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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of

Heather Rutledge

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

Readings for the week of 08/22/2021

Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22

Tue: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

“But the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our ancestors up out of the land of Egypt....Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” Joshua 24:16-18

What gods do we worship – greed, selfishness, comfort, appearance, consumerism, pleasure? A steward is thankful to the God of generosity and does not become trapped in worshipping other false gods.

Parish Support

08/07/2020 - 08/06/2021 = \$386,897.39
08/07/2019 - 08/06/2020 = \$455,668.69
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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:

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

Second Reading:

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

Gospel Reading:

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that “many of Jesus' disciples” no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

From the Desk of Fr. Peter Bucalo, Pastor

Dear Friends,

Here we go again...

Unfortunately it seems that the light at the end of the Covid tunnel may have been an oncoming train. Because of the continuing Covid situation Archbishop Kurtz has issued revised Archdiocesan guidelines for parishes. The most significant revision involves masks:

The wearing of masks is optional for fully-vaccinated individuals. Those who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear masks indoors for liturgies and other parish functions. Please note that masks are required at any school functions, including Mass, for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Masks also are required at programming involving children unable to be vaccinated, such as parish religious education programs.

The previous revision of June 12 only recommended that those who were not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks at Mass. Now, according to the new August 12 guidelines, it seems to be mandatory. This explains the signs that you see on our entrance doors again. That having been said, within these walls your vaccination status is your private medical information. No one, myself included, should inquire about whether or not anyone has been vaccinated.

In addition, it seems that even if you are fully vaccinated, you must still wear a mask if you are participating in a school function. So, for example, if you come to a daily Mass which is also a School Mass, you will have to wear a mask regardless of your vaccination status. (Also, please note that regular School Masses are moving to Wednesdays, beginning August 25th.)

Most of our other Covid inspired sanitary practices will continue for the time being. Please try to keep safe distances; please continue to use hand sanitizer and follow our new communion pattern. We will continue to distribute Holy Communion only under the species of bread. Please remember though that by the great miracle of the Eucharist, those who receive Communion under only the one species, still receive the fullness of the sacrament and all its graces. The Sacred Host contains the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, which can never be separated. The opportunity to receive from the chalice will be made available when it is once again safe to do so. Until that time, the one species will wholly suffice.

In addition to all of the above, Archbishop Kurtz is planning to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for the Archdiocese of Louisville, effective the weekend of September 4-5. I must confess that in light of the resurgence of Covid cases and new virus variants, I was rather surprised by that announcement. The Archbishop's statement does however come with the caveat that the intervention of "serious barriers" could affect the reinstatement plan. The SSM staff and I will pay close attention to any new directives, and will communicate with you when we know more.

Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated as we continue to navigate these choppy and uncharted waters.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter



The Archdiocese of Louisville has changed the mandate on masks. Due to this change, masks will now be required during indoor CSAA activity for all vaccinated, and unvaccinated student-athletes, coaches, and anyone else attending a practice, game, or organized team activity. Masks may be removed during physical activity/competition by athletes. More updates will be sent out as they are issued by the Archdiocese of Louisville.



Healthy at Worship – Archdiocese of Louisville Masses and other Liturgical Celebrations Revised August 12, 2021

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welcome!



Welcome to our new Deacon Ken Roberts, Jr. and his wife Terry. Deacon Ken was ordained to the permanent diaconate in August of last year and will be working alongside Deacon Steve DaPonte and our Deacon Emeritus, Syl Nitzken. Dcn. Ken and Terry have been married for 25 years and have three children

SAVE THE DATE
Reverse Raffle
Saturday, November 20, 2021

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED:

Gift Cards—Tickets for Events—Items for Silent and Live Auctions—Corporate Sponsorships

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF August 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Friday: St. Monica

Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St . Rose of Lima
Born: April 20, 1586
Died: August 24, 1617

Historians remember St. Rose of Lima for her piety and chastity. Born in 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, and named Isabel Flores de Olivia, she was exceptionally

beautiful. Her beauty was so great that she was nicknamed "Rose," a name that remains with her to this day. According to legend, a servant had a vision where her face turned into a rose. At her confirmation in 1597, she officially took the name of Rose.

