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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



Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

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.

Per current CDC and Health Department guidelines, masks and social distancing continue to be required if attending mass in person & church capacity is limited to roughly no more than 70 persons at each Mass.

Readings for the week of 04/11/2021

Sun: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Time, Talent and Treasure Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." Acts 4:32

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. The believers did not claim personal ownership but held everything in common. Stewardship not only involves sharing our possessions with others, but also sharing our ownership of those possessions with God.

Parish Support

04/03/2020 - 04/02/2021 = \$403,374.90

04/03/2019 - 04/02/2020 = \$471,221.90

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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



Please join us in congratulating those joining our parish community through the sacraments they received on Holy Saturday April 3

Mary Melissa Withrow – Baptized, First Eucharist, Confirmed
Lucy Bogard – Baptized

Sara Lewis-Thornton – Baptized, First Eucharist, Confirmed
Roan Thornton – Baptized

Emily Harrison – first Eucharist, Confirmed
John Harrison – Baptized

Please also welcome Jaxon, Jameson and Jocelynn Bohn who received the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday March 28.



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Ruth Stovall
May loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength during this difficult time.



Today, before we sing Alleluia and hear our Gospel reading, there is a very unique piece of music that is sung in celebration of Easter: Victimae Paschali Laudes, or the Easter Sequence. The Easter Sequence is sung in the Catholic church on only two Sundays each year – once on Easter Sunday, and once today, on the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Even though the season of Easter continues for many more weeks, the Sequence is only sung within the first eight days, the Octave of Easter.

Victimae Paschali Laudes, like many Catholic hymns and songs, is a very old piece of writing. Its true author remains unknown, but it is most often attributed to one of several writers in the 11th century, making it at least 1000 years old. The Easter Sequence was one of many “Sequences” – so-called because they were sung with the Alleluia “in sequence.” After the Alleluia was sung, the Sequence provided musical and poetic extrapolation on the day’s scripture readings – in massive medieval churches, it also gave the deacons and priests some much-needed time to cross the altar to the ambo to read the Gospel. Sequences were very popular additions to the Mass, and they developed into a niche genre among liturgical poets and composers.

By the 16th century, there was a well-known Sequence for each day of the liturgical calendar. But in 1570 at the Council of Trent, Pope Pius V ruled that the Sequence had become too detached from the Mass, as writers, composers, and singers alike concerned themselves more with aesthetics than with scripture. Today, Victimae Paschali Laudes is one of just five Sequences still sung at Catholic Masses.

Original Text (Latin, 11 th century)	English Metrical Translation (Jane Leeson, 19 th century)
Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani.	Christ the Lord is risen today; Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Agnus redemit oves: Christus innocens Patri reconciliavit peccatores.	Offer ye your praises meet at the Paschal Victim’s feet. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, sinless in the sinner’s stead; “Christ is risen,” today we cry; now He lives no more to die.
Mors et vita duello confluxere mirando: dux vitae mortuus, regnat vivus.	Christ, the victim undefiled, man to God hath reconciled; Whilst in strange and awful strife met together Death and Life: Christians, on this happy day haste with joy your vows to pay;
Dic nobis Maria, quid vidisti in via?	“Christ is risen,” today we cry; now He lives no more to die.
Sepulcrum Christi viventis, et gloriam vidi resurgentis	Say, O wondering Mary, say, what thou sawest on thy way.
Angelicos testes, sudarium, et vestes.	‘I beheld, where Christ had lain, empty tomb and angels twain, I beheld the glory bright of the rising Lord of light;
Surrexit Christus spes mea: praecedet suos in Galilaeam.	Christ my hope is risen again; now he lives, and lives to reign.’
Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere: tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.	Christ, who once for sinners bled, now the first born from the dead, Throned in endless might and power, lives and reigns forevermore. Hail, eternal Hope on high! Hail, Thou King of victory! Hail, Thou Prince of life adored! Help and save us, gracious Lord.

**New Site Launches to Honor the
Memory of Kentucky’s Covid-19
Victims**

WhoWeLostKY.org

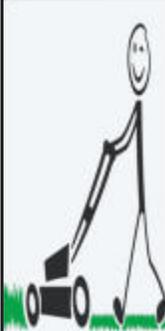
A new website, WhoWeLostKY.org, has launched to offer the family and friends of Kentuckians lost to Covid-19 an opportunity to memorialize their loved ones by writing and sharing stories. Though this is a secular project, it seems to be a worthy effort.

Sadly, there were many empty seats at Easter dinner tables this year. Families and friends can write stories about who would have been sitting in those chairs.

WhoWeLostKY.org hopes to support resiliency and connection by ensuring that those who died are not forgotten. The social isolation caused by the pandemic has changed mourning ceremonies and customs, leaving people few options beyond social media to communicate and share expressions of grief. The therapeutic benefits of writing are well known. Participating in this project can help a mourner’s healing process as they access important memories.

The materials featured on the site are sensitive to the difficult topics being addressed and are designed to be easy to use. The site will regularly post new materials to inspire reflection specific to different times of the year.

Full details of the site and a contact form can be found by visiting the URL above.



**Your assistance is
needed!**

If you would be able and willing to donate a few hours each month over the summer to assist with grass cutting on the parish grounds, please contact the parish office at 635-5813



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF April 11, 2021

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday: Tax Day - Extended to May 17, 2021
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The following additional donations were received after the Easter Sunday bulletin deadline.

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Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's Diary, when Jesus tells Saint Faustina: I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

1. Make an Act of Contrition
2. Receive Holy Communion or make a Spiritual Communion
3. Say a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [If unable, I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [If unable, I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. - Fr. Chris Alar, MIC,

Director of the Association of Marian Helpers

Masses for the Week of 04/12/21 – 04/18/21

Sunday, April 18 -

†=deceased

10:30 am Raymond Jones †,
Pam Smith †, and Doris Reinert

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 – 04/11/2021 -

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.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021
5:30–8:30PM
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**CHICKEN
DINNER**

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR



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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 Dare to Care Food Pantry and annual free Community Trunk or Treat and Cookies with Santa Events.

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