

# St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

## *We are a Stewardship Parish*

*Liturgy Schedule: Mon.—Sat. 8 am; Mass of Anticipation, Saturday, 5 pm;  
Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am, 6:15pm, and Polish at 1 pm*

*Reconciliation: Saturday 8:45—9:30 am*

***April 10, 2016 Third Sunday of Easter***

JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,  
“SIMON, SON OF JOHN,  
DO YOU LOVE ME  
MORE THAN THESE.”

~ John 21:15



## Our Church

### Parish Office

17500 South 84<sup>th</sup> 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

**Office Phone:** 708.342.2400

**Office Fax:** 708.342.1545

**Religious Ed. Phone:** 708.342.1544

**Website:** [ststephentinley.com](http://ststephentinley.com)

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**Bulletins:** Email articles to [Ron@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Ron@ststephentinley.com) by noon on Friday for the following week's bulletin.

## Our School

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School  
9300 167<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orland Hills, IL 60487

**School Phone:** 708.403.6525

**School Fax:** 708.403.8621

Ms. Mary Iannucilli, Principal

**Website:** [cjbschool.org](http://cjbschool.org)

**Email:** [info@cjbschool.org](mailto:info@cjbschool.org)

## 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

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.*

## Our Parish Mission

*St. Stephen is 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.*

## 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 03-27-2016

Easter	\$69,236.00
Regular	\$9,659.00
Kids	\$169.01
Sharing	\$322.00
Good Friday	\$3,589.00
TGIF Mission Trip	\$640.00

Thank you for your continued Stewardship in support of St. Stephen.

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.

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Last Month	February	\$111,945	\$117,500
Year-to-Date	July 1 - February 29	\$997,804	\$1,024,000



## From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

This weekend we will again have available on the tables behind the back pews paper copies of the survey of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago that is part of the *Renew My Church* effort initiated by Archbishop Cupich. The survey can also be accessed online at [www.archchicago.org/renew](http://www.archchicago.org/renew). A good deal of the media coverage of this effort puts a focus on the possible closing and consolidation of parishes and schools. While statistics and practical concerns (both on the number of priests who will be available to lead parishes as pastors in 15 years and on the financial realities that the Archdiocese faces) are important in this effort, the key challenge is to form vital parishes to help us to live the mission of our Church in the current time. For parishes in our area, all of which are fairly large and healthy, I can foresee no consolidation of parishes, but we will, by necessity, have to cooperate more in utilizing staff and other resources. An important part of the process outlined by the Archbishop is to engage as many church members as possible in the effort. The first step is to seek the input of Catholics as to their experience of church in the Archdiocese. That is the purpose of the survey - to help us to understand better where we are as a church. The second step is an educational process that will help us to reflect on our understanding of what it means to be church. This will involve the use of resources that will help us to form an understanding of what it means to live as a Catholic parish in our world today. We will be sharing more on this in bulletin articles, homilies, and other formats in the coming weeks. For now, I encourage you to take time to fill out the Archdiocesan survey so that your input can go into the process. Please pray for God's guidance and blessing

on all these efforts directed toward church renewal.

On Easter we published in the bulletin the fact that we have received approval from the Archdiocese to proceed with architectural drawings for a new Parish Life Center. Completing these drawings will put us in a position to begin the construction process once we have raised adequate funds to meet the Archdiocesan requirements for a construction loan. This approval is motivating us to renew our efforts to raise funds for the project. The theme of our renewed efforts is "So Important...So Close." "So Important" reflects the positive impact the Parish Life Center will have on many of our parish ministries. "So Close" reflects the fact that we have about 60% of the funds needed available. For a construction loan, the Archdiocese requires that 67% of the funds be on hand with 90% of the funds pledged. The proposed center, which would include a hall that could be used as a gym, kitchen facilities, a youth room, and some meeting room space would enable us to enhance many of our ministries. Among the activities we anticipate the center hosting are:

