

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish

A YEAR OF MERCY

Visit THE IMPRISONED

As he entered his merciful Passion, Jesus was arrested and imprisoned. *Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.* (Matthew 26:50)

We visit the imprisoned, and we meet Jesus. Paul knew the power of Christ through his own imprisonment: *It has become known . . . to everyone . . . that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.* (Philippians 1:13-14)



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Our Parish Mission

A Catholic community of faith striving to witness to the Gospel. Our Baptism and Confirmation calls us to bring Christ's Love to our families, our work places and our community. Grateful for God's gifts, we seek to nurture those gifts and to give back to the Lord by sharing our time, talent and material treasure. In all of our parish activities we seek to develop a personal relationship with the Lord who directs our lives and a vision that sees the world with the eyes of Christ and that leads to a commitment to justice. We seek a sense of unity in Christ that leads us to be an open and welcoming people and a sense of joy in being graced by the gifts of God's Love.

Liturgy Schedule

*Monday—Saturday: 8am
Mass of Anticipation: 5pm
Sunday: 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6:15pm;
1pm (Polish)*

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 8:45-9:30am

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Our Church

Parish Office

17500 South 84th Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60487

Office Hours:

8:30am-8pm Mon-Th; 8:30am-6pm Fri; Noon-5pm Sat

Office Closed: 12:30-1pm Mon-Fri

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Our School

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School

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School Fax: 708.403.8621

Ms. Mary Iannucilli, Principal

Our Staff

Rev. James Finno, Pastor

Rev. Grzegorz Warmuz, Associate Pastor

William Engler, Deacon

Chuck McFarland, Deacon

William Schultz, Deacon

Joseph Stalcup, Deacon

Pete Van Merkestyn, Deacon

Kenneth Zawadzki, Deacon

Karen Opyd, Administrative Assistant to Pastor

Sandi Morgan, Director of Religious Education

Leslie Krauledis, Assoc. Director of Religious Education

Joann Buryj, Admin. Assistant for Religious Education

Mark Gorka, Music Minister

Karen Dillon, Youth Ministers

Kyle Groves, Youth/Young Adult Minister

Dave Prete, Maintenance Director

Parish Registration

Registration of new parishioners is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month after the 10am Mass. New parishioners unable to register at Sunday registration, may register at the parish office on Mondays at 2pm, Tuesdays at 11am, Wednesdays at 8:30am or Thursdays at 6:45pm. Please phone the parish office at 708.342.2400 to make an appointment.

We warmly welcome new parishioners and cordially invite you to join us on our life-long journey to the Lord.

Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 3pm in English and 1pm in Polish. Please contact Deacon Ken in the parish office for the necessary preparations at 708-342-2400 ext. 136.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, from 8:45—9:30am in the church or by appointment.

Funerals can be arranged with the parish office.

Marriages St. Stephen Parish welcomes the celebration of the weddings of both registered parishioners and the children of registered parishioners. Information is available from one of the priests or deacons.

Pastoral Care of the Sick can be arranged for the sick, elderly and handicapped desiring Communion by calling the parish office.

Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure

Collections		Collections	
For New Years Day		For 01-03-2016	
Regular	\$1,215.00	Regular	\$23,347.00
Kids	\$6.00	Kids	\$155.21
Sharing	\$145.00	Sharing	\$157.00
Christmas	\$90.00	Christmas	\$1,152.00
Holy Mother	\$6,532.00	Holy Mother	\$694.00
Immaculate		Immaculate	
Conception	\$50.00	Conception	\$5.00
CJB	\$200.00	CJB	\$65.00
		Electronic	\$5,360.55
		Parish Center	\$70.00

Thank you for your continued Stewardship in support of St. Stephen. Please visit our website to find other opportunities for generosity through planned giving by remembering St. Stephen in your will or living trust.

In addition to printing the collection, we are printing the Sunday and Holy Day collections from the previous month and for the fiscal year to date as well as budgeted amount needed for us to meet both our expenses and mortgage payments. Mortgage payments are \$41,500 per month (interest and principal).

The Archdiocese loaned us the money to start our parish and build our facilities on the basis of a commitment to Stewardship by the parish. We thank everyone whose support enables us to do the work of our parish.

		Actual	Budget
Last Month	December	\$134,484	\$136,500
Year-to-Date	July 1 - December 31	\$743,893	\$764,250

Bulletin Submission

Deadline for Bulletin articles are to be in the parish office by noon on Friday for the following week's bulletin.

[E-mail: Ron@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Ron@ststephentinley.com)

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

Elsewhere in this bulletin the annual financial report for the past fiscal year is printed. I apologize for the lateness of this report, which is usually printed in the fall. The report reflects the generosity of our parishioners that enables us to meet the costs of providing the many ministries of our parish. I invite you to read through the report, and I thank everyone whose generosity enables us to do the work of the Lord here at St. Stephen.

The gospel reading this Sunday is the story of Jesus' first public miracle - the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. Performing his first public miracle at a wedding highlights the importance that Jesus puts on marriage. My sense is that we as a church face two significant pastoral challenges in relation to marriage today. The first is how we renew the awareness of the spiritual dimension of marriage among our people. The second is how we pastorally approach situations of good Catholics who have experienced a divorce.

