



St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish

JUBILEE OF MERCY

COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

At different moments, we all struggle with hesitations, questions, and insecurities. In faith and mercy, we reach out to be a source of encouragement and support for those who struggle.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak.
(Romans 14:1; 15:1)



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AT A TIME

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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

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

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Our School

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Our Staff

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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 02-07-2016

Regular	\$22,968.00
Kids	\$114.46
Sharing	\$230.00
CJB- Angel Fund	\$152.00
Christmas	\$40.00
Holy Mother	\$10.00

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

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,
One of the questions in one form of the baptismal promises asks us: "Do you reject the glamour of evil?" It is an appropriate question to reflect upon as we hear this weekend the gospel story of Jesus' temptations in the desert. Temptations are those things that attract us to turn away from what Matthew Kelly calls "the best version of ourselves." In themselves, temptations are generally good things, but they need to be used as God made them to be used. Think of the temptations that Jesus encounters in the gospel readings today. The first is to satisfy His hunger by changing a stone into bread. Surely overcoming hunger is a good thing; to feed the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy. The devil's temptation is for Jesus to turn away from His life mission, so Jesus replies "one does not live on bread alone." The second temptation is to worldly power. Power is not a bad thing in itself; power can be used to accomplish many good things. But power is given to us to serve the Lord and His will and purposes, so Jesus responds to the temptation by saying "God alone shall you serve." The third temptation also tests Jesus by seeking to have Him turn away from His mission. The devil says, "Throw yourself off the parapet of the Temple, be rescued by the Angels, and bask in fame and glory." The temptation is for Jesus to turn away from His mission to redeem all of us by turning away from fully embracing human nature and the suffering His mission would entail. Jesus embraces the will of God the

Father by saying "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." The devil presents glamorous human things - material well-being, power, human glory - to seek to draw Jesus away from the true glory of serving the will of God the Father.

In this Year of Mercy, we celebrate the merciful love of God that comes to us through the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. The season of Lent calls us to open our hearts to the Lord and to serve the merciful God above all things. Temptations seek to attract us to turn away from our most important values - to love God above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Temptations often have a glamour attached to them that distorts our values. St. Thomas More, nearly 500 years ago, wrote this in "Of Jewels and Wealth":

"They wonder much to hear that gold, which is in itself so useless a thing, should be everywhere so much esteemed, that even men for whom it was made, and by whom it has its value, should be thought of less than it is."

Gold glitters, as does all material wealth. It is not evil in itself. The desire for gold or wealth or power can tempt us to turn away from the most important and lasting values - the values of Christ. The glamour offered by physical beauty can turn us away from deeper values of commitment, faithfulness, and respect for persons in relation to sexuality. Our culture tempts us to embrace immediate gratification and pleasure; less often do we see affirmed more profound and lasting

values of love and respect for the dignity of every human person. We are tempted to put aside the lasting values that Jesus teaches.

Overcoming temptation is not only a rejection of shallow values but also an embracing of lasting values and of using all the good that God has created in the way that the Lord would want us to do. Just as Jesus' overcoming of temptation led him to embrace His mission in His public life, so also Lent is meant to lead us to embrace more fully the work of the Lord's love. Prayer and fasting are meant to deepen and focus our relationship with the Lord and our love for God above all things. Almsgiving expresses our love of neighbor. Lent is meant to lead us to fill our lives with love for God and love for others in the spirit of Jesus. May we all embrace the Lord's love during this Lenten season.

This Saturday here at St. Stephen Bishop Wypych celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation in Polish for 60 young people from the local Polish school. Fr. Greg works with them to prepare them for the sacraments. In a month, on March 12, Bishop Rojas will confirm 196 young people from our parish who have been preparing for the sacrament in our parish school and religious education program. Please keep all these young people and their families in your prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

A Request From Fr. Greg

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know I have been participating in an annual review from the Archdiocese: 360 Catholic Leadership review. By diocesan policy all active priests must participate in this approximately every 5 years. Part of the review is a Parish-wide survey in which all parishioners are invited to participate. It is a short survey with only 21 questions; it will take just a few minutes to complete. The web addresses are listed below. Thank you for your participation in this important survey.
(Fr. Greg Warmuz)

