

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish

A YEAR OF MERCY

Welcome THE STRANGER

In his mercy, the Word became flesh and came among us. *He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.* (John 1:11) He was a stranger among them. Now we receive the stranger, and we welcome Jesus. *You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.* (Ephesians 2:19)



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ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2016

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

St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church
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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

9300 167th Street

Orland Hills, IL 60487

School Phone: 708.403.6525

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 For 01-10-2016		Collections For 01-17-2016	
Regular	\$19,506.00	Regular	\$19,580.00
Kids	\$159.14	Kids	\$92.44
Sharing	\$41.00	Sharing	\$293.00
Christmas	\$1,280.00	Christmas	\$50.00
Holy Mother	\$180.00	Holy Mother	\$150.00
Immaculate		CJB	\$10.00
Conception	\$15.00	Parish Center	\$40.00
Parish Center	\$50.00		
Electronic	\$7,029.50		
Parish Center	\$140.00		

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 - Dec 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

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning significant preparations for Lent, but Ash Wednesday is only 2 ½ weeks away, on February 10. Easter is early this year – March 27. Lent is always a special time for Catholics to focus on spiritual growth, and I would like to invite you to take advantage of two particular opportunities for spiritual growth this Lent. The first is the online program “Best Lent Ever” from Matthew Kelly and the team at Dynamic Catholic. This program is free and offers a way to deepen our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Each day participants will receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic team that features content from Kelly's recent book “Rediscover Jesus”. (This is the book that we gave as a gift at Christmas.) In addition to the video, each email will have a theme to focus on throughout the day, one practical way to live out the theme in daily life, and a simple prayer to invite Jesus into your day. Anyone interested in this program can sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. The program is free. It is convenient; it is able to be done whenever you have a few free minutes; it can be very spiritually enriching. I invite you to join me in signing up for this program.

The second special opportunity for spiritual growth this Lent is our

parish mission at the Sunday Masses on March 12 and 13 and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings March 14, 15, and 16, at 7:30 PM each day. The mission will be led by Paul Koleske, a layman who has given missions throughout the country and who comes with fine recommendations from pastors who I know. The theme of the mission is “Igniting the Life of Christ within You.” The theme fits well with the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis and our parish Lenten theme:

“Renewing the Light of Christ in Us:

Redeemed by God's Mercy through the Cross of Christ.”

More information about the mission will be forthcoming in future bulletins. I encourage you to mark your calendars and try to attend as many days of the mission as you can.

Next Sunday we will begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The students from Cardinal Bernardin School will participate in a special way at our 10 AM Mass, and information on our excellent school will be available after all the Masses.

I invite everyone and especially families with young children to come to the Open House at Cardinal Bernardin School next Sunday from 1 to 3 PM at the school on the grounds of St. Elizabeth Seton at 167th Street and 94th Avenue. Cardinal Bernardin School is co-sponsored by four

parishes: St. Stephen, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Julie. The school has 649 students from preschool through grade 8, with 204 of them from St. Stephen. On the Sunday of Catholic Schools Week the 4 sponsoring parishes take up an “Angel Fund” collection to provide financial assistance to families who need help to attend CJB. This will be the second collection next weekend. I invite your generosity.

Finally, I invite you to join us for our fifth annual Comedy Night next Saturday, January 30, at the Orland Château. Tickets are available after Mass or at the parish office. The evening includes a sit-down dinner and a very enjoyable comedy show. More information is elsewhere in the bulletin.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

“Renewing the Light of Christ in Us:

Redeemed by God's Mercy through the Cross of Christ.”



Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015

Last weekend the annual report for the past fiscal year was published in the bulletin. If you happened to miss the report, there are copies available on the ushers' table behind the back pew or at the parish office. We invite you to look over the report, and we thank everyone whose generosity enables us to do the Lord's work here at St. Stephen.

Spiritual Life

Feast of St. Blase – Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise, the traditional day for blessing of throats. Throats will be blessed at the end of the masses next weekend and will be blessed following the 8am mass on Wednesday.



Best Lent Ever- A Lenten Journey with Mathew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic

This Lent, Dynamic Catholic has a great opportunity for our parish— a free email program called “ Best Lent Ever”. The program is based on Mathew Kelly’s new best seller *Rediscover Jesus*—That’s the same book you all received as you left Christmas Mass this past year.