Catholic theology has always seen marriage as a sign of God's faithful love for His people. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading this weekend says "For the Lord delights in you and makes your land His spouse" and "as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." The love and commitment of a couple in marriage is meant to be a sign of God's faithful, life-giving love for His people. The sense of the faith dimension of the commitment to marriage needs renewal today. Our Catholic theology of marriage sees Christ as a third partner in a Christian marriage. The grace, the love of God, present in the sacrament, not just on the wedding day but throughout the marriage, is meant to help couples to sustain their commitment in love to one another. We live love not in an

ideal, romanticized world, but rather in a real world, among imperfect people (including each one of us), and so we need God's love and grace to support and sustain us in our own commitments in love. A church sign, quoted in the "Joyful Noiseletter", says it well: "A perfect marriage is just two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other." All of us, in all of our life commitments, need God's grace to sustain us in living love each day.

Yet we all know many people who have experienced a breakup in their marriages. Sometimes the reason for the breakup is fairly obvious. Sometimes marriages that seem healthy break up. I have known many people who certainly intended a lifelong marriage but later experienced a divorce. Two important Catholic values seem to be in conflict here: permanence in marriage and compassion for people who experience divorce. The preparation programs for marriage required for couples to be married in church along with various marriage enrichment activities are efforts to promote permanence in marriage. When divorces do occur, the Church has an annulment process that can bring some closure in dealing with the divorce but that can also be difficult for a number of people. The recent Synod on the Family in the Vatican discussed the way our Church responds to people who have experienced a divorce. The Synod discussed more pastoral ways to approach the issue; any specific changes in the process are awaiting Pope Francis' response to the Synod. I am sure that our church will continue to wrestle with balancing these two values of permanence in marriage and compassion for those who experience divorce. It is important to remember that anyone who experiences divorce remains a member of the Catholic community. A common misconception is that a

person who is divorced cannot receive communion. The only time that receiving communion becomes a question is when a person remarries without getting an annulment for their first marriage. I invite anyone who is struggling with their faith and their position in the church in relation to a divorce to see me or anyone on our clergy staff.

Marriage is an important sacrament in our church. The grace of the sacrament affirms the presence of Christ to the married couple. In marriage a couple is called to make Christ present to one another. The sacrament is not just a one time reality, on the day of the marriage. The grace of the sacrament remains present throughout the marriage. I ask that you join me in prayer for all married couples, that they might open their hearts to the presence of Christ in their marriage. Pray also for those who have experienced a divorce, that the healing love of Christ might sustain them. May God's grace sustain all of us as we seek to faithfully live out our commitments in love to the Lord and to others.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

*May
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Your
Marriage*

Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015

	<u>2013-2014 Actual</u>	<u>2014-2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014-2015 Actual</u>	<u>2015-2016 Budget</u>
Sunday & Holy Day	1,445,250	1,465,100	1,476,864	1,500,500
Christmas & Easter	186,634	186,000	192,751	190,000
Fund Raising	37,873	30,000	31,674	30,000
RE Tuition & Fees	237,556	245,000	231,099	247,625
Memorials & Estates	2,525	7,500	7,300	4,800
Interest & Investment	6,278	4,500	7,774	8,000
Other	<u>435,094 (1)</u>	<u>165,500</u>	<u>452,567 (3)</u>	<u>171,000</u>
Total Income	2,351,209	2,103,600	2,400,028	2,151,925
Salaries & Benefits	768,481	837,597	799,553	878,935
Utilities	84,409	70,520	90,324	89,400
Maintenance	90,182	99,500	81,884	89,810
Arch Assessment & Insurance	204,020	218,228	218,216	207,048
Books, Office & Liturgical	115,377	112,740	126,917	116,980
Other	255,957	266,412	354,899 (4)	271,310
Mortgage Interest Payments	<u>100,863 (2)</u>	<u>163,942</u>	<u>76,289 (2)</u>	<u>78,975</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,619,289</u>	<u>1,768,939</u>	<u>1,748,083</u>	<u>1,732,458</u>
Income from Operations before Debt Payments	731,920	334,661	651,945	419,467
Mtge Principal Payments	397,137	334,058	421,711	419,025
Loan Balance - Year End	3,764,080	3,430,022	3,342,370	2,923,345

(1) This number includes \$215,752 in funds received from To Teach Who Christ is campaign & \$27,613 in funds received for the Parish Center.

(2) This decrease in expense is due to the lower mortgage rate we are receiving during the TTWCI campaign.

(3) This number includes \$121,675 in funds received from the TTWCI campaign; \$30,038 in funds received for the Parish Center; proceeds of \$70,573 from the sale of property & the Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate of \$15,624.

(4) This number includes \$18,222 to sealcoat the parking lot & \$24,770 for new church doors.