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parishwidesurvey_cohort2

https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/parishwidesurvey-spanish_cohort2

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parishwidesurvey-polish_cohort2

Spiritual Life

Lenten Calendar 2016

The Merciful God alone shall you serve

Merciful God, in serving others I serve you.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20
Reflection For the Day	When He calls on me, I will answer Him.	Our eyes are upon the Lord, our God.	O Lord, You have been my refuge.	Return to Me, says the Lord, for I am gracious and merciful.	Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.	Pray for a new heart and spirit. 	Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.
Suggested Activity	Make some time to read the New Testament.	Open your eyes to all the beautiful things God has created.	Reflect on all the times that our Lord has saved you from harm.	Stop by Church and spend a few minutes with the Lord.	Shop for an elderly relative or a friend.	Forgive someone who has hurt you.	Follow the Ten Commandments every day.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"The Little Black Book"

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. Once again we have the Little Black Books available. This book will help us to walk through Lent by reading the scriptures along with explanations, reflections, quotes and other information. All Catholics are asked to devote more time to prayer during Lent and the Little Black Book can be used daily to help us spend time with the Lord. "The Little Black Book" is available in the narthex. Please take one and use it to pray daily during Lent. A donation of \$1.00 is requested to cover the cost of "The Little Black Book" which is based on the writings of Bishop Ken Untener of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

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.



Lenten Intention Cross

As part of our Lenten observance we invite everyone to write a Lenten intention on the cards that are available in the narthex. Please write your intentions and family name on the card and place the card in the basket marked intentions. These intentions will then be placed on the crosses displayed in the narthex. By posting our intentions on the crosses we show our willingness to reflect on the meaning of Lent.

Spiritual Life

Our Lenten Schedule

Masses during Lent:

Daily 8am; Every Thursday at 7pm in the Daily Chapel (English), Every Friday at 8:15pm (Polish)
Sunday Liturgy: Saturdays at 5pm; Sundays at 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am. 6:15pm (English); 1pm (Polish)

Stations of the Cross:

Every Tuesday at 8:45am (Daily Chapel); Every Friday at 6:30pm (Church) (English)
Every Friday at 7:30pm (Church) (Polish)

Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday at 8:45am-9:30am (Bi-lingual)
In addition we will have confessions on: Saturday, March 19 from 8:45 – 10am;
Monday, March 21 from 7:30 – 8:30pm; Wednesday, March 23 from 7:30 – 8:30pm;
Thursday, March 24 from 11am – 12 Noon

Lenten Reconciliation Service:

March 9, 2016 at 7:30pm

(Note: there will be no confessions heard on Holy Saturday)



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 at 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, 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.

Rediscover
Jesus

Spiritual Life

How Can We Become Ministers of Mercy?

Pope Francis proclaimed December 2015- November 2016 The Year of Mercy. He said, "Wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy." He went on to say, "Mercy means to come to the aid of another out of a sense of relationship." He believes this is the "Foundation of the church's life and credibility". He asks us to become "Ministers of Mercy": spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Our Holy Father is asking us to engage with people in words and deeds. Our Stewardship Team asked, "How can we put Pope Francis' words in action in our parish?"

One way is to remember Jesus ALWAYS sees US through eyes of Love and compassion. We are all children of God. Do we see each other through the same lens with which Jesus sees us? We are asked to look for Jesus in everyone we encounter. Can you imagine how different our world would be if we remembered to do this with everyone we met?

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are great places to begin to look for ways to show mercy to others. These works offer an opportunity for us to build deeper relationships and to share our gifts. "Mercy is Grace in Action", according to Fr. Richard Rohr. Each of us has been given gifts from God that He asks us to share with one another. These enable us to become more active "Ministers of Mercy".

Our Stewardship Team is inviting you to join in our efforts to put "Mercy in Action"; sharing our gifts by choosing thoughtful acts of kindness to share with others. St. Stephen's offers many ways in which we can demonstrate our mercy for others; by participating in the wide variety of ministries in our parish, by bringing food and supplies for the food pantry each month, by actively participating at Mass, sharing faith and love of God with your children by bringing them to Mass each week, participation in any of the clubs in our parish, and the tremendous financial support you provide for our parish, are just a few examples of our Stewardship in action. The foundation, on which our parish is built, is Stewardship.

