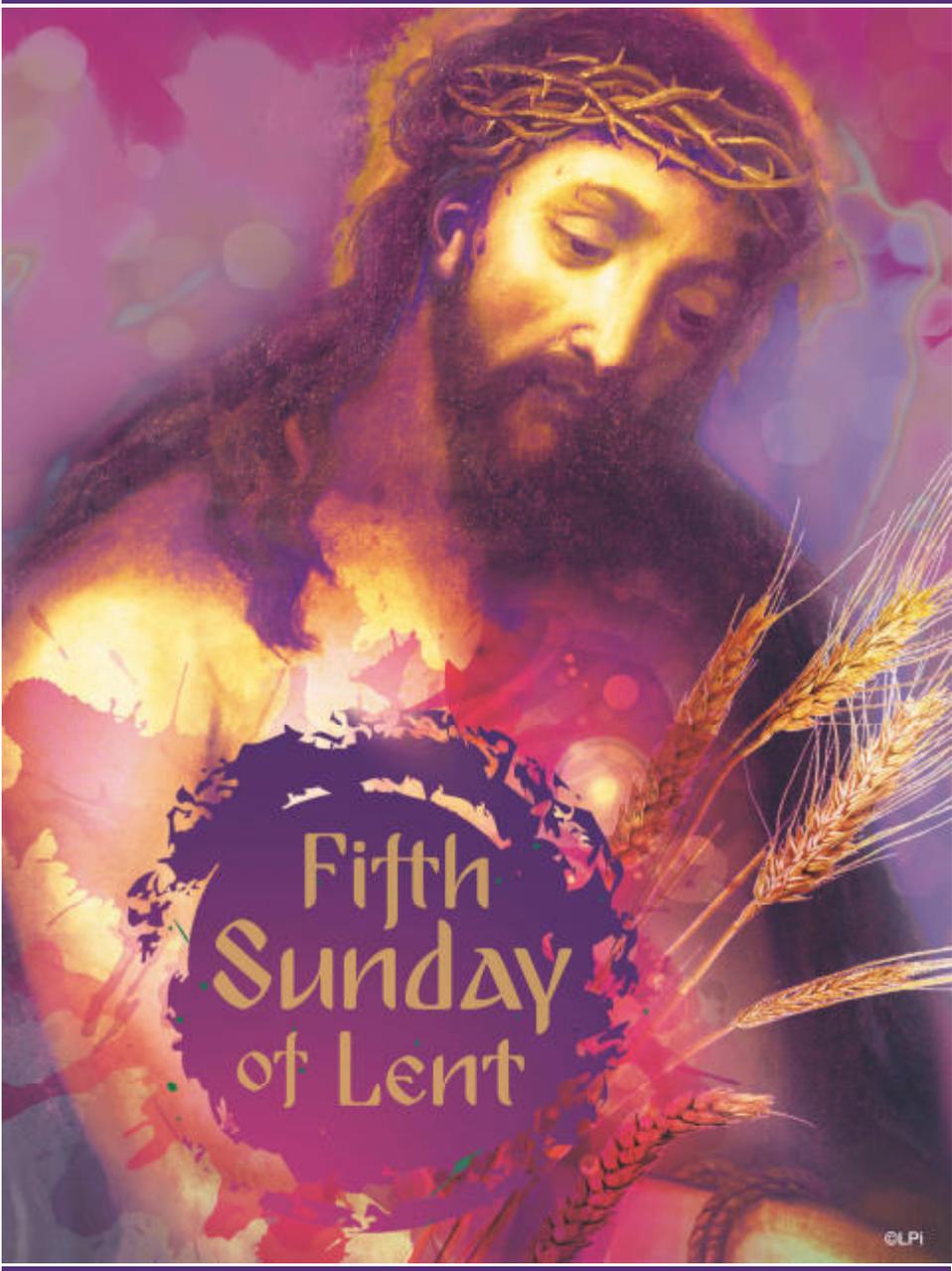


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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Sunday 10:30 am

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 8:30 -

Remain Cancelled at This Time

Weekday: Monday–Thursday 8:15am

Communion Services–Saturday 8:15am

Remain Cancelled at This Time

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.

Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be also Live

Streamed Facebook Page

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for appointment and preparation.

Confession:

1st Sat. each month following 4:00 pm
Mass Canceled - By appointment

Marriage: Please contact priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline-Monday Noon

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Vision:
 To be a community that loves and serves God and one another

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Mission Statement:
 To worship God as a Catholic faith community for the salvation of all

**Why Do We Do That
Catholic Life Explained**



**What is spiritual communion,
and do you need to be in a state
of grace to receive it?**

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.



Readings for the week of 03/21/2021

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,
17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn
8:21-30

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a,
9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf.
7]/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.
10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk
14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24

We should never be afraid to give of ourselves. The Gospel assures us that we will be rewarded. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said, “We can only take to Heaven, that which we give away on earth.”

Parish Support

03/13/2020 - 03/12/2021 = \$404,070.90

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... and for all our sick and homebound.

... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

Pray for our Parish Community



Join us in welcoming the newest member to our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on 03/14/2021

Jack Brown
Parents are Mason & Courtney Brown

May this joyful occasion be a special start to knowing that God’s love is alive in your precious child’s heart.

Mass each Sunday at 10:30am is available to view by live stream or recording on the St. Stephen Martyr Church and School Facebook page. A link to Facebook is provided in the upper right hand corner on the home page of the SSM web site at www.ssmartyr.org.

Easter Mass Schedule:

Easter Masses will be celebrated on Saturday April 3 at 4:00pm and Sunday April 4 at 10:30am.

Per current CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing continue to be required if attending mass in person.

Please note that maximum church capacity is limited to roughly no more than 70 persons at each Mass in order to maintain adequate social distancing.