We are grateful to everyone whose generosity enabled us to meet our operating expenses and mortgage payments this past year. This past year, in addition to meeting our operating expenses, we were able to pay down over \$421,000 of the principal on our loan. (At the time the church building opened in November, 2002, our loan was \$8.3 million.) For this current year we have budgeted collections 1.4% above last year's budget. For the current fiscal year (2015-2016) we budgeted Sunday collections at \$24,000 above (about 1.6%) last year's collections. Collections are running about even with last year, a good figure considering our people's generosity to the fund drive for a new parish center. Everyone's continuing regular support for our Offertory collection is very important for us to continue to meet both our operating budget (which includes a modest salary increase for our employees and small cost increases in other areas) and our church mortgage payment.

The expense figures above represent the resources in terms of personnel, program, and physical facility costs that we need to do the Lord's work here at St. Stephen. Without our parishioners' sharing of their time, talent, and treasure, we could not do this work. Central to our parish life is our worship of the Lord and our sacramental ministries. In addition to our seven Sunday Masses celebrated each weekend and our weekday and holy day Masses, in the last year we celebrated the baptism of 215 new members of our church, celebrated First Communion with 229 young people and Confirmation with 183 parishioners. We celebrated 49 weddings and prayed with and offered pastoral support to 95 families at the death of their loved ones. This year nearly 1,500 young people are receiving Catholic education through our Religious Education and Growing with God programs and another 204 parishioners are being educated at Cardinal Bernardin School, our parish school. Our youth ministry offers formational, service, and social activities to our teens.

Adult formation opportunities will include the Kingdom weekend parish retreat, liturgical ministry training, Bible studies, book discussions, a parish mission, monthly intercessory prayer times, and other programs. Parishioners can embrace service opportunities in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the PADS program for the homeless, Catholic Charities meal programs, the Elizabeth Ministry, regular food drives for local pantries, the Teen Mission trip, and other service activities. Pastoral Care Ministers and the Bereavement Group care for the sick and bring God's comfort to grieving families. The Men's Club, the Young at Heart group, and the Women's Social Club provide social, community building, and service activities. The Respect Life group, Rosary group, Moms and Tots group, and involvement with the Tinley Park Ministerial Association and the Southwest Interfaith Team (SWIFT) show the diversity of our parish ministries. Literally hundreds of volunteers (as an example, each weekend about 140 volunteers assist in various liturgical ministries at our weekend Masses) and a dedicated staff (we have 9 full-time and 33 part-time employees) enable our parish to have these ministries while at the same time operating our office, maintaining our facilities, and paying down our mortgage. Dedicated Finance and Stewardship committees give guidance to the pastor on the administration of the parish. All of this is made possible by the generous support of our people for our Offertory collection. The numbers above represent that generosity and the cost of all the work of St. Stephen parish.

Stewardship:

We address our parish's financial needs through the Spirituality of Stewardship, which expresses our gratitude to God for the gifts of our lives by giving back to Our Lord some of our time, talent, and material treasure. We rely primarily on our Offertory donations to meet our expenses. Over seven years ago, in the spirit of Stewardship, we eliminated most of the second collections and now donate a proportionate share to the Missions, Universal Church needs, and other causes supported by these collections. In this way, we are sharing a portion of our regular income with other important causes traditionally funded by second collections – including Catholic Charities. (These donations are part of the "other" expense in the annual report). Three second collections remain – an annual Angel Fund collection for our parish school, the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, the Annual Catholic Appeal, and the Summer Mission Appeal. Our sharing donations for St. Emeric come through a monthly envelope in our envelope packets. We use this approach to fund a majority of appeals through the one Offertory donation that we ask to be made on a regular basis, be proportionate to your income and resources, and be considered a sacrifice.

Financial Controls:

It is important for our parish that sound financial controls are in place. Our Finance Committee receives and analyzes a detailed financial report each month. Fr. Jay and the parish accountant attend the monthly Finance Committee meetings and discuss current operations and answer questions. The committee approves the annual budget, monitors financial performance on a monthly basis, and reviews periodic audits. The committee has approved this report. These reviews provide us with confidence that sound financial procedures are in place.

Looking Ahead –Fiscal Challenges and Opportunities:

This fall we undertook a fund drive to enable us to build a needed parish center. We have raised around \$1,540,000 so far in this drive to go along with \$534,000 that we have previously saved from the parish share of the original To Teach Who Christ Is drive and from other donations for the parish center. Every dollar from this drive will go toward the parish center project. We recognize that everyone's financial situation is different, but we do ask each parishioner to consider making a special donation to this parish center effort. Pledge cards are available on the rack on the west wall of the narthex or at the parish office. Please call Fr. Jay or the parish office if you have any questions. Currently we are seeking permission from the Archdiocese to begin the process by commissioning construction drawings (any project costing more than \$20,000 must be approved by the Archdiocese). Toward the end of each month we will publish an update on the progress of the parish center project in the bulletin.

