



Liturgical Worship Aid

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 2024

SING A NEW SONG

Dan Schutte



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from



moun-tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing-ing



al - le - lu - ia.

- Verses
1. Shout with glad-ness! Dance for joy!
 2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen



1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for God on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the



1. glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

ALL: I CONFESS to Almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider: *“May almighty god have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life.”*

ALL: Amen

Cantor: “Kyrie, eleison.” (Lord, have mercy.)

Response: “Kyrie, eleison.”

Cantor: “Christe, eleison.” (Christ, have mercy.)

Response: “Christe, eleison.”

Cantor: “Kyrie, eleison.” (Lord, have mercy.)

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GLORY TO GOD

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Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses Final ⊕ Coda

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
1. glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
to Verse 2 or Refrain
1. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand,
to Verse 3 or Refrain
2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

3. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

3. Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

to Coda ⊕ or Refrain

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: 53

Reading 1

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him.

And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down

all who sleep in the earth;

before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;

my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born

the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Reading 2

1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth
and reassure our hearts before him

in whatever our hearts condemn,

for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,

we have confidence in God

and receive from him whatever we ask,

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,
and the way we know that he remains in us

is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia

Jn 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven

At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

ST. BRENDAN'S



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come,



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his — on - ly — Son,



1. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
2. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save — each one's pride.
4. And all praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love, Yes they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

(Fine)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values, rests, and a final triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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AMEN

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A - men. A - men. A - men.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Chant

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,



it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If an - y one serves ___ me, then they must fol - low me;
3. ☞ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you,
5. ☞ Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;
6. ☞ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;



to Refrain

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. ___
2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. ___
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. _____
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. ___
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

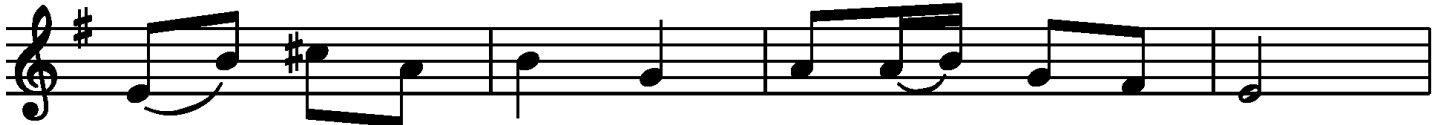
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NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

NOËL NOUVELET



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



1. Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
2. Think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
3. He that for three days in the grave had lain;
4. Your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



1. Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
2. Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
3. Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen:
4. Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



1-4. Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Verses



1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ʘ rise from your
2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic-ing in Christ, ʘ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark-ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! A grave that is emp-ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ʘ Here now is mer-cy em-
3. world! He is a - live! ʘ Hear the good news of this



1. prom-ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac-ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore-
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live!
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live!
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live!

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a - live;



con-quer-ed the grave and de-feat - ed the night. Al - le -



lu - ia! Love is a-live! The Son has a - ris-en for



all. Your peo - ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday: 8:00AM—1ST Saturday of the Month Only
5:00PM Vigil Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00PM or by appointment

Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00AM and 5:00PM

Sunday 8:30AM Mass is Live-Streamed
www.facebook.com/ststephencatholiccommunitytn/

WEEKDAY

Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM DAILY

Wednesday: 8:00AM and 6:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM and 12:00 Noon

Welcome

PASTOR'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

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ALTAR FLOWERS

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READY TO BE PRUNED? IT WILL BE PAINFUL!

During Theology, in our study house, I was put in charge of the vineyard though I did not have any experience. I had to read books to prune and take care of the vineyard. If you've ever been given the task of pruning branches on a vine, you know that it is no easy feat. It is often impossible to tell where the vine ends and the branches begin because they are so intertwined and interconnected.

As the vine to our branches, Christ is assuring us that there is no area of our lives that he will not penetrate. At work, at play, at our worst, at our best, he is ever-present. It's up to us to draw on him for support and inspiration. When we do, we will bear much fruit.

