

# ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN: MARCH 22, 2026

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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 one of them below:

### Kyle Juvers

**Sponsor: Meghan Jendusa**

**Patron Saint: St. Christopher**

I've found myself drawn to the Catholic Church over the last decade. Through study, reflection, and the lived example of this parish community and people close to me, what began as curiosity gradually became a conviction that this is where I want to be rooted. I'm grateful to the Holy Name Society for providing a structured way to engage the faith—its history, discipline, and understanding of community. I also appreciate the seriousness with which the Church approaches service to others, and the way this parish balances tradition with a genuine sense of welcome. I'm especially grateful to my wife and sponsor for walking alongside me in this process. Thank you for your prayers and support as I continue this journey toward full communion with the Church at Easter.

## PASTOR'S NOTE

*I thought you should know...*



Triduum is coming, and we're looking forward to having you pray with us on the glorious Holy Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. You can find our schedule in the bulletin today, so I'd like to use my column to highlight some special opportunities you might otherwise miss.

On Holy Thursday evening we have a potluck at 5:00pm in the SSP parish hall. It's a great chance to meet someone new and celebrate together our joy at Triduum's arrival. Also, did you know that you can bring with you a bell to Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm and join us in ringing joyfully during the Gloria before all the bells fall silent until Easter? Finally, SSP church is open for quiet prayer until midnight on Thursday evening. That evening is a powerful time rest quietly with Jesus, remembering his passion and thinking of his love. On Good Friday, consider joining us for stations of the Cross at 3pm in SSP church, or for night prayer at 9:30 pm. They are both simple and solemn experiences of prayer and reflection.

On Easter Vigil, we'll see members of our community receive sacraments for the first time. For the Church, this is the greatest night of prayer, and we pull out all the stops. Bring back your bell with you again and join us at the Gloria in ringing in the great feast. Finally, don't forget to invite friends and family to join us for Easter Masses using our Easter invite at the door. Our 8:30am, 9am, 10am each have a big fun easter egg hunt for kids 8 and under!

God bless you!

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 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. These items now must find 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 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 at <https://mrcrecycling.net/>

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

### 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.

# JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK

## Thursday 4/2/26

- MORNING PRAYER 8AM @ SSP CHURCH
- PARISH POTLUCK 5PM @ SSP PARISH HALL
- WASHING OF THE FEET MASS 7PM @ SSP CHURCH
  - \*BRING A BELL TO RING DURING THE GLORIA
- QUIET PRAYER 8PM - 12AM @ SSP CHURCH

## Friday 4/3/26

- MORNING PRAYER 8AM @ SSP CHURCH
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM @ SSP CHURCH
- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7PM @ SSP CHURCH
- NIGHT PRAYER 9:30PM @ SSP CHURCH
- NO FISH FRY WILL BE HELD ON 4/3/26

## Saturday 4/4/26

- MORNING PRAYER 8AM @ SSP CHURCH
- EASTER VIGIL MASS 8PM @ SSP CHURCH
  - \*BRING A BELL TO RING DURING THE GLORIA

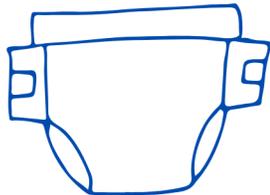
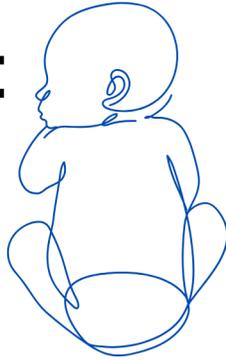
## Sunday 4/5/26

- EASTER MASS 7AM @ SJB CHURCH
- EASTER MASS 8:30AM @ SSP CHURCH
  - \*EASTER EGG HUNT FOR AGES 8 AND UNDER FOLLOWING MASS
- EASTER MASS 9:00AM @ SJB CHURCH
  - \*EASTER EGG HUNT FOR AGES 8 AND UNDER FOLLOWING MASS
- EASTER MASS 10:00AM @ IHM CHURCH
  - \*EASTER EGG HUNT FOR AGES 8 AND UNDER FOLLOWING MASS