From an early age, Rose wanted to become a nun. She often prayed and fasted in secret. She performed secret penances, some of which were painful and severe. She performed daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and took daily communion. As a young woman, her beauty began to attract suitors. To deter these men, St. Rose marred her face, rubbing it with pepper to make it blister. She cropped her hair short.

Her parents opposed her plan to take a vow of chastity. This resulted in a clash of wills, because her parents wanted her to marry. Her father eventually relented and gave her a room to herself. St. Rose kept herself cloistered in her room, spending long periods in prayer. It was said she slept only two hours per night so as to have more time for prayer. She quit eating meat altogether, an extreme dietary restriction for that time.

When she turned 20, she was permitted to join the Third Order of St. Dominic. She continued a life of extreme prayer, fasting and penance. On one occasion she burned her hands as a self-imposed act of penance. She was known to wear a heavy silver crown, with spikes that could pierce her flesh. The spikes reminded her of the Crown of Thorns. At one point, one of the spikes became so lodged in her skull that the crown was removed with great difficulty.

St. Rose died in on August 25, 1617, at the age of 31. According to legend, she accurately predicted the date of her death. Her funeral was a major event attended by all the city's authorities.

Pope Clement IX beatified her in 1667 and Pope Clement X recognized her as a saint, canonizing her in 1671. Her feast day is August 23 around the world, although some countries, like Peru, celebrate her on August 30. St. Rose is the patroness of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and people who suffer family problems.

Masses for the Week of 08/23/21 – 08/29/21

Tuesday, August 24 -

8:15 am Ann Welch †

†=deceased

Wednesday, August 25 -

8:15 am Thomas C. Carby †

Thursday, August 26 -

8:15 am Maria Hoyos† & Hoyos Family

Friday, August 27 -

8:15 am Paul & Mary Ash † & Family

Saturday, August 28 -

4:00 pm Richard Ringswald †

Marshall Head †

Sunday, August 29 -

8:30 am Our Parish Community

10:30 am Greg Thomas †

Church and School Offices are Open -

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

1st Day of School is Wednesday, August 18th

Students can arrive at 7:15 and classes begin at 7:50

Dismissal is 2:50. Early Dismissal days are at 1:00 pm

Parish Calendar of Events –

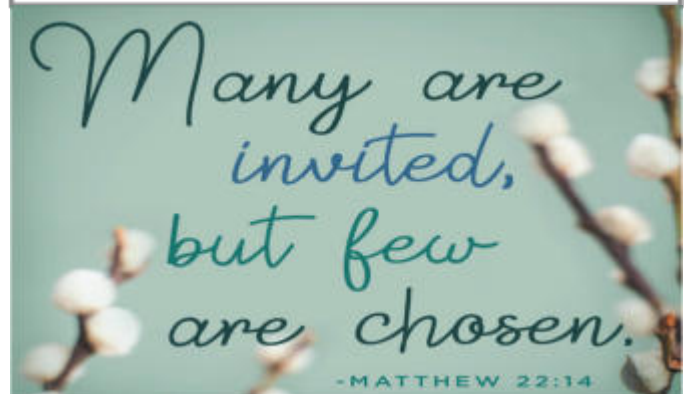
A Parish Calendar of Events is now available on the home page of the ssmartyr.org web site. This online calendar will be updated at the end of each week. All events/activities must be appear on the calendar prior to use of any facility on campus. Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to this facility usage calendar.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry–

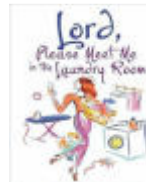
Wednesday – 08/25/2021 –

3:45-5:00 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

Dare to Care served 121 families consisting of 147 adults, 91 children and 50 seniors for the month of July.



The Lord's Laundry! - Have you ever wondered how all



those cloths we use at mass get cleaned and pressed? Well there is a small group that takes the purificators (to wipe the cup of blessed wine) and towels home to wash and iron. It is a simple ministry yet so important and one that can be done from the comfort of your own home! We need more

help. You can do a small batch of laundry each weekend of the month you choose and your ministry is done! Please call Diane Thieneman (931-6869) to inquire . Thank you!

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