Think of the times when a quick prayer helped unblock your thoughts, motivated you to complete a project, pricked your conscience to make amends to someone you hurt, emboldened you to speak the truth, humbled you to let go of control, awed you into giving thanks and basking in God's glory. We receive daily confirmation of this gospel's truth.

It would appear that we are being warned: God will remove any branch that does not bear fruit. So ... shape up! Bear fruit — or else!

But there is also a promise: "Every branch that bears fruit he *prunes* to make it bear more fruit." A threat and a promise, right? If you don't bear fruit — you're gone! Bear fruit — and you'll be pruned so that you bear more fruit.

Well ... okay, if one wants to see it that way, if one needs a threat hanging over one's head in order to keep on the right path. But verse 3 shows us that there's more to this relationship Jesus is establishing here between "vine" and "branches" and "vine grower" than simple threats and promises.

"You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you," Jesus says, in verse 3. And it must be noted that virtually any commentary will explain that the Greek word translated "cleansed" in this verse is basically the same word translated "pruned" in other verses — the Common English Bible makes this abundantly clear by using the word "trim" or "trimmed" exclusively in this passage. We have already been trimmed/pruned/cleansed. Hence, whether we realize it or not, we have already "borne fruit." So all we need to expect is to be trimmed or pruned or cleansed even further, in order that we may bear even more fruit than we already have.

No, this passage is not primarily a warning to shape up or we will be chopped off and tossed into the fire. We "have already been trimmed"; we are poised to produce fruit and more fruit. Although it might be argued that there is a kind of warning in verse 2 — "he removes any branch in me that bears no fruit" — really, this passage is all promise.

If you are sitting here, listening to these words, you are *already* bearing fruit — whether you realize it or not. So, let us move past any worry or guilt we may have that we are not producing fruit, or bearing sufficient fruit, and so are going to get lopped off, and just focus on what we need to become more and more fruitful.

*I'll be on vacation from now
through the third week of May.
Please keep me in your prayers.
Fr. Davis Chackaleckel, MSFS*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jennifer Stribling
Ed Quinn
Joseph Page
Mary Bradley
Matthew Paris
Holden Provo
Bill and Helen Walsh
Ken and Barb Condit
Peter Panoulis
Kent Erickson
Karen Wilson
Family of Teresa Foster
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Bob and Pat Porter
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Bart Jones
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Chris Nunnery
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Jake Jakubowski
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Sgt. Richard Reather
Mike Fitzgerald
Lucille Tomasso
Christine Slusar
Terrence Debaets
Hannah Campen

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Pam Wegenka
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Marty Kilbane
John Siebel
Vincent Humenay
Terry Baggott
Della Thompson
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Suzy Duffy
Wilma Trapp
Thomas Wenthe
Stefano Puglisi
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Meg Isabell
Linda Johnson
Debbie Poirier
Phil & Dot Ponder
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Bill Golden
Mike Fitzpatrick
Greg Triplett
James Diehl
Bob Maguire
Ashley Vickers
Angela Young
Luke Young
Diane Kudrez

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 27

5:00PM Mary Lynn Walker

SUNDAY APRIL 28

8:30AM Olaug and Gaetano Azzolini

11:00AM Theresa Larson

5:00PM Parishioners of St. Stephen

MONDAY APRIL 29

8:00AM David Bradley

TUESDAY APRIL 30

8:00AM Mike Boardman

WEDNESDAY MAY 1

8:00AM Joseph D'Onofrio

6:00PM Ted Journigan

THURSDAY MAY 2

8:00AM Mary Golden

FRIDAY MAY 3

8:00AM Zaira Salas

12:00PM Ted Journigan

SATURDAY MAY 4

5:00PM Leila Davis

SUNDAY MAY 5

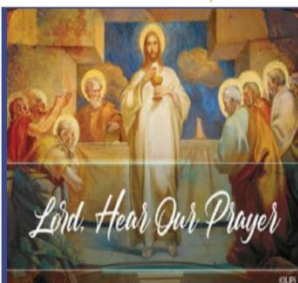
8:30AM Johnny and Helen Johnson

11:00AM Vivian Young
Theresa Larson

5:00PM Parishioners of St. Stephen

PLEASE NOTE:

Names are kept on the prayer list for 30 days. Please email us at: parishoffice@ssccohtn.org to be



REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD;
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN

RECONCILIATION:

4:00PM Saturdays - Reconciliation Room or by appointment. Chapel will be closed 3:30-5:00 Saturdays.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASS:

For registered members of the parish. 7:00PM - Third Tuesday of month in the Multi Purpose Room, unless otherwise announced.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Please contact the Church office at least six months in advance.

