

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

2931 PINDELL AVENUE • LOUISVILLE, KY 40217



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

www.ssmartyr.org
 Parish Office..... 635-5813
 School 635-7141
 Cafeteria 635-6895
 Daycare & Pre-School 635-3505
 Activities Center 635-3505
 St. Vincent de Paul 635-4414

Staff Pastor

Rev. Peter Bucalo
pbucalo@ssmartyr.org
Senior Deacon
 Mr. Steve DaPonte
daponte156@gmail.com

Senior Deacon
 Mr. Syl Nitzken

Director of Music
 Stuart Wicke
swicke@ssmartyr.org

Business Manager
 Mrs. Celeste Fautz
cfautz@ssmartyr.org

Principal
 Mrs. Bridget Britt
bbritt@ssmartyr.org

CRE

Position Vacant
 at this time

Pre-School Director
 Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins
rjenkins@ssmartyr.org

Parish Council

Pastor, Fr. Peter Bucalo
Chairperson, Patty Norton.....773-6356
Administration/Finance, Ray Brown.648-5667
Parish Life, Patty Norton.....773-6356
Worship, Vacant.....
Recording Secretary, Vacant.....
 Rob Greenwell.....936-0245
 Heather Schardein.....387-9096

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

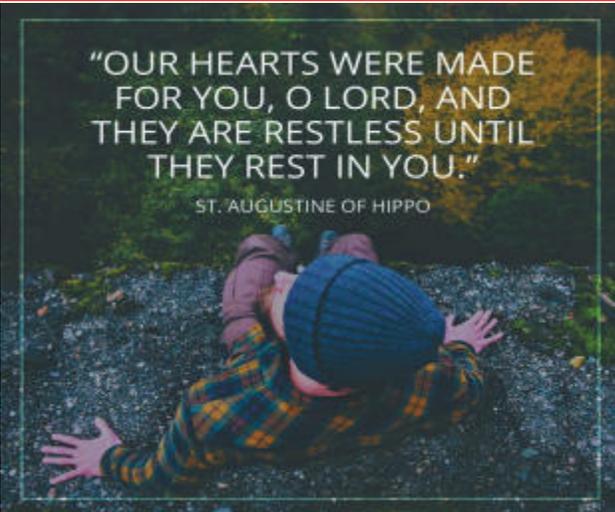
**Why Do We Do That
Catholic Life Explained**



I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



Readings for the week of 07/18/2021
Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Mon: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thurs: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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

"The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat." Mark 6:30-31

Stewardship does not mean you should pack your life full of more and more activities until there is no time left. Christ tells us to take a break once in awhile. Part of stewardship of time is time to rest.

Parish Support 07/10/2020 - 07/09/2021 = \$385,946.09
 07/10/2019 - 07/09/2020 = \$444,077.40

Thanks to all those who continue to donate!



- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cindy Arnold | Doug Heil | Sydney Partee |
| Patrick Barker | David Hoagland | Terry Phelps |
| Linda Bogner | Victor Hoyos | James Price |
| Brad Bohannon | Ann Huso | Patricia Ringswold |
| Chuck Byrd | Janet Jacobi | Lillian Saufnauer |
| Charlie Cecil | Janet Jarboe | Phyllis Schultz |
| Marty Elms | Damien Kline | Herman Seadler |
| Robin Evernham | Kaye Lashley | Joey Sullivan |
| Trish Feger | Thurman Lear | Lisa Swikert |
| Heather Frazier | Beth Mans | Lydia Turner |
| Kenneth Gibson | Betty McGill | Tish Wagner |
| Elaine Goehringer | Brendon McKeenan | Bruce Wallace |
| Bobbie Gross | Diane Modes | Cheryl Westbay |
| Sr. Loretta Guenther | Mary Rita Noonan | Janet White |
| Rita Elaine Hamilton | Ellie Nunn | Charles J Will Jr. |
| Steven Head | Ryan Northcutt | Barbara Yates |

... 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 prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

Gospel Reading:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating? When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.
 - Mk 6:34

Update From the Desk of Stuart Wicke, Director of Music:

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

Our communion hymn today is often recognized as one of the greatest hymns of the 20th century. Written in 1976 for a hymn-writing contest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia – which it won, by the way – “Gift of Finest Wheat” was a collaboration between two influential American hymnists: lyricist Omer Westendorf (1916 – 97) and composer Robert Kreutz (1922 – 96).