- providing faith enrichment experiences - days of retreat, family enrichment days, parent and child experiences;
- building up our youth ministry by providing space for religious education and Cardinal Bernardin school activities and by providing a place for teen drop-in and faith formation activities, for athletic programs like open gyms for basketball and volleyball, and intramural programs;
- providing space for an enhanced program of service activities (one idea is to designate Thursday as a day when the center would be used primarily for service

activities, for example programs to assist seniors, activities in cooperation with Catholic charities, a health fair, and other outreach activities to serve our community);

- building up our young adult ministry by providing a setting for social, athletic (volleyball and basketball), and formational activities for young adults;
- building up our parish community through social gatherings - parish dinners and breakfasts, trivia nights, viewing events for major sporting events. These types of events also help to raise needed funds for the parish. The planned Parish Life Center will best meet the immediate, diverse needs of the parish while also providing for anticipated long-term and multipurpose usage goals.

We invite those who have not yet contributed to the Parish Life Center to consider a contribution that would help us to reach our goal. While everyone is not able to contribute the same amount, all can make an equal sacrifice. For example, donating four dollars a week would contribute \$200 a year to the project; two dollars a week would contribute \$100 a year to the project. We will present specific ideas of further fundraising in the coming weeks. I ask your prayers for God's blessing on this important project for the future ministry of our parish.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who generously supported our Easter collection. I also want to thank everyone who made a memorial donation for Easter flowers. Your generosity is much appreciated and is what enables us to do the work of the Lord here at St. Stephen.

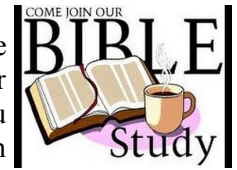
May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

# Spiritual Life

## 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 by phone at 708-479-6980 or by e-mail at [tomsfo@comcast.net](mailto:tomsfo@comcast.net)



All parish children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to participate in our parish's May Crowning celebration on **Sunday, May 22 at the 10 AM Mass.**

The crowning will take place after Communion. Our First Communicants are encouraged to wear their Communion dresses and suits.

Children can participate as readers and as participants in the procession to crown Mary.

All who sign up will be in the procession. The person crowning Mary will be chosen by lottery from the 7th and 8th graders who sign up to participate. Readers will also be chosen by lottery if we have more readers than needed. All children are invited to bring a flower to present to Mary.

A practice for our special ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 PM in church. Readers will be given their readings at the practice.

Any child who wishes to participate in our May Crowning is asked to complete the form below and return it to Karen Opyd in the parish office or to the religious education office by Wednesday, April 27. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 708-342-2400 x138 or email her at [Karen@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Karen@ststephentinley.com)

### MAY CROWNING PARTICIPATION FORM

Please complete one form per child. Please print.

☐ I would like to participate in the May Crowning on May 22 at 10 AM Mass.

☐ As a reader

☐ As part of the procession

Child's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email:

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# Spiritual Life

## Vocation News

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated annually on Good Shepherd Sunday, which is April 17th this year. Prayers of the Faithful are offered at Masses celebrated throughout the world to encourage Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Here at Saint Stephen, we pray especially for Dylan Conover, a student at Saint Joseph College Seminary. Look for his picture in the Narthex.

Information on programs to help discern vocations will be provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Office and will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of April 16-17. Further information is available at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com) or 312-534-8298.

## Pope Francis Vocation Prayer

**BLESS** young people with the gift of courage to respond to Your call, O Lord. Open their hearts to great ideals.

**INSPIRE** all of Your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations blossom in the good will of faithful people.

**INSTILL** in each of us the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the noble path of a life consecrated to You.