SICK LIST:

Please notify the Office when a member of your family is ill or hospitalized.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Register on-line on our website.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

3rd Sunday (odd months) at 12:30

HOLY HOUR:

Next Holy Hour is May 3, 2024

24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE:

TN Children & Family Services:
615-244-7444
National Suicide Prevention Hotline:
800-273-8255
TN Crisis & Suicide Prevention:
855-274-7471
Text "TN" to 741-741

COUNSELING:

Fr. Davis is a Certified Counselor and provides personal & marriage counseling. Please call the office to make an appointment.

Parish, Diocesan & Community Highlights

PARISH

The chapel will be closed on Saturday from 3:30-5pm during reconciliation

We need a pianist for 5 Vigil Mass on Saturdays. If interested please let Scott know sgoudeau@ssccohtn.org

Saturday May 4 Lector Training 9am

For anyone interested in becoming a lector, you will need to attend class. The class will be in the sanctuary and will run until 11:00. You must be a registered parishioner. You MUST call Ron & Valarie Fleitz at 615-773-2482 to sign up and reserve a space to attend the class. You may also call them if you have any questions.

Next Loaves and Fishes is Saturday

April 27 We need 2-4 for breakfast and 4-6 for lunch. Please call or text Tracey Doering 615-347-9643

Blood Drive in the Lower Hall on

Sunday April 28 7:30-12:30pm
www.redcrossblood.org use code: Ststephen or call Mark Marsh at 615-207-9434 to register a time.

Friday May 10 Craft & Conversation

Bring your portable craft, relax&chat!
9am in Multi-PurposeRoom Info call: Janet828-450-9134 Cindy615-414-0813

Chefs Cooking Class - Let's Have a

Picnic! Tuesday May 14 at 6:15 Space is limited to 40. Reserve your spot through the Parish App; \$25 each in advance. Questions? Contact Lorine Bourland: 615-495-8569 or email lorineb@tds.net.

Paint 'n Sip Saturday May 18 at 6:30 in Social Hall \$50 for paint,wine, and appetizer.Signups/tickets after Mass

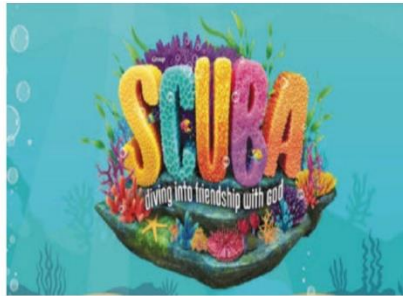
Saturday May 11 Pancake Breakfast 7-11am Tickets available from Scouts pre-sale or at the door that morning. Come support our Boy's Troop 1204



St. Stephen wants to **celebrate our high school class of 2024!** During the month of May we will post slides on the Narthex screen so everyone can congratulate you on this milestone! Please send a senior picture or two and your answers for: Name, high school, clubs/sports, Honors, my advice to freshmen, What I'm doing after high school. Send to abosio@ssccohtn.org.

Prayer Notes to Students are Due

May 31st: If you are praying for one of our high school students with a prayer card from Angie Bosio, it is time to send in your notes to these students. Please place your note in the colored envelope you were given and you can either stamp it and drop it in the mail, place it in the collection basket, or drop it by the church office during business hours. Contact Angie Bosio if you questions abosio@ssccohtn.org.



Vacation Bible School is June 17-21

Scuba diving into friendship with God! Get ready to dive into VBS 2024! **To register scan the QR code on page 6** so you don't miss it! Email: ststephenvbs@yahoo.com

Saturday May 11 after 5 Mass come celebrate the Crowning of Mary!!