At twenty, Omer Westendorf became the choirmaster and organist at St. Bonaventure Church, in his life-long hometown of Cincinnati. There, a chance encounter with a Dutch immigrant led him to fall in love with the music of composers like Nieland and Andriessen. He made it his mission then to import the sacred music of Europe to the United States.

To do this, he needed a publishing company – so he founded one. World Library Publications, still active today, became one of the most unique publishers of hymns, including English translations of European hymns never published in the U.S. before, and many of Westendorf’s own compositions (like “Gift of Finest Wheat”, “Where Charity and Love Prevail”, and “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”). His first hymnal, *The People’s Hymnal* (1955), was immensely popular, and multiple editions soon followed. In 1964, the *People’s Mass Book* was one of the first hymnals in the world to accommodate the liturgical changes of the Second Vatican Council.

Part of Westendorf’s success was his ecumenical approach to hymnody; that is – his writing encouraged unity between all Christian denominations, and his scriptural references made it easy for those denominations to adopt his hymns into their services. Today, most hymnals (including ours) follow his example, and most of the hymns inside would be just as appropriate at a Catholic Mass as a Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal or Lutheran worship service. Way on the other side of the Midwest, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, was Robert Kreutz. Kreutz’s biography is a lot harder to track down, but his contribution to the Catholic Church by no means ends with “Gift of Finest Wheat”. Besides being a frequent contributor to Westendorf’s hymnals, and composing a sacred opera in the 1980s, Kreutz was also a member of the liturgy renewal movement of the 20th century.

The renewal movement was a multi-faceted approach to maintaining the integrity of Catholic liturgy. Many reforms came from the Church Fathers – theologians from the first millennium – whose writing had been lost or forgotten, only to be rediscovered at the turn of the century. Other reforms came directly from Rome – one such, by Pope Pius X, addressed liturgical music, and set forth several appropriately high standards for sacred music.

It was Kreutz’s mission to ensure that new sacred music could meet these high standards, and could sit on the shelf with the greatest hymns of the Church – all while reflecting the beauty of the liturgy, and encouraging the faithful to sing. At least according to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, “Gift of Finest Wheat” does exactly that.



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.

INTRAMURAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

1st—2nd Grade Girls

Cost—\$25.00 per child

Signups end July 28th

INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL

Pre K—2nd Grade

Cost—\$25.00 per child

Signups end July 28th

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

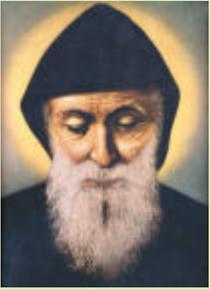
**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF July 18, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
Friday: St. Bridget, Religious
Saturday: St. Charbel Makhlof, Religious, BVM
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Charbel Makhlof Born: 1828 Died: 1898



On July 24, the Catholic Church celebrates the life of St. Charbel Makhlof, a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death.

On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Pope Paul VI as “a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity,” who “through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people.”

Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Yussef Antoun Makhlof was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhlof and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyah's five children. Antoun, who had been taken away from the family and forced into hard labor, died when his youngest son was only three.

Engaged in prayer and solitude from a early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains.

His uncle and guardian wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Yussef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851.

Yussef would become “Brother Charbel,” after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley.

Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron.

The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence.

Charbel's superiors observed God's “supernatural power” at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul.

Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

St. Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world. He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an “admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East.”

www.catholicagency.com

Masses for the Week of 07/19/21 – 07/25/21

Tuesday, July 20 -

8:15 am Ellen Bidwell †

†=deceased

Wednesday, July 21 -

8:15 am Richard Sohan, Jr. †

Thursday, July 22 -

8:15 am James Goottee †

Friday July 23 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Saturday, July 24 -

4:00 pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, July 25 -

8:30 am Leo & Regina Wiesemann †

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †



Church and School Offices are Open -

School Office summer hours are 9am–2pm (Mon–Thu)

Parish Office hours are 8:30am-4:30pm (Mon-Fri)

Parish Calendar of Events –

- * A Parish Calendar of Events is now available on the home page of the ssmartyr.org web site. This online calendar will be updated at the end of each week.
- * Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to this facility usage calendar. All events/activities must appear on the calendar prior to use of any facility on campus.
- * Schedules for all facilities are subject to cancellation or change pending any revised COVID restrictions that may be imposed.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry–

Wednesday – 07/21/2021 -

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

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

SPREAD THE WORD
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Pahler's
Our Place Liquors
"Fine Wines & Liquors"
502-452-1142
3808 Poplar Level Rd.
Jim and Barbara Pahler

BAUMER'S QUALITY AUTO CARE LLC
Ed Baumer, Parishioner
Quality Work

- Computer Diagnostic
- Heating & Air Conditioning Service
- Brake Repair

502-897-9288
1757 Mellwood Avenue

GET WIRED!



