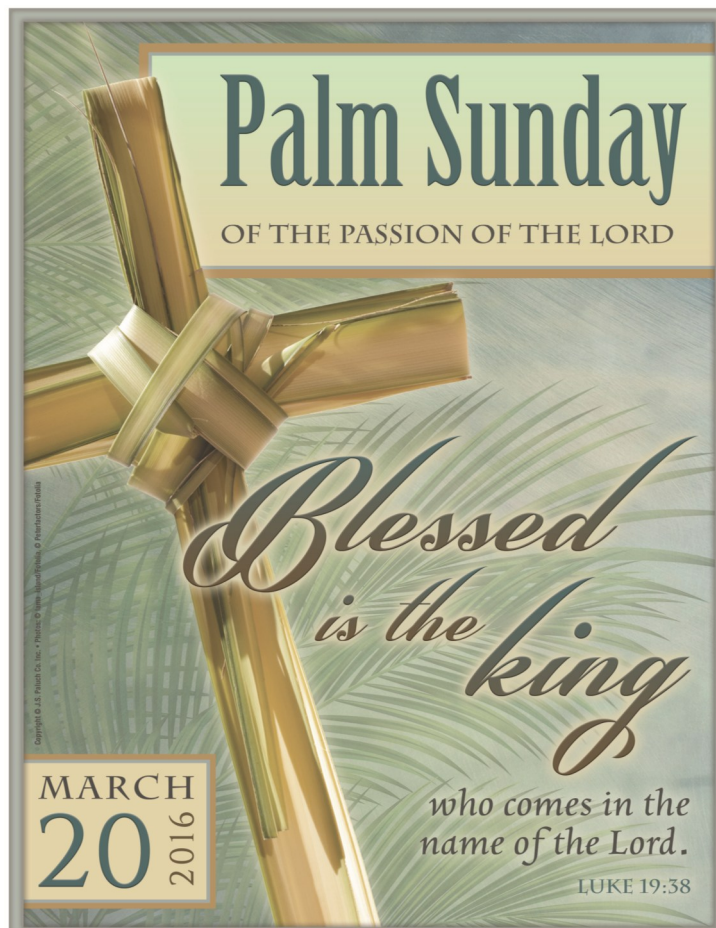


St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish



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: Saturday, 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

17500 South 84th Avenue

Tinley Park, IL 60487

708-342-2400

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Our Church

Parish Office

17500 South 84th Avenue
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Office Hours:

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

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Office Phone: 708.342.2400

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9300 167th Street

Orland Hills, IL 60487

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School Fax: 708.403.8621

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Joann Buryj, Admin. Assistant for Religious Education

Mark Gorka, Music Minister

Karen Dillon, Youth Minister

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, & Treasure

Collections will be available next week

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	February	\$111,945	\$117,500
Year-to-Date	July 1 - February 29	\$997,804	\$1,024,000

Bulletin Submission

Bulletin articles need to be submitted to 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,

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred days of our Church year. These are the “high holy days” for Catholics. The words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Not my will, but yours be done,” express the spirit of this week. Jesus willingly embraces the Cross to bring us salvation and God’s life. We enter into the spirit of this week when, reflecting Jesus’ prayer, we pray “Lord, grant me the courage to accept humbly and follow obediently Your will for me.”

I encourage everyone to enter into the spirit of this week and to participate in as many of the Holy Week liturgies as you can. Our Palm Sunday liturgy today begins with the gospel reading of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The palms we hold signify our giving glory to Christ as the people of Jerusalem did on that first Palm Sunday. But the “Hosannas” of the entry into Jerusalem soon turn to people calling for Jesus to be crucified. The irony is that the Cross was the way to the glory for the risen Lord who is King of Kings.

Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the two great gifts that Jesus gave us that night. The first is the gift of the Eucharist, our regular nourishment as Catholics. Jesus’ words – “This is My Body; This is My Blood” - emphasize the truth that Christ is really present to us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not just a symbol. Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. Every time we receive communion the Lord comes to us in a

special way. When you receive communion, think of Jesus saying to you “I love you and I want to be close to you”. We honor Christ’s presence in the Eucharist by the practice of adoration and the quiet prayer in our church until midnight after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

The second great gift of Holy Thursday is the ideal of service. We remember Jesus’ washing the feet of the apostles in the ritual of the foot washing after the homily on Holy Thursday. The ritual calls us to be like Christ - to be people of service to others.

