

WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors and guests to St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish. If you would be so kind as to sign the Guest Book found in the vestibule of the Chapel or near the main entrance to the Church, we would appreciate it.

If you would like to register or find out more information about us, please call the parish office at 481-1133 or visit our website at www.saintstephenstl.org.

Our mission statement is: "Following the example of our patron St. Stephen, we are called to be witnesses of God's love and to be a faith-filled, reconciling parish."

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2010 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2010 is "You Are Witnesses of These Things." (Luke 24:48) Throughout 2010, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that the Lord Jesus Christ.

Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

A prayer we might say during this week is the following Preface for the Mass of Christian Unity. "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ you bring us to the knowledge of your truth, that we may be united by one faith and one baptism to become his body.

Through Christ you have given the Holy Spirit to all peoples. How wonderful are the works of the Spirit, revealed in so many gifts!

Yet how marvelous is the unity the Spirit creates from their diversity, as he dwells in the hearts of your children, filling the whole Church with his presence and guiding it with his wisdom!

PLEASE NOTE!

NO MASSES AT THE CHAPEL

Due to the boiler cracking and therefore no heat at the Chapel of Sts. Mary and Joseph, there will be no Masses or activities at the Chapel or MKC until further notice. All Tuesday morning and Saturday 4PM Vigil Masses will be at the Parish Church.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Everyone is welcome and invited to....

- Dine with good friends and make new
- "Mardi Gras" – St. Stephen's style
- Volunteer to be a Host home for a Cocktail or Dinner Party
- Make a reservation to attend



Cost is \$20.00 per person. No charge if you are a Host home. See bulletin insert for more information or visit the St. Stephen's website for reservation form.

Questions: Jane Barber - 498-3624
Anne Borgmeyer – 752-2528
Sandy Gaydos – 352-1281
sunnyskies642@sbcglobal.net

Don't delay. **Reservation deadline is January 29th.**

Quilt Winner

Charlene Sidorski was the lucky winner of the quilt for December.

Health Care Reform

The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops reminds us that Catholics need to make their voices heard insisting that health care reform protect the lives, dignity, consciences and health of all. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill. Unless and until these criteria are met, the final bill must be opposed.

Please contact your senator or representative and make your view known.

Lost and Found

Please check the tables in the back for any lost items that are looking to find their way home. There is an interesting array of items from diaper bags to roller skates. Please take home anything that belongs to you.

Readings for the week

January 18 through January 25, 2010

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13, Ps 89:20-22,27-28
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Mk3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a,,5-6,8-10 Ps19:8-10,15
1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

50+ Meeting

The 50+ meeting will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 21 followed by lunch and bingo. The annual membership dues of \$3.00 will be collected. Kindly be prepared to pay. Please remember canned goods for the Food Pantry as many people and families need the help at this time. Also, kindly remember to purchase the ACE certificates that help our fine school. Parking is available on the Parish Center lot and enter through the Parish Center doors.

Tax Assistance Program

The St. Louis Tax Assistance Program offers **free electronic income tax return preparation** and tax information for a family with income under \$50,000. The program is targeted at those working families who are eligible for the earned income credit and child care credit.

Location: St. Mary's High School 4701 S. Grand Blvd

Dates: January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27

Must have W2's and or 1099.

For more information please visit our website at www.stlouistap.org

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice Volunteers are needed to provide love, care and emotional support to the terminally ill patients of Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

You would be serving patients near your home or work once training is completed. Call 1-800-338-6667

The changing of wine

The marriage begins with champagne on the magical evening of the wedding reception.

But over time, the wine changes.

It becomes a much cheaper vintage as spouses struggle to build a home together. It is replaced by formulas and juice boxes and medicines as they raise their children. With every milestone, with every crisis, the vintage is patience and forgiveness; with every check written to cover the mortgage, insurance and tuition, selflessness and generosity are the spirits shared in chipped glasses.

The wine tastes sweeter with the grandchildren and the opportunities to help a new family get started.

The wine becomes increasingly bitter and hard with the visits to the doctor, the long wait for the test results, the necessary changes in lifestyle, the round-the-clock care. And eventually they sip their last glass together until they find places next to each other at the wedding banquet of heaven.