There'll be flower offerings, songs, and prayers followed by a reception Outside. This celebration is set for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Contact is Al Go 615-275-8805.

Knights Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Special Olympics & charities

Saturday June 15 at Long Hollow kofc9282.org/home/coming-events/golf-tournament to register online

ALL Volunteers, per the Diocesan requirements, must complete the Safe Environment training. Please go to: nashville.cmconnect.org

DIOCESAN

Nashville Catholic Radio - Regular Programs "Around the Diocese" on Mondays at 11am & 5pm "We Believe" on Tuesdays at 11am & 5pm and "Catholic Moms in the Middle" on Tuesdays at 11:30am & 5:30pm "Faith in Business" on Wednesdays at 11:30am & 5:30pm "Belonging: Young Catholic Adults" on Thursdays at 11am & 5pm Listen through the FREE Nashville Catholic Radio app, on radio at 100.5FM, streaming on-line.

Congratulations Drippy With Jesus Our parish's teens Annabella Montini and Leelah Halsell-Duncan are now finalists for the prestigious Catholic Media Association's Gabriel Awards!

The Gabriel Awards spotlight artistic excellence that embodies a vision of humanity and a true vision of life. Examples of their radio show were submitted for these awards which are for every category of media: radio, web, documentaries, social media. To be nominated for an award is an outstanding achievement. You are competing against some of the biggest and best media outlets in North America. **We are all so very proud of you both. Congratulations!**

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress July17-21

in Indianapolis. Join our diocese and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. To register please go to nashvillefaithformation.com/mfl-events#nec or get a flyer in Narthex.

COMMUNITY

Mt. Juliet Help Center Current needs: *Canned Creamed Soups, Canned Broth, RamenPackets, Boxed Pasta, Crackers, Deodorant(Men/Women) Shampoo, ToiletPaper, Size5 Diapers* Please drop off the needed items in our Donation Room or at The Help Center 3425B N. Mt. Juliet Rd Monday-Friday 8:30-12:30

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28

- 6:00AM Blood Drive
- 9:45AM RCIA in 103B
- 9:45AM Adult Ed
- 6:00PM Life Teen

Monday, April 29

- 9:00AM Adult Ed
- 6:00PM Rosary in the Chapel

Tuesday, April 30

- 8:30AM Legion of Mary in 103B
- 12:00PM Al-Anon in Lower Hall

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:30AM Catholic Basics
- 10:00AM Wednesday Scripture-Zoom

Thursday, May 2

- 8:30AM Prison Ministry Rosary
- 11:00AM Thursday Lunch
- 12:00PM Al-Anon in Lower Hall

Friday, May 3

- 7:00PM Adoration and Holy Hour

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00AM Lector training
- 4:00PM Reconciliation (Chapel will be closed from 3:30-5:00)

Sunday, May 5

- 9:45AM RCIA in 103B
- 9:45AM Adult Ed
- 6:00PM Life Teen

Monday, May 6

- 9:00AM Adult Ed
- 6:00PM Rosary in the Chapel
- 6:30PM Knight's and KCLA Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:30AM Legion of Mary in 103B
- 12:00PM Al-Anon in Lower Hall

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:30AM Catholic Basics
- 10:00AM Wednesday Scripture-Zoom
- 6:30PM COR Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, May 9

- 8:30AM Prison Ministry Rosary
- 11:00AM Thursday Lunch
- 12:00PM Al-Anon in Lower Hall

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

- 7:00AM Pancake Breakfast by Scouts
- 4:00PM Reconciliation (Chapel will be closed from 3:30-5:00)

ONGOING DATES TO REMEMBER

***Monday Night Rosary-Chapel 6PM
ZoomLink85255674559Code:9282**

***First Friday Adoration—7PM**

***First Saturday Mass—8AM**

***3rd Tuesday Baptism Class—7PM**

***Parish Council 12:30 3rd Sunday
of odd months MultiPurpose Room**

KNIGHTS CORNER



Come Join Us!