Each day you'll get an inspirational email with a short video featuring Mathew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life. I hope you will join me for this free program ! All you have to do is sign up a DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.

Let’s do something life-changing this Lent. Let’s take a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and ourselves— in a deeply personal way.

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.

Lent and Holy Week

This Lent we will make a spiritual journey toward Easter continuing with the Bridges series by Thomas Merton. We will be offering small group discussions at our church and also at homes of fellow parishioners. Merton’s writings, in the booklet “Lent & Easter”, are easily digestible and are paired with the writings of other great thinkers. The Lenten themes that are covered include:

- *Where Do We Turn for Forgiveness?*
- *Living More Deeply in Christ*
- *A Season for Compunction and Tears*
- *In All Things, Always Seeking God*
- *Choosing with Christ to Love the World*
- *In the Service of Peace through Humility and Prayer*
- *Returning to the Source of Our Unity in Christ*
- *The Resurrection of the Lord: Liberated to Redeem the World*

Booklets will be available for purchase at a cost of \$6.00 after all Masses the weekends of January 30th & 31st and February 6th & 7th. Please stop by our table in the narthex and sign up for one of our discussion groups. We would love to have you join us. If you would like to host a small group in your home or have any questions, please contact Barbara Black at 708-466-9962 or bblack519@att.net.

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.

Marriage

None



Spiritual Life



Reflect Retreat Weekend

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on

March 4-6, 2015. Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Call (312) 532-8286 or e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Join The Team of Ushers

The mission of the ushers of St. Stephen Parish is that of hospitality. Our service is to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and comfortable as we gather for our Eucharistic celebration. Our ushers are able to see the presence of Christ in each person as they arrive. Ushers serve the congregation by assisting during the celebration of the Eucharist on weekends and holydays. They greet people upon arrival at the church and see that they are comfortably seated and tend to any special needs. The ushers collect the offering, assure the orderly movement of worshipers during Communion and distribute the bulletins at the end of the Liturgy. The ministry is open to all parishioners, men, women, senior citizens, parents and teenagers. We have a special need at all masses, especially 8:30am, 11:30am and 6:15pm on Sundays. Ushers can serve every other weekend or on an alternate basis.

If you would like to join our team or have any questions, please contact Rich Frain at 708-532-1696.



Baptism Ministry Helping Young Families

Members of the Baptism Ministry are a small group of parishioners who work to assist young families getting their babies baptized by helping the priest and deacon

on Sundays. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 3pm. The Baptism Ministry member greets the families before the ceremony and making them feel welcomed, helps them get seated and makes sure they have everything needed for the ceremony. Many of our Baptism Ministry Members were themselves recipients of the same welcoming care at one time or another so they know exactly how it is to be a young family with little babies . . . and all that entails! The Baptism Ministry involvement is about once every other month helping the priest or deacon during Baptisms.

If you think you might like to join or would like more information, please call me 708-342-2400 ext.136 or email me at dcnken@ststephentinley.com

Parish Life

God's "Big Hug" Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting will be on **February 4, at 10am, weather permitting.** We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10am in room 125 of the parish offices. The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates hand knit or crocheted shawls and chemo caps for the sick, homebound, those who are grieving, or to celebrate a very special occasion! If you know of someone in need of a shawl, please request one. Our ministry is open to everyone—even if you don't have the time to attend the meetings. Shawls can be created at home, on your own time and own speed. We ask that you make the shawls no smaller than 25"x 60". This size is a perfect fit for those receiving shawls. Bring your latest project and join us for friendly conversation or instruction from one of our members. Donations of yarn as well as monetary donations are always welcome. For more information about our ministry, please contact Dorothy at 708-614-2588.



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.



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.

Parish Life

A Relaxing Opportunity

Tibetan Bowl Group Sound Bath

Come and join our monthly group and experience a relaxing morning. When I was going through my cancer treatments, I experienced a relaxing way to calm and quiet moments through this method. Vibrational sound with singing bowls works with our physical body and the energy field that extends from our physical bodies by calming our nervous system. As a result this produces a feeling of deep relaxation and peacefulness. The tones and frequency of the bowls give you the opportunity to meditate on a personal level. It is called a bath because participants are being bathed in sound and vibration. Presented by *Jayne Hayes, Vibrational Sound Practitioner*.

