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14th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.
Sunday 8:30 am Mass is also available
by Live Stream or Recording on
SSM Facebook Page

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for appointment and preparation.

Confession:

- 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**



Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!



Thanks to everyone who sent cards and prayers during my illness. I love this parish so much and appreciate everyone here.
This is the most welcoming and supporting parish!

Thanks,
Marion

Special thanks from the SSM Parish Community to one of the 50/50 Summer Raffle prize winners for donating \$1,000 of their winnings to the parish.

Readings for the week of 07/04/2021

Sun: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
 Tue: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
 Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
 Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
 Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
 Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sun: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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

"So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith."
Mark 6:5-6

Stewardship is a faith response. Christ could not perform good works without faith. Neither can we. If faith without works is dead, so are works without faith.

Parish Support 06/26/2020 - 06/25/2021 = \$381,577.35
06/26/2019 - 06/25/2020 = \$462,290.36

Thanks to all those who continue to donate!



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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

LITURGICAL LIFE.
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

Second Reading:

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

Gospel:

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus? What does this tell us about divine justice?

From the Desk of Bridget Britt, School Principal

The 4th of July means time with family, hamburgers, water hoses and swimming pools. Over 200 years ago, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, John Adams remarked that "It ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

As we celebrate our country and our independence this weekend, we must be thankful for the conditions that have made possible our Catholic life. We are thankful for our parish, our school, our community, and the people that try to live as Christ. Together we show our gratitude and our deep faith by celebrating Mass before we go on to enjoy the rest of the Fourth of July celebrations.

Happy Independence Day!

Bridget Britt



Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
Through the power and working
of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith
in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth
of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms
when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience
of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice
to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome--
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us--
this great land will always be
"one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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CSAA/SSM is now using a new signup
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Cost - K - 2nd - \$25.00 per child
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Signups end July 25th.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL -
3rd - 8th Grade Girls
Cost - \$50.00 per child
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Job Openings for School Cafeteria

Cashier & Dishwasher Needed
Monday through Friday 2-2.5 hours per day

Please Email Jduvall@ssmartyr.org
or call 635-7141 if interested.

A dispensation from the obligation to attend
Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
for the Archdiocese of Louisville remains in
effect at this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF July 4, 2021

Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Independence Day

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ;



St. Maria Goretti

Born: Oct 1890 **Died:** July 1902

Maria's feast day, celebrated on July 6, was inserted in the General Roman Calendar when it was revised in 1969. She is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, teenage girls, poverty, purity, and forgiveness.

In 1902 an eighteen-year-old neighbor, Alexander, grabbed her from her steps and tried to rape her. When Maria said that she would rather die than submit, Alexander began stabbing her with a knife. As she lay in the hospital, she forgave Alexander before she died.

When Maria was declared a saint in 1950, Alexander was there in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950 for her purity as model for youth. She is called a martyr because she fought against Alexander's attempts at sexual assault. However, the most important aspect of her story is her forgiveness of her attacker -- her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death.

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

Born: 1746 **Died:** 1815

Augustine Zhao Rong, is one of a group of 120 Catholics, among many more who were martyred between the years 1648 and 1930 in China. Having come to China through Syria in the seventh century, down through the centuries Christianity has in turn thrived or gone into hiding, contingent upon the relations of China with the outside world.



The reason why the Christians were persecuted by the emperors of China was that the rulers feared that "foreign rites" were harmful to the state, perhaps because they would upset the balance and harmony so devoutly sought by the ancient cults of China. More obviously, they did not want foreigners meddling in their territory, and the fact that most of the missions were sent from Europeans in potentially hostile Japan did not help matters.

Zhao Rong was a bailiff of a county jail. During the persecution of 1772, he was moved by the words of Fr. Martinus Moyer to his fellow Catholic prisoners, and, ultimately converted. He later became a priest, and when in 1815 another persecution broke out, he was arrested and tortured, and being aged, died of the ill treatment. The group of 120 martyrs celebrate July 9 headed by St. Augustine Zhao Rong canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

Masses for the Week of 07/05/21 – 07/11/21

Tuesday, July 6 -

8:15 am Ray O'Daniel †

†=deceased

Wednesday, July 7 -

8:15 am Louis Richard Krekel †

Thursday, July 8 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Friday July 9 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Saturday, July 10 -

4:00 pm Ruth Phelps †

Sunday, July 11 -

8:30 am Joseph Heleringer †

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †

Parish Calendar—Church and School Offices are Open -
School Office Summer hours are 8:00am—1:00pm.
SSM facilities will begin to open up to activities and
events over the next few weeks. Please contact the Par-
ish Office to request use of any room or facility on campus
and we will see what can be worked out.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry—

Wednesday – 07/07/2021 -

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 com-
munity at large.

Church Ministry Schedules -

As the parish returns to regular mass schedules, your
assistance is needed to help update the church ministry
lists.

Someone from the parish office will be calling soon to
confirm whether you and your family members still wish to
participate in the following church ministries

Altar Linen Launderer	Altar Server
Holy Communion Minister	Gift Bearer
Sacristan	Lector
Usher	

and which mass times are preferred

8:15am weekdays	8:30am Sundays
4:00pm Saturdays	10:30pm Sundays

in order to update the current listings in our parish files.

Or you may call the parish office at 635-5813 to volun-
teer for any ministry.



Monday July 19 through Friday July 23

6:00—8:30pm

Holy Family Saffin Center

PreK—4th Grade

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