From the Desk of: Bridget Britt, School Principal

Dear Parish Families,

Warmer weather is in the air, birds are chirping, flowers are beginning to sprout, and spring is on its way! I'm feeling better already! The year anniversary of the shutdown has just recently passed and I cannot help but to reflect on the changes we have gone through in one year. I know we aren't where we want to be yet, but we are making progress for sure. Let's use this anniversary and think about not the hardships we've endured, but let's use it as inspiration of doing something good.



- Thank you to those who have begun attending Sunday Mass with your families. If you haven't, I encourage you to take the leap. We are spread out and we wear masks. Try to find one Sunday to bring your family to Mass during this Lenten season. We have had a baptism almost every week at Mass since we opened back up! It's so good to see our faith growing!
- Last week we celebrated our teachers by delivering a simple gift of a McDonald's drink to the classroom. Maybe one day during this Lenten season you could deliver a small gift to a friend or neighbor who could use a "thinking about you" gift.
- We are going to have a GLOW in the DARK dance party with each class on Friday. Maybe during this Lenten season you take a night to do something fun with your family – family game night, a walk across the walking bridge, a family bike ride. It doesn't have to cost anything, just spend time together and have a little fun.
- We are collecting now for our care packages for cancer patients at the CBC. Each grade level is in charge of collecting a certain object to be placed in care package for patients receiving treatment. I must say, it is one of the best projects we do each year. I am sure it even means more this year since many can't even have someone go with them to receive treatment. The deadline is March 26th, the Friday before Spring Break. Joyce Curry will deliver the packages to CBC the week of April 5th.

Kindergarten: Chapstick

First Grade: Bags of hard candy

Second Grade: Peanut butter crackers (individually wrapped packages)

Third & Fourth Grade: Chapstick

Fifth Grade: Granola Bars

Sixth Grade: Hand Sanitizer (small 2oz bottles)

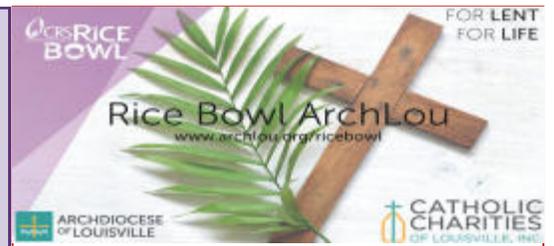
Seventh Grade: Tissues (small individual packages)

Eighth Grade: Hand Sanitizer (small 2oz bottles)

Staff – Granola Bars

This anniversary has reminded me that sometimes we need to give up the expectations, what should be, and live in the moment. Chose one small thing and do it for someone else, and I promise it will benefit you as well.

Bridget Britt



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Please bring or mail your Rice Bowl donations to the parish office or you can donate on line using the "Donate Now" button found in the upper right hand corner of the ssmartyr.org web page.

The Kentucky House has passed educational choice bill HB 563.

This bill would offer non-public school families assistance for non-tuition related expenses across the state and with the cost of tuition in counties with more than 150,000 residents (currently Jefferson, Fayette, and Kenton). While not perfect, this legislation would be a major step towards providing all families with educational choice.

House Bill 563 is heading to the Senate now, and we need your help to encourage the Senate to support this historic bill. Use the link provided below to email your State Senator today and ask them to vote YES on House Bill 563 and tell them to fight to make sure non-public school families stay in the bill

<https://www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Campaigns/82347/Respond>

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Raffle Tickets are available for purchase in the Parish Office or may be ordered on line on the ssmartyr.org web page.

Proceeds from this raffle help defray the costs of civic and charitable programs sponsored by St. Stephen Martyr such as Red Cross Blood Drives, a weekly Dinner to Open Food Pantry and annual free Community Trunk or Treat and Cookies with Santa Events.

*Based on 1000 tickets sold

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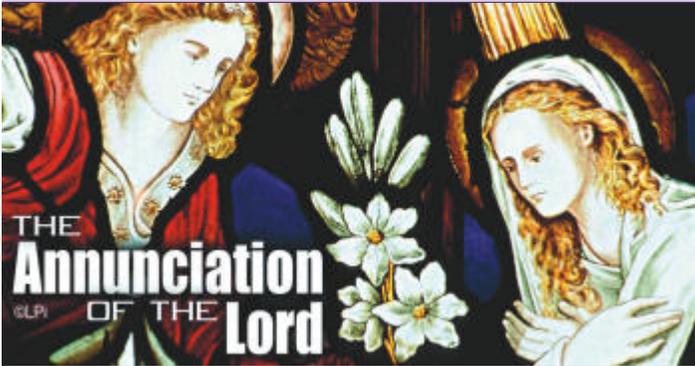
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF March 21, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins



The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God’s plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God’s decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God’s instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God’s grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God’s grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

Excerpted from www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/

Masses for the Week of 03/22/21 – 03/28/21

Sunday, March 28 -

†=deceased

10:30 am Ann Welch †
Special Intention (LD)

Parish Calendar—Church and School Offices are Open -

You will be met at the door to conduct most business. If there is a need to enter the building, then a mask or face covering will be required as well as social distancing.

SSM facilities continue to remain closed to activities and events due to strict cleaning requirements associated with use of any meeting rooms or common spaces.

Please contact the Parish Office to request use of any room or facility on campus and we will see what can be worked out.

The SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry continues to operate at this time. In compliance with current distancing requirements, food is distributed out the door without allowing patrons to enter the building. The next food pantry distribution will take place:

Wednesday – 03/24/2021 –

4:00-5:30 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

Many thanks and much gratitude are extended to Dcn. Steve DaPonte and our food pantry volunteers for this valuable service that they continue to provide to the community at large.

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