

ST. STEPHEN MARTYR

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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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.

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At Large: Ray Brown
..... Marcy Frankrone
..... Rob Greenwell
..... Stephanie Longshore
..... Heather Schardein
..... Paula Watkins

**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

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 heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SSM Chicken Dinner—June 11, 2022—
Doors open at 5:00 pm If you would be interested in joining a committee to help ensure a wonderful event, please contact the parish office or Patty Norton, patty@gocards.com/502-773-6356. More information coming soon!

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

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
Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wed: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thurs: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."
Jeremiah 1:5

We are all called to make a difference in the world. Our vocations are uniquely ours based on the gifts that God has given us. St. Augustine said, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Parish Support

01/22/2021 - 01/21/2022 = \$401,711.50
01/22/2020 - 01/21/2021 = \$404,336.13
Thanks to all those who continue to donate!

PRAYER REQUESTS



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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:

In his call to be a prophet, the Lord informs Jeremiah of both the human resistance and the divine providence that lies ahead for him. When have you felt God's presence in the midst of turmoil in your life?

Second Reading:

Paul eloquently defines the spiritual virtue of "love" for the Christians in Corinth. How well do you live by the standards of love as defined by Paul?

Gospel Reading:

The people of Nazareth were "filled with fury" at Jesus' words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?

From the Desk of Stuart Wicke, Director of Music

This week we celebrate two holy days in the church: on Wednesday, the Presentation of the Lord, often called Candlemas, and on Thursday, the feast of St. Blaise, who is revered as a healer and called a physician of souls. The Presentation, or Candlemas, celebrates the day on which Mary and Joseph arrived in Jerusalem to present Jesus to the temple. In Wednesday's Gospel reading we hear this story, and the canticle of Simeon which is sung at the temple. According to St. Ivo of Chartres, the lighting of candles on this day symbolizes the presentation of Jesus: the flame of a candle represents the light of Christ, enlightening the darkness in our lives. This is very similar to the symbolism of Christmas which lights the darkness of the season of Advent; and in fact, Candlemas, the fortieth day after December 25, historically marked the end of the Christmas season.

One of the traditions of Candlemas was to bring taper candles from home to be blessed at the Mass. At night all of the candles in the house would be burned at the same time. The light of these candles represented not just the light of Christ but also represented the turning of the season – as the midpoint between the start of winter and the start of spring, February 2 was a day to prepare for the end of winter and to look forward to longer days in the spring. We still use February 2 as a day to forecast the end of winter outside of the church a tradition that began in Germany as Badger Day, or here in the U.S., Groundhog Day.

Taper candles would be blessed at Mass for use in the church as well. Some of the candles blessed on February 2 are used to bless the throats of parishioners on February 3, the feast day of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was a bishop and martyr in Sebastia, present-day Armenia, who lived in the third and fourth centuries. In life, he became well-known as a doctor and healer. One of the miracles attributed to him was the saving of a young boy who was choking on a fishbone; this led to his invocation as a protector against illnesses of the throat.

This week as we celebrate these two holy days, here are two prayers we can offer, one for the Presentation of the Lord, and one for the Feast of St. Blaise.

For Presentation: Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light. Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. He was recognized by Simeon and Anna, and welcomed as the promised Messiah. May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus. Grant that we may stand before you with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love. May we serve you all our days and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord. So may we come by your grace to eternal life. Amen.

For St. Blaise: O God, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy bishop and martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WATERSTEP - DONATE SHOES—SAVE LIVES

SSM is teaming up with the non-profit organization WaterStep which collects shoes here in Louisville. You can donate new shoes, slightly used, or well worn ones. WaterStep receives money for these and provides a purification unit that makes for safe drinking water in third world countries, or severely impacted areas due to damages from tornadoes, hurricanes, forest fires. WaterStep recently sent a \$40,000 unit to Western Kentucky to help that community recover from the recent tornado to provide them with clean drinking water. There will be a box located in the vestibule of the church for the donated shoes beginning the week of February 5/6. All shoes are welcome, especially tennis shoes and any size children's shoes. Thank you for any support you can give!



2021 Catholic Services Appeal

Statistics as of January 21

A total of \$3,856,353 in gifts and pledges have been received, which is 94% of the Archdiocesan goal. There were 10,379 participating households, which represents 79% of the total donor participation goal.

SSM Parish Goal: \$30,400

SSM Gifts/Pledges = \$36,731 (121%)

SSM Participation Goal: 135 households

SSM Participation = 165 households (122%)

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



The following spring sports are now open for registration via GameDay:

- Boys Volleyball (3rd-8th) - Registration closes Friday, February 11th
- Soccer (3rd-8th Boys & Girls) - Registration closes Friday, February 25th
- Track (3rd-8th Boys & Girls) - Registration closes Friday, February 25th
 - * Track (K-2 Boys & Girls) – Registration closes Friday, February 25th
- Tennis (3rd-8th Boys & Girls) – Partnered with & Hosted by St. Agnes – Registration closes Monday, February 7th for Tennis
 - * When you log into your GameDay account you should see an option for Tennis.

Signup in GameDay!

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



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

For more information call 502-648-3036

Or email greenwell423@gmail.com

Use the link on the home page of the parish web site at WWW.ssmartyr.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.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF January 30, 2022

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

Monday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Wednesday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Thursday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Saturday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions,

Liturgical Roles – 2/5-2/6

Sacristans

4:00 pm Vernon Weickel

8:30 am Catie Jones

10:30 am Kim Koenig

Lectors

4:00 pm Deb Hatfield

8:30 am Jim Sohan

10:30 am Rob Greenwell

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 Bill Carrico

10:30 am Carl Lawrence



St. Blaise

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

pictorial Directory

We are making a new SSM pictorial directory and want YOU to be included.

APPOINTMENT LINK BEOMES AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 5. PHOTOGRAPHY DATES ARE MARCH 21-26.

You can easily make your appointment to be photographed by using this link: <https://instant-scheduling.com/sch.php?kn=3534502&typld=63990&step=2>

Be photographed for the new directory and receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait of your family at no charge. To get your copy of the directory you must be in the directory.

Masses for the Week of 1/31/22-2/6/22**Tuesday, February 1-**

8:15 am Corky & Mary Lou Kapp † †=deceased

Wednesday, February 2-

8:15 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

Thursday, February 3-

8:15 am Steve Brown †

Friday, February 4-

8:15 am Parishioners of St. Stephen Martyr

Saturday, February 5 –

4:00 pm Paul Passafiume †

Sunday, February 6 –

8:30 am Steve Brown †

10:30 am Corky and Mary Lou Kapp †

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 – 1/31**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

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

Tuesday – 2/1

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

9:30 am Quilters SSAC-Mtng Rm #1

Wednesday – 2/2

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 Meeting Library

Thursday – 2/3

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

7:00 pm SAC Meeting Library

Friday – 2/4**NO SCHOOL—CONFERENCE DAY**

8:15 am Mass Church

8:50-9:15 Rosary Church

Saturday – 2/5

3:00 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

4:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday – 2/6

7:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

8:30 am Mass Church

9:45 pm Confession Reconciliation Room

10:30 am Mass (ALS Interpreter) Church

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. 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 with your name and phone number. We want to reach out to our homebound!

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