Date and Time: Tuesday February 2 (weather permitting) at 10:00am to 11:15am

Fee: \$10

Location: St. Stephen's Meeting Room 125/126.

Reserve a space by calling Deacon Ken Zawadzki at 708-342-2400, Ext:136 Space is limited, so call now.

****For your comfort please wear comfy clothing, bring a mat or something soft to lay on, a light blanket, and small pillow.****

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.



Human Concerns



Donating to St. Vincent de Paul has become easier through our new ONLINE GIVING.

Go to www.ststephentinley.com and click on the ONLINE GIVING logo to the left of the screen to register and make your donation. Thank you from our St. Vincent de Paul Society Confidentiality and Compassionate cornerstones of our SVdP ministry.

St. Vincent De Paul Food Collection

Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7 will be our monthly food collection for the St. Vincent De Paul Ministry to help support the Tinley Park food pantry. Non-perishable items such as breakfast cereal, pasta, pancake mixes, canned goods should be bagged and left in the church Narthex. Paper towels, toiletry paper, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies are always welcomed. St. Stephen Parish has created a section of the food pantry for gluten free foods. Please mark your bag **"gluten free items"** if you include those in your donations.

Please help our parishioners in need and thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

Respect Life Ministry

St. Stephen's Respect Life Ministry gathers for prayer and planning on the **3rd Thursday** each month in **room 125** of the parish office. The Respect Life Ministry focus is upon dignity of life issues. Our goal is to make concerns known, educate our faith community on the particulars, and provide support and assistance for Catholic life concerns through prayer and action. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Bill Schultz at the parish office.



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



Ticket Reservation Form

5th Annual CJB/SSDM Comedy Night

"Super Bowl of Laughs"



Saturday, January 30, 2016 Doors open at 6pm

Orland Chateau 14500 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park

Contact Information (Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ St. Stephen Parishioner
_____ CJB Family
_____ SSDM Religious Ed Family
_____ Other _____

Dinner & Show Tickets

Indicate number of tickets:

_____ Single Tickets \$40/ea

_____ Table for 10 - \$400

FOR PARTIES OF 3 OR MORE

Complete Entrée Selections
Form on Reverse Side

Entrée Selection

(Choose dinner selection for each guest)

_____ Roast Sirloin of Beef

_____ Stuffed Pork Chop

_____ Roast Chicken Breast

_____ Vegetarian Meal

Special Requests (Seating, dietary, etc.)

How to order

CHURCH OFFICE: Drop off or mail form with payment or Give Central confirmation number to:

St. Stephen Church,
17500 South 84th Ave.
Tinley Park, 60487

CJB BACKPACK: Send form with payment or Give Central confirmation number via CJB Backpack – Label envelope "Comedy Night"

Payment options:

Cash/check (Make checks payable to St. Stephen's Church)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I/We paid online via Give Central.org*

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____ Confirmation # _____

Please note: Ticket orders paid electronically cannot be processed without the givecentral.org confirmation number or completed Reservation Form.

*The givecentral.org account for this event is set up through St. Stephen. To purchase, visit www.ststephentinley.com and click on *Comedy Night 2016*, then click the *Give Central* link or click here: SSDM/CJB Comedy Night Givecentral.org.

Questions or More Info? St. Stephen Church office: 708-342-2400 or www.ststephentinley.com

The Fine Print Full payment required with order. Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Must be 21 years or older for admittance. All sales final. No refunds. For mail order requests, tickets will be mailed to the name and address listed above within 5 business days. For CJB backpack orders, tickets will be returned via backpack within 5 business days. Seating requests are not guaranteed.

Youth Education and Formation

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.

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.)

Congratulations to our St. Stephen parishioners who made the High Honor Roll at Brother Rice.

Vincent Zampillo & Patrick Dumais



Confirmation Service Project

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, St. Elizabeth Seton Religious Education Program and Cardinal Bernardin School - 7th Graders are preparing for a service project to benefit PADS, the Illinois Veterans Home-Manteno, and St. Leo Campus for Veterans (7750 S. Emerald, Chicago, IL). This project will involve the gathering of various personal needs of the guests and residents like travel size toiletries and other easily carried personal essentials.