In marriages where Christ is the always welcomed Wedding Guest, the wine of compassion and understanding, of humble love and generous grace, never runs out. The wine served at the marriage feast — a feast that continues over many years from the banquet table to the family dinner table to the workbench to the play table to the quiet table for two — is always “new” and richer and sweeter with every glass poured and shared.

► *The love of God is manifested at its most powerful in the love between husband and wife: in marriages in which spouses have navigated together life's hard road of fear, disappointment, heartache and illness; in marriages that are living sacraments of God's presence in our midst; in marriages in which Christ is the unseen but always-present Wedding Guest. Throughout Scripture, God speaks of his love for humanity in terms of espousal. Christ, who performed his first miracle at a wedding called himself "the Bridegroom" who comes to bring his people to the wedding feast of the Father. As ministers of the marriage sacrament, husbands and wives, in their love for one another, help all of us to realize the great love of God the Father and Christ his Son, the Bridegroom.* ◀

From [Connections: January 2010](#)

January 17, 2010 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT, TREASURE and PRAYER

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."
1 Corinthians 12:7*

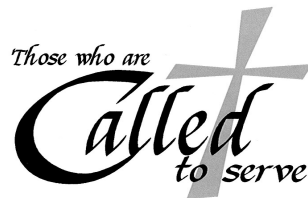
Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week's Stewardship	\$ 7,199.00
Weekly Stewardship goal	\$ 10,481.00
Average	\$ 7,433.87
Renovations & Improvements	\$ 240.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 734.00
St. Louis Review	\$ 1,288.00

Eucharistic Ministers

In the coming weeks I will be sending out the new schedule for those serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If anyone currently serving in this ministry needs to make any changes or if someone is no longer able to serve please call me at the rectory so that I can adjust the schedule accordingly. Also if anyone is interested in ministering in this capacity please contact me.

Thanks
Mary



Calling all Quilters

The Quilters meet Monday and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the basement of the school. We are looking for new people interested in quilting with us. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Any amount of time is appreciated. Call Ellen Bohac for information — 353-6046

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors

Saturday, January 23, Church of St. Stephen

4:00 PM — G. Joly, L. Harbaugh

Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM — C. Grindel, B. Kayser

10:30 AM — S. Gaydos, L. Driscoll

Servers

Saturday, January 23 Church of St. Stephen

4:00 PM — M. Cantalin, C. Paule

Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM — C. Rosentreter, N. Schoenle

10:30 AM — J. Renick, TW Brown

Martha's Group

Parishioners involved in Martha's Group not only provide food for funeral lunches but they also serve and clean up after the lunches. We are in need especially of more volunteers to help with serving and cleaning up. If you can help in any aspect of this ministry please contact Nan Herr (352-5941) or Mary Regan (481-1133).

Leadership Councils

The **Finance Council** members are: Marty Bickel, John Blaskiewicz, Ann Esswein, Dan Millman, Jim Pashia, Paul Payne, Linda Seemiller, Barb Schlanger and Fr. Ron

This Week at St. Stephen Protomartyr

Sunday January 17	Monday January 18	Tuesday January 19	Wednesday January 20	Thursday January 21	Friday January 22	Saturday January 23
	Parish Office Closed for Martin Luther	Arthritis Exercise Class 9:00 AM	All School Mass	Arthritis Exercise Class 9:00 AM	All School Mass	
	King Holiday			Scripture Study 9:00 AM	Tai Chi 9:45-11:00 Bingo	
		Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM	Lit Prep Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	50+ Meeting 11:00 AM	Adult Volleyball Free Play	

Roe vs. Wade

January 22 marks the thirty seventh year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade. We pray for the end of abortion and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life from conception to natural death to all.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18, for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Military Service

If you have a family member serving in the military, we would like to recognize them in the bulletin and pray for them. Please contact the rectory with their name for inclusion in this listing.

ACE Cards

Remember to purchase your ACE cards.

Haitian Earthquake Relief

Archbishop Carlson asked all parishes to have a second collection at all Masses this weekend in support of Catholic relief efforts in Haiti. If you were not prepared to contribute today and wish to contribute, you may place donations for Haitian Relief in an envelope marked for Haiti Earthquake Relief in next week's collection.