Good Friday remembers Jesus’ Passion and Death. Good Friday is the only day of the year when the Church does not celebrate Mass. The Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion that we celebrate on Good Friday has three elements: the Liturgy of the Word that includes the reading of the Passion story from St. John’s gospel; the ceremony of veneration of the Cross; and a communion ritual in which hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday provide us with the Eucharist. We celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3 PM in English and at 5 PM in Polish. At 7:30 PM on Good Friday our teens with some adults along with our music ministry present a very moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. It is an excellent way to reflect upon Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross that gives us life.

By Church law the only liturgy on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil, the most solemn liturgy of the year. It is

celebrated after sundown, at 7:30 PM here at St. Stephen. There are four elements in this liturgy: the service of the new fire which celebrates the light of the resurrection that breaks the darkness of sin; an extended Liturgy of the Word; the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation for new members of our church along with a renewal of our baptismal promises; and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil includes Easter Mass. The liturgy is about two hours long and is very moving. I invite everyone to join us for this most sacred liturgy of our Church.

Easter Sunday’s liturgies celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Easter is our greatest feast as Catholics, since our faith and hope have their foundation in the resurrection of Jesus. The Easter Vigil as well as our 7 AM Mass on Easter morning have good crowds but little standing. The 8:30 AM, 10 AM, and 11:30 AM Masses are very full, with a number of standees. Our Polish parishioners have a 5 AM Mass to greet the risen Lord at dawn, a Mass that is also quite full. Our 1 PM (Polish) and 6:15 PM Masses have had only a slightly larger crowd than normal. I encourage everyone to join us in celebration of the Lord’s resurrection this Easter and to make some special time for prayer on these most sacred days of our faith.

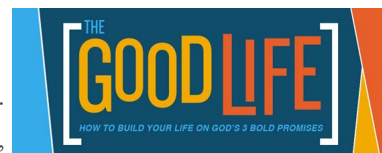
May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

The Good Life - A Dynamic Catholic Presentation *Saturday, April 2, 2016*

Join Dr. Allen Hunt, Dynamic Catholic best-selling author and speaker, for *The Good Life: How to Build Your Life on God’s Three Bold Promises*. At this inspiring half-day event, you’ll discover practical, profound, and specific ways to experience God’s immense love, constant presence, and unique plan for your life. This event also features special musical guest George Lower.

St. Stephen will host this event on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 7pm-10:45pm. Parishioners and guests are invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 each and can be ordered online at www.dynamiccatholic.com or by phone at 859-980-7900. Tickets will also be sold in the parish office and in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to Dynamic Catholic.










Spiritual Life

Lenten Calendar 2016

Be merciful as the Lord is merciful.

Merciful Father, teach me to imitate your love and compassion for all of your children.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 6	Palm Sunday March 20 	March 21 	March 22 	March 23 	Holy Thursday March 24 	Good Friday March 25 	Holy Saturday March 26 
Reflection For the Day	Jesus is ready to face His destiny. Are we?	The Lord is my light and salvation.	I will sing of Your mercy.	Lord, in Your great love, hear me.	Reflect on the Last Supper. Can you do God's will rather than follow your own desires?	Lord, into Your hands I commend my spirit.	What would the world be like without God's saving grace?
Suggested Activity	Attend Holy Week services.	Help clean the Church today.	Find a family that could use a gift card for Easter dinner.	Never stop asking God for His help, but always remember to thank Him for His help.	Attend the Mass of the Last Supper.	Attend the Living Stations of the Cross this evening.	Fast until noon, make a visit to Church, and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Easter Flower Memorials

For Easter, the Arts & Environment Committee beautifully decorates the Easter altar and the Church with flowers and greenery. These flowers remind us that Easter is a time to celebrate Christ's triumph over death. This year, our parishioners are invited to honor loved ones and friends who have passed by making a donation for Easter flowers in their names. Pink Easter Flower Memorial Envelopes will be available at the back of Church on the usher's table the weekends of March 13/14 and March 20/21. *Please return the completed envelope either in the collection basket or to the parish office by Wednesday, March 23rd.* The names of your loved ones will be listed in a bulletin after Easter. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



The Little White Book for Easter

As Christians we will celebrate Easter on March 27. To enhance our celebration of Easter, please use *The Little White Book* to focus your prayer on the great loving act of Jesus.