Most items can be purchased for a dollar at the Dollar Store, Walgreens and Target, etc. The list below shows some of the items we gathered last year in a similar and very successfully rewarding project. Once gathered, the 7th grade students will meet on February 21st at 10 AM in the community room at St. Elizabeth Seton to package the items for delivery by Deacon Bill and Pete.

You don’t need to have a 7th grader to donate and we don’t expect each giver to provide all the items on the list. Any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated. Please bring the items in a bag marked “Service project” and leave them in the narthex during the rest of January and February up to Feb. 15. We would like to make at least 75 bags for the project.

Our children will meet on February 21st to sort and package the items for delivery.

<i>Personal Care</i>	<i>Optional</i>
Hand sanitizer	Small candy bars (no nuts)
Bottled water	Individual pkg. chips, pretzels
Toothpaste	Breakfast cereal bars
Face and hand moisturizer	Sugar free candy bars
Small packages of Kleenex	Individual package of cookies & snack cakes
Comb/hair brushes	Packaged cheese and crackers
Deodorant bar soap	Packaged peanut buttered crackers
Lip balm	McDonald gift cards
Pre-electric shave lotion	Life saver candy
Bottled water	Forever stamps
Baby powder	Cross word/word search books
Safety razor	Gallon size zip lock bags to package items
Mouth wash	Hair Cream/dressing for men
Body wash-men and women	Polident denture cream/ Efferdent Tablets
After shave lotion	Men’s white sox

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 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 mmullin@aol.com

to signup for your first choice of dates!

CJB DRAMA CLUB

PRESENTS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

**PERFORMANCES AT
2:00PM & 7:00PM**

TICKETS: \$8.00 - ADULTS

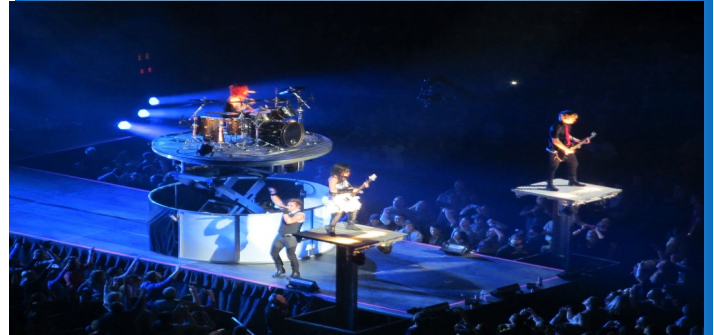
\$6.00 - STUDENTS/SENIORS/CHILDREN

WHERE: ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL

9001 W 171ST STREET, TINLEY PARK

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

WINTER JAM 2016



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

No tickets required—Just \$10.00 at the Allstate 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

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.



Father Greg

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate V



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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

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parishwidesurvey_cohort2 (English)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tinley Park Police "Super Plunge" to raise money for Special Olympics

Beginning on Friday, February 19th seven officers from the Tinley Park Police Department will be "Super Plunging" into the icy waters of Lake Michigan once an hour for 24 hours straight to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. During the event the officers will be camping in tents on the frozen sands of Clark Street Beach in Evanston with other brave plungers. The officers are hoping to raise \$20,000 for Special Olympics during this event. If you're interested in supporting them you can visit www.donordrive.com/participant/tppd and click the "support me" icon to make an on line donation or you can contact Sgt. Bill Devine at 708-444-5345 for additional information.



Polish Ministry

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Ś Szczepana

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

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

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

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

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

Słowo Boże

Medytacja to spotkanie Słowa Bożego z moim życiem. Podstawą medytacji jest Słowo Boże skierowane zawsze do konkretnego człowieka – do mnie. Tak często pytamy o prawdziwy cel i sens naszego życia, ale jak często medytujemy nad Prawem Bożym? Czy postrzegamy swoje życie przez pryzmat Słowa Bożego? Czy zastanawiamy się nad tym, jak działanie Boga objawia się w naszym życiu?

Skąd te pytania? Wynikają z dzisiejszych czytań, które traktują o czytaniu, słuchaniu, opowiadaniu prawd żywych, mimo iż pochodzą z odległej przeszłości. Prorok Nehemiasz opowiada nam, jak to Kapłan Ezdrasz podczas zgromadzenia, „w którym uczestniczyli przede wszystkim mężczyźni, lecz także kobiety oraz wszyscy inni, którzy byli zdolni słuchać” (Ne 8,2b), czytał Pismo Prawa Mojżeszowego, nadanego Izraelowi przez Boga. I nie byłoby w tym nic dziwnego, gdyby nie reakcja ludu wsłuchującego się w tekst. Zastanówmy się, czy dzisiaj byłoby możliwym stworzenie takiej sytuacji, by zgromadzeni, słuchający Słowa Bożego, tak żywiołowo reagowali?

