

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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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**



We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family must decide how to best educate children. Many dioceses have a formal religious education policy outlining procedures and expectations.

An appointment with your pastor to discuss your situation is the best first step. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. Parents are the primary educators of their children. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking the lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.



Readings for the week of 07/25/2021
Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." John 6:11

The multiplication of the loaves and fishes teaches a basic principle of stewardship. That is that generosity travels in an ever-widening circle, returning a hundredfold to those who give from their substance.

Parish Support

07/17/2020 - 07/16/2021 = \$384,902.41
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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 prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

Gospel Reading:

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus? "There is a boy here who

Update From the Desk of Fr. Peter Bucalo, Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

There has been some debate in the news media of late, and in Catholic circles, about whether certain Catholic politicians should be receiving Holy Communion. Recently someone asked me my opinion on the subject. I was caught a little off guard and unfortunately I fumbled an answer that was not well thought out. I do that a lot. I'm working on it.

As I had a chance to reflect on the issue, I was drawn to the words of St. Augustine, which I quoted in my homily last Sunday: "Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But [human beings] are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others."

In light of the wisdom of this great Saint of the Church, perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is, "Should I be receiving Holy Communion?" Each time we come to Mass, we should reflect on our own sins and beg the Lord for pardon for the times we have offended Him. If the offense is serious, a violation of the Ten Commandments, then we have some real soul-searching to do.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (which every Catholic should have in their library) says this about receiving Holy Communion: "We must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: 'Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.'" CCC 1385

Those are strong words; they are the words of Sacred Scripture itself. The Catechism then reminds us that, "Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance." CCC 1415

Mortal sin, a serious violation of God's law committed with full knowledge and full consent of the will, destroys the life of grace in the soul. If we receive the Eucharist in such a state, we commit the sin of sacrilege. We pile sin upon sin. God calls us to repent, and to humble ourselves in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we may be restored to that state of grace by which we worthily receive this great gift of our Lord, the gift of His precious body and blood.

Currently the Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confession as it's more commonly known) is by appointment only here at St. Stephen Martyr. I hope to rectify that situation in the next few months. But until then, if you are conscious of having committed a serious sin or sins, please call the office and make an appointment with me. And remember that whatever is discussed in the sacrament is under a sacred seal. It can never be revealed to anyone, for any reason. I promise it will be a grace filled experience for both of us. If you're uncomfortable coming to me, please go to confession somewhere else. I love this Sacrament. It changed my life. It can change yours.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Divine and Catholic faith. It is our pathway to eternal life. Let us each examine ourselves, and make sure that we receive this precious gift in a most worthy manner.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter



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>

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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 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Martha

Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Ignatius of Loyola

Born: 1491 Died: 1556

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*—"for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Masses for the Week of 07/26/21 – 08/01/21

Tuesday, July 27- †=deceased

8:15 am George Lardnert †

Wednesday, July 28 -

8:15 am Paul Raley †

Thursday, July 29-

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Friday July 30 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Saturday, July 31 -

4:00 pm Our Parish Community †

Sunday, August 1 -

8:30 am Leo & Regina Wiesemann †

Hurley & Floore Families †

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †

Mel & June Zehnder †



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

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry–

Wednesday – 07/28/2021 -

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

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

and which mass times are preferred

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| 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.

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