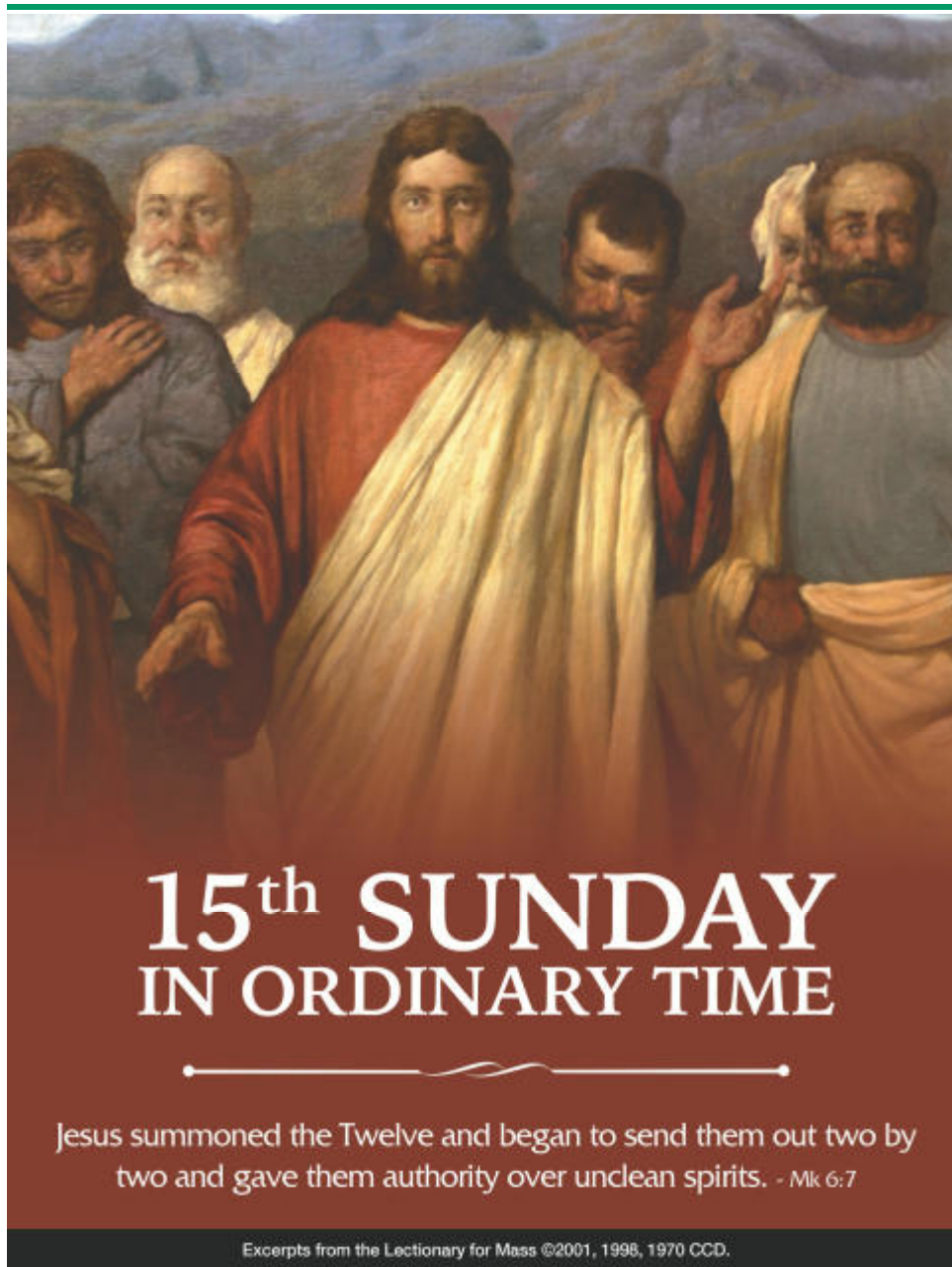


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Current Mass Schedules

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



What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Cassandra (Casey) Steitz

May loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength during this difficult time.

July

Readings for the week of 07/11/2021

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

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tue: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thurs: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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

"In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace."