Uczestniczymy wszakże (nie wszyscy) w katechezach, naukach stanowych podczas rekolekcji, misji, słuchamy homilii, kazań, ale czy rozumiemy to wszystko, co jest przekazywane? Mamy nauczycieli, którzy starają się nam tłumaczyć podczas katechez słowa, zdania, dają nam objaśnienia, ale czy my potrafimy słuchać, rozumieć i stosować w życiu to, co wynika z naszej wiary? W obszernym fragmencie Listu do Koryntian Apostoł mówi do nas takimi słowami: „Wy przeto jesteście Ciałem Chrystusa i poszczególnymi członkami. I tak ustanowił Bóg w Kościele najprzód apostołów, po wtóre proroków, po trzecie nauczycieli, a następnie tych, co mają dar czynienia cudów, wspierania pomocą, rządzenia oraz przemawiania rozmaitymi językami. Czyż wszyscy są apostołami? Czy wszyscy prorokują? Czy wszyscy są nauczycielami? Czy wszyscy mają dar czynienia cudów? Czy wszyscy posiadają łaskę uzdrawiania? Czy wszyscy przemawiają językami? Czy wszyscy potrafią je tłumaczyć?” (Kor 12,27-30), a ja dodam: czy wszyscy potrafią je zrozumieć?

Chcemy słuchać, wyciągać wnioski ze Słowa Bożego, słuchać naszych nauczycieli, którym dano zdolność przepowiadania i nauczania, poza tym czytamy sami, by pogłębiać wiarę, podbudowując ją wiedzą, i kroczyć po Ścieżkach Pana, naszego najlepszego Nauczyciela, który „...nauczał w ich synagogach, wysławiany przez wszystkich. Przyszedł również do Nazaretu, gdzie się wychował. W dzień szabatu udał się swoim zwyczajem do synagogi i powstał, aby czytać.” (Łk 4,15-17).

Bóg pragnie wejść w nasze życie, ale czyni to tylko wtedy, gdy sami tego pragniemy. Życie na ziemi jest zagrożone, bo człowiek lekceważy prawa wpisane w jego naturę i tworzy własne prawa. Ze słuchania Słowa Bożego rodzi się wiara. Słowo Boże jest światłem, które rozjaśnia ciemności życia. Jest darem i wezwaniem. Jest Słowem Prawdy i mówi, że najważniejszy jest BÓG. Człowiek zawsze pyta, co jest zyskiem, a co stratą, a Pan Jezus mówi, że wierność Ewangelii jest sukcesem, choćby świat uważał inaczej. Kto słucha w duchu wiary słów Bożych, spotka zawsze Jezusa z Nazaretu, a każde spotkanie wyznacza nowy etap naszego zbawienia.

Chryste, prowadź nas Twoimi Ścieżkami i pomóż nam otworzyć się na działanie Ducha Świętego, który uzdalnia nas do przyjęcia Słowa Bożego, Twojego Słowa.

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	Ssgt. 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



Sun 01-24	Baby nursing #153 Narthex...Comedy Night Ticket Sales 9:30 AM RCIA #125 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)
Mon 01-25	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 10:00 AM Young @ Heart LMR & #161
Tues 01-26	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 1:00 PM Pastoral Staff Meeting #126 7:30 PM Highlanders #170/171/172/173 7:30 PM Rosary Daily Chapel
Wed 01-27	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
Thurs 01-28	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 Kingdom Meeting #126 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Praise Band Church 7:30 PM Baptism Prep LMR
Fri 01-29	8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Bible/Scripture Study #126
Sat 01-30	Baby nursing #153 Blessing of throats at 5pm, 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 6:15pm Masses Comedy Night Orland Chateau 11:00 AM 1st Comm Prep Day LMR & Education Wing 1:00 PM 1st Comm Prep Day LMR & Education Wing
Sun 01-31	Baby nursing #153 Blessing of throats at 5pm, 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 6:15pm Masses 9:30 AM RCIA #125 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 10:00 AM Catholic Schools Mass Church 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word #154-156 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Living Stations Church (all speaking roles) 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism 4:30 PM Book Discussion LMR