Individual Financial Stewardship:

The financial support that we are seeking from parishioners depends on your individual circumstances. One guideline for Stewardship commitment is to give the equivalent of one hour of your household income per week. Some will be unable to give this amount due to individual circumstances, while others will be able to provide more. What is important is that donations are regular, proportionate to your income, and considered a sacrifice. If you are able, we ask you to consider increasing your donations. If you are a person who has been particularly harmed by difficult economic times, we invite you to contact our St. Vincent de Paul Society or our staff to see if there are any ways our parish can help. Whatever amount you can provide, please be assured that your contribution is important and appreciated. Donations can be made electronically for those who prefer this method. This is especially important so that donations remain regular even when you are away for a while. Information on electronic donations given via credit cards, debit cards, electronic checks, or automatic deduction is available on the website, or through the parish office.

To meet both operating and mortgage expenses, we will need everyone's support. We ask everyone to consider regular financial support for the parish. If you have any questions about parish finances, please contact Fr. Jay or one of the members of our parish Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted by: St. Stephen Parish Finance Committee: Fr. Jay Finno, Deacon Joseph Stalcup, Larry Blouin, Ray Catania, Tracy Chiappetti, Dave Darling, Ed Feyerer, Brian Giovanini, Fran Gutrich, Jim Knawa, Connie Lambke, Dave Torelli

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December, 2015

Dear Parishioners,

Your Associate Pastor, Father Grzegorz Warmuz, will soon be participating in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process. This review process is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Warmuz to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister. Your local Dean selected members of the parish staff and parish leadership to serve as reviewers and I will also use this instrument in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process.

Further, diocesan policies also state that parish lay leadership and parishioners be given the opportunity to recognize Father's gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. So, an additional parish-wide survey is also part of his review process. The web address of the survey and instructions for anonymous participation can be found at the bottom of this letter and on your parish's web page, if available. Please note that the survey is available in English and Spanish. The data obtained from the parish-wide survey will be shared with Father Warmuz and your participation will remain anonymous. The Priests' Placement Board and I will also receive this data.

If you have any further questions or suggestions about the review process you may contact Fr. Bob Heidenreich (rheidenreich@archchicago.org), Coordinator of Ministerial Review and Priests Programs at the Priests Placement Office (312-534-5237).

When the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process has been completed, Father Warmuz will be asked to share the insights he has received and his further developmental plans with you in the parish bulletin and on the parish web site.

I thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in the review process and to provide constructive information.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Andrew P. Wypych, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V

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https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/parishwidesurvey-spanish_cohort2 (Spanish)

Spiritual Life

Discussions on Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscover Jesus"

There is nothing more central to a healthy life of faith than our relationship with the Lord Jesus. In his book "Rediscover Jesus", Matthew Kelly offers a series of reflections that lead us into a deeper relationship with our Lord. Reading one reflection per day or several per week is a good way to deepen our personal prayer life. We gave out 1400 copies of this book as a Christmas gift - a gift that can have lasting impact on our lives.

The book is very appropriate for personal reflection and small group sharing. We will offer discussion sessions on the book on Sunday, January 31, and on Sunday, February 28, at 4:30 PM in the large meeting room. We will begin with a light supper and end the discussion in time for the 6:15 PM Mass.

To help us plan, please call the parish office at 708 -342- 2400 if you plan to attend.

Spiritual Life

Lenten Program

This Lent we would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to join small faith sharing groups hosted in volunteers' homes. This will follow the same format as we previously did with Living the Eucharist. The book we will be using is called Lent and Holy Week and is part of the Bridges to Contemplative Living series by Thomas Merton.

We need your participation to make the program a success. If you are willing to host a group in your home or to be a facilitator of one of the groups please contact Barbara Black at 708.466.9962 or bblack519@att.net.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Comedy Night - January 30, 2016

Comedy Night, co-sponsored by Cardinal Bernardin School and St. Stephen, to be held on January 30, 2016, at the Orland Château, 14500 Lagrange Road in Orland Park. The evening includes a sit down dinner and the comedy show with Bill Brady as emcee and performances by Gerry Grossman, the Human Juke Box, and George Tracy. The doors open at 6 PM, with dinner at 7 PM and the show at 8 PM. Tickets are \$40 will be available after January 1 through Cardinal Bernardin School and the St. Stephen Parish Office (708-342-2400). Tickets are being sold in the Narthex and additional information and order forms are available in the Narthex and parish office.



Parish Life

Seniors Young @ Heart

Our next meeting on Monday, Jan. 25th at 10:am in the large meeting room will be a Gift Exchange/Luncheon.

Please bring your new, wrapped \$15 gift if you wish to participate in the exchange. Our menu will be Fried Chicken, Italian Sausage with Peppers, Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, Italian Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls and Dessert.

Any questions, call Bernie at 708-444-7949.



Four Winds Casino

St. Stephen Seniors, "Young@ Heart" will sponsor a trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on Thursday, March 10, 2016. All parishioners are welcome to join us. Cost is \$40 per person which includes bus transportation, \$15 in slot credit & \$10 food credit. The bus will depart St. Stephen's parking lot at 9a.m. and return at 4p.m.

You may purchase tickets by contacting Joan Kapala at 815-534-5111 or Nancy Flynn at 708-429-3081.



