

# ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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**Worship**, Mary Lotz

**Secretary**, John Mangino

**At Large**: Ray Brown

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Rob Greenwell

Stephanie Longshore

Heather Schardein

Paula Watkins

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to let the oppressed go free.  
 - Lk 4:18*

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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.

### 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.

**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:**

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**  
Catholic Life Explained:



**Question:**

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

**Answer:**

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or "fishing for money" is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
Phyllis Impellizzeri  
May loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength during this difficult time.

**Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

**Sun:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
**Mon:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tue:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
**Wed:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thurs:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
**Fri:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
**Sun:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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



"But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. ....Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary...." 1 Corinthians 12:18, 22

We are all part of God's family and have something to contribute. Weaker members of the family may bless us with the opportunity to be good stewards by helping them as Christ would help.

*Parish Support*

01/15/2021 - 01/14/2022 = \$406,319.05  
01/15/2020 - 01/14/2021 = \$404,193.36  
**Thanks to all those who continue to donate!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cindy Arnold	Steven Head	Gloria Pfeifer
Patrick Barker	Doug Heil	Terry Phelps
Debbie Baumer	David Hoagland	James Price
Justin Bibb	Carolyn Howlett	Patricia Ringswald
Linda Bogner	Victor Hoyos	Lillian Saufnauer
Brad Bohannon	Janet Jacobi	Phyllis Schultz
Chuck Byrd	Janet Jarboe	Herman Seadler
Amy Campbell	Damien Kline	Chuck Steinmetz
Charlie Cecil	Mary Rose Krebs	Joey Sullivan
Marty Elms	Kaye Lashley	Lisa Swikert
Robin Evernham	Beth Mans	Lydia Turner
Trish Feger	Betty McGill	Tish Wagner
Heather Frazier	Brendon McKeehan	Bruce Wallace
Kenneth Gibson	Diane Modes	Cheryl Westbay
Elaine Goehringer	Mary Ritz Noonan	Janet White
Bobbie Gross	Ryan Northcutt	Charles J Will Jr.
Sr. Loretta Guenther	Ellie Nunn	Barbara Yates
Rita Elaine Hamilton	Sydney Partee	

**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:

Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel Reading:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?

## From the Desk of Celeste Fautz, Business Manager

### 2022-2023 Budget Process -

Development of the annual parish budget has begun. A budget data call was recently issued to the administrator, chairperson and/or treasurer of each organization within our parish community that submits a budget. Completed budget worksheets will be returned to the parish office and compiled into a comprehensive series of spreadsheets with comparisons to current fiscal year-to-date and 3 prior-year actual amounts for all projected Church, School and Parish Organization (Athletics, MOSS, PTO, Scouts) revenues and expenses. The Finance Committee will review the submissions starting in February and representatives of the various parish organizations that submit the budget worksheets will be contacted to answer questions and provide supporting information as required. The final draft of the recommended 2022-2023 parish budget will be submitted to the Parish Council by the Finance Committee by May 2022.



SSM Church and School expenses totaling \$2,322,067 were budgeted for the current 2021-2022 fiscal year and the cost of educating our children continues to be the largest portion of parish expenses (71.5%). Tuition and fees help to maintain the staff, facilities and equipment that are necessary to provide quality spiritual and academic programs at SSM School, but these costs must also remain as affordable as possible for School families. A modest 3.0% tuition rate increase was approved for the current 2021-2022 school year.

Budgeted tuition and fees in the approved 2021-2022 parish budget were projected to cover roughly 65% of the overall School operating costs. Each fiscal year, part of the difference between school revenues received from tuition and fees and total school operating expenses is made up by the PTO and outside financial aid sources. Catholic Education Foundation tuition subsidies, Archdiocese of Louisville tuition vouchers and discounts, and a generous grant from the George and Mary Kremer Foundation are projected to offset roughly 15% of school costs in 2021-2022. The School also receives some individual donations from SSM parishioners and other parishes whose families send their children to SSM School. Funding from the SSM School Family Fund that is on deposit at the Archdiocese is available to help offset roughly 4% of School operating costs and SSM provides roughly \$40,000 in tuition assistance grants to parish member School families each year.

