

SAINT EMERY'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Today's Technology and Our Parish

Today our world is consumed by technology and rapid means of communications. Websites, Facebook, Texting, Twitter and Snapshot to name a few. It is imperative as a Parish to understand this media to stay in touch with not only our youth but to communicate with all of us who live in this environment day-to-day.

Website (www.stemerys.com)

The current form of St. Emery's Internet website was created in early 2012 and recently updated to include latest council membership and ministry leaders. Since inception, the website has recorded over 85,000 page views and over 16,000 visitors. The website is also continuously updated with news and events. The operation of and content for the website is done by volunteers. The cost to preserve the domain name and provide adequate upgrades to media (library) storage is covered by private donations.

Website - Online Giving

The website introduced a link to Online Giving last year. It is a safe, secure and convenient way to make a donation to our Parish. Several parishioners have started using this feature both for their weekly donations and contributions to fundraisers such as the Bridgeport Diocese and St. Emery's annual drive. We encourage people to use Online Giving.



Facebook (www.facebook.com/St-Emery)

St. Emery's Facebook was created last year and is continually updated with wonderful religious articles, photography and Parish current events. It can also be accessed through the St. Emery website (click-on right hand sidebar logo). The Facebook is an interactive media. Father Milan maintains the Facebook site.

Weekly Bulletin

Print media is still a very important communication tool. St. Emery's weekly bulletin has been published for decades. Jeanne Bisson, Pastoral Assistant, compiles material and formats the bulletin every week. The bulletin is sent to Liturgical Publications, Inc. (LPI), which are headquartered in Cromwell, CT, for publication. The weekly bulletin is then downloaded to the St. Emery website from the LPI Internet site. The many advertisers located on the back page cover the cost of these publications.

E-Mail (ssemerstep@aol.com)

The Parish Office can be reached through the Church e-mail address. Jeanne Bisson monitors the Parish e-mail on a daily basis.

Church Television Monitors

A 'Smart TV' was installed in the vestibule of the church and one in the sanctuary. They are being used for special presentations, slide shows, weekend masses (live) and can connect to the Internet.

iPhone and Andriod Phone Application (StEmerys.Catholic.Cloud))

An App was developed for the iPhone and Andriod as a convenient means to receive Parish daily news and general information. To install simply use the phone's browser and use the App name above. The App uses a free Cloud Internet computing and storage space service.

God Bless you, your families and God Bless St. Emery's Parish.

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