Ladies Social Club

The St. Stephen Ladies Social Club will hold their January meeting, weather permitting, on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 10:00 A.M., in Rooms 125/126. In case of bad weather, please check with the office. Feel

free to join us for a pleasant hour of coffee and fellowship. All ladies of Stephen's Parish are invited to join our Ladies Social Club. Come join us to make some new friends and meet an old friend or two.



Thank You from the Retired Religious of Chicago and the United States

We recently received a letter of thanks for our parish's donation to the retired Religious of Chicago and the United States. Brother James Reiter, OFM Conv writes that our "donation will continue to make it possible for Religious communities to provide quality care for their retired members who selflessly served God and His people through years of dedicated service". Brother James assures us of the prayers of all Religious both active and retired.

As a parish we will no longer have an actual second collection for this need, but in the name of the parish we sent a contribution based on previous years' contributions.- (Deacon Joe)

Parish Life

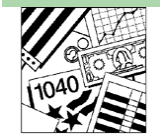
BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

In anticipation of Ash Wednesday, we again ask that you bring your old palms to church so that we may burn them for Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016. There will be containers set up in the narthex starting Saturday, January 30, 2016, thru Tuesday, February 9, 2016, to receive the palms. The palms will be burned on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, for those who wish to attend the burning ceremony. Thank you.



YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2015

For all those who requested a tax statement last year or who automatically received a statement due to IRS regulations last year, a statement will be mailed to you by the end of January, 2016. There is no need to call or email the parish office. For those who did not request a statement last year,



please contact the parish office at 708-342-2400 or email karen@ststephentinley.com (put 2015 tax letter requested in the subject line). We will mail the newly requested statements out on a weekly basis.



CJB would like to THANK YOU for your overwhelming support for the Scrip Program this past holiday season! 2015 was a banner year for new school families and parishioners to begin using the Scrip Program. So many more people are finding that Scrip is an easy and effective way to earn valuable personal rebates and support our Blue Ribbon winning school, without the risks of credit card and check use.

If you are still not participating, please make 2016 your year to resolve to start using Scrip!

See Karen Opyd in the parish office for more details or call her at 708-342-2400, ext. 138!

Youth Education and Formation

Open House



We invite you to attend our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Open House on Sunday, January 31, from 1 – 3pm. Sponsored by four parishes (*St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Julie Billiart*), CJB is your Pre-K through 8th Grade Catholic parish school.

We are pleased to announce that CJB offers full-day *and* half-day 3-year-old and 4-year-old Pre-K and we continue to provide full-day Kindergarten, as well! As we continue to grow, we have so much to be proud of!

We have high expectations of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School students. We challenge them academically, and we strive to instill in them the Gospel values. CJB provides a loving and nurturing environment in which children grow intellectually, spiritually, physically and emotionally. If this is the kind of school that you would like for your child, we look forward to welcoming you to our Open House on January 25.

P.S. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is OPEN now! CJB will continue to accept applications until all spaces are filled. As a registered, practicing parishioner, your children are eligible for enrollment at an “in-parish” rate. (“Practicing” parishioners are Catholics who consistently attend Mass, send their children to Religious Education or Catholic school, and support their parish with time, talent, and treasure. This is an on-going expectation during years of enrollment at CJB. Use of parish envelopes is expected.)

The “Angel Fund”

Last year, CJB’s sponsoring parishes began a special collection known as the “Angel Fund.” This collection is taken up one weekend during the year at the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Angel Fund is meant to assist families from our sponsoring parishes who need help financially, in order to send their children to CJB. Any donation you can make is greatly appreciated. This special collection will take place the weekend of January 30 and 31, 2016.

Youth Education and Formation

Teens Growing In Faith (TGIF)

For more information about the Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Dillon at: 708-342-2400 or at youthminister@ststephentinley.com.

January Events

High School Youth Ministry

January 17- Open Gym Night @ Seton 6pm-8pm

January 24-Teen Meeting @ Stephens 7pm-9pm

January 29- Winter Jam Concert @ Rosemont Theater

January 31-Teen Meeting @ Seton 6pm-8pm in Cornerstone Building.

More Details to Come. Please contact Kyle Groves by phone 219-928-8386 or email kgroves@steseton.com

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

for Babysitting at 10am Mass.

Please contact Babysitting Coordinator Pat Mullin at smmullin@aol.com

to sign up for your first choice of dates!

MOMS & TOTS

Join us at Moms and Tots! Moms and Tots is a casual playgroup that meets on Wednesdays between 9:30 and 11:00am. It is a fun free way to get out with your little one(s). New moms, dads, tots, and babies are always welcome! We meet in the church, Room 161.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions feel free to contact Julie at julieszafranski@hotmail.com or 708-299-9404.