Blood Drive Sunday April 28

Paint 'n Sip Saturday May 18

**Charity Golf Tournament
Saturday June 15**

KCLA CORNER

Come Join Us!

Women who enjoy serving God,
our church, and our community.

For more information you can
get a brochure in the narthex or
contact Sandra Porter by emailing
Sandra7498@aol.com or calling
615-351-0008 for more info

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Columbarium Update

Now that the proposed
Columbarium project has
received approval the
process is now moving
forward to the next stage
There will soon be a
notification to everyone
of additional information
and the start date for sale
Thank you to everyone!

Collection figures through
April 14, 2024

\$31,371.00

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(as of 7/1/2023)

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PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Please contact Gregory Karn at gkarn@ssccohtn.org or 615-758-2424 x115 for questions on PREP or EDGE. Simply TEXT Gregory Karn at (615-579-6975)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 17-21

Scuba diving into friendship with God! Get ready to dive into VBS 2024! Students are ages 4 thru rising 6th graders. Volunteers are rising 7th graders and beyond. There is no charge for VBS, but donations to support our program are welcome. Registration is going on now, just **scan the QR code below**. Mark your calendars now and add it to your summer plans.

**Questions? Email: ststephenvbs@yahoo.com
gkarn@ssccohtn.org also for information**



Children's Registration



Volunteer's Registration

LIFE TEEN

High school age youth of the parish are invited to attend the LIFE TEEN Mass held every Sunday at 5pm followed by LIFE Night in the Multipurpose Room of the Church. Life Teen is for all high school students and meets each Sunday from 6:00-7:45PM in the Social Hall. Contact Angie Bosio 615-758-2424 x113 abosio@ssccohtn.org to be added to our weekly parent email and for more information.

LIFE TEEN: Life Teen will be hosting the Alpha video series that asks big questions about life and listens to what teens have to say. Teens are encouraged to invite their friends as we explore the origins of our faith in Jesus and grow as His disciples. **This week's topic is Church: What about the Church?**

NEXT WEEK: Senior Celebration—2020's Pub Trivia

LIFE TEEN: For details about Life Teen be sure you are subscribed to Life Teen weekly emails. Contact Angie at abosio@ssccohtn.org to be added to the list!

St. Stephen teens host new show on Nashville Catholic Radio! Listen to "Drippy with Jesus", the show for Catholic teens made by Catholic teens. Parishioners Annabella Montini and Leelah Halsell-Duncan are hosts. Listen 3rd Monday of the month at 11:30am and 5:30pm and again on Saturday at 8:30am and Sunday at 2:30

CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) AND (RCIA FOR YOUTH)

RCIA is for all non-Catholic adults interested in learning about or becoming members of the Catholic Church. RCIA Youth is for children ages 7-17 unbaptized or baptized but uncatechized as Catholics.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We meet in person Sunday mornings at 9:45AM in Room 103B. Thursday evening classes are meeting in-person at 7PM in the Multipurpose Room. For details contact Scott Goudeau at sgoudeau@ssccohtn.org or 615-758-2424 x130

Have you been curious about the Catholic faith, and would like to learn more? You don't have to journey alone! Free sessions, online and in-person, are forming now. For details contact Scott Goudeau at sgoudeau@ssccohtn.org or 615-758-2424 x130

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTH

Classes Continue each Thursday 6:45 to 8 PM in the Lower Level of the Holy Family Center. Please contact Mary Karn at mkarn@ssccohtn.org or call 615-758-2424, ext. 114 with any questions.

BAPTISM

Baptism class is the Third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room. We request that you pre-register. Baptisms are usually the third weekend of the month during the Mass. Contact Mary Karn at mkarn@ssccohtn.org or 758-2424 ext. 114

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All adults interested in deepening their relationship with God and recommitting themselves to the responsibility of sharing their faith with others are invited. Programs are developed to engage the particular needs and interests of the adults in our faith community.

**The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart
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May 5 and 6 we'll study the 5th Commandment**

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