**UNITE** us through Jesus, so that we may cooperate with You in building your reign of mercy. Amen.

## Third Sunday of Easter -- April 10, 2016

"Feed My lambs, tend My sheep." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, Call Father Francis Bitterman 312-534-8298, or write: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org)



## A Prayer for Job Seekers

Gracious and loving God, you know our need for meaningful work. Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who are searching for employment. Help them to recognize the gifts and talents you have given them. Deepen their desire to follow your will. Inspire them as they contact potential employers. Give them patience as they wait for responses. Shelter them from feelings of rejection. Protect them from discouragement. Shower on them the graces they need to persevere. Let this time of searching become an opportunity to grow in faith, to cultivate the virtue of hope, and to experience your healing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Join The Team of Ushers

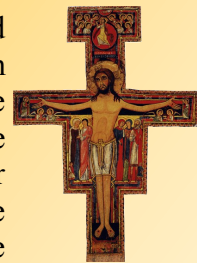
The mission of the ushers of St. Stephen Parish is that of hospitality. Our service is to make parishioners and guests feel welcome and Ushers serve the congregation by assisting during the celebration of the Eucharist on weekends and holy days. They greet people upon arrival at the church and see that 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.

# Archdiocesan Survey

## **Archbishop Cupich wants your input.**

When Archbishop Cupich announced the "Renew My Church" initiative in January, he invited everyone in the Archdiocese of Chicago to participate in the process of revitalizing our parish communities. Just as Pope Francis asked Catholics across the globe for their input prior to the Synod of Bishops meetings in 2014 and 2015, Archbishop Cupich is asking for your help as the Archdiocese begins a new listening phase of this important effort.



Please take time to respond to a survey designed to help Archbishop Cupich and the Archdiocese better understand the perspectives of Catholics across Cook and Lake Counties. The survey is available at: [www.archchicago.org/renew](http://www.archchicago.org/renew)

We encourage you to complete the survey online. Paper copies are available on the tables behind the back pew. Please note all responses will be anonymous.



# Parish Life Center—So Important...So Close!

**Thank you to all those parishioners who have already contributed to our Parish Life Center building campaign. We invite those who have not yet contributed to join in our efforts to Raise the Roof!**

There are multiple ways to contribute to the Parish Life Center building fund. Parishioners can:

- Use Give Central to make a donation directly to St. Stephen through your credit card or bank account. You can select the frequency of your donations—weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually—whatever is most convenient for you. To start the online donation process, go to our website, [ststephentinley.com](http://ststephentinley.com) and click on Online Giving, then click on the link [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org). You will be taken directly to St. Stephen's Give Central online donation page. If you would like assistance, please see Karen Opyd in the parish office and she will be happy to help you set this process up.
- Or, make a donation directly to St. Stephen Catholic Church via a check. Please mark "Building Fund" in the memo. Checks can be dropped off at the office or mailed to us at 17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487.
- Or, make a pledge commitment by using the *To Teach Who Christ Is* commitment card available on the west wall of the Narthex. Pledges are administered through *To Teach Who Christ Is*, however, please be assured that all contributions collected go 100% to the Parish Life Center fund.

Thank you for embracing our mission to build a Parish Life Center.



## Human Concerns

### Help Wanted

The Tinley Park Food Pantry provides food for about 55-60 local families each week. Food must be picked up, sorted, shelved and distributed. Much behind the scenes work is required weekly requiring many generous people. Currently the Food Pantry is in need of one additional person to help pick up food as part of a larger crew. Please consider sharing your time one or two days a week. Please phone (708-614-7739) Chuck at the Food Pantry for complete details.

*Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.*

### 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 most of 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 in 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.



Donating to St. Vincent de Paul has become easier through our new ONLINE GIVING. Go to [www.ststephentinley.com](http://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.



Thank you to all our parishioners who donated to last week's St. Vincent de Paul food collection. God bless you for your generosity!

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!" *Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?*

# Youth Education and Formation

## Teens Growing In Faith (TGIF)

For more information about the Youth Ministry, please contact Kyle Groves at 708-342-2400 or at [youthminister@ststephentinley.com](mailto:youthminister@ststephentinley.com)

## Happenings...

**Sunday, April 17 from 6 pm—8 pm**

Open Gym @ St. Elizabeth Seton

**Sunday, April 24 from 7 pm—9 pm**

Teen Meeting @ St. Stephen

**Sunday, May 1 from 6 pm—8 pm**

Meeting @ Cornerstone/ St. Elizabeth Seton



Sign-ups for Intramural Softball are open. We will start practicing in May and games will start in June. Contact Kyle, the youth minister for info and details.

