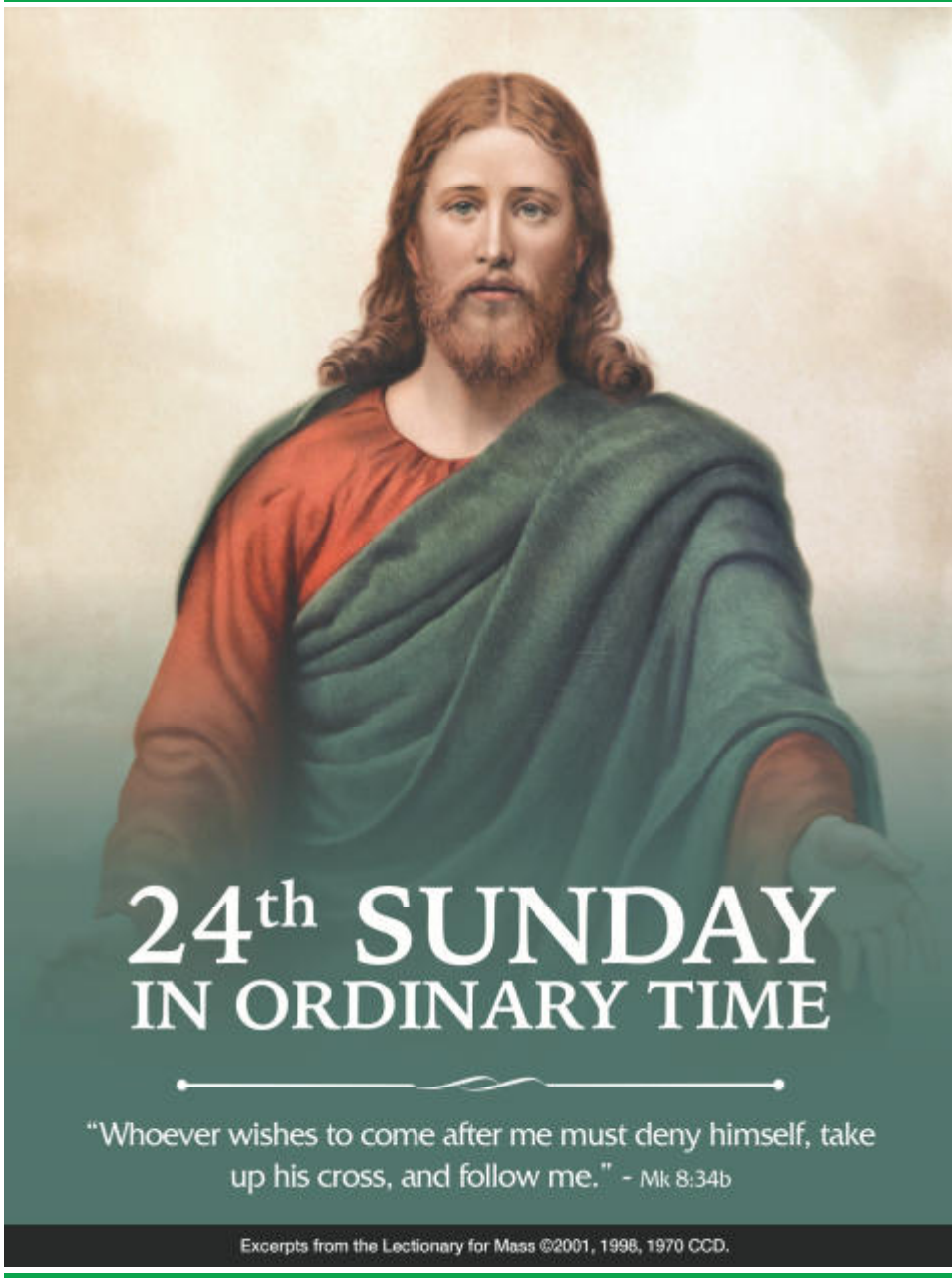


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**Parish Office Hours - 8:30am-4:30pm
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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.
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Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for
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Confession:

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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:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.



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Readings for the week of 09/12/2021

Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tue: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" James 2:14

Saint James poses this bold question because he believes this basic tenant of Christian stewardship – all are called to share their gifts in love and justice with others to build up God's kingdom.

Parish Support

09/04/2020 - 09/03/2021 = \$390,503.04
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... and for all our sick and homebound.

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Pray for our Parish Community

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

Second Reading:

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

Gospel Reading:

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?