We are such a MARVELOUS parish because of YOU!!!

Together, during this Year of Mercy, let's reveal our strong faith and love of Jesus through our words and actions. Mercy is family love. Try making dinner together one night and talk about what actions you can do as a family. Maybe there's a neighbor on the block who could use some help; setting out their garbage cans, becoming a "Mom's helper" for them or just a knock on the door to say hello. Mercy is communication with others. If you are unable to get out too well, share your gifts with family and friends by phone or on social media. Send a thoughtful e-mail to someone letting him or her know you are thinking about him or her. Call a friend or text just to say hello. Your gift to be a friend and listen to others can mean far more to them than you can imagine.

All ages can become "Ministers of Mercy." With your guidance young children can draw pictures or take photos and send them to friends or family members using the computer or regular mail. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. What a great day to remember all those whom we love and care about. What a perfect time to reconnect with others and tell them how much they mean to us. All of these are little ways we look at others through the eyes of Love as Jesus does.

Our Stewardship Team invites you to share some of your ideas or ways you have been "touched" by someone's thoughtfulness/ Mercy. We invite you to write your ideas on sticky notes, which will be available on a table in the narthex, and place them on one of the posters that you will see in the narthex. No names please. We encourage you to share these ideas continually throughout the weeks as inspirations to others who are looking for ways to become even greater "Ministers of Mercy".
(The Stewardship Team)

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.

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.

Scripture Study

We meet on Friday mornings in Room 126 from 8:45 AM until 10 AM. You can join Scripture Study any time. We are a very welcoming group, we learn from each other and from our facilitator, and have meaningful, interesting and at times fun discussions. This class is for you whether you are new to Scripture or not. If you would like more information please contact, Tom Mitus at 708-479-6980, or e-mail: tomsfo@comcast.net.



Save the Date... Thy Kingdom Come...

Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th, 2016 **Thy Will Be Done on Earth...** only if YOU are there!

Kingdom is a two-day retreat (**no overnight**) held at St. Stephen's Parish, and open to anyone 18 years of age or older (single, married, divorced, separated or widowed). More information and registration forms will be in the bulletin later in February. Join us for a weekend of Faith, Friendship, Fun and Food!



Ordination Bann for Bob Conlin



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contact the pastor or the archbishop with such information as soon as possible if there is a serious question about the candidate's suitability for ordained ministry.

Ordination Bann

Bob Conlin, a parishioner of St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr parish, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon on June 4, 2016 at Holy Name Cathedral by Archbishop Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. This is a public announcement of the upcoming ordination and fulfills the canonical requirement. Catholics are



Parish Life

Ladies Social Club

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 10:00 A.M., in Rooms 125/126, the St. Stephen's Ladies Social Club will hold our January meeting, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, please check with the office. We will have a Law enforcement office, and he will be discussing women's safety issues. Feel free to join us for



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

"Souper Bowl" for the Needy

This Sunday is "Souper Bowl" Sunday for those in need. The teen group will have their annual "Souper Bowl" collection to assist PADS and other ministries that assist those in need, especially through teen service projects. We invite you to drop your loose change or a few dollars in the pots that teens will have in the narthex after all the



Masses next week. It is one way to join in the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and the imprisoned, and burying the dead..



Parish Center Metal Re-Cycling

The weekend of February 20 & 21 will be our monthly recycling drive. Hours will be Saturday will be from 4:30-6:15pm and Sunday 7:30am to 1pm. Our drives are the third weekend of each month. Please place empty metal cans into sealed plastic garbage bags. The donations can be dropped off by the truck or van located by the garages in the back of the parking lot. An attendant will be available to assist you. If you are having a party, family gathering, moving or remodeling, house cleaning, or just getting rid of things you no longer use, please bring them to our collection. If you have items that are too large to bring, i.e., washing machines, dryers, stoves, dishwasher, etc., please contact Andy DeLuca at 708-606-3755 to arrange pickup. Finally, we want to continue to be good neighbors, therefore only drop off metal objects on the 3rd weekend of the month as noted above. Please do not place metal objects near or around the parish garages.