### Service Projects:

If anyone is looking for an upcoming service project, please contact Kyle Groves by email at [youthminister@ststephentinley.com](mailto:youthminister@ststephentinley.com)

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](mailto:kgroves@steseton.com).

# Parish Life

## JOIN US AT MOMS & TOTS!

Moms and Tots is a casual playgroup that meets on Wednesdays between 9:30 and 11:00am at the church in Room 161.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Julie at [julieszafranski@hotmail.com](mailto:julieszafranski@hotmail.com) or 708-299-9404.



## Parish Center Metal Recycling Drive Next Weekend

Next weekend is our monthly recycling drive. Thank you for your generous recycling donations to date. As of February 2016, we have collected \$8,975 through this program which will be used toward our Parish Life Center. Our next drive is:

**Saturday, April 16 from 4:30pm—6:15pm**

**Sunday, April 17 from 7:30am—1pm**

### Please:

- Only drop off metal objects on the third weekend of each month. *We want to continue to be good neighbors.*
- Do not place metal objects near or around the parish garages prior to the event.
- Place empty metal cans in a sealed plastic garbage bags.
- Drop off your donation by the truck or van located by the garages at the back of the parking lot. An attendant will be on site and happy to assist you.
- Call us if you have items that are too large to bring (e.g. appliances, metal outdoor furniture, etc.). You can contact Andy DeLuca at 708-606-3755 to arrange pickup.

# Marriage

None



# Youth Education and Formation

## Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Preschool Summer Camp



Open to all three and four year olds. Must be potty trained.

**JULY 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Farmer's Garden***

*Take a closer look and see what's growing in the farmer's garden. Use your senses to learn about different types of vegetables, see who helps keep the farmer's garden safe, and grow your own vegetable!*

**AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Under the Big Top***

*Step right up and get your ticket to go "Under the Big Top". Take a look at all the circus animals, practice your circus act skills, and play some fun side show games. Maybe even meet a clown!*

Camp meets Monday thru Friday from 9:30—11:30 AM

*Camps include story time, crafts, and hands-on learning activities.*

Spaces subject to availability. Minimum of ten students needed to hold session.

For more information call 708-403-6525 ext. 150 or mail the registration form below.

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### **Registration Information**

**Please return this form with your check payable to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your camp choices. Select one or both camps for a summer of fun! Each camp is \$55 or attend both for \$100.**

\_\_\_\_\_ July \_\_\_\_\_ August

**Attn: Preschool Summer Camp, Cardinal Bernardin School  
9250 West 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills, IL, 60487**



# Youth Education and Formation

**St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr**  
**Vacation Bible School 2016**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm**



Join us this summer and experience how following Jesus can fun and exciting! Kids will love the high energy games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, and great music. Campers include children entering Kindergarten through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We hope you can join us in this journey with Jesus. Volunteers make our program possible; consider sharing your time and talent with us! Please note that all volunteers must be Virtus trained. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Laura Laird at: [Laura@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Laura@ststephentinley.com) or call 708-342-1544 ext. 145

**Camp cost: \$15 per child**

**Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 15, 2016**

## 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & RETURN FULL SHEET

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

**I give St. Stephen's VBS permission to take pictures of my child(ren).**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade for 2016-17** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/other notes** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade for 2016-17** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/other notes** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade for 2016-17** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/other notes** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade for 2016-17** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies/other notes** \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Life

## This Sunday—April 10th

Join us for our parish fellowship gathering this Sunday **after the 10 AM Mass** in our parish's large meeting room in the west wing of our building. Come for fellowship, conversation, coffee, juice, and pastries. Everyone is invited and most welcome.

New parishioners can also register in room 158-9 on April 10 after the 10 AM Mass.

## Ladies Social Club

### Bake Sale—April 16 and 17

St. Stephen's Ladies Social Club is having a bake sale next weekend. We are asking everyone to help, this includes the gentlemen and kids, to help make this event a success.



