

ST. STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR PARISH

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: AUGUST 16, 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 • 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:



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Serve Together serves up ice cream at Hope Lodge:

Our Serve Together ministry recently had the opportunity to connect with individuals from Hope Lodge St. Louis through the magic of an ice cream social! Hope Lodge is an nonprofit that eliminates the financial and emotional burden of travel for cancer patients. The organization provides a cost-free home away from home for those receiving treatment, allowing guests to focus entirely on healing and recovery rather than logistics.





A New Approach to PSR

South St. Louis Faith Adventures is a regional Catholic faith formation program led by Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish in partnership with other local parishes. Open to children from all Catholic parishes in and near south St. Louis, it provides the same foundational instruction as a traditional Parish School of Religion (PSR) while emphasizing hands-on experiences in

prayer, community, and service. During monthly sessions, children learn in small groups on a rotating series of topics, allowing families to join Faith Adventures at any time during the year. Regular attendance at Faith Adventures provides the faith formation needed to prepare children to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion at age 7 or later, and the Sacrament of Confirmation around age 13.

Interested in enrolling your child? Scan the QR code or contact Mary Ruzicka directly at 314-481-1133, ext 312 or mary.ruzicka@saintstephenstl.org

ENROLL TODAY!



Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40

In the months of June and July, our SVdP conference received 350 calls, and helped 215 households.

We directly assisted 125 households with \$19,000+ in utility payments.

As we all know, Ameren and Spire rates have increased, placing another burden on the working poor. Your donations allow us to "keep the lights on" for our neighbors!

In addition, the SSP/Trinity food pantry is serving more families in need, averaging 180+ families per month. Your contributions help keep the shelves stocked.

We can do nothing without your generous support. Thank you!

Serve Together Opportunity

St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry

3140 Meramec Street

Sept. 26, 2026

Join the SSP Serve Together ministry in serving our neighbors at St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry. This volunteer event is family-friendly and offers two flexible time slots between 9am and noon. Volunteers of all abilities are welcome as there a variety of ways to pitch in!

Register now!



https://sspstl.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/need_id=1295568



SACRED FLAMES

***A NEW YOUTH EXPERIENCE
FROM ST. STEPHEN PARISH
FOR TEENS 13 - 18 YEARS OLD***

SACRED FLAMES IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS TO DEEPEN THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH BIBLE AND CATECHISM STUDY, FAITH DISCUSSION, PARTICIPATION IN MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, ATTENDANCE TO THE STEUBENVILLE STL MID-AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE SUMMER RETREAT AND MORE!

**START THE EVENING WITH MASS
1ST & 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH
4:15PM – 7:30PM
3949 WILMINGTON AVENUE**

Looking for more info?

Email: sacredsparks@saintstephenstl.org

Celebrate 100 Years of SSP!

Order Your Limited Edition SSP Centennial Garden Flag

Orders due by September 1st

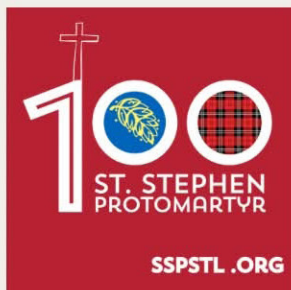
For 100 years, St. Stephen Protomartyr School and Parish has shaped generations through faith, education, friendship, and tradition.

Celebrate this milestone with a commemorative SSP Centennial Garden Flag and proudly display your connection to our community.