News around Town

Care & Share for Divorced and Separated

First and third Tuesdays of each month beginning Tuesday, January 19 from 7 PM to 9 PM at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Arnold MO. This will be an ongoing program which will entail reading and discussion of the book, [Rebuilding Yourself when Your Relationship Ends](#) by Dr. Bruce Fisher. Please contact Carol at 636-282-3014 to register and to obtain your book and other program materials.

Our Lady's Inn

Support the pro-life Cause!
Contribute to Our Lady's Inn by shopping at *Twice Blessed Resale Shop* 3302 Meramec, 63118. Call manager Lucy Hannegan for information: 481-3332.
Hours: Tuesday—Saturday, 10:00—5:00

Taste of S.E.A.

St. Elizabeth Academy is hosting the first annual Taste of S.E.A. on January 23, 2010, featuring samples of food from a variety of distinctive St. Louis area restaurants. Doors open at 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the S.E.A. Gym and will feature live music. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information, please contact Amanda Marmer, at 771-5134 ext 230 or amarmer@stelizabethacademy.org

St. Pius V Trivia Night

Saturday, January 23 in Singler Hall
Doors open at 6:00 PM and Trivia begins at 7:00 PM
Tables of 8 cost \$120, or \$15 per person. Soda and snacks are included, and you are welcome to bring your own food and drink. In addition to trivia, we'll have a 50/50 drawing, and other games including Heads or Tails and Dead or Alive. Call Shirley at 772-1525 for reservations.

Catholic Singles

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is looking for single or married players 18-45 to join their volleyball league. All skill levels are welcome. Play near Maryland Heights on Sunday evenings. Interested? Contact Don at 729-1235 .

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club invites you to our next Eat and Greet at the Brunswick Zone in Valley Park Friday, February 5 starting at 6:30 PM. We will have food available as well. For more info contact Steve at 966-0724

Women's Place

Women's Place is a safe and welcoming drop-in center serving adult women in the entire Metro St. Louis area. We have a special concern for women who are experiencing the effects of relationship violence, offering crisis intervention, referral services and support groups. There are no fees for services and appointments are not necessary. We are supported entirely by donations, grants and our on-going cell phone collections. Woman's Place is a 501(c)3 organization. Come visit !
7372 Marietta Ave. Maplewood, MO 63143

ACE Cards

Remember to purchase your ACE cards.

South Grand Senior Ministry

Come See Patsy AT **THE IVORY THEATRE**

Join South Grand Senior Ministry as we tour the Ivory Theatre (formerly St. Boniface Catholic Church) in the Carondelet neighborhood and see a matinee on Wednesday, February 3rd. The tour will begin at 1:00 pm and the show at 2:00 pm. The musical, *Sweet Dream of Patsy*, delves into the fascinating life of American musical icon Patsy Cline, presenting her complex life and career through her interactions with her mother, musical producer Owen Bradley, TV and radio star Arthur Godfrey and Grand Old Opry comedienne Minnie Pearl.

This promises to be a delightful afternoon! Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased through Katie Lynn Deater at 314-664-9700.

FIND OUT ABOUT **Home Healthcare and Lifeline Service**

Explore the ins and outs of home health and lifeline services! This session will cover useful information for current and/or future needs, plus question & answer time. Refreshments will be provided.

When: Wednesday, January 27th

Where: Southwest Baptist Church – Memorial Hall (6401 Scanlan Ave.)

Time: 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Debbie Monfort from StarResource

RSVP to Katie at 647-4591 by Jan. 25th

Medicare HEALTH Plans

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (such as an HMO or PPO), you are able to switch plans from January until March. These plans are offered from companies such as AARP Medicare Complete, GHP, Essence and more.

If you would like to compare other plans to what you currently have, Leigh Manalang, Senior Ministry Coordinator, will be happy to set up an appointment to assist you. You may contact Leigh at St. Stephen's parish office 481-1133 on Mondays and Wednesdays, leave a message on her voice mail, or email her at leighsgsm@sbcglobal.net.