DATE REMINDERS:

- The Mass Book for 2017 is now open.
- 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
31-Jan	Celebrant	Fr Jay	Fr Jay	Fr Greg	Fr Jay	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Greg
	Deacons	Dcn Bill S.	Dcn Ken	Dcn Bill E.	Dcn Bill E.	Dcn Joe	Sun 1/24
	Greeters	Mary Tafoya		Bob Ridge	Pauline Cotrano	Joan Beck	Team #2
		Joan Beck		Barb Ridge	Anna Williams	B.J. Witry	Sun 1/31
		Dave Newquist		Helen Klimek	Dorothy Meyrick	Lynn Packert	Team #3
		Shirley Newquist		Helen Zimmerman	Bob Meyrick	Natalie Sims	

Mass Intentions

<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 DiBenedetto
6:15pm	Carmella Fanelli	req.by	Adult Altar Servers
<u>1/25</u>	<u>Monday</u>		
	Carol De Joris	req.by	Frank & Mary Werr
	Purgatorial Society		
<u>1/26</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>		
8:00am	Anna Covelli & Fred Zicarelli	req.by	Emily Johnson
	Veronoca Skuirblys	req.by	Lorrene April
<u>1/27</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>		
8:00am	Vince Dietz	req.by	Bob & Kathy Dietz
	Walter Anthony	req.by	Jim Ferguson
<u>1/28</u>	<u>Thursday</u>		
8:00am	Thanksgiving for Puray & Diloy Families		
	Earl "Sony" Janaira	req.by	The Deanching Family
<u>1/29</u>	<u>Friday</u>		
8:30am	Carol DeJoris	req.by	Young at Heart Group
	Rita Weber	req.by	Keith & Sharon Grill
<u>1/30</u>	<u>Saturday</u>		
8:00am	Toni Twarok	req.by	Pam & Mario Marr
	Int. of R.M. Family	req.by	T. M.
5:00pm	Kathleen Pence	req.by	Helen R\Zimmerman
	Julia Minnick	req.by	Marilyn Dwyer
	Kevin Renderman	req.by	Keith & Sharon Grill
	Rosemarie Plundo	req.by	The Richter Family
	John T. Dygdon	req.by	The Dygdon Family
<u>1/31</u>	<u>Sunday</u>		
7:00am	For the People		
	Donalo Thunston	req.by	Candace Dunleavy
8:30am	Loretta Werr	req.by	Bern Daley
	Toni Twarok	req.by	Pam & Mario Marr
10:00am	Paul Tomaskovic	req.by	Adult Atlar Servers
	Loretta Werr	req.by	Pauline Cotrano
11:30am	Salvatore Lamargo	req.by	The Family
	Judith A. Nabzdyk	req.by	Mom & Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace		
6:15pm	Thomas & Sharlene O'Malley	req.by	Rose & John Goyer
	Margaret Nash Burke	req.by	Barb & Ed Bara

Pray for Our Sick

Helen Agresti	Lillian Kurzawski
Kristen Baldyga	Joey Moylan
Gerry Barnes	Dave Newquist
Julie Barth	Nathan Parry
Arlene Beavan	Robert Rasmussen
Bill Beavan	Gerri Rasmussen
Kathie Brosius	Bill Reidy
Tammy Burns	Joe & Joan Ricciuti
Billy Callaghan	Baby Marek Rudzki
Joanne Chess	Betty Ruzich
Thomas Connors	Mary Lou Schoettler
John Cornwall	Nicole Siedschlag
James Courtney	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	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

Nancy Mark

Weekly Readings

Sun Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10
 Mon Acts 22: 3-16
 Tues 2 Tm 1: 1-8
 Wed 2 Sm 7: 4-17/ Ps 89: 4-5
 Thur 2 Sm 7: 18-19. 24-29
 Fri 2 Sm 11: 1-4a. 5-10a. 13-17
 Sat 2 Sm 12: 1-7a. 10-17

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Jonathan William Mizera
 Daniel John Ryan Nelson
 Christian Paul Rachanski
 Colton James Raddatz

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