Thank you for your generous recycling donations. As of January 2016, we have collected \$8,575 toward the Parish Center.

Marriage

None



Renew My Church

Archbishop Cupich has written a column in the Catholic New World on the Archdiocesan planning process. **Renew My Church** is an archdiocese-wide process to strengthen parish vitality for the long-term future. This process will continue over the coming months and years and will be carried out in wide consultation with the clergy and laity. The Archbishop's article was published in the February 7 issue of the New World which will arrive in subscribers' homes this week, and also may be found on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website, www.archchicago.org, in English, Spanish and Polish.

Parish Life

President's Day

The Parish and RE Offices are closed on Monday, February 15 for the President's Day Holiday... We wish you all a safe and peaceful weekend.



Mass Honoring St. Patrick



Please join us on Sunday, March 6, at the 8:30AM Mass for this years' Annual Irish at to honor St. Patrick. We will be hosting an Irish Soda Bread contest in the large meeting room immediately following the 8:30AM Mass. Please join us to sample a taste and cast your vote for your favorite soda bread. Don't forget to wear your green to show your Celtic pride.

Soda Bread Contest

This year St. Stephen's is hosting an Irish Soda Bread contest. It will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 immediately following the 8:30am Mass in the large meeting room. All bakers are welcome; so if you would like to participate in the contest, you will need to provide two loafs of your homemade Irish Soda bread for sampling. Please drop off your entry on Saturday, March 5. Entries must have your name, address, phone number and email address on it so we can identify who they belong to. We will issue a number for your entry so you will be anonymous when people sample it and cast their vote for their favorite choice.



Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-Mail Address:	

Memorial Bricks

Brick pavers 4" x 8", are available for purchase and can be placed in the brick gardens east and west of the church entrance or in our military brick garden for those who are or those who served in the military or in our pet garden which is located by our St. Francis Statue. The cost per brick is \$100 each and will be placed **randomly** in the gardens. The bricks are engraved with up to 21 characters per line with a maximum of 3 lines of print. If you would like to purchase a brick, please come to the parish office and fill out a brick form. I will be placing an order for bricks at the end of March so that the bricks will arrive sometime in early spring. Thank you and God Bless....Karen

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 Compassion are cornerstones of our SVdP ministry.

Human Trafficking Modern-Day Slavery The Plight of 36 Million People

Thursday, February 18th at 7pm at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 West 131st Street, Orland Park, come hear Jan and Dirk Swiderek talk about modern day slavery and how it affects our local communities as well as the world around us. Have you ever wondered where all the missing children go? Jan and Dirk have been actively exposing modern slavery and working to pass legislation to combat this horror. Please come and listen to their story!

This program is part of the Knowledge and Prayer Series sponsored by the Multi- Parish Respect Life Ministries of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Michael and Our Lady of the Woods Parishes in Orland Park, and Saint Bernard and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parishes of Homer Glen. The Saint Stephen Respect Life Ministry meeting scheduled for this date is cancelled, so that everyone can attend this important presentation.

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. For more information, please call Joyful Again Widowed Ministry at 708-354-7211.



Youth Education and Formation



FOR 8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Kyle Groves
Parish Youth/
Young Adult
Minister

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

TEEN MEETING @ SETON

6pm–8pm in the Cornerstone

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

OPEN GYM NIGHT @ SETON

6pm–8pm in the Gymnasium

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MISSION TRIP MEETING

SETON CHURCH HALL, 1pm–2pm

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

TEEN MEETING @ STEPHEN'S

7pm–9pm in the Parish Office

■ SUNDAY, MARCH 3

MISSION TRIP MEETING

STEPHEN'S, 6 pm–7 pm in Stephen's Church Offices
Please contact Kyle Groves by phone at

219-928-8386 or email kgroves@steseton.com



“Be A Saint” Challenge!

If our call during Lent is to bear our own cross and follow Jesus, then what better way than to act more like a Saint! Your challenge is to “Be A Saint” for a day. Make time for prayer and do random acts of kindness. There are many ways to be a saint.

