

# ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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.

### 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 happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

**Answer:**  
This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



Thanks to all at SSM Parish and School who donated items to assist families affected by the recent devastating tornados in Western Kentucky. Thanks also for monetary donations totaling more than \$4,000 to the Archdiocese of Louisville's 2021 Owensboro Relief Fund. These donations will respond to immediate emergency humanitarian needs as well as long term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

**Readings for the week of January 2, 2022**

**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  
**Mon:** Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tue:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wed:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thurs:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Fri:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
**Sat:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
**Sun:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

"Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them." Luke 2:20

At the time of Jesus' birth, shepherds were among the lowliest of professions, yet they were the heralds chosen by God to proclaim the birth of Mary's child throughout the land. No matter our circumstances, we too are called by God to share the good news of Jesus with those we encounter.

*Parish Support*

12/23/2020 - 12/22/2021 = \$392,176.60  
 12/23/2019 - 12/22/2020 = \$425,018.59  
**Thanks to all those who continue to donate!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cindy Arnold	Doug Heil	Gloria Pfeifer
Patrick Barker	David Hoagland	Terry Phelps
Linda Bogner	Carolyn Howlett	James Price
Brad Bohannon	Victor Hoyos	Patricia Ringswald
Chuck Byrd	Ann Huso	Lillian Saufnauer
Amy Campbell	Janet Jacobi	Phyllis Schultz
Charlie Cecil	Janet Jarboe	Herman Seadler
Marty Elms	Damien Kline	Chuck Steinmetz
Robin Evernham	Kaye Lashley	Joey Sullivan
Trish Feger	Beth Mans	Lisa Swikert
Heather Frazier	Betty McGill	Lydia Turner
Kenneth Gibson	Brendon McKeenan	Tish Wagner
Elaine Goehringer	Diane Modes	Bruce Wallace
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:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

Second Reading:

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

Gospel Reading:

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?



## From the Desk of Stuart Wicke, Director of Music

The Epiphany of the Lord is one of the oldest celebrations in the Catholic church, going as far back as the 4th century. In many places, the United States being one of them, the Epiphany can be celebrated on the second Sunday after Christmas; but historically it has had a fixed date of January 6. January 6 in the early church became a very important holiday – the Nativity of the Lord, what we now call Christmas, was far less celebrated than the Epiphany, and many of the Christmas traditions we carry on today began as celebrations of “Old Christmas”, often called Twelfth Night because it was the twelfth and final day of the Christmas season.

Christmas carols were traditionally sung door-to-door on the eve of January 6, not December 25. Many of the traditional carols we still sing today have roots in Twelfth Night traditions. Some, like “The First Nowell” or “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” had tens of verses which told the full story of Christmas, from Jesus’s birth to the arrival of the Magi. Others had absolutely nothing to do with Jesus, Christmas, or anything remotely sacred – songs like “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” or “Here We Come A-Wassailing” were sung in the hopes that whoever opened the door would invite the singers in to partake in the festivities of Twelfth Night.

Even the food and drink we traditionally make at Christmastime have their roots in old Twelfth Night traditions – spices, especially cloves, nutmeg, and cinnamon, have been used in seasonal cooking for centuries to represent the three gifts of the Magi at the Epiphany. King cake, which here in the U.S. is most often associated with Mardi Gras in New Orleans, began as a French and Spanish tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings’ Cake) – a figurine of the baby Jesus was baked into a cake, and whoever found it would host the celebration on Candlemas in February.

Next week we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; but for most of church history, Jesus’s baptism was recognized on January 6 as well, and so was his sign at the Marriage of Cana. Along with the adoration of the Magi, these three events represented the moments in which Jesus’s divinity was revealed to people on earth.

*Ev’ry nation sees the glory of a star that pierced the night.*

*As we tell the wondrous story we are bathed in radiant light.*

*Star sent forth from highest heaven, dancing light of God’s design,  
Shine upon the gift that’s given: Word made flesh now born in time.*



## Right to Life of Louisville



Right to Life of Louisville will once again sponsor a prolife advertising campaign to commemorate the loss of over 63,000,000 babies following the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. Let YOUR voice be heard by participating in this campaign by going to [rtlou.org/januaryad](http://rtlou.org/januaryad) and submitting your name with a small amount to help pay for the advertising. Names received by January 13 will appear in the January 20 edition of The Record. Thank you!



## 2021 Catholic Services Appeal

### Statistics as of December 17

A total of \$3,332,077 in gifts and pledges have been received, which is 81% of the Archdiocesan goal. There were 9,215 participating households, which represents 70% of the total donor participation goal.

SSM Parish Goal: \$30,400

SSM Gifts/Pledges = \$34,406 (113%)

SSM Participation Goal: 135 households

SSM Participation = 156 households (116%)

**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](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**  
**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.

**St. Stephen Martyr**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**  
*Saturday*  
**January 8, 2022**

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](mailto:amt924@hotmail.com).

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 2, 2022**

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Liturgical Roles – 1/8/22–1/9/22**

**Sacristans**

4:00 pm Vernon Weickel  
8:30 am Jim Sohan  
10:30 am Catie Jones

**Lectors**

4:00 pm Carol Carter  
8:30 am Bridget Britt  
10:30 am Terry Roberts

**Holy Communion Ministers**

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

**Ushers**

4:00 pm Baumer/Schall  
8:30 am Ken Hunt  
10:30 am Carl Lawrence



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803,

leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



### Masses for the Week of 1/3/22–1/9/22

**Tuesday, January 4 –** †=deceased

8:15 am P. Paul & Mary Ash, Jr. †

**Wednesday, January 5 –**

8:15 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

**Thursday, January 6 –**

8:15 am Justin McCauley †

**Friday, January 7 –**

8:15 am Clara & Joe Powers †

**Saturday, January 8 -**

4:00 pm Mike Waskevich †

**Sunday, January 9 -**

8:30 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

10:30 am Cobb & Kinney Families †

**Parish Calendar of Events** – A Parish Calendar of Events is 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 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 – 1/3**

6:30 pm Men's Rosary Church

#### **Tuesday – 1/4**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

#### **Wednesday – 1/5**

8:15 am School Mass 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

7:00 pm PTO Board Meeting School Library

#### **Thursday – 1/6**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

7:00 pm SAC Meeting School Library

#### **Friday – 1/7**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

#### **Saturday – 1/8**

9:30 am Franciscan Mass Church

10:30 am Franciscan Mass School Library

3:00 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

4:00 pm Mass Church

#### **Sunday – 1/9**

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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