NANCY F. SHACKLETON, DMD, MS
SPECIALIST IN ORTHODONTICS
3019 Preston Highway
637-2900
www.orthoshack.com

visionfirst
"See your best * Look your best"
4000 POPLAR LEVEL ROAD
459-2020
Dr. Rod Rallo Dr. Thomas Keenan IV
Dr. Beth Minton Dr. Julie Rallo

Audubon Service Center
MINOR AUTO REPAIR
JOE JONES, Prop.
3030 POPLAR LEVEL RD.
637-4642

Luv-it Landscaping
James Weiter
Kim Wiggins
Owners Parishioners
635-1685
We Don't Leave until you say you "Luv-It"

OSCAR'S HARDWARE
2 LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
GERMANTOWN • **636-3621**
1515 S. SHELBY
CRESCENT HILL • **893-2510**
2628 FRANKFORT AVE.

HUBER
CARPET & LINOLEUM
CARPET - HARDWOOD - VINYL - TILE
"SERVING THE LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY SINCE 1943"
937 South Shelby St.
587-6871

B Embry-Bosse Funeral Home
Caring, Personal Service in Your Hour of Need
Family Owned and Operated Since 1950
502-635-6371
2723 Preston Hwy.
www.embry-bosse.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!
ADVERTISE HERE NOW!
Contact **Nancy MacMillan** to place an ad today!
nmacmillan@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6426**

Ratterman FUNERAL HOME
459-3800
Alex, Mike, & Jim Ratterman
3800 Bardstown Rd. 40218

HUBER
CARPET & LINOLEUM
CARPET - HARDWOOD - VINYL - TILE
"SERVING THE LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY SINCE 1943"
937 South Shelby St.
587-6871

We're here through all of life's twists and turns.
At the Ditsler Agency it's not just our job to help guide you to a future worth looking forward to, it's our passion. The way we see it, putting you first means understanding your needs and making sure you get coverage at the right price.



Ditsler Insurance Agency, LLC
1313 LYNDON LN STE 102
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222
(502) 895-0812
www.ditslerinsurance.com

DFH Heating and Cooling
Don F. Hinkebein
THE DFH COMPANY
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
Chris & Alex Hinkebein 968-6222

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

Authorized Provider **SafeStreets**
1-855-225-4251

TOWN & COUNTRY Ford LOUISVILLE
Serving Kentuckiana car buyers for over 45 years!
502-964-8131
6015 Preston Hwy.
Under the BIG American Flag.
We ARE Ford in Louisville.
www.fordlouisville.com

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Taxing Times
With over 25 years of experience
E-filing • Notary Service
Pick-up for Shut-ins
Tax Planning
Mention this ad for 20% Off (New Clients Only)
502.368.0036
4020 Preston Hwy.
Louisville, KY 40213
www.taxingtimeslouisville.com

MEAGHER LAW OFFICE
TATE MEAGHER
Personal Injury and Car Wreck Lawyer
1041 Goss Avenue, Suite 3 • Louisville, KY
Tate@calltate.com • **(502) 309-9213**
www.calltate.com

AUTO • HOME • LIFE • BUSINESS
A MEMBER SERVICE • KYFB.COM
Chris Mackey
Agency Manager
Gardiner Lane Office
Chris.Mackey@kyfb.com
INSURANCE 459-4507

INSURANCE 459-4507

BOSSE FUNERAL HOME
Family Owned & Operated Since 1865
502-451-8440
1355 Ellison Ave.
Louisville, KY 40204
www.bossefh.com



G. Anthony Reed, Carol Reed, Paul Gary Moon

We've Missed You!
Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!
www.ParishesOnline.com

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE
CALL 800.950.9952

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
BILLED QUARTERLY
CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



Region's leader in cancer care
NortonCancerInstitute.com • **(502) 629-HOPE**

Look for the 