From the Desk of Stuart Wiicke, Director of Music:

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples and the crowd –

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it.”*

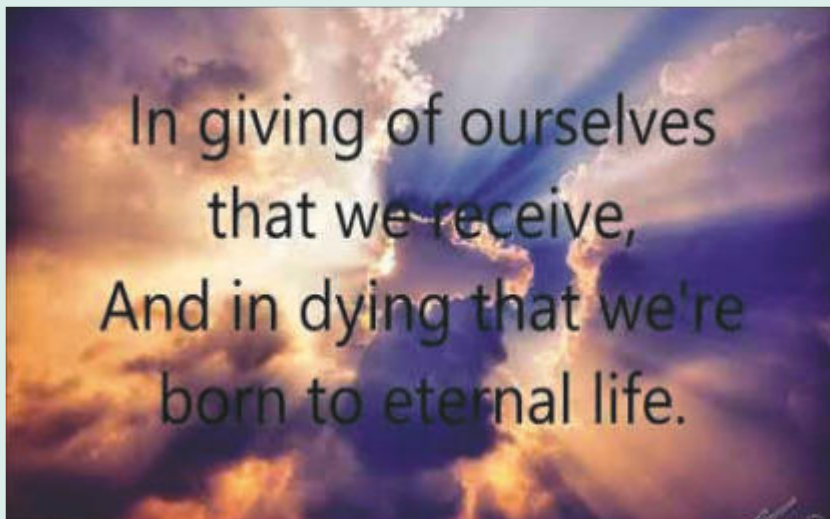
This weekend's offertory hymn, the “Prayer of St. Francis”, is an invocation to God to give us the resolve and strength to do exactly what Jesus tells us: to live for His sake, and not our own – to be His peace, His love, His truth, His hope, His light.

This prayer is immensely well-known and is said in many denominations outside of the Catholic church. Its simple beauty has inspired sacred, secular, liturgical, and popular composers alike to set it to music. Most often, it is seen to be attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in Italy in the 13th century. However, unlike most things in the Catholic tradition, this prayer's history is actually much shorter.

Its first appearance can only be traced to 1912, in a French magazine with no attribution, when it was simply titled “*Belle prière à faire pendant la messe*” -- “A Beautiful Prayer to Say During the Mass.” Its association with St. Francis came in 1927, after the English translation for a Protestant church appeared alongside an illustration of the Umbrian saint. With its simplicity and conciseness, it certainly fits well with the Franciscan canon (another Franciscan prayer we often sing is translated as the hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”) – however, St. Francis rarely referred to himself in his writings, whereas the so-called prayer of St. Francis repeatedly says “Let me...”.

Despite who may have really written it, the Prayer of St. Francis truly is a “beautiful prayer to say during the Mass”. And perhaps its lasting power comes from precisely that which sets it apart from St. Francis's writings: it is not just a petition to God, but also a reminder to *ourselves*.

*Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring light.*



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 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.

Groundskeeping and Gardening Committees – Thanks to the continuing efforts of the SSM Groundskeeping and Gardening Committees, the parish grounds are looking better than ever. Our parish volunteers did a fantastic job of keeping the grass cut and the flower gardens weeded and watered throughout the summer. However, we could use some assistance with grass cutting and leaf removal during the upcoming fall season. If you can help or would like more information about either of these committees, please contact the Parish Office at 635-5813 or email to cfautz@ssmartyr.org. Thank you for your stewardship!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF September 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Wednesday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Thursday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Liturgical Roles – 09/18 - 09/19/21

Sacristans

- 4:00 pm Vernon Weickel
8:30 am Catie Jones
10:30 am Kim Koenig

Lectors

- 4:00 pm Jim Baker
8:30 am Jim Sohan
10:30 am Celeste Fautz

Holy Communion Ministers

- 4:00 pm Dcn Steve DaPonte
8:30 am Dcn Steve DaPonte
10:30 am Dcn Steve DaPonte

Ushers

- 4:00 pm Ed Baumer
8:30 am Ken Hunt
10:30 am Carl Lawrence



Our Lady of Sorrows

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century under the title of Our Lady of Compassion. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII placed the Feast of Our Lady of Compassion in the Roman Calendar on Friday before Palm Sunday. In 1814, Pope Pius X fixed the permanent date of September 15 for the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now simply called the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows).

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

Reflection - We are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church. As Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives .

Masses for the Week of 09/13/21 – 09/19/21

Tuesday, September 14 - †=deceased

8:15 am Bernie & Thelma Schenkenfelder †

Wednesday, September 15 -

8:15 am Ann Welch †

Thursday, September 16 -

8:15 am The Hagan Family

Friday, September 17 -

8:15 am Deceased Member of the Sohan Family †

Saturday, September 18 –

4:00 pm Beissig †

Sunday, September 19-

8:30 am Our Parish Community

10:30 am Greg Thomas & Ellen Bidwell †

Parish Calendar of Events –

A Parish Calendar of Events is 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 the calendar.

Monday – 09/13

6:15 pm Girl Scouts K- Gr 1 SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

7:00 pm Girl Scouts 2nd-5th Gr SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

Tuesday – 09/14

8:15 am Mass Church

9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

3:00 pm Children’s Choir Practice Library

Wednesday – 09/15

8:15 am School Mass Church

3:45-5:50 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

7:30 pm Boy Scouts Marteen Room

Thursday – 09/16

8:15 Am Mass Church

Friday – 09/17

8:15 am Mass Church

Saturday – 09/18

4:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday – 09/19

8:30 am Mass (Livestreamed on Facebook) Church

10:30 am Mass Church

SAVE THE DATE
Reverse Raffle
Saturday, November 20, 2021

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