Ephesians 1:7

God has been generous to each of us. Does God's generosity elicit in us a grateful response by the way we share our time, talent, and treasure?

Parish Support

Financial Summary Not Available for Publication Due to Holiday Weekend

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:

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

Gospel:

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?

A Summertime Update From the Desk of Celeste Fautz, Business Manager:

More so than ever, this year's Chicken Dinner was a time of fun and fellowship for our parishioners after the past year of seclusion and uncertainty. It was great to see all the smiling faces. A lot of hard work goes into the planning and execution of these events. Whether you were involved with planning, cooking, serving, bartending, set up, cleanup, etc., please know that your efforts were greatly appreciated! A total of 178 raffle tickets were sold with 1/2 of the revenues (\$8,900) going to the parish, 40% (\$7,120) paid as the first place prize to Richard Hart, 7% (\$1,246) paid as the second place prize to Jean Riggs, and 3% (\$534) paid as the third place prize to Jan and Al Huber.

Parish maintenance personnel always keep very busy during the summer months fixing up and sprucing up the classrooms and school grounds while classes are not in session. In addition to the normal summer cleaning routine, last year they installed hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the campus buildings, added partitions between the sinks in the restrooms, stocked up on Personal Protective Equipment-PPE (masks, gloves, etc.) and FDA approved disinfectant products, installed touchless water coolers, moved desks between classrooms in order to facilitate social distancing and ensured that HVAC systems were working properly in order to assure proper indoor ventilation. While the school is preparing to open under somewhat normal operating conditions this year, maintenance staff must be prepared for any contingency. The parish Gardening Committee is also very active over the spring and summer months planting, weeding, and watering. The parish grounds are lush and more beautiful than ever. Thanks to all for their hard work over the summer!

Please welcome Mary Lotz to the SSM staff. She began her position as parish secretary after the 4th of July holiday and we are blessed and thankful to have her on our team.

It is hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year will begin in a little more than 4 weeks. There is a current registered enrollment of 236 students from 159 school families – 143 students from 91 parish-member families, 51 students from 38 families belonging to 15 other Catholic parishes and 42 students from 30 families who are not currently members of any Catholic parish. SSM plans to offer in-person classroom instruction during the 2021-2022 school year, but the school is well positioned due to the events of the past year and receipt of some federal COVID relief funds to be able to transition to remote learning again if necessary. There is currently also a combined pre-enrollment of twenty-eight students (22 full day and 6 part day) for the 3 and 4-Year-Old Preschool programs in 2021-2022.

Tuition assistance awards totaling \$185,505 have been offered to date for the 2021-2022 school year from the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), Archdiocese of Louisville Need Based Tuition Discounts and Tuition Vouchers, George and Mary Kremer Foundation Tuition Grants, as well as Community Catholic Center and Ulmer Scholarship Award. Additional tuition awards and appeal awards are in process at this time. SSM parish has budgeted up to \$40,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 to assist active parish members in good standing whose children attend our school.



Sports Sign-Ups Online
CSAA/SSM is now using a new signup system - Gameday.
Please create a new account or update your account and sign-up.
<https://gameday.loucsaa.net/login>

CROSS COUNTRY -
K - 8th Grade Boys and Girls
Cost - K - 2nd - \$25.00 per child
3rd - 8th - \$50.00 per child
Signups end July 25th.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL -
3rd - 8th Grade Girls
Cost - \$50.00 per child
Signups end July 25th.



The Dare to Care statistics for June are as follows:

154 Households were served consisting of 231 Adults; 160 Children and 77 Seniors.

Please continue to donate paper products.

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

**HOLINESS GROWS
SO FAST WHERE
THERE IS KINDNESS.**
—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF July 4, 2021

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary



St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

Masses for the Week of 07/12/21 – 07/18/21

Tuesday, July 13 -

8:15 am Pamela Jo Smith

†=deceased

Wednesday, July 14 -

8:15 am Dr. James Meyers †

Thursday, July 15 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Friday July 16 -

8:15 am Marcella Carby †

Saturday, July 17 -

4:00 pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, July 18 -

8:30 am Herman & Edna Hunt †

10:30 am Paul Raley † & 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 – 07/14/2021 -

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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