# 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*



*3rd Grade Teacher*



*1st 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**

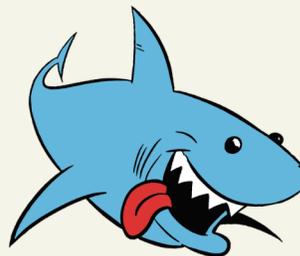
**G-L: Potatoes**

**M-R: Salad**

**S-Z: Dessert**



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



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

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP  
AND GREAT FOOD.**

**FRIDAYS NOW THROUGH  
MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4PM-7PM  
IN THE PARISH HALL AT  
3949 WILMINGTON**



# 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](mailto:gwwenneman@gmail.com)*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR

# FISH FRY

## SPONSORS

- **BORGMAYER DENTAL – DR. SAM & DR. DAVE BORGMAYER**
- **ROYALS LIQUOR**
- **LAND TOURS & CRUISES BY GLORIA WESSELS**
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- **HOLLY HILLS PET HOTEL & LUV SAMMY – SHELLIE KRAMER**
- **DOC HOLLOWAY’S, INC.**
- **STL URGENT CARE – DR. GUS BORGMAYER**
- **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 3/28/26-3/29/26

### LECTORS

3/28 4pm SSP

Beth Schlegel & Martha Navarro

3/29 7am SJB

Frank Rosario & Cathy Kveton

3/29 8:30am SSP

Sandy Gaydos & Ann Rotermund

3/29 10am IHM

Mary Raber & Judy Hudson

3/29 4:30pm SSP

Erin Goedeker & Gina Joly

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/28 4pm SSP

Steve Gaydos, Mary Anne Dundon, & Sue Weber

3/29 7am SJB

Jim Gall, Tim O'Neil, Chi Light & Linda Yarnell

3/29 8:30am SSP

Mary Ellen Holdeninid, Rene Gamon, Meghan Hartzler, & Robin Vennermann

3/29 10am IHM

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

3/29 4:30pm SSP

Angie Butz, Stephanie Minor, Jenny West, & Joe Rusch

### SERVERS

3/28 4pm SSP

Oscar Lehmuth

3/29 7am SJB

John Benz

3/29 8:30am SSP

N/A

3/29 10am IHM

Oscar Chierek & Sebastian Nigro

3/29 4:30pm SSP

Evan Goedeker & Clementine Foizey

## MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

(+ indicates our deceased)

### Monday, March 23

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

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

### Tuesday, March 24

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev. Dennis Zacheis +*

SSP 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Nancy Marty +*

### Wednesday, March 25

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

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *Darrell LeeConway Jr +*

### Thursday, March 26

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, March 27

SJB 6:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Rev. Urban Knoll +*

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

### Saturday, March 28

IHM 8:00am Fr. Tim Foley *August & Zelma Verplanke+*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm Fr. Aaron Nord *Our Parish Family*

### Sunday, March 29

SJB 7:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Marty Meyer +*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

SSP 8:30am Fr. Aaron Nord *Jackie Semar +*

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

IHM 10:00am Fr. Aaron Nord *Intentions Of The Holy Father*

SSP 4:30pm Fr. Tim Foley *Howard Neels +*

## 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.

<b>MON.</b> 3/23/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement 7pm Ladies Sodality Board Meeting @ IHM Rectory
<b>TUES.</b> 3/24/26	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
<b>WED.</b> 3/25/26	10am Lent Bible Study @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 11am Seniors Organization Meeting @ SJB Parish Center 7pm Lent Bible Study @ SJB Conference Room
<b>THURS.</b> 3/26/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 1pm Game Day @ IHM Rectory 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB Conference Room 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM Church 7pm Women's Club Meeting @ SSP Parish Hall
<b>FRI.</b> 3/27/26	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
<b>SAT.</b> 2/28/26	
<b>SUN.</b> 3/29/26	SVDP Food Drive @ All Campuses 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

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

...In the charity of your prayers, please remember the families of those who have died recently, especially Mary Gansmann and David Murphey... 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, 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.



## Daughters of St. Paul

The Daughters of St. Paul are hosting Discernment 101 at their St. Louis Convent (9804 Watson Road, St. Louis) for women 16-33 years old. Held on Saturday mornings, Discernment 101 includes Mass, a talk on discernment, small group discussion, an Hour of Adoration, and optional lunch. Upcoming dates include: Saturday, March 21; Saturday, April 18; and Saturday, May 16, from 8:30am to 12:00pm. RSVP to Sr An Mei Marie at: [stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemediamedia.com)

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Mar. 9 - Mar. 15 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$ 17968.10  
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 728.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$ 822.50  
22% of these funds were donated online

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