The Little White Book for Easter will be available in the narthex on Monday, March 14. This book was written by Bishop Untener of Michigan. Please take one and use it for daily prayer during the Easter Season. A donation of \$1.00 is requested to pay for the book.

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.

Traditional Washing of the Feet



On Holy Thursday, March 24 at the 7:30 PM Mass, we will be having the traditional Washing of the Feet as part of our service. We invite both adults and children to participate. There will be a sign-up sheet at the usher's table at the back of the Church.

Spiritual Life



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	March 20	Saturday 5pm (English) Sunday 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6:15pm (English); 1pm (Polish)
Holy Thursday	March 24	Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm (Bi-lingual, Adoration until Midnight)
Good Friday	March 25	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm (English) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 5pm (Polish) Keeping Vigil with Our Lord in the Tomb (in the Daily Chapel) until Midnight Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm (English) followed by Veneration of the Cross Stations of the Cross at 10pm (Polish)
Holy Saturday	March 26	Continue Keeping Vigil with Our Lord in the Tomb from 9am to 6pm (Daily Chapel) Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Church - 11am to 12 Noon (both Bi-lingual) Solemn Easter Vigil (includes Easter Mass) at 7:30pm (Bi-lingual) (Note: There will be no 5pm Mass on Holy Saturday.)
Easter Sunday	March 27	Masses at 5am (Polish) with procession of the Blessed Sacrament outside of the Church Masses at 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6:15pm (All English); 1pm (Polish)

Note: There are no morning Masses on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of Holy Week.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:

Mon. March 21 from 7:30 – 8:30pm; Wed., March 23 from 7:30 – 8:30pm; Thurs., March 24 from 11am – 12 Noon

Note: There will be no confessions heard on Holy Saturday.

Lenten Recipe

Rolled Away

These breakfast buns will remind you of Jesus' resurrection.

1 pkg frozen rolls, thawed*
25 large marshmallows
¼ cup melted butter or margarine
6 tablespoons sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon

Press the rolls into flat circles. Place a marshmallow in the center of each roll and pinch the

dough around it. Roll the marshmallow-filled rolls into round balls. Brush each ball with the butter and sprinkle it with cinnamon and sugar. Let the rolls rise for 30 to 45 minutes. Then bake them at 350 degrees for 15 minutes until they're golden brown.

Just like the tomb on Easter Sunday, these buns are empty!
*Substitute Pillsbury Buttermilk Grands

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 at 11:30am

Join us! St. Stephen's annual parish Easter egg hunt, sponsored by our parish teen group, will be held on Holy Saturday at 11:30 am.

Teens: Are you in need of service hours? Teen volunteers will meet in the Youth Ministry Office at 6pm on Wednesday, March 23rd to pack the eggs. We are also in need of teens to help lay the eggs out for the Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30am on March 26. Please contact Kyle Groves to signup.

-Kyle Groves Youth Minister

Phone: 219-928-8386

Email: youthminister@ststephentinley.com



Spiritual Life

Easter Basket Blessing—Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, March 26, St. Stephen will have our traditional blessing of the Easter baskets. There will be two services at 11:00am and 12:00 noon. Both services will be bilingual.

Every nationality and family has their own Easter traditions, whether they are traditional or non-traditional. For those who observe the custom of Easter basket blessing, whether you do your basket the traditional way, or your own version (i.e., biscuits, wine, fruits, vegetables, Peeps, chocolate or other candy), the choice is yours to make. Since we have a large Polish representation in the parish, we thought we would use their version. The following is their traditional foods and their meanings:

Polish Easter (Swieconka) Basket Contents and Symbolism

Maslo/Butter: This dairy product is often shaped into a lamb (Baranek Wielkanocny), reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

Chleb/Easter Bread: A round rye loaf topped with a cross, symbolic of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Chrzan/Horseradish: Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds, but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. May be white or pink (with grated red beets).

