

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
 - Jn 6:48-50

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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:



Question:
What is a transitional deacon?

Answer:
There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.



PLEASE NOTE: There will be no morning Mass on Friday August 13 but there will be a Communion Service.

WORD OF GOD



Readings for the week of 08/08/2021

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30-5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

Mon: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tue: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/ Mt 18:15-20

Thurs: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sun: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Time, Talent and Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



“So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.” Ephesians 5:1-2

Maturity is the ability to do the things that should be done, whether you like it or not. Recognizing our responsibility to share selflessly is a mature sense of stewardship.

Parish Support

07/31/2020 - 07/30/2021 = \$396,969.79
07/31/2019 - 07/30/2020 = \$436,158.51
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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 Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

Second Reading:

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

Gospel Reading:

We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

School Statistics - From the Desk of Celeste Fautz, Business Manager

Total enrollment for the 2021-2022 SSM School year is 232 students from 156 families and represents an increase of 5 students over the 2020-2021 ending enrollment.

- 57.1% of School families (61.6% of students) are SSM Parish members
- 23.7% of School families (20.7% of students) are members of 13 other local area parishes
- 19.2% of School families (17.7% of students) are not members of any Catholic parish

Roughly 56% of all school families (58% of students) enrolled at SSM School in 2021-2022 will receive some form of tuition assistance.

2021-2022 Enrollment	SSM	Other Parish	Non-Parish	SSM	Other Parish	Non-Parish
1-Child	45	27	21	45	27	21
2-Child	34	9	7	68	18	14
3-Child	10	1	2	30	3	6
4-Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	89	37	30	143	48	41

	SSM Families	Other Parish Families	Non-Parish Families
CEF Tuition Assistance = \$109,100	49 \$63,440	22 \$29,330	13 \$16,330
Archdiocese Vouchers = \$28,165	35 \$17,615	21 \$9,360	2 \$1,190
Arch Need Based Discounts = \$43,000	16 \$22,000	14 \$15,000	5 \$6,000
Community Catholic Awards = \$4,500	0 \$0	1 \$2,500	2 \$2,000
Ulmer & Jochum Funds = \$5,270	1 \$2,500	1 \$2,770	0 \$0
Kremer Foundation Grant = \$10,000	11 \$6,825	10 \$3,175	0 \$0
SSM & Adopt-a-Student = \$29,350	28 \$27,350	4 \$1,500	1 \$500

Total 2021-2022 Assistance = \$229,385	53 families 34.0%	22 families 14.1%	13 families 8.3%
56.4% of families	90 students 38.8%	27 students 11.6%	19 students 8.2%
58.6% of students			

Dear brothers and sisters,

Someone who attended the 4 PM Mass this past Saturday, July 31st has tested positive for Covid. This person was fully vaccinated. They did not sit near other people and did not have symptoms until Sunday evening. They were tested on Monday and informed the office on Tuesday. Please pray for their complete recovery.

It has certainly been a great blessing to have so many of you coming back to Mass these past few months. However, should you feel uncomfortable given the situation, please remember that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is still suspended.

The most recent communication from the Archdiocese says that “wearing of masks is optional for fully-vaccinated individuals. Though the Commonwealth has lifted the mask mandate for all persons, it is recommended that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors.” Should you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. Hand sanitizers are also available in the narthex. Finally, should you be experiencing Covid-like symptoms, including fever and dry cough, we strongly urge you to consider staying home and getting tested.

We continue to live-stream Sunday morning Mass (8:30 AM) on our Facebook page. It is certainly an act of great charity to forgo coming to Mass in these circumstances, should you feel the need to do so

While it seemed there may have been a light at the end of this long dark tunnel, recent information about new Covid cases, even among those who are vaccinated, indicate that we may still have a long way to go. We expect new information soon from the Health Department, and we will continue to update you on any new directives from the Archdiocese.

My sincere thanks and humble gratitude for your understanding.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter and the SSM Staff

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 August 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Born: 10/12/1891 Died: 8/9/1942

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein on October 12, 1891 – a date that coincided with her family's celebration of Yom Kippur, the Jewish "day of atonement." Edith's father died when she was just two years old, and she gave up the practice of her Jewish faith as an adolescent.

As a young woman with profound intellectual gifts, Edith gravitated toward the study of philosophy and became a pupil of the renowned professor Edmund Husserl in 1913. Through her studies, the non-religious Edith met several Christians whose intellectual and spiritual lives she admired. After earning her degree with the highest honors from Gottingen University in 1915, she served as a nurse in an Austrian field hospital during World War I. She returned to academic work in 1916, earning her doctorate after writing a highly-regarded thesis on the phenomenon of empathy. She remained interested in the idea of religious commitment, but had not yet made such a commitment herself. In 1921, while visiting friends, Edith spent an entire night reading the autobiography of the 16th century Carmelite nun St. Teresa of Avila. "When I had finished the book," she later recalled, "I said to myself: This is the truth." She was baptized into the Catholic Church on the first day of January, 1922.

Edith intended to join the Carmelites immediately after her conversion, but would ultimately have to wait another 11 years before taking this step. Instead, she taught at a Dominican school, and gave numerous public lectures on women's issues. She spent 1931 writing a study of St. Thomas Aquinas, and took a university teaching position in 1932. In 1933, the rise of Nazism, combined with Edith's Jewish ethnicity, put an end to her teaching career. After a painful parting with her mother, who did not understand her Christian conversion, she entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name "Teresa Benedicta of the Cross" as a symbol of her acceptance of suffering.

After completing her final work, a study of St. John of the Cross entitled "The Science of the Cross," Teresa Benedicta was arrested along with her sister Rosa (who had also become a Catholic), and the members of her religious community, on August 7, 1942.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Masses for the Week of 08/09/21 – 08/15/21

Tuesday, August 10-

8:15 am Louis Richard Krekel †

†=deceased

Wednesday, August 11-

8:15 am Louis Richard Krekel †

Thursday, August 12 -

8:15 am Jeanne Lechleiter †

Friday, August 13 -

8:15 am Communion Service—No Mass

Saturday, August 14 -

4:00 pm Marshall Head †

Sunday, August 15 -

8:30 am Charles Clements †

10:30 am Thomas Steinbock †

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. All events/activities must be appear on the calendar prior to use of any facility on campus. Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to this facility usage calendar.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry—

Wednesday – 08/11/2021 -

3:45-5:00 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.

Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity—

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing (GBP) to publish a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and mailed to each member at no cost to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. GBP would prefer to place advertisements for members of our congregation over your business's competitors. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call our office at 635-5813.

Update Membership Information—

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? Please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Call our office at 635-5813.

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