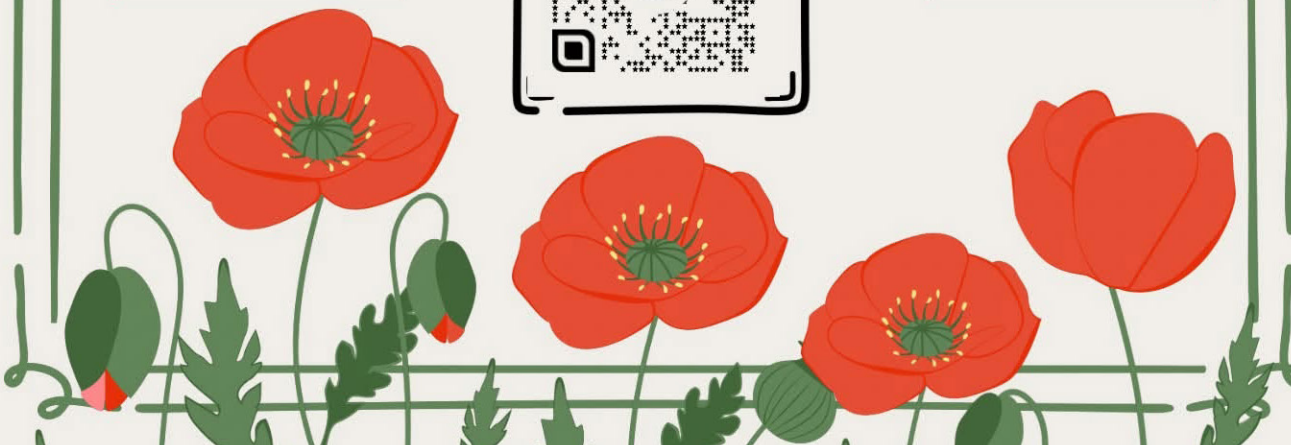
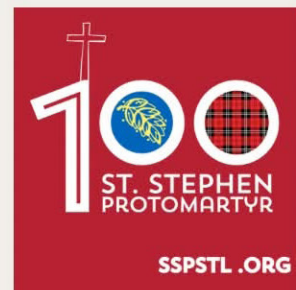
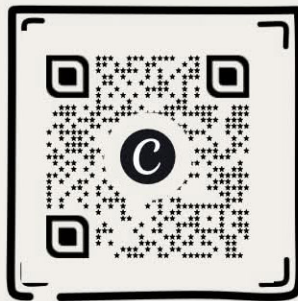
Whether you're a current family, parishioner, alumni, grandparent, or friend of SSP, this keepsake honors our past and celebrates our future.

All proceeds benefit the SSP PTO which supports our students, faculty and staff.

This is a limited-edition centennial keepsake. Buy yours today while supplies last and help us commemorate this historic anniversary!



SCAN ME!



100 YEARS and counting!

UPCOMING EVENTS



entertainment

Join the cast or crew of the latest edition of the Razzle Dazzle variety show.



service

Volunteer with our Immigrant & Refugee Ministry at the Migration Mass at St. Pius V.



prayer

Honor the the feast of St. Stephen at a Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of the diaconate.



celebration

Gather at school to honor 100 years of Catholic education. Check out the recent upgrades!



fellowship

Share a meal with fellow parishioners as a host or as a guest at our Progressive Dinner.

SPIRIT WEAR

Visit our Centennial Storefront to buy logoed tees and sweatshirts.



ARCHIVES

Share photos and memorabilia in support of our effort to preserve and share our history.

Scan to upload your items digitally or contact us to make other arrangements.



PARISH DIRECTORY

We're working toward a new pictorial parish directory to be available in Spring 2027. Look for more information in coming months about photography dates. In the meantime, please be sure the parish office has your most up-to-date contact information.

FIND ALL OF THIS AND MORE AT WWW.SSPSTL.ORG/CENTENNIAL
OR CONTACT STEPHANIE WOBBE AT 314-660-1548

MASS MINISTER SCHEDULE 8/22/26-8/23/26

LECTORS

8/22 4pm SSP

Beth Schlegel & Larry Driscoll

8/23 7am SJB

Barb Vineyard & Frank Rosario

8/23 10am IHM

Judy Hudson & Becky Will

8/23 4:30pm SSP

Martha Navarro & Mary Anne
Dundon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

8/22 4pm SSP

Robin Guillot, Rusty Roth, &
Meghan Leaders

8/23 7am SJB

Patrick Schrappen, Chi Light,
Robin Venneman, & Linda Yarnall

8/23 10am IHM

Jim Wamser, Rebecca Will, Helen
Wells, Elizabeth Cassmeyer, Tony
Trull, & Jim Gall