Jajka/Eggs and Pisanki: Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the Tomb.

Kielbasa/Sausage: A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

Szynka/Ham: Symbolic of great joy and abundance. In addition to the large ham cooked for the Easter Meal, often a special small ham, call the Szynka Wielkanocznyn is purchased specially for the Swieconka basket.

Slonina/Smoked Bacon: A symbol of the over abundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Sol/Salt: So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

Ser/Cheese: Shaped into a ball, it is the symbol of the moderation Christians should have.

Holy Water: Holy water is used to bless the home, animals, and fields and is used in religious rituals throughout the year.

A **candle**, often marked like the Paschal Candle lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World.

A colorful **ribbon** and sometimes sprigs of greenery are attached.

The **linen cover** is drawn over the top and is ready for the trek to the blessing.

Parish Life



Seniors Young @ Heart

Monday, March 21 at 10AM

Our next meeting will be held Monday, March 21 at 10am. Please note this meeting is earlier than usual due to Easter Sunday on March 27. This meeting will be a Bingo/Pizza Party! The pizza will be provided by the Board along with pop and cookies for dessert.

Tickets for our Trivia/Luncheon on April 25 can be purchased at our March meeting or in the Narthex after all Masses on April 16/17.

St. Stephen Movie Night

When: Wednesday, April 06 at 7 PM

Where: Marcus Theater, Orland Park

Cost: \$7 per person (details below)

Featured Film: *God's Not Dead 2*



Movie Synopsis: In *God's Not Dead 2*, the faith of history teacher Grace Wesley comes under attack when a student asks about the similarities between Jesus' teachings and those of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King. Her answer -- that what Jesus taught was an inspiration for King's nonviolent activism -- leads school district officials to enlist a zealous civil liberties group to find her guilty of violating the "separation of church and state."

For tickets, please make check payable to St. Stephen Men's Club and mail to St. Stephen Church 17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487. Attn: Deacon Chuck. (Advance sales only.) If you have any questions, please call Deacon Chuck at 815-464-4760.

Memorial Bricks—Spring Order

If you would like to purchase a brick for one of our memorial brick paver gardens, we will be placing an order at the end of March. The bricks will arrive sometime in early spring. The cost per 4" x 8" memorial brick is \$100 each. Bricks are engraved with up to 21 characters per line with a maximum of 3 lines of print.

Buyers can select one of three brick gardens for placement: Church entrance brick gardens (east or west side); our military brick garden for active or veteran service members; or our pet garden near the St. Francis statue. Please note that bricks are placed randomly in the gardens. To place an order, please contact Karen Opyd at 708-342-2400.

Marriage

None



Kingdom Weekend

Looking for an opportunity after Easter to continue the post-Easter feeling of Spiritual Renewal?

Then give yourself a gift and attend a Kingdom Weekend. The Kingdom Weekend is presented by St. Stephen Parishioners and provides time for prayer, reflection, conversation, and plenty of food. It's a great way to meet other parishioners who have similar interests in continuing one's faith journey.

- Kingdom Weekend will take place at St. Stephen Parish on Saturday, April 9 from 7:30am – 9pm and on Sunday, April 10 from 7:45am to 4pm. *There is no overnight stay.*
- All adults (18 years and older; any marital status) are invited to attend.
- Complete the registration form below along with a \$10 Registration fee and return to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 6.
- The Kingdom Team will be in the Church Narthex to answer any questions on the weekends of March 5/6 and April 2/3.



St. Stephen Parish Kingdom Weekend—April 9/10

Name:

Contact Info - Phone:

Contact Info - Email address:

Emergency Contact Name and Phone (not living with you):

Any dietary restrictions or allergies? If yes, please indicate.

