

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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THE HOLY FAMILY

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Mass Schedule

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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Bulletin Deadline
Monday Noon

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for appointment and preparation.
Confession:
Sat. 3:00-3:45 pm
Sun. 7:45-8:15 am, 9:45-10:15 am
Marriage: Please contact priest at least six months in advance.

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Activities Center 635-3505
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Parish Life, Patty Norton.....773-6356

Worship, Vacant.....

Recording Secretary, John Mangino.....

**Parish Office Hours - 8:30am-4:30pm
(Mon-Fri)**

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 have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tue: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

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



“...Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”
Luke 2:49

Even at a young age, Jesus understood that he was to be a steward of his Father's will. Christian stewards seek to live their lives in God's will.

Parish Support

12/16/2020 - 12/15/2021 = \$395,466.35
12/16/2019 - 12/15/2020 = \$428,239.97
Thanks to all those who continue to donate!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cindy Arnold	Doug Heil	Gloria Pfeifer
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Bobbie Gross	Mary Ritz Noonan	Cheryl Westbay
Sr. Loretta Guenther	Ryan Northcutt	Janet White
Rita Elaine Hamilton	Ellie Nunn	Charles J Will Jr.
Steven Head	Sydney Partee	Barbara Yates

Pray for our Parish Community

... and for all our sick and homebound.
... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

LITURGICAL LIFE
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, “we may be called children of God.” How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel Reading:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with “great anxiety” as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

From the Desk of Celeste Fautz, Business Manager

What is the Octave of Christmas?

While so many of our cultures only celebrate the build-up to Christmas, as a faith community, we celebrate Christmas for the next several weeks. If our celebration of the days before Christmas and Christmas Day itself were busy or even difficult, then these can be days of recovery and reflection.

The Octave of Christmas is the eight-day period beginning with Christmas Day and ending on New Year's Day, January 1. Various Feast days and solemnities mark the period.

December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord - We take joy in the story of the nativity and of our savior's entrance into the world in the humblest of ways.

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:16-19

December 26 (Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, or if there is no Sunday, December 30) - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church.

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**December 26 is also the Feast Day of our parish patron -
Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr**

December 27 - Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist - Our reflection for this feast day is framed by the wonderful words of the First Letter of John and the story told in the Fourth Gospel of how Simon Peter and "the other disciple whom Jesus loved" ran to find the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Beloved: What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life—for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us—what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4

December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs - We are given a similar witness to the one we receive on December 26, the Feast of the Martyrdom of St. Stephen. But today's feast presents the same evil in a different and even more tragic light. Here, out of envy and hatred, King Herod had countless innocent children killed in an attempt to eliminate Jesus, the newborn King.

When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Matthew 2:16

New Year's Day, January 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God - Our Christmas Octave would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of God! Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Savior of the World, is properly called the "Mother of God."

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:19

We recite the Gloria each day of the Octave. We then continue the Christmas season through the week of The Epiphany, and officially end with the Baptism of the Lord on January 9.

Resources: mycatholic.life and onlineministries.creighton.edu



2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Statistics as of December 10

A total of \$3,145,900 in gifts and pledges have been received, which is 77% of the Archdiocesan goal. There were 8,759 participating households, which represents 66% of the total donor participation goal.

SSM Parish Goal: \$30,400

SSM Gifts/Pledges = \$33,631 (111%)

SSM Participation Goal: 135 households

SSM Participation = 152 households (113%)

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Services Appeal!

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.



**SAVE THE DATE
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
Saturday, February 26, 2022
7:00pm-11:00 pm**

Drinks and dancing featuring Caribou, a favorite Louisville band.

Watch your bulletin in January, 2022 for details and ticket sales information.



Mark your calendar now! A night featuring trivia, pull tabs, split the pot & fun! Invite your trivia buffs to join your table (must be 18 or over to play) Proceeds benefit 8th grade graduation trip! Questions-contact Amanda Thompson 502-931-0790 or email: amt924@hotmail.com.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF December 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Liturgical Roles – 1/1/22–1/2/22

Sacristans

- 4:00 pm Deacon
- 8:30 am Jim Sohan
- 10:30 am Deacon

Lectors

- 4:00 pm Marilyn Horlander
- 8:30 am Jan Huber
- 10:30 am Rob Greenwell

Holy Communion Ministers

- 4:00 pm Dcn. Ken Roberts, Jr.
- 8:30 am Dcn. Steve DaPonte
- 10:30 am Dcn. Steve DaPonte

Ushers

- 4:00 pm Baumer/Schall
- 8:30 am Bill Carrico
- 10:30 am Carl Lawrence

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS DAY WEEKEND

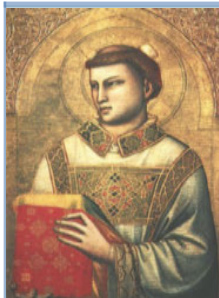
Friday, December 31

6:00 pm Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1 - 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 2 - 8:30 am Mass

Sunday, January 2 - 10:30 am Mass

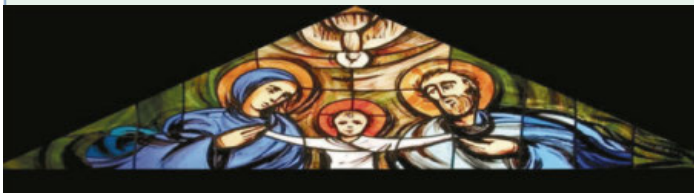


St. Stephen Martyr

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local

population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



Masses for the Week of 12/27/21–1/2/22

Tuesday, December 28 – †=deceased
8:15 am Bill Ogburn †

Wednesday, December 29 –
8:15 am Ron Loyd †

Thursday, December 30 –
8:15 am John Ford †

Friday, December 31 –
8:15 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr
6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

Saturday, January 1 -
4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

Sunday, January 2
8:30 am Corky & Mary Lou Kapp †
10:30 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

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 ay facility on campus. Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to the calendar.

Monday – 12/27
6:30 pm Men's Rosary Church

Tuesday – 12/28
8:15 am Mass Church
8:50-9:15 Rosary Church
9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

Wednesday – 12/29
8:15 am Mass (NO SCHOOL) Church
8:50-9:15 Rosary Church
3:45-5:00 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm
6:00-9:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts Marteen Room

Thursday – 12/30
8:15 am Mass Church
8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

Friday – 12/31
8:15 am Mass Church
8:50-9:15 Rosary Church
6:00 pm Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday – 1/1
3:00 pm Confession Reconciliation Room
4:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday – 1/2
7:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room
8:30 am Mass Church
9:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room
10:30 am Mass (ALS Interpreter) Church



Intramural Basketball Signups Open Now!

Calling all students in K-2 interested in playing in an intramural basketball instructional league. Signups are open NOW through January 7th. The league plans to begin January 9th. Signup in GameDay!

<https://gameday.loucsaa.net/login?redirect=%2Fdashboard#>

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