Marriage

None



FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016
CHICAGO, IL ALLSTATE ARENA
LEAVE ST. STEPHEN 5:00pm
CONCERT DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
CONCERT STARTS 6:45PM
Only \$10.00

BANDS:

FOR KING AND COUNTRY	MATTHEW WEST
DAVID CROWDER	LAUREN DAIGLE
RED	NEWSONG
SIDEWALK PROPHETS	KB- TEDASHII- TRIP LEE
STARS GO DIM	WE ARE MESSENGERS
TONY NOLAN	

No tickets required—Just \$10.00 at the All-state Arena door. We will carpool there from St. Stephen. Deacon & Martyr. Meet there at 5pm. If you are interested in attending the concert or would like to volunteer to drive, please contact Kyle Groves by email or phone before January 22, 2016

Email: kgroves@steseton.com

Phone: 708-713-5953

Human Concerns



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Vocations

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Francis Bitterman 312- 534-8298 or fbitterman@archchicago.org

Widowed Men & Women

Looking for a way to become Joyful again?

There will be a retreat/workshop on March 5 & 6, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus). Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed to help the widowed find hope & joy again in life. Includes overnight and meals. Space limited – register early. For more information, please call Joyful Again Widowed Ministry at 708-354-7211

Respect Life

A reminder: Please join fellow parishioners at "March for Life Chicago" Sunday, January 17th 2pm-4pm at Federal Plaza, 50 West Adams Street, Chicago. This event celebrates Respect for Life at all stages, from conception to natural death. "March for Life Chicago" also marks the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision January 22, 1973 that legalized abortion.



Here at Saint Stephen, we can honor the memory of 56,000,000 babies lost to abortion since 1973, by spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

in the Daily Chapel **Thursday, January 21st** from 8:30am – 6:30pm. Benediction begins at 6:30pm, followed by Divine Mercy Prayers. Our monthly Respect Life Ministry meeting follows at 7pm. Please join us in Room 126.

Counselor Available

Michele L. Nowak, LCPC, is available to provide counseling to individuals and couples right here at St. Stephen parish! Those without insurance are eligible for sliding scale fees based on income & number of dependents. Appointments can be made by calling (312) 655-7725. The first session is free for all who are members of St. Stephen.

Community News

A Night at the CJB Oscars



Please join us for "A Night at the CJB Oscars... Celebrating 15 years of Award Winning Education" at the Tinley Park Convention Center on February 27, 2016 at 7:00pm. The meal is a plated dinner, soft drinks and coffee included, cash bar with entertainment by: Xplosive Sounds

Entertainment. For more information, please contact Christina Bailitz at christinabailitz@gmail.com—815-342-1448 or

Jenny Czerwonka at jennycz27@me.com 708- 224-6822.

Winterfest XII

St. Rita High School presents *Winterfest XII* on January 23, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Join us for an evening of fun at St. Rita (7740 S. Western Ave). Event tickets are \$50 each (\$60 at the door) and can be purchased at www.stritahs.com/winterfest2016 or by calling 773-925-5029. Ticket price includes dinner, open bar (21 and over) and live entertainment!



DIVINE MERCY, THE YEAR OF MERCY, AND THE APOCALYPTIC VISION OF POPE FRANCIS

Dr. Graziano Marcheschi will be the speaker at Sacred Heart Parish - Ministry Center located at 8245 W. 111th St. in Palos Hills on Tuesday, January 26 from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information, please call 708- 974-3336.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart located at 9201 W. Saint Francis Rd. in Frankfort will host Bingo on January 22 and February 5 & 19. Doors open at 5:30, Early Bird Game at 6:30, regular Bingo begins at 7pm. Kup a Joe Cafe in Frankfort will be selling dinner and snack items so come hungry! Queen of Hearts

Raffle pot is currently above \$1,000..

For more information, please call 815-464-3882.



Noonan Academy located at 19131 Henry Drive in Mokena invites you to attend an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 12:00 to 2:00pm. For more information, please call 708-479-8988.

Polish Ministry

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

W ciągu całego roku Msza Św. w niedziele w języku polskim jest o godz. 1PM

-Pierwszy piątek miesiąca: Spowiedź of 7-8pm Msza o 8pm

-Pierwsza sobota miesiąca: od godz. 7pm-9:30pm

-Spowiedź w każdą sobotę of godz. 8:45-9:30am

-Po bliższe informajce proszę dzwonić do biura parafialnego pod numer 1(708) 342- 2400 wew 137

Wielu dano

Kimkolwiek byś nie był, czegokolwiek byś nie robił, jakiego byś nie miał powołania, jeśli będziesz z Bogiem, to otrzymasz błogosławieństwo i łaskę. Tak można by dzisiaj streścić jedno z czytań.

Przez całe swoje życie szukamy prawdy o sobie, szukamy swojego miejsca na ziemi. Czy to w pracy, czy uczestnicząc w różnych przedsięwzięciach, zawsze zastanawiamy się, czy to, co robimy, jest słuszne, czy godne nas i naszej postawy. A przecież wystarczy się wsłuchać w to, co nam przekazuje Bóg poprzez nas samych, poprzez bliźnich, poprzez czynności, które wykonujemy, by zorientować się, co powinniśmy robić.