I **will** need a ride to/from the event. *Please circle:* Saturday Sunday Both days; To Event From Event

Parish Life

Serving God's Word to Those Who Have Served

As Americans and parishioners of St. Stephen, we pray for our troops every week for their success and protection and for their recovery from any wounds, physical or emotional, that they have received from their service, no matter in which conflict they have served. You must be committed to the health of our veterans. We can help all servicemen and women who have difficulty transitioning to civilian life. If you are a veteran, know a veteran or are a family member of a veteran having difficulty transitioning to civilian life or needs VA care or simply someone to talk to, please consider giving me a call at the parish

office at 708-342-2400. We continue committed to the soldiers who have served our nation and have preserved the freedom we enjoy.

Blessings.

Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn



Elizabeth Ministry

The Elizabeth Ministry has been providing meals to new mothers and families in difficult situations since St. Stephen became a parish over 15 years ago. During this time, we have given about 200 pillows a year as a keepsake or to provide comfort to the babies.



Now these young people are making their First Communion, Confirmation and are in high school! However, we are still having Baptisms, so our work is not finished. If you are an expectant or new mother, or if we can help you in a trying time, please contact the parish office and we will be in touch. God bless you and your little ones.

Moms and Tots

Join us at Moms and Tots! Moms and Tots is a casual playgroup that meets on Wednesdays between 9:30 and 11:00am. 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.

7th Grade Service Project



On Sunday, February 21, the 7th grade students from St. Stephen, Cardinal Bernardin School and St. Elizabeth Seton participated in a service project as part of their Confirmation preparation. The students gathered personal toiletry items like tooth paste, combs, shampoo, bar soap, socks, gloves, hats, etc...you may have seen the collection boxes and lists of needed items in the narthex and in our bulletin the last few weeks. Through the generosity of the students, their families, parishioners, and a couple of local businesses, we gathered well over one thousand items.

I would like to thank Cardinal Bernardin School and St. Elizabeth Seton Parish for the use of their Parish Life Center. Without the spacious accommodations, the service project day would have been unmanageable.

It is important to mention that as a collaborative effort between our parishes, over 120 young men and women learned a little bit more about social service and our Baptismal call to diakonia (service to others).

Let me just mention the coordinated staff because without their fine work this would not have taken place:

Sandi Morgan, Director of Religious Education at St. Stephen, and Joann Buryj, Laura Laird, and Karen Cole of her Religious Education staff.

Mary Iannucilli, Principal at Cardinal Bernardin School, and Mary Vlamming, Director of Religious Education at St. Elizabeth Seton.

It was though the direct efforts of the above mentioned people that 120+ young men and women came together on a Sunday morning, in many cases accompanied by their parents who joined in the project, that the 1K+ items were bagged individually, packaged and boxed for delivery to the Illinois Veterans Home, Manteno (27 boxes); South Suburban PADS (5 boxes) and St. Leo Veterans Residence in Chicago (8 boxes) and also some particular items to the Franciscan Outreach, Chicago, IL and the South Suburban Crisis Center. Deacon Pete and I spent the day on Monday

delivering these essential items and I assure you the efforts were well received and very gratefully welcomed.

As you may know the Manteno VA provides residential/multiple levels of care for disabled Illinois Veterans with about 300 living in residence, St. Leo (a collaboration between the VA and Catholic Charities) provides long term residence for 141 formerly homeless and disabled veterans, and South Suburban PADS provides nightly sleeping quarters and hot meals to the homeless.

I have included a few pictures of the young adults in action. On behalf of Deacon Pete and myself, I wish to thank all who supported and participated in this service project. Your time, talent, and treasure has brought an increased level of comfort to our brothers and sisters that reflect Christ among us.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon
Bill
Schultz



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



St. Stephen Teen Group & Friends presents...

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 25 at 7:30 pm

Join us for a memorable presentation of the Stations of the Cross where costumed characters who were present at that time exit the scene and tell you their perspective of the events of Good Friday.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



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

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 by email at kgroves@steseton.com.

Blessed Easter

The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School community extends wishes for a Blessed Easter to our sponsoring parishes and parish families. During this season of rebirth and renewal, may God's Blessings awaken you with hope, comfort you with peace, and refresh you with joy. He IS risen!