The goal of the budget process is to develop a budget that is reasonable and reflective of our needs and provides for the many worship, formation and educational programs that make St. Stephen Martyr such a wonderful faith community.



### Tuition Assistance for the 2022-2023 School Year -

The Catholic Education Foundation, the Archdiocese of Louisville and their funding partners are helping more families than ever who cannot afford the full cost of educating their children in a Catholic elementary school. Nearly \$19 million in tuition assistance was distributed to families with children in grades K-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. At St. Stephen Martyr School, a total of 134 students (58%) from 87 school families (56%) have received some type of tuition assistance award for the 2021-2022 school year. Need-based tuition assistance is available for families attending Catholic schools, and the tuition assistance application portal is open! Go to [www.ceflou.org](http://www.ceflou.org) to apply online for tuition assistance in 2022-2023. Families must submit the online application, 2020 Federal tax-return, 2020 W-2's, non-taxable income substantiation documents, and a small application processing fee by January 31, 2022. Please call the FACTS parent help line at 866-315-9262 or visit [www.ceflou.org](http://www.ceflou.org) if you have questions about your online application submission. The initial round of tuition assistance award notifications will be issued to families no later than May 1, 2022.



## 2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Statistics as of January 14

A total of \$3,569,724 in gifts and pledges have been received, which is 87% 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 = \$36,631 (120%)

SSM Participation Goal: 135 households

SSM Participation = 163 households (121%)

**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.



### MARDI GRAS DANCE

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Dance: 7:00pm—11:00 pm

Drinks and dancing featuring Caribou, a favorite Louisville band.

Advanced Ticket Price:

\$40 Couple, \$20 Single

At Door Price:

\$50 Couple, \$25 Single

Purchase Tickets Online at [www.ssmartyr.org](http://www.ssmartyr.org)

For more information call 502-648-3036

Or email [greenwell423@gmail.com](mailto:greenwell423@gmail.com)



### Inclement Weather Policy

When St. Stephen Martyr School is closed due to inclement weather, local radio and television stations will announce that "All Catholic Elementary and High Schools in Jefferson County are CLOSED." On these days, morning masses will also be cancelled.

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 23, 2022**

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

**Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin

**Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

**Liturgical Roles – 1/29/22–1/30/22**

**Sacristans**

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

**Lectors**

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

**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 Steve Feldkamp  
10:30 am Carl Lawrence



**St. Thomas Aquinas**

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

**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 1/24/22-1/30/22****Tuesday, January 25 --**

8:15 am Sandra Sheehan †

†=deceased

**Wednesday, January 26 --**

8:15 am RWH

**Thursday, January 27 --**

8:15 am Justin Bibb

**Friday, January 28 --**

8:15 am Alberta McDonald †

**Saturday, January 29 --**

4:00 pm Richard Ringswald †

**Sunday, January 30 --**

8:30 am Ronald and Myrtle Hurley †

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

**Monday – 1/24**

6:30 pm Men's Rosary Church

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

**Tuesday – 1/25**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

**1:00 pm School Dismissal****Wednesday – 1/26**

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 – 1/27**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

**Friday – 1/28**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

**Saturday – 1/29**

3:00 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

4:00 pm Mass Church

**Sunday – 1/30**

7:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

8:30 am Mass Church

9:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

10:30 am Mass (ALS Interpreter) Church

**12:00-1:00 SSM Open House School**

**Homebound Ministry** - We are planning to start up our ministry to our homebound parishioners. If you have been a Homebound Minister in the past and want to continue please contact Cece Burns at 637-7188 or [cece.burns@twc.com](mailto:cece.burns@twc.com). If you are interested in becoming a Homebound Minister, please contact Cece Burns.

**Homebound Parishioners** - If you or someone you know is a homebound parishioner, please contact Cece Burns at 637-7188 or [cece.burns@twc.com](mailto:cece.burns@twc.com) with your name and phone number. We want to reach out to our homebound!

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