

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Catholic Church

744 South 3rd Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

Masses: Every Third Sunday of the Month at 11:00 a.m.

Confessions 15 minutes before Mass

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June 21, 2026 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention: Every Sunday Mass is offered for the people and worshipers of SMV, living and deceased.

Visiting Priest: Monsignor Mike Turek

Sunday Collection, March 2026: \$1,469.33

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Reflection On Readings from Father Brian W. Harrison, O.S.

Today's Bible readings combine dark words about fear, sin, betrayal, death and hell with beautiful promises that inspire confidence in God's loving care for us. St. Paul (2nd reading) reminds us of the primordial tragedy of original sin: "Through one man" sin and death entered the world. Its results have metastasized, as we see all too clearly in the corruption, perversion and violence in the world around us – and often in our own hearts! Jeremiah (1st reading) felt the threat and fear of betrayal and vengeance – a fear experienced right now by many Christian brethren suffering under violent Islamist and communist persecution. The Gospel reminds us that we too can easily betray Christ, denying him before men through cowardice. Yet all three readings promise us that victory can be ours because it has first been won by God. Especially on Fathers' Day, it's essential to remember if that God our Eternal Father cares for the littlest of his creatures like sparrows, much more will he care for us, his children - all appearances to the contrary! - if we only we persevere in trusting him!

Announcements

Wall Donations

We want to thank all supporters of St. Mary of Victories for helping us fundraise \$20,250.00 to help rebuild the block wall keeping the church, hall, and property secure. Thanks to the generosity of the Archdiocese through a safety grant and through the donations from our community, we quickly reached our fundraising goal and will be able to rebuild the wall. Praise God!

Congratulations to Deborah and Tom

We congratulate Deborah Osterman and Tom Dilly on their upcoming July 18th marriage at St. Mary of Victories. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

Requiescat in Pace

We are saddened to share that C. Genene Murty, mother of Vicki Wiese, passed away on Friday, June 12th. Please pray for the repose of her soul and remember the Wiese family in your prayers during this time. A sung requiem Mass will be held at Ss. Gregory and Augustine, date pending.

St. Joseph's Guild

We are pleased to announce a partnership between St. Mary of Victories and the St. Joseph Tradesmen Guild, a newly forming association of Catholic tradesmen dedicated to deepening their spiritual lives, supporting one another in the practice of their faith, and engaging in charitable works within our community. The Guild will gather regularly at St. Mary of Victories for fellowship, formation, and Holy Mass. We are grateful to welcome these faithful Catholic craftsmen to St. Mary of Victories and look forward to seeing this partnership bear fruit for both the Guild and our chapel community. Please join us in praying for the success of the St. Joseph Tradesmen Guild and for the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of workers and protector of the Holy Family. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Thank You

Thank you to Jim and Ann Cole for providing doughnuts, milk, and juice for the reception in the hall following today's Mass! We are in need of a volunteer to provide doughnuts following third Sunday Mass in July. If interested, please contact Brittany Neff at brittanyneff@gmail.com.

All are welcome to join us in the hall after Mass for coffee and doughnuts. Our next Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, July 19th with a coffee and doughnut reception to follow.

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért

Please pray for our sick:

Michelle Daubert	Mary O'Toole	Angelika Pierce
Jim Hooper	Vince Schwarz	Deborah Lee
Adam Wright	Fr. Frank Phillips	Kathleen Moody

Prayer for St. Mary of Victories

Our heavenly Father,/ long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith/ to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice/ in honor of your Son's most holy Mother,/ Our Lady of Victories. /Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here/ under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen./ We humbly place before you today/ the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church/ and its present-day community./ Grant us the grace to discern your holy will,/ and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel,/ here in the old heart of our city, /for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

St. Mary of Victories, *pray for us*;

St. Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us*;

St. Joseph, *pray for us*

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St. Veronica, Pray for us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.