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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2003, 1998, 1970 CCC

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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:**

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

**Answer:**

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because He has faith in you!



The parish is seeking patient, caring and nurturing individuals to fill part time positions in the SSM Pre-school and After School Care Programs. Positions involve helping the children with classroom activities in the four-year-old preschool classrooms (9am - noon) and supervising children in the After School Care Program (3pm - 5:30pm). If interested, please contact Rebecca Jenkins, rjenkins@ssmartyr.org.

**Readings for the week of 08/29/2021**

**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  
**Mon:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30  
**Tue:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37  
**Wed:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44  
**Thurs:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11  
**Fri:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39  
**Sat:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5  
**Sun:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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



"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above....[God] willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures." James 1:17-18

Every gift we have comes from God. In recognition of this fact, we are invited to return the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure to God.

*Parish Support*

08/21/2020 - 08/20/2021 = \$388,782.00  
 08/21/2019 - 08/20/2020 = \$451,155.32  
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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:

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

Second Reading:

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

Gospel Reading:

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?

From the Desk of Bridget Britt, Principal

After reading the Gospel, I could not help but think today may be a good day for us to ask ourselves: At times, do we judge or critique others because they are not following the law, be that the law of God or the law of the land?

I assume we do. Many of our judgments are automatic. They may be leftovers from what we were taught as a child. Judgments simply are part of our human condition. And often we may not be fully aware that we are judging another person for breaking one of the laws or rules we consider to be important. Most all of us do not like it when another person judges us. Yet at times, we automatically judge others when we may not have the complete picture. It is not our place to judge others. This is God's work to do.

If/when you find yourself beginning to judge another today, stop, breathe, and pray. Then go on about your day. You may find your day is lighter and brighter without so much judgment!

Bridget Britt  
Principal  
St. Stephen Martyr



The SSM Class of 1971 held their 50th Reunion this month. Over 30 class members and 3 teachers attended the celebration. A collection was taken up and \$408 has been donated to SSM School. The Class of 1971 hopes that this gift can be used to help continue the great tradition of education and fellowship at St Stephen Martyr School.

Special thanks to Kathleen Willenbrink and Don Brumleve who organized the event!



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

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.



Use the link on the home page of the parish web site at [www.ssnartyr.org](http://www.ssnartyr.org) to complete and submit a 2021 Stewardship Form or contact the Parish Office at 635-5813 to discuss the various ministry opportunities that are available. There is likely a parish organization that can greatly benefit from your time and your unique talents.

**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

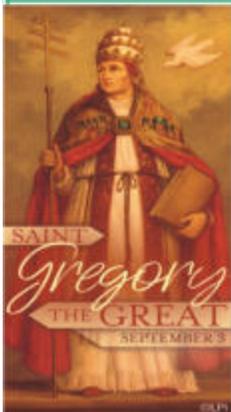
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF August 29, 2021

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Friday:** St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Saturday:** BVM

**Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



### St. Gregory the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Born:** Rome, Italy

**Died:** March 12, 604 A.D.

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

**Masses for the Week of 08/30/21 – 09/05/21**

**Tuesday, August 31 -**

8:15 am Ellen Bidwell †

†=deceased

**Wednesday, September 1 -**

8:15 am Dorothy Hartung †

**Thursday, September 2 -**

8:15 am Ann Welch †

**Friday, September 3 -**

8:15 am Robert Pohl †

**Saturday, September 4 -**

4:00 pm Francis Skees †

**Sunday, August 29 -**

8:30 am Our Parish Community

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †

**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](http://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.

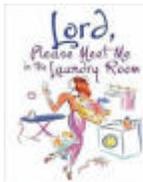
**SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry—**

**Wednesday – 09/01/2021 -**

**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 recent earthquake in Haiti, California wildfires, and other natural disasters have caused massive destruction and displacement. We can assist those affected through monetary donations that will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities and/or Catholic Relief Services in providing emergency and long-term assistance to those in need. Funds also will be directed to pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church should they arise. Make checks payable to Catholic Charities of Louisville including the notation 2021 Disaster Relief. Checks can be turned into the parish or sent to Catholic Charities of Louisville, 2911 S. 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40208-1303.



**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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