

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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August 16, 2026 Feast of St. Stephen of Hungary

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

Visiting Priest: Rev. Lawrence Herzog

Sunday Collection, July 2026: \$1,662.44

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

Today, instead of the Sunday of Ordinary Time, we rejoice to celebrate the Feast of our church's co-patron, the first Apostolic King of Hungary, who after being crowned in the last year of the first Christian millennium (1000), reigned till his death 38 years later. Stephen built on the work of his father, Prince Geza, to complete the herculean task of stabilizing the semi-nomadic and quarrelling Magyar tribes and unifying them into a Christian and Catholic nation. The Hungarian state, symbolized by the crown of St. Stephen, has now endured for more than a thousand years in spite of centuries of Turkish Muslim attacks, atheistic Soviet domination, and, 100 years ago, the loss of more than half its territory at the hands of the anti-Catholic victors of World War I (Treaty of Trianon, 1920). Stephen built his nation on the solid rock which is Christ (today's Gospel), bringing in priests to continue the evangelization of his people and ordering every ten villages to build a church and maintain its priests. The first reading (Sirach), praises the wisdom and courage of leaders such as Stephen, whose instructions to his son Prince Imre stress loyalty to the Catholic faith, love for the Church, and the need for impartial justice to rich and poor alike. We should pray for Stephen's intercession for the continuing renewal of Hungary and its Christian heritage.

Announcements

Trivia Fundraiser

Gather a team for an afternoon of trivia, community, and friendly competition hosted by parishioner Nathan Thompson at St. Mary of Victories. In the hall on September 20, following our 11 am Mass (trivia beginning around 12:30 pm). \$200 for a table of 8 or \$25 for a chair (we can create a table for individual tickets without a table). BYOB, popcorn and soda provided! Register by emailing trivia@smov.info. *If you can't attend, plant a flower in the garden for a donation of \$25.*

Congratulations to Angelica and Christopher

We congratulate Angelica Weingart and Christopher Borro on their upcoming September 12th marriage at St. Mary of Victories. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

Requiescat in Pace Jonas Allen

We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of the father of our devoted St. Mary of Victories council member and altar server, Lucas Allen, last week. Please keep Lucas in your prayers and pray for the repose of the soul of Jonas.

Congratulations Maverik Neff and Request for Altar Servers

Our longtime altar server, Maverik Neff, left to continue his education at San Damiano College for the Trades in Springfield, IL. We wish him the best of luck on this next adventure! We are in need of additional altar servers. If interested in being trained, please speak with Steven Gilroy.

Thank You

Thank you to Jim and Lisa Hooper for providing doughnuts for the reception in the hall following today's Mass!

Memorial Garden Bricks

Remember those you love and all the good times while helping build the future of St. Mary of Victories. Stay tuned for more information!

All are welcome to join us in the hall after Mass for coffee and doughnuts. Our next Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, September 20 with trivia to follow.

Trivia



Imádkozzatok betegeinkért

Please pray for our sick:

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

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.