NEW YEAR EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES

Want to start on that New Year's resolution to exercise more often? We can help you! Among the churches involved in South Grand Senior Ministry, there are several exercise opportunities for you. Anyone is welcome. Please call Leigh at 481-1133 for more information.

Tai Chi – classes are offered every Friday (except the 4th) 9:45-10:30 am at St. Stephen's Parish Hall. Tai Chi is a good way to promote overall health, balance, coordination and flexibility. FREE

Arthritis Exercise – A certified instructor through the Arthritis Foundation leads classes Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-10:00 am at St. Stephen's Parish Center. Provides exercises that can help reduce pain and stiffness, keeping you healthier for longer. All exercises are done seated. FREE

No-impact Exercise – offered every Tuesday and Friday 9:15-10:15 am at Immaculate Heart of Mary school cafeteria, 4092 Blow Street.

Walking Group – meets on Mondays 10:00-10:30 am at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 3135 Meramec Street. FREE

Older Adult Fitness – offered every Friday 9:00-10:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 3135 Meramec Street. FREE

Senior Exercise – led by Sr. Carrol Coble, parish nurse at St. John the Baptist, this weekly class meets on Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 am at St. Agnes Apartments, 2840 Wisconsin. FREE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 18

8:00 AM — Helen Selzer

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 AM — Jim Grass

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 AM —

Thursday, January 21

8:00 AM — Rich Potrzeboski

Friday, January 22

8:00 AM —

Saturday, January 23

8:00 AM —

4:00 PM — Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM — Frank Gibala

10:30 AM — Marcella Leaders

PRAY...

for our sick and recovering

TW Brown, Cece Driscoll, Dennis Ehrhard, Dave Finnegan, James Forgash, Joan Forshee, Mary Lopinot, Dan Nichols, Deacon Bob Schnable, Mary Toomey

for our homebound

Betty Eich, Dorothy Flippin, Helen Getchman, Jeanette Holmer, Ellie Kearns, Walter & Rosemary Kobylinski, Frances Krafft, Rose Milentz, Verna Murphy, Russ Niemeyer, Eva Schmidt, Lee Ann Teter, Linda Tomasella, Adelaide Vogel, Eve Wachtel

for those in nursing homes

Audrey Alles, Mary Ann Genail, Eleanor Gunter, Rose Hegger McBride

for family members serving in the military

Joel Bruce, Timothy Hutchison, Brandon Johnson, Mark Kimsey, Stephen Napier, Brian Schoellhorn

DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays, after 8 am Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Wednesdays, 8:45 am—7:30 pm: Church is open for Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month, after 8 am Mass: Holy Hour and Benediction

SAINT STEPHEN

Saint Stephen Protomartyr Parish

PARISH OFFICE HOURS (314)481-1133

Monday through Wednesday 8:30 am—8:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am—5:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am—3:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Closed Sundays, Holidays and Holy Days

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Monday by 4:00 pm

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am at the Church of St. Stephen Protomartyr

Monday and Wednesday through Friday:

8:00 am at Church of St. Stephen Protomartyr

Tuesday: 8:00 am Chapel of Sts Mary & Joseph

Saturday: 8:00 am at the Church of St. Stephen Protomartyr

Saturday evening Vigil:

4:00 pm at Chapel of Sts. Mary & Joseph

Holy Day: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Stephen Protomartyr

Infant and Child Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated at any weekend liturgy or on the last Sunday of the month following the 10:30 am.

Eucharist. Parents are asked to call the parish office to arrange a Baptism. Parents (and godparents, if they are able) are asked to attend a preparation meeting that will be arranged after the parents meet with the priest or pastoral associate.

Adult Initiation / Reception into the Catholic Church

Any adult who would like to know more about our Catholic faith, and/or who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

Reconciliation

Saturdays 9:30 am until 10:00 am

Marriage

Please contact one of the clergy at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

We have a communal celebration of this sacrament at the weekend liturgies in the fall and in the spring. If you would like to be anointed before entering the hospital or if you are homebound, please call the parish office.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Parish School of Religion formal classes in our Catholic Faith Children: 4 yrs. through 8th grade and high school

The site of the Parish School of Religion is located on the campus of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Please call, Father Leo Spezia, PSR Director at 314-353-1255.