

# ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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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**



**If it isn't only for people who are dying,  
when should someone receive the  
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?**

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).



Join us in welcoming the newest members to our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism on 05/23/2021

Theodore Smithson

Parents: Christopher Smithson & Rebecca Jenkins

Mason O'Loughlin

Parents Dylan & Allison O'Loughlin

May this joyful occasion be a special start to knowing that God's love is alive in your precious children's hearts.

**Readings for the week of 05/30/2021**

**Sun:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

**Mon:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

**Tue:** Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

**Wed:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

**Thurs:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

**Fri:** Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

**Sat:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

**Next Sun:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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

"Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

God is always with us, but how often are we with God?  
Our relationship with God is like our relationship with our children.  
What our children really want from us is our time. The same is true of God. In our stewardship of time, how much time do we set aside for God in prayer?

*Parish Support* 05/22/2020 - 05/21/2021 = \$396,595.10  
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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**

Per revised CDC and Health Department guidelines, masks are no longer required to be worn at mass by those who are fully vaccinated. An individual is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine. Safe distancing between individuals and family groups is still required at this time.

The current Kentucky State Executive Order regarding the wearing of face coverings will expire on June 11 if not reissued. The Governor has announced that he expects capacity limits to be lifted on June 11, and the Archdiocese will forward directives that hopefully will be final at that point.

By now you should have received a letter in the mail from Fr. Harry announcing plans for a return to the once regular weekend mass schedule (Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am) beginning the weekend of June 12/13.

If the distancing mandate is lifted before the weekend of June 12/13, pews by the organ will be marked off for use by those who do not yet feel comfortable without a mask or safe distancing.

Archbishop Kurtz has not yet made mass attendance mandatory and the 10:30 mass will continue to be live streamed for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person.

## PRAYER: OUR JOURNEY TO GOD

When we get up in the morning, it seems that there is so much to do. I often hear people say, “There are not enough hours in the day. How am I going to get everything done?” It is true that we live in a hustle and bustle world where information and communication are at our finger tips. Yet, getting caught up in the world this way can be very detrimental to our well-being. Sometimes we have to slow down and ponder what life is all about. The best way we can do this is through prayer. Prayer is spending time with God, our creator and Father. Prayer lets us focus on our personal journey and gives meaning to our lives.

### ◆ What is prayer? Why should I pray?

- ◇ To answer these questions, we must realize that our search leads, not to an activity, but to a way of life.
- ◇ Prayer is less a function and more a disposition.
- ◇ Prayer is “a vital and personal relationship with the living God...the living relationship of the children of God with their Father.” Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- ◇ To understand prayer we must allow ourselves to be consumed by the unconditional divine love of God as a gift to us.
- ◇ Prayer is giving oneself to God...giving our heart, soul, mind and strength.
- ◇ Prayer means standing before God and raising up our mind and heart to God with reverent attention and devotion.
- ◇ Since prayer engages and expresses our relationship with God, the essence of prayer is communication.
  - We communicate by sharing our authentic self with God through words, gestures and feelings.
  - This communication deepens our intimacy with God drawing us to a communication with him.
  - Communication also involves listening to God by simply taking time to place ourselves in his presence.

### ◆ Prayer Forms in the Catholic Church (ACTS)

- ◇ Adoration
  - Adoration exalts the greatness of God in the spirit of humility and homage.
- ◇ Contrition
  - Contrition is a prayer that prompts us to turn back to God and turn away from sin. In the spirit of repentance we ask for forgiveness.
- ◇ Thanksgiving
  - The prayer of thanksgiving is a prayer of gratitude for all God has done for us. It means we appreciate God’s gifts and do not take them for granted.
- ◇ Supplication
  - Supplication is a prayer of petition. It means we are asking God for something we want or a prayer for other’s needs.

### ◆ Prayer is always a response to God’s love. God initiates prayer through his love for us.

### ◆ Prayer calls us to follow the life of Jesus.

- ◇ Prayer allows us to focus on turning away from sin and selfishness.
- ◇ We respond to prayer with acts of charity and love for God and others. Thus prayer prompts us to respond to the needs of others.

### ◆ We always begin prayer by turning our lives over to God.

- ◇ To do this, we must have faith in God.
- ◇ Faith is a relationship with God based on trust, not fact.

### ◆ Our prayer is always directed to God the Father, God the Son or God the Holy Spirit. One God, three persons, the Holy Trinity.

- ◇ Only God answers our prayers.
- ◇ The saints and angels do not answer prayers. They intercede to God for us.

### ◆ Our prayers are always answered.

- ◇ However, they are answered according to what is best for us. Therefore, God’s answer might be different than what we prayed for. God knows what is best for us. It is similar to how we respond to our children’s requests.
- ◇ We will eventually know that our prayer has been answered.

### ◆ Prayer has been described as spending time with God.

- ◇ Prayer is a relationship with our loving Father.

*Fr. Harry*

Crusade for Children Collection Sunday May 30 or to parish office by June 1 – Make your check payable to the parish and put the word “Crusade” in the memo line.

Parishioners also can give online at

<https://www.whascrusade.org/2020/05/05/waystogive/>

Be sure to credit your parish in the “credit your fire department or organization” field in the “Additional Details” portion of the online form.

Thanks for your generosity!



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF May 30, 2021

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity  
**Monday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Memorial Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Justin, Martyr  
**Wednesday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
**Saturday:** St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



### The Story of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>

## MEMORIAL DAY

Did you know – On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all. During this Memorial Day weekend, please take some time to thank a veteran for their service!

Masses for the Week of 05/31/21 – 06/06/21

**Sunday, June 6 -**

†=deceased

10:30 am Tony Luchese †

Ellen Bidwell † and Ann Welch †

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 until at least June 11 when policies may be redefined.

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 – 06/02/2021 –**

**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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