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Grades 3PK- 8

Contact our Enrollment Director, Cynthia Devlin,
at 708-403-6525 extension 127 or

cdevlin@cjbschool.org



Stephen Deacon and Martyr is ready to announce
Vacation Bible School 2016.

VBS will be held

June 20th -24th from 9am to 12pm

Incoming Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students are welcome to attend. Registration will begin in April.

Questions? Please contact Laura in the Religious Education Office by phone at 708-342-2400 x145 or by email at Laura@ststephentinley.com.

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.*

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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.



Chicago Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, April 02—9am to Noon

Hot breakfast will be served.

St. Ailbee Church 9015 South Harper Chicago, IL
Theme: Rebuild My Church Celebrant and Homilist: Bishop Joseph Perry Keynote Speaker: Fr. Bob Lombardo Theme Rebuild My Church Master of Ceremonies: Peter Palanca, Executive VP & COO of TASC, Inc.

Cost \$20 per person or \$15 per person if you bring someone with you. If you wish to attend this event, please send \$15 check per person payable to CMCS and mail to Deacon Chuck McFarland 7248 Blackhawk Drive Tinley Park, IL 60487 I will send in our checks together so we get the \$15 rate. Checks must be received by March 26.

No tickets will be available day of event. Please also include names of men attending, contact phone number and email address. Also, advise if you would like to ride as group to this event.

Community



Swift's Spring Speakers Forum—March 20

Bring your friends and hear Rev. Philip Price (Interim Senior Pastor at Peace Memorial Church UCC), Professor Omer Mozaffar (Muslim Chaplain at Loyola University), and Rabbi Laurence Edwards, PhD/ each give their Faiths perspective on Abraham. There will be a Q&A, time to meet people, and have a tasty snack. If you can, please bring a bag or two of non-perishable food items for Together We Cope to help our neighbors in need.

Topic Abraham— A Common Thread in our **Faiths**

Where: St. Francis Woods, Queen of Angels Auditorium (Lower Level) 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort

Time: Registration 2:30pm, Program 3:00pm to 5:00 pm

Run with the Nuns 5K and Youth Dash

Run with the Nuns 5K and Youth Dash on Sunday, June 5at 8a.m. All Walkers, runners, and children are 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 15 will receive a short-sleeve dry-fit shirt. All participants receive a medal. For more information, please visit www.runwiththenuns.org.



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2:45pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL. Couples married in 1966 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register. For further information, call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312-534-5351 or visit their website at www.marriageandfamilyministries.org.

Polish Ministry

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

W cięgu całego roku Msza Św. w niedzielę 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 informacje proszę dzwonić do biura parafialnego pod numer 1(708) 342- 2400 wew 137**

Co to jest sprawiedliwość?

Jesteśmy gotowi do zrywów w imię sprawiedliwości i wolności. Potrafimy walczyć o nasz byt, o rodzinę, region i kraj. Czy potrafimy podobnie walczyć o naszą wiarę, o naszą duchowość? Mamy wspaniały przykład Chrystusa, który nie bacząc na krzywdy i okrucieństwa, jakie Mu zgotowano, walczył o naszą wolność, o naszą wiarę.

Dzisiaj Pan oczekuje z naszej strony właśnie takiego zrywu. Zrywu, który nas umocni, poprowadzi ku zbawieniu. Pozostaje tylko pytanie, czy zdołamy pociągnąć za sobą tych, którzy nie widzą wspólnoty Kościoła, nie czują miłości i wiary?

Prorok Izajasz, powołany przez Boga do oznajmiania Jego woli ludowi wybranemu, a później i nam, daje się poznać, jako mąż odpowiedzialny, posłuszny i kochający Boga. Stwierdza on jednoznacznie, iż po to otrzymał od Boga dar słuchania i mówienia, aby innym oznajmiać to, co jemu zostało objawione. Jak sam mówi: „Pan Bóg Mnie wspomaga, dlatego jestem nieczuły na obelgi, dlatego uczyniłem twarz moją jak głąz i wiem, że wstydu nie doznam.” (Iz 50,7). Zaś św. Paweł tłumaczy swej ukochanej gminie Filipii, że nasz Pan, Jezus Chrystus, mimo iż jest Bogiem, zdecydował się na poniżenie, ogołocenie, okazując absolutne posłuszeństwo swemu Ojcu – Bogu: „uniżył samego siebie, stawszy się posłusznym aż do śmierci – i to śmierci krzyżowej. Dlatego też Bóg Go nad wszystko wywyższył i darował Mu imię ponad wszelkie imię, aby na imię Jezusa zgięło się każde kolano istot niebieskich i ziemskich i podziemnych.” (Flp 2,8-10).