Inspire Others!

Share your experience(s) with us and we will post your “saintly efforts” in our church bulletin to inspire others this Lent ! Forward your story to kgroves@steseton.com.

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

SERVICE HOURS AVAILABLE

for Babysitting at 10am Mass.

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

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.

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. See the display in the narthex. 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 by February 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.

Youth Education and Formation



Our High School Youth Ministry invites all incoming high school freshmen to young adults

to join us on a mission trip to

HARLAN, KENTUCKY

JUNE 26-JULY 2, 2016

Come to one of two informational meetings:

St. Elizabeth Seton Church Hall

Sunday, Feb. 28 from 1-2 pm

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Church Offices

Wednesday, March 2 from 6-7 pm

The volunteers come to Harlan to offer their labor, enthusiasm, and to live out their convictions. Volunteers lower the cost of our housing and help provide a match for other sources of funding. In addition, volunteers are able to witness the natural beauty of the mountains and warmth of the people who call Harlan their home. Trip capacity:

30 teens and 10 chaperones (first-come, first-serve basis).

For registration information or questions, please contact

Kyle Groves by phone at 219-928-8386 or email kgroves@steseton.com

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.soill.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.



Knights of Columbus Comedy Night

Fr. C.C. Boyle Knights of Columbus council is once again hosting their annual Comedy Night show on Saturday February 27th, 2016 in O’Connell Hall at the St. George School. As in the past, we will have professional comedians with excellent clean humor. This year’s Main Headliner is Sonja White. Ticket price is \$35.00 per person which includes the show, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, water. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Dinner - 7:00pm and ShowTime - 8:15pm. For reservations or more information please call Don Clark at 708 532 8653. If there is no answer please leave a message and someone will call you back.



Run with the Nuns 5K and Youth Dash

Run with the Nuns 5K and Youth Dash on Sunday, June 5th at 8a.m. All Walkers, runners, and children WELCOME! *Run with the Nuns* is a chip-timed race through natural hills and picturesque scenery of Mount Assisi Academy and Mount Assisi Convent. This challenging all-terrain course features a variety of surfaces from asphalt to grass. All participants who are registered before May 15th will receive a short-sleeve dry-fit shirt.

All participants receive a medal.

For more information, please visit www.runwiththenuns.org



Polish Ministry

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Śzczepana

W ciągu 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 bliźsze informajce proszę dzwonić do biura parafialnego pod numer 1(708) 342- 2400 wew 137

Ręka, która karmi

Wiadomym jest, że aby przeżyć, trzeba jeść. Znane powiedzenie „nie po to człowiek żyje, by jeść, lecz po to je, by żyć” można odnieść zarówno do pokarmu w znaczeniu codziennym, zwykłym, jak i do pokarmu duchowego. W obu przypadkach pokarm jest warunkiem życia. W pierwszym – życia cielesnego, w drugim – życia wiecznego, które jest nam dane przez Tego, który złożył Siebie w ofierze za nas wszystkich.

Ale nie o chlebie i innych wiktualach dzisiaj. Wstęp dotyczy zupełnie innego wymiaru – wymiaru naszego powołania, naszej służby i naszego życia duchowego. Przypatrzmy się powołaniu naszemu, tej drodze do Boga i świętości, przypatrzmy naszej wierze i naszemu życiu, naszej służbie i chęci służby. Niejeden – niejedna z nas odczuwa głód, właśnie ten z wyższego wymiaru, głód duchowy. Krótko mówiąc, chciałoby się służyć Bogu, ale warunki, okoliczności nie pozwalają.

W tym miejscu można by zacytować całe dzisiejsze czytanie, ale przecież je usłyszymy, więc przypomnę tylko główne przesłanie św. Pawła „Słowo to jest blisko ciebie, na twoich ustach i w sercu twoim. Ale jest to słowo wiary, którą głosimy. Jeżeli więc ustami swoimi wyznasz, że JEZUS JEST PANEM, i w sercu swoim uwierzysz, że Bóg Go wskrzesił z martwych – osiągniesz zbawienie.” (Rz 10,8-9). To właśnie cel naszego życia, a Słowo, o którym mowa, jest Słowem ponadczasowym, skierowanym do nas wszystkich, do tych, którzy byli, którzy są i którzy będą.