Jedynie Chrystus – Bóg Wcielony – znał swoje posłannictwo i swoje zadania. W Ewangelicznym przekazie, nierzadko do dzisiaj w niektórych kręgach wykiwanym i traktowanym jako anegdota, przekazał tak wiele treści, które są nadal ważne dla nas wszystkich. Słowa Chrystusa powinny nam zapaść głęboko w serce. Matka Jezusa, zarazem Matka Kościoła Chrystusowego, mówi do nas: «Zróbcie wszystko, cokolwiek wam powie» (J 2,5). Ten pierwszy znak uczyniony przez Chrystusa podbudował wiarę uczniów, ale równocześnie buduje i będzie budował w nas wiarę i gotowość do wykonania zadań, które nam wskazuje sam Bóg.

Pamiętać musimy, iż otrzymujemy różne dary, które inni nazywają talentami lub umiejętnościami, ale – niezależnie od nazwy – o to samo przecież chodzi. Trzeba umieć wsłuchać się w siebie i w bliźnich, bo i w nas, i w bliźnich przemawia do nas Bóg. Tak, wiem, że się powtarzam, ale powiem to jeszcze i trzykroć, bym sam mógł to zrozumieć.

W jednym musimy być silni: w rozumieniu tego, Kto do nas mówi i co nam chce przekazać. Jeśli w tym będziemy silni, zwarc i gotowi, to na pewno nam się uda, przecież Bóg w swej dobroci każdego z nas czymś obdarzy. Bo „Jednemu dany jest przez Ducha dar mądrości słowa, drugiemu umiejętność poznawania według tego samego Ducha, innemu jeszcze dar wiary w tymże Duchu, innemu łaska uzdrawiania w jednym Duchu, innemu dar czynienia cudów, innemu proroctwo, innemu rozpoznawanie duchów, innemu dar języków i wreszcie innemu łaska tłumaczenia języków. Wszystko zaś sprawia jeden i ten sam Duch, udzielając każdemu tak, jak chce.” (1 Kor 2,8-11). A dlaczego? Bo wszyscy jesteśmy dziećmi Boga.

BOŻE, który posłałeś na świat Swego Syna, Światłość Prawdziwą, prosimy, obdarz nas duchem wytrwałości, abyśmy żyjąc prawdą i miłością dali odpowiedź wiary.

Military Corner



Please pray for our Military men and women on a daily basis for their safe return.

LCPL Nicholas Cascone	Cpl. Evan Grober	Sgt. Joseph Malone	Sgt. Brian Scannell
Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro	Capt. Michael Gryczka	Capt. Christopher Mazurek	Tsgt. Stephen Vlaming
Major Vincent Cesaro	Lt. Dan Kniaz	Sgt. Dominic Messina	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
1st Lt. Michael Chimienti	Tsgt. Laura Langley	LCPL Matthew O'Boyle	Major Thomas Walsh
Lt. Amanda Griffith	Ssgt. Carl Langley	Lt. Cmdr. John Pierczynski	

Parish Calendar

<u>Sun 01-17</u>	Baby nursing #153 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Growing With God #162-167 9:30 AM RCIA #125 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 Narthex Comedy Night Tickets 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism 4:00 PM Living Stations Church, #125 & 126
<u>Mon 01-18</u>	Martin L. King, Jr. Day RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm Comedy Night Mtg. 11:30AM #126
<u>Tues 01-19</u>	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Ladies Social Club #125/126 10:00 AM Young @ Heart Board Mtg #154 7:30 PM Highlanders #170/171/172/173 10:00 AM Stewardship #155
<u>Wed 01-20</u>	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Moms & Tots #161 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir Church and/or Music Room 7:30 PM RE Board #154
<u>Thurs 01-21</u>	8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Adoration of Blessed Sac Daily Chapel with Rosary @ 8:30am 4:30 PM Children's Choir Church 5:30 PM Confirmation B. Black #126 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Benediction Daily Chapel followed by Divine Mercy Prayers 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Praise Band Church 7:00 PM Respect Life #126
<u>Fri 01-22</u>	8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Bible/Scripture Study #126
<u>Sat 01-23</u>	Baby nursing #153
<u>Sun 01-24</u>	Baby nursing #153 9:30 AM RCIA #125 Narthex Comedy Night Tickets 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 11:00 AM Welcoming & Parish Reg. LMR & #158/159 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Living Stations Church (all speaking roles)

DATE REMINDERS:

- The Mass Book for 2017 will be opened on Monday, January 18.
- No Babysitting will be available on Sunday, February 28.

Minister's Schedule



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

Log on to the Web Terminal for the latest updated minister postings.

We have a **New Scheduling Process**. If you are not signed onto our **New Scheduling Process**, please email Deacon Ken Zawadzki at dcnken@ststephentinley.com for an information form to fill out.