8/23 4:30pm SSP

Sara Dannon, Elgin Manalang,
Erin Goedeker, & Gayle
Chancellor

SERVERS

8/22 4pm SSP

Bryce McMahon

8/23 7am SJB

John Benz

8/23 10am IHM

Sammy Bernstetter & Augie Nigro

8/23 4:30pm SSP

Lazaro Navarro

MASSES, CELEBRANTS & INTENTIONS

SSP = St. Stephen Protomartyr Church

IHM = Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SJB = St. John the Baptist Church

(+ indicates our deceased)

Monday, August 17

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

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

Tuesday, August 18

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Rev. Bernard Sohoemer +*

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

Wednesday, August 19

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Bishop John Gaydos. +*

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

Thursday, August 20

SJB 6:30am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

SSP 8:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *J. Lizzi +*

IHM 6:00pm *Confessions*

Friday, August 21

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

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

Saturday, August 22

IHM 8:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *St. Monica Boxes*

SSP 3:00pm *Confessions*

SSP 4:00pm **Fr. Tim Foley** *Bishop John Gaydos +*

Sunday, August 23

SJB 7:00am **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

SJB 7:45am *Confessions*

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

IHM 10:00am **Fr. Tim Foley** *Intentions of the Holy Father*

SSP 4:30pm **Fr. Aaron Nord** *Our Parish Family*

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.

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. 8/17/26	10am Weekly Bible Study Group #1 @ SJB Conference Room 1pm Plarn Group @ IHM Rectory Basement
TUES. 8/18/26	8:15am Exercise And Balance Class @ St. Lucas 10am Quilters @ IHM Rectory Meeting Room 1pm Men's Small Group Meeting @ IHM Rectory 6pm Boy Scout Troop 179 Meeting @ SJB Parish Hall 6pm Our Mother Of Perpetual Help Devotions @ IHM Small Groups Meeting Room 6:15pm Lectio Divina @ IHM Small Group Meeting Room 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting @ SJB Cafeteria
WED. 8/19/26	6pm St. Monica Novena @ SJB Church 7pm Monthly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB West Lot Room
THURS. 8/20/26	8am Quilters @ SJB Quilters Room 6pm St. Monica Novena @ SJB Church 6pm Weekly Bible Study Group #2 @ SJB 6pm Eucharistic Adoration @ IHM
FRI. 8/21/26	8:15am Exercise @ St. Lucas 6pm St. Monica Novena @ SJB Church
SAT. 8/22/26	
SUN. 8/23/26	10am Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Mass @ IHM 4:30pm Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Mass @ SSP

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

...for our sick and recovering and their caregivers — Bobby Anderson, Jamie Bosslet, David Buck, Rev. Ronald Chochol, Joann Contes, Joe DiFani, Grace Forti, Mary Ann Franklin, Judy Fusco, Peggy Gerstner, Mary Bentrup Gherardini, Micheal Kluempers, Frank Gion, Buddy Horrell, Dixie Keathly, Pat Merz, Kathleen Moody, Deacon Jim Murphy, Andy Nolen, Kathy Ruggeri, Mario Ruggeri, Steve Sample, Tony Scaglione, Barb Skurat, Greg Stoff, Gary Venneman, Jessie Weick, JoAnn Welby, Garry Winter, the Franklin Family... 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.

Welcome To Our Visitors...

On behalf of our family at Saint Stephen Protomartyr, we are delighted that you have chosen to pray with us. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we pray that you will find happiness here and we look forward to meeting you personally!

To become a member of Saint Stephen Catholic Church, please visit our website <https://saintstephenstl.org/> or call the parish office at 314-481-1133



CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug. 3 - Aug. 9, 2026

General Parish Funds.....\$ 12,642.97
Archdiocesan Collections.....\$ 1,065.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$ 895.00
26% of these funds were donated online

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