

# ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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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School..... 635-7141  
Cafeteria..... 635-6895  
Daycare & Pre-School..... 635-3505  
Activities Center..... 635-3505  
St. Vincent de Paul..... 635-4414

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### Parish Council

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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:**

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**Answer:**

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

Dear Parishioners and SSM students, Thank you for your generous Christmas gift card and food donations. Our SVdP was able to make Christmas a little better for 15 needy families providing gift cards and an abundance of groceries for the Holidays. We are very grateful for your generosity and hope you take great pride in the important difference that your gifts make. God Bless you. SVdP of SSM

**Readings for the week of January 9, 2022**

**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

**Mon:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**Tue:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wed:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thurs:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Fri:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Sat:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Sun:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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



"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The wise men spent their lives seeking God and when they finally found Him they opened their coffers in generosity. Stewardship is much easier when we seek God first in our lives.

*Parish Support*

12/31/2020 - 12/30/2021 = \$394,812.10  
12/31/2019 - 12/30/2020 = \$412,602.18  
**Thanks to all those who continue to donate!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



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Trish Feger	Kaye Lashley	Lisa Swikert
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Bobbie Gross	Diane Modes	Cheryl Westbay
Sr. Loretta Guenther	Mary Ritz Noonan	Janet White
Rita Elaine Hamilton	Ryan Northcutt	Charles J Will Jr.
	Ellie Nunn	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 was called to bring words of comfort and good news to the beleaguered Israelites held captive in Babylon. How do you minister to those in your life struggling to find God's presence?

Second Reading:

Paul taught Titus that baptized believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly." How well do you think you live by this moral and ethical standard?

Gospel Reading:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?

**From the Desk of Fr. Peter Bucalo, Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. On behalf of the staff and faculty of St. Stephen Martyr I pray that you had a joyous Christmas and are well on the way to a good 2022. As the Christmas season draws to a close with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I am sadly aware that for some of you, Christmas was a time of suffering and loss. A few of our long-time parishioners were called home to the Lord. A few had to endure severe illness. Some even had to celebrate their first Christmas without a beloved spouse or family member. Please know of my prayers for you and for your loved ones. I humbly ask our wonderful parish community to hold you in prayer as well.

On a happier note, over the course of the last month, many people have come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our newly remodeled confessional. Al Huber found us some beautiful new carpeting and guided us to the right paint color. Mike Gootee generously offered his professional skills making sure the paint got on the walls. In addition, we've added a beautiful print of Rembrandt's classic "Prodigal Son" painting. Paul Atcher and Tim Frankrone helped get the privacy screen set up and added some dimmable light bulbs with a new switch. My sincere thanks to all.

In case you haven't been to confession in a long time, the Knights of Columbus have produced an excellent "Guide to Confession," and SSM is providing free copies for anyone who would like a short refresher course on this grace filled sacrament. Some are sitting on the bench by the north wall near the Reconciliation Room. More are available on the tables in the vestibule where we share our printed materials.

The guide reminds us that, "the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the ordinary way to have our sins forgiven. It is an encounter with the mercy of the living God, who meets us where we are in our weakness and our sins, and it powerfully deepens our psychological and spiritual growth...confession is a healthy and effective means of growing closer to God and leading a balanced, Christ-centered lifestyle."

I hope you will take one home and spend a few minutes reading it. It's brief, powerful, and informative. It includes an excellent examination of conscience based on the 10 Commandments, a section on how to go to confession, and an act of contrition. And please remember, "What happens in the confessional, stays in the confessional!" A priest cannot divulge what is shared by the penitent in the sacrament for any reason.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at SSM on Saturdays at 3 PM, and Sundays at 7:45 AM and 9:45 AM. You can also make an appointment by calling the office.

I hope you will take advantage of this great gift of the Lord so that you may once again hear those healing words: "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!"

May God bless you abundantly in the New Year,

Fr. Peter



**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!**



**40 and Under Matching Gift Challenge**

Did you know that if you are age 40 or younger, an anonymous donor has pledged to MATCH your donation to the Catholic Services Appeal this year? Visit [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA) to make your gift today. Check mark the box indicating that you are eligible for the match. Your donation, in any amount, will have DOUBLE the impact! (And will help our parish reach our goal!) You may also mail your gift – just note on your check or pledge form that you are age 40 or younger. Thank you!

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.



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/](http://rtlou.org/) January ad 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!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 9, 2022

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Thursday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Roles – 1/15/22–1/16/22

**Sacristans**

4:00 pm Deaconl  
8:30 am Jim Sohan  
10:30 am Kim Koenig

**Lectors**

4:00 pm Delaney Carter  
8:30 am John Mangino  
10:30 am Mike Scalise

**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 Baumer/Schall  
8:30 am Diane Jones  
10:30 am Carl Lawrence



**St. Hilary**  
**Bishop and Doctor**  
**Of the Church**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to

Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

**OPEN HOUSE**

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE



**JANUARY 30TH**  
**NOON - 2PM**

St. Stephen Martyr  
2931 Pindell Ave.  
Louisville, KY 40217  
502-635-7141

**Masses for the Week of 1/10/22–1/16/22****Tuesday, January 11 –** †=deceased

8:15 am Daniel Gallo †

**Wednesday, January 12 –**

8:15 am Mary M. Kalkhof †

**Thursday, January 13 –**

8:15 am Steve Brown †

**Friday, January 14 –**

8:15 am Maria Hoyos †

**Saturday, January 15 -**

4:00 pm Frances Hughes †

**Sunday, January 16 -**

8:30 am Jeanne Lechleiter †

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

**Monday – 1/10**

6:15,7:00 pm Girl Scouts SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

6:30 pm Men's Rosary Church

**Tuesday – 1/11**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

6:30 pm Parish Council Mtng. Weiker Room

**Wednesday – 1/12**

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 pm Girl Scouts SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

6:00-9:00 pm Cub/Boy Scouts Marteen Room

**Thursday – 1/13**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

**Friday – 1/14**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

**Saturday – 1/15**

3:00 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

4:00 pm Mass Church

**Sunday – 1/16**

7:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

8:30 am Mass Church

9:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

10:30 am Mass (ALS Interpreter) Church

**Opportunities for Life**— Next weekend January 15-16, the four Kentucky dioceses will take up a collection on the Sunday in the week of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, as part of the Kentucky bishops' unified message advocating for a pro-life culture in our Commonwealth. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, funds from this collection will provide resources to pregnant women and new families in crisis, including material assistance and grant support for programming at Catholic Charities and other organizations providing support to pregnant women and their families.

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