Date	Ministry	Sat 5 PM	Sun 7 AM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun 11:30 AM	Sun 1 PM Polish
24-Jan	Celebrant	Fr Jay	Fr Jay	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Jay	Visitor
	Deacons	Dcn Joe	Dcn Bill E.	Dcn Bill E.	Dcn Bill S.	Dcn Bill S.	Sun 1/17
	Greeters	Flo Simosky		Sharon Murphy	Chris Losey	Julie Gilligan	Team #1
		Mary Tafoya		Tom Mitus	Mark Losey	Seana Gilligan	Sun 1/24
		Peg Schmitt		Jeanne Upreti	Barb Ridge	Judy Kluchins	Team #2
		Jean Coughlin		Flo Simosky	Bob Ridge	Natalie Sims	

Mass Intentions

<u>1/17</u>	<u>Sunday</u>		
7:00am	For the People		
	Dorothea O'Neill	req.by	The Family
8:30am	William & Gayle Maurer	req.by	The Maddix Family
	Ray Markham	req.by	Pat Panici
10:00am	William Darling	req.by	M/M D. Lindenmeyer
	Rose Perfetti	req.by	Emily Johnson
11:30am	Joseph Wontor	req.by	Tom & Sandy Casey
	Sydney Ann Schergen	req.by	The Graziano Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace		
	Theresa Mozdzierz	req.by	Rochelle Elliott
6:15pm	Gregory Zwartz	req.by	The Robison Family
	Gloria Depino	req.by	Maureen Walsh
<u>1/18</u>	<u>Monday</u>		
	Joseph Cariola	req.by	The Tyrrell Family
	Thomas Rowley	req.by	Adult Altar Servers
<u>1/19</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>		
8:00am	Henry Michalski	req.by	Delores Michalski
	Michael Keate	req.by	Bonnie Cosman
	Mary Lestarczyk	req.by	Cindy & Sonny Conte
<u>1/20</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>		
8:00am	Julia Stalcup	req.by	Dcn Joe & Linda Stalcup
	Marie Rychetsky	req.by	M/M Rychetsky
<u>1/21</u>	<u>Thursday</u>		
8:00am	Adolfo Sumera	req.by	Connie Sumera
	Bruno Opyd	req.by	Children & Grandchildren
<u>1/22</u>	<u>Friday</u>		
8:30am	Patricia Mele	req.by	Pete Mele
	Karen M. Boylan	req.by	The Robison Family
<u>1/23</u>	<u>Saturday</u>		
8:00am	Jocylene Medina	req.by	The Deaching Family
	Marianne Plecki	req.by	Anna Plecki
	Purgatorial Society		
5:00pm	Adam & Josephine Pierczynski	req.by	The Family
	Dec'd members of Zimmerman Family		
	Stephen Craine	req.by	Kevin Sullivan
	Thomas Spalla	req.by	The Rizzo Family
	Jean Claps	req.by	Brian Papa
	Mario Ramirez	req.by	The Family
<u>1/24</u>	<u>Sunday</u>		
7:00am	For the People		
	Robert Maloney	req.by	Mike & Mary Moran
8:30am	Thomas Foley	req.by	M/M Michael Ahearn
	Loretta Werr	req.by	Emily Johnson
10:00am	Barbara Driscoll	req.by	M/M C. Healy
	William Darling	req.by	The Vasek Family
11:30am	Albert J. Kolich	req.by	The Bara Family
	Michael G. Freeman	req.by	The Robinson Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace		
6:15pm	Frances E, Ratoft	req.by	Mary Di Benedetta & Lisa Kmak
	Carmella Fanelli	req.by	Adult Altar Servers

Pray for Our Sick

Helen Agresti	Lillian Kurzawski
Kristen Baldyga	Edwin Malone
Gerry Barnes	Joey Moylan
Julie Barth	Dave Newquist
Arlene Beavan	Nathan Parry
Bill Beavan	Pearl Paul
Kathie Brosius	Robert Rasmussen
Tammy Burns	Gerri Rasmussen
Billy Callaghan	Joe & Joan Ricciuti
Joanne Chess	Baby Marek Rudzki
Thomas Connors	Betty Ruzich
John Cornwall	Mary Lou Schoettler
James Courtney	Nicole Siedschlag
Michelle Crisanti	Rachel Swallow
John Czerniak	Joseph Tierney
Ida DeJohn	Jane Van Duch
Janice Dorff	Michael Vasek
Joe Dorff	MaryBeth Vasquez
Caroline Grady	Father Jim Watzke
Fran Grousnick	Kelly Weiss
Larry Hersh	Eddie Wright Jr.
Brian Holmes	Mary Ann Zoochi
And for all for whom our parish is asked to pray	

To help keep the list of names read at Mass and placed in the bulletin accurate and current, we will keep the name of a non-parishioner who is an immediate family member of our parishioner on the list at Mass for two weeks and in the bulletin for two weeks. For a parishioner, we will keep the name on the list at Mass for four weeks and in the bulletin for 60 days. We ask that an immediate family member call after 4 weeks if you wish to have the name continued to be read at Mass.

Pray for Our Deceased

Kathleen Condron
Jill Gagner
Daniel Podrazik

Weekly Readings

Sun	Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8
Mon	1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9
Tues	1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22
Wed	1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37
Thur	1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7
Fri	1 Sm 24: 3-21
Sat	2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Mackenzie Emma Ligammari

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