Pozostaje komentarz do dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Ale ona wprowadza nas już bezpośrednio w klimat Wielkiego Tygodnia, relacjonując nam przebieg całego Misterium Męki i Śmierci Pana Jezusa, na każdym kroku podkreślając olbrzymi ciężar odpowiedzialności – przyjęcie śmierci krzyżowej za nasze grzechy. W rezultacie nasze Zbawienie wynika z wielkiej Miłości do nas, ludzi, i z nadzwyczajnego posłuszeństwa wobec Boga Ojca. To posłuszeństwo widoczne jest w każdej chwili, począwszy od sądu, poprzez biczowanie, drogę na Golgotę, po ostatnie słowa: „Ojcze, w Twoje ręce powierzam ducha mego.” (Łk 23,46b).

Jeśli więc mamy wolność i sprawiedliwość, to pomyślmy o odpowiedzialności i miłości. A jeśli dodamy posłuszeństwo, to otrzymamy pełnię tego, czego oczekuje od nas Pan. Miejmy też w swojej świadomości, że przez wieki tych kilka słów spowodowało tak niesamowity zwrot w życiu całej rodziny ludzkiej. To one zmieniły cały porządek historii, odmieniły nasz los. Warto się nad nimi zastanowić w przededniu Wielkiego Tygodnia.

Jezu Chryste, Zbawicielu, przez Twoją Miłość pozwól nam poczuć odpowiedzialność za nasze czyny. W Wielkim Tygodniu daj nam przeżyć nadchodzące wydarzenia z miłością i zrozumieniem.

Military Corner



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

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

Parish Calendar



Sun 03-20	Baby nursing #153 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Growing With God #162-167 10:00 AM Babysitting #161 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word #154-156 2:00 PM Polish Lamentations Church 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism 7:15 PM Living Stations #125, 126, Sacristy & Church
Mon * 03-21	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 10:00 AM Young @ Heart LMR & #161
Tues 03-22	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 8:45 AM Stations of the Cross (English) Daily Chapel 1:00 PM Pastoral Staff Meeting #126 7:30 PM Highlanders #170/171/172/173
Wed 03-23	RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Moms & Tots #161 7:15 PM Living Stations Church
Thurs 03-24	HOLY THURSDAY NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION IN THE DAILY CHAPEL Living Stations setup LMR (time pending) 8:30 AM Art & Environment Church & #167 7:30 PM Holy Thursday...Mass of the Lord's Supper (bi-lingual) followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight
Fri 03-25	GOOD FRIDAY Parish & RE Offices closed at Noon 8:30 AM Art & Environment Church & #167 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English) Church 5:00 PM Guards for Tomb #158/159 5:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Polish) Church 5:30 PM Living Stations Church, Sacristy, Kitchen, #125/126 7:30 PM Living Stations of the Cross (Church) 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM Living Stations Cast Party LMR 10:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Polish) Church & Church Grounds
Sat 03-26	HOLY SATURDAY Baby nursing #153 Living Stations #125, 126, Church (time pending) RCIA Reception LMR Following Vigil 8:30 AM Art & Environment Church & #167 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM Book Study B. Black #126 11:00 AM Basket Blessing Church 11:30 AM TGIF Easter Egg Hunt Outside or LMR 12:00 PM Basket Blessing Church 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Growing With God Program Church 7:30 PM Easter Vigil (bi-lingual) Church
Sun 03-27	EASTER SUNDAY Masses 5am (Polish), 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, 6:15pm (English), 1pm (Polish) Baby nursing #153

7th Grade Service Opportunity: BABYSITTING AT 10AM MASS

Confirmation Candidates: Get an early start on your service hours for next year! We are presently scheduling babysitting for April and May, so sign up now for your first choice of dates by contacting Babysitting Coordinator Pat Mullin at snmullin@aol.com.