Święty Paweł przypomina nam, że „każdy, kto wezwie imienia Pańskiego, będzie zbawiony.” (Rz 10,13). Wszakże musimy pamiętać, iż na swojej drodze niejednokrotnie natknąć możemy się na tych, którzy będą próbowali nas odwieść od wybranego kierunku, obiecując nam zaszczyty, władzę, bogactwa, bylebyśmy przystali do nich, do tych, którzy za nic mają Boga, wiarę, życie wieczne. To zagrożenie, z którym spotkać się możemy w każdym czasie, w każdym miejscu. Czasami stwarzać je będą ludzie obcy, czasami znajomi, bliscy, czasami sytuacje, oferty, a nawet nasze własne myśli, ale zdawać sobie powinniśmy sprawę z tego, że zawsze w tle stoi szatan, którego jedynym zadaniem jest odwieść nas od Boga. Słowami „Tobie dam potęgę i wspaniałość tego wszystkiego, bo mnie są poddane i mogę je odstąpić, komu chcę. Jeśli więc upadniesz i oddasz mi pokłon, wszystko będzie Twoje.” (Łk 4,6-7) próbował skusić Jezusa, ale i my możemy usłyszeć podobne słowa. Nie dajmy się zwieść! Pokochajmy jeszcze bardziej Boga, Jego Słowa i nie odcinajmy ręki, która nas karmi.

Maryjo, Boża Rodzicielko, Matko nasza, uproś nam możliwość uczestniczenia w radości życia wiecznego, ofiarowaną nam przez Mękę, Śmierć i Zmartwychwstanie Twego Syna, Jezusa Chrystusa.

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 02-21** Baby nursing #153 | 9:30 AM RCIA #125
 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 | 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word #154-156
 11:00 AM Welcoming & Parish Reg. LMR & #158/159 | 2:00 PM Polish Lamentations Church
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Living Stations Church (all speaking roles)
- Mon 02-22** NO RE | Parish & RE Offices Closed
 Presidents Day
- Tues 02-23** NO RE | 8:45 AM Stations of the Cross (English) Daily Chapel
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Ladies Social Club #125/126 | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Catechist Meeting LMR
 7:30 PM Highlanders #170/171/172/173 | 7:30 PM Stewardship #126
- Wed 02-24** 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 | 7:15 PM Kingdom prep meeting #125
 7:30 PM RE Board #154
- Thurs 02-25** Sadlier filming setup 5:45pm | 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 Mass (English) Daily Chapel followed by Rosary
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Praise Band Church | 7:00 PM Respect Life #126
- Fri 02-26** Sadlier Filming Church All day 8:30am - 5pm | 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Bible/Scripture Study #126
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (English) Church | 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Polish) Church
 8:15 PM Mass (Polish) Church
- Sat 02-27** Baby nursing #153 | 8:30 AM Scripture Reflection #125
 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Book Study B. Black #126 | 11:00 AM 1st Comm Prep Day LMR & Education Wing
 1:00 PM 1st Comm Prep Day LMR & Education Wing
- Sun 02-28** Baby nursing #153 | Polish Mission at 1pm Mass
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Growing With God #162-167 | 9:30 AM RCIA #125
 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 | 10:00 AM Grade 4 Mass Church
 2:00 PM Polish Lamentations Church | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Living Stations Church (all speaking roles) | 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM CJB Drama Club Party

DATE REMINDERS:

- 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
21-Feb	Celebrant	Fr Jay	Fr Greg	Fr Jay	Fr Jay	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Greg
	Deacons	Dcn Pete	Dcn Bill S.	Dcn Bill S.		Dcn Joe	Sun 2/14
	Greeters	Mary Tafoya		Jeanne Upreti	Chris Losey	Lynn Packert	Team #1
		Joan Beck		Mary Berger	Mark Losey	Charlene Mueller	Sun 2/21
		Dave Newquist		Linda Knapkiewicz	Adam Shaal	Theresa Buckley	Team #2
		Shirley Newquist		Helen Klimek	Erin Shaal	Terri Buckley	

