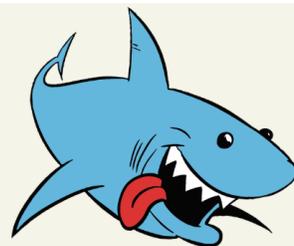
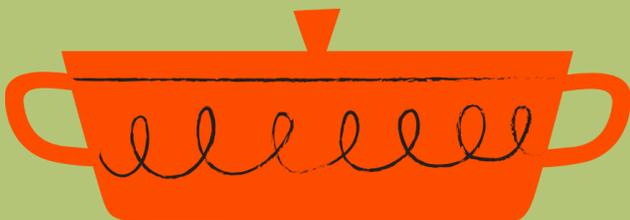
- Chris, Liz, and Elizabeth

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will care for it."

Robert Swan

CASSEROLE DROP OFF AT SJB

Saint Patrick casseroles and salads are due for drop off on March 19th from 8am to 10am at our St. John the Baptist campus rectory (4200 Delor Street). Thank you for your contributions!



**OUR
FABULOUS
FISH FRIES
CONTINUE...**

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP
AND GREAT FOOD.
FRIDAYS NOW THROUGH
MARCH 28TH FROM 4PM-7PM
AT 3949 WILMINGTON AVE.**

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

As many of you are aware, we dedicate one night out of the 7 fish fries to our service men & women; our friends and family of who we are proud for their sacrifice.

Make no mistake, it is a sacrifice no matter when or where they served.

For that reason we are encouraging you to submit a photo or a copy of “your” hero in uniform! What about an award they earned? Maybe an interesting artifact to share and enlighten those who attend the March 27th fish fry. Something and someone we all can honor with you!

It's a patriotic celebration! Please email photos or anecdotes to gwwenneman@gmail.com

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR

FISH FRY

SPONSORS

- **BORGMAYER DENTAL – DR. SAM & DR. DAVE BORGMAYER**
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- **LAND TOURS & CRUISES BY GLORIA WESSELS**
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- **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**
- **LEONA MARKET – ALAA BASRA**
- **THS SPORTING GOODS**
- **SILVER FOX MARKETING – JOE “PEPE” GRECO**
- **CUSTOM MAINTENANCE – DON BRAND**

MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE

3/21/26-3/22/26

LECTORS

3/21 4pm SSP

Leslie Harbaugh & Tim Lorenz

3/22 7am SJB

Agnes Baca & Kathy Marty

3/22 8:30am SSP

Larry Driscoll & Dooty Folz

3/22 10am IHM

Barb Vineyard & Becky Will

3/22 4:30pm SSP

Anne Borgmeyer & Mary Ann Dundon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/21 4pm SSP

Robin Guillot, Mark Loeffler, & Jim O'Connell

3/22 7am SJB

Linda Yarnell, Thom Pancella,
Thomas Neiers, & Kathy Anger

3/22 8:30am SSP

Erin Goedeker, Gayle Chancellor,
Patrick Schrappen, & Michelle Rusch

3/22 10am IHM

Agnes Baca, Rusty Roth, Monica Wamser,
Elvin Martinez, Barb Unger,
Tony Trull, & Elizabeth Flake

3/22 4:30pm SSP

Sara Dannon, Colleen Nigro, Jim O'Connell, & Elgin Manalang

SERVERS

3/21 4pm SSP

Reagon Joly & Elliotte Boudeman

3/22 7am SJB

John Benz

3/22 8:30am SSP

N/A

3/22 10am IHM

John Lian & Elise Goedeker

3/22 4:30pm SSP

Jack Minor & Sebastian Nigro

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 16

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

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *JoAnn Sanders+*

Tuesday, March 17

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev. Harold Vuelker+*

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

Wednesday, March 18

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev Eugene Utrup+*

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Marcella & Henry Lagerman*

Thursday, March 19

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Thomas Lorenz+*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

Friday, March 20

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

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

Saturday, March 21

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Alec Fister+*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

Sunday, March 22

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

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rosemary Schuester+*

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

IHM 10:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Ricky Baynes+*

SSP 4:30pm **Fr. Tim Foley** *Our Parish Family*

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. 3/16/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement 7pm SSP Centennial Committee Meeting @ SSP Parish Hall
TUES. 3/17/26	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 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting @ SJB
WED. 3/18/26	10am Lent Bible Study @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 7pm Lent Bible Study @ SJB Conference Room
THURS. 3/19/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church
FRI. 3/20/26	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. 3/22/26	8am Small Group Bible Study @ SJB Cafeteria 10am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ IHM 11am Donut Fellowship and Freecycle event @ IHM 11:30am OCIA Class @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass @ SSP

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

... In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially [Sue Schwent](#) and infant Valley Grace Hoese... May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. longer living in their homes.

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, 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.



*Whatever you did for one
of the least of these
brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me
Matthew 25:40*

In the month of February, our SVdP conference received 153 calls, and helped 105 households.

As anticipated, calls for utility assistance have increased. Because of your continued donations, we directly assisted 80 households with \$10,214+ in utility payments.

We can do nothing without your generous support.
THANK YOU !!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Mar. 2 - Mar. 8 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$22,671.50
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 940.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$ 855.00
17% of these funds were donated online

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