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 7:30 PM	Sun 7 AM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun 11:30 AM	Sun 1 PM Polish
3/27	Celebrant	Fr Jay & Fr Greg	Fr Jay	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Greg	Fr Jay	Fr. Greg
	Deacons	None	Dcn Bill S.	Dcn Ken	Dcn Pete	Dcn Joe	Sun 3/20
	Greeters	Jean Coughlin		Jeanne Upreti	Kathy Cunningham	Julie Gilligan	Team #2
		Mary Tafoya		Danny Hughes	Chris Losey	Seana Gilligan	Sun 3/27
		Peg Schmitt		Amparo Hughes	Mark Losey	B.J. Witry	Team #3
		Flo Simosky		Tom Mitus	Anna Williams	Natalie Sims	

Mass Intentions

		Requested by:
<u>3/20</u>	<u>Sunday - Palm Sunday</u>	
7:00am	For the People John E. Lisicich	The Family
8:30am	Raymond Norbot Loretta Ann Werr	The Family Dcn Chuck & Terese McFarland
10:00am	Marion Schimick Dan Buckley	Elaine Borkstrom Barb O'Connell
11:30am	Sharon O'Malley Farrell Raymond Wagner	The Family The Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Joseph Witkowski	The Family
6:15pm	Jose Norella Joseph White	The Deanching Family The Family
<u>3/21</u>	<u>Monday</u>	
8:00am	Lottie Fornek Don Daley Thanksgiving for Puray & Diloy Families	M/M D. Johnson Bern Daley & Family
<u>3/22</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	
8:00am	Marian Schmick Joseph Stalcup, Jr.	Phyllis Jacobsen Dcn Joe & Linda Stalcup
<u>3/23</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	
8:00am	Thomas Rogan Purgatorial Society	The Family
<u>3/24</u>	<u>Thursday - Holy Thursday</u>	
7:30pm	For the People of the Parish	
<u>3/25</u>	<u>Friday- Good Friday</u>	
3:00pm	Liturgy of Lord's Passion	
5:00pm	Liturgy of Lord's Passion	
7:30pm	Living Stations of the Cross	
10pm	Stations of the Cross (Polish)	
<u>3/26</u>	<u>Saturday - Holy Saturday</u>	
7:30pm	For the People of the Parish	
<u>3/27</u>	<u>Sunday - Easter Sunday</u>	
5:00am	For the People of the Parish	
7:00am	For the People of the Parish	
8:30am	For the People of the Parish	
10:00am	For the People of the Parish	
11:30am	For the People of the Parish	
1:00pm	For the People of the Parish	
6:15pm	For the People of the Parish	

Pray for Our Sick

Helen Agresti	Larry Hersh
Kristen Baldyga	Lillian Kurzawski
Gerry Barnes	Matthew Moran
Julie Barth	Joey Moylan
Arlene Beavan	Geri Mulhall
Bill Beavan	Dave & Tim Newquist
Kathie Brosius	Barb Onak
Tammy Burns	Nathan Parry
Billy Callaghan	Robert Rasmussen
Joanne Chess	Gerri Rasmussen
Thomas Connors	Joan Reid
John Cornwall	Joe & Joan Ricciuti
John Czerniak	Baby Marek Rudzki
Ida DeJohn	Betty Ruzich
Janice Dorff	Nicole Siedschlag
Joe Dorff	Rachel Swallow
Janet Freimuth	Joseph Tierney
Bill Galvin	Michael Vasek
Caroline Grady	MaryBeth Vasquez
Carita Grojean	Father Jim Watzke
Fran Grousnick	Kelly Weiss
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

None

Weekly Readings

Sun	Is 42: 1-7/ Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14
Mon	Is 49: 1-6/ Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4a
Tues	Is 50: 4-9a/ Ps 69: 8-10
Wed	Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14/ Ps 116: 12-13
Thur	Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12/ Ps31: 2. 6
Fri	Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 or 1: 1.26-31a

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Rose Anne Bednara
Abigail Anna Karp
Claire Adele Muys

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