Mass Intentions

<u>2/14</u> <u>Sunday</u>			
7:00am	For the People Marie Balestri	req.by	Al & Natalie Barcas
8:30am	Loretta Werr Joseph Cariola	req.by	Joan Kapala The DeChene Family
10:00am	Ellen Adams Ed Kern	req.by	M/M D. Lindenmeyer Emily Johnson
11:30am	Salvatore LaMargo Ruth Copeland	req.by	The Family The Truesdale Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace		
6:15pm	Carmella Fanelli Halina Leonard	req.by	Dorotha Wanamker Adult Altar Servers
<u>2/15</u> <u>Monday</u>			
8:00am	Joseph Cariola Purgatorial Society	req.by	The Eiermann Family
<u>2/16</u> <u>Tuesday</u>			
8:00am	Julia Wegner Stanley Mitus	req.by	Ted Wegner Tom Mitus
<u>2/17</u> <u>Wednesday</u>			
8:00am	Frank Wojtkowshi, Jr. Theresa Socha	req.by	Carol Fornek The Colletta Family
<u>2/18</u> <u>Thursday</u>			
8:00am	Carol DeJotis Adolfo Sumera	req.by	Adult Altar Servers Connie Sumera
7:00pm	Sue Stauton Gabriel Plebanski Walter & Dennis Franckowiak	req.by	Tom & Pat Monahan Adult Altar Servers The Franckowiak Family
<u>2/19</u> <u>Friday</u>			
8:30am	John Ahlert Maureen Keane	req.by	Karen Opyd Mike & Mary Moran
<u>2/20</u> <u>Saturday</u>			
8:00am	Clara Gamino	req.by	The Deanching Family & Heidi Miguel
	Rose Kelleher	req.by	Bridget Boyle
5:00pm	Agnes Zasowski John V. Ahlert Bart Boyle John T. Dygdon Jeanette Dygdon Int of Giuseppe Pumo Birthday	req.by	Marilyn Dwyer Francine Courtney Bridget Boyle The Dygdon Family The Dygdon Family Daughters
<u>2/21</u> <u>Sunday</u>			
7:00am	For the People Tom Doody	req.by	Mike & Mary Moran
8:30am	Raymond Norbot Robert Davis	req.by	The Family The Family
10:00am	Joseph Cariola John Ahlert	req.by	Tom & Sheila O'Malley Leslie Krauledis
11:30am	Tom O'Neill John & Stella Engel Stanley & Mary Mikos	req.by	Joan Coughlan Tom & Gladys Mikos
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Jozef Kowalczyk	req.by	The Family
6:15pm	Victoria Rogala Halina Kelso Leonard	req.by	Peggy Henzl The Family

Pray for Our Sick

Helen Agresti	Larry Hersh
Kristen Baldyga	Lillian Kurzawski
Gerry Barnes	Joey Moylan
Julie Barth	Dave Newquist
Arlene Beavan	Nathan Parry
Bill Beavan	Robert Rasmussen
Kathie Brosius	Gerri Rasmussen
Tammy Burns	Bill Reidy
Billy Callaghan	Joe & Joan Ricciuti
Joanne Chess	Baby Marek Rudzki
Thomas Conners	Betty Ruzich
John Cornwall	Mary Lou Schoettler
James Courtney	Nicole Siedschlag
John Czerniak	Rachel Swallow
Ida DeJohn	Joseph Tierney
Janice Dorff	Michael Vasek
Joe Dorff	MaryBeth Vasquez
Bill Galvin	Father Jim Watzke
Caroline Grady	Kelly Weiss
Fran Grousnick	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

Juliene Japcon
Stanislaw Mulica
Leo Rutkowski

Weekly Readings

Sun	Dt 26: 4-10/ Ps 91: 1-2. 10-11
Mon	Lv 19: 1-2. 11-18/ Ps 19: 8. 9
Tues	Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 34: 4-5. 6-7
Wed	Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 51: 3-4. 12-13
Thur	Est C: 12. 14-16. 23-25
Fri	Ez 18: 21-28/ Ps 130: 1-2
Sat	Dt 26: 16-19/ Ps 119: 1-2

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