### BAKE SALE

We appreciate anything you would like to bake, just label what the item is, and if it contains any nuts or peanut butter. Also, if you make any baked goods for special dietary needs (e.g. sugar

free, gluten free, etc.), please label those items as well. *No refrigerated items please.*

Items can be dropped off Saturday morning (4/16). Either put the items in the kitchen with a note on them for the bake sale or leave them on the table in front of the Daily Chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Toni Rafferty on 708 478-6937.

All proceeds will be donated to the St. Stephen's Parish Life Center building fund. Thank you for your help in making the bake sale a success

### Monthly Meeting—Tuesday April 18

The St. Stephen's Ladies Social Club will hold our April meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. in Rooms 125/126. Feel free to join us for a pleasant hour of coffee and fellowship. All ladies of St. Stephen'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.

## St. Stephen 2016 White Sox Outings

Join us for either or both games. These events are sponsored by St. Stephen Men's Club and open to all.

### Game One: Friday—June 10 at 7 PM

#### Sox vs. KC Royals (Fireworks Night)

##### *Lower Deck Box Section 149*

- \$60 per seat with bus.
- \$45 per seat without bus

##### *Upper Deck Box Section 530*

- \$35 per seat with bus
- \$20 per seat without bus

### Game Two: Tuesday—July 26 at 7 PM

#### Sox vs. Cubs

##### *Upper Deck Box Section 538*

- \$50 per seat with bus
- \$40 per seat without bus

*Note: Bus will leave St. Stephen Church one hour before game time.*

Ticket sales will close 30 days before each game or when our ticket allocation is sold out. Please make checks payable to St. Stephen Men's Club and mail to Deacon Chuck McFarland, c/o St. Stephen Church 17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487. Please include note stating for which games you are purchasing tickets, number of lower or upper deck seats desired for each game and if you will be taking bus. Also, include your name, cell phone number and email address.

If any questions, please call Deacon Chuck McFarland at 815-464-4760.

## Seniors Young @ Heart

### Monday April 25 at 10:00 AM

Join us for our April meeting with Trivia and Luncheon. Menu will be Oven Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Peas and Pearl Onions, Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut, and Dessert with Coffee or Tea. If you didn't purchase your ticket at the March meeting you may purchase a ticket after all the masses on the weekend of April 16/17. Tickets are \$14. Call Bernie Valderrama with questions at 708-444-7949.



# Polish Ministry

## Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

*W ciągu 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**

### Pokochoć Miłość

Od chwili przyjścia na ten świat oczekujemy miłości. Miłości od matki, od ojca, od rodzeństwa – jeśli je mamy. Potem od wybranki/wybranego, od dzieci. A przecież zawsze jesteśmy w Miłości zanurzeni – w Miłości Boga. To Miłość bezwarunkowa, dozwolona, zawsze podana jak na talerzu. Jedyne, czego Bóg od nas oczekuje, to modlitwa, czyli rozmowa z Nim.

Jakże znamienne są w tym kontekście słowa: „Trzeba bardziej słuchać Boga niż ludzi” (Dz 5,29a). Te słowa pomagają nam zrozumieć, jak powinniśmy postępować, by zbliżyć się do Boga, a nie oddalać od Niego. Potwierdzają to dalsze słowa Apostołów: „Dajemy temu świadectwo my właśnie oraz Duch Święty, którego Bóg udzielił tym, którzy Mu są posłuszni.” (Dz 5,32a). Posłuszni, czyli zdolni usłyszeć, czego od nas oczekuje Bóg, by przyjąć z pokorą to, co nam ofiaruje.

Czasami jesteśmy jak Apostołowie, którzy wstrząśnięci wydarzeniami trwali w grupie, której przewodził św. Piotr. Oni, nie rozumiejąc sytuacji, w jakiej się znaleźli, postanowili zrobić coś, co potrafili, czego nauczyli się, żyjąc jako prości ludzie – łowić ryby. Nie spodziewali się wydarzeń, które potem nastąpiły, ani spotkania, które okazało się tak ważne. Trzecie spotkanie z Jezusem Chrystusem obfitowało w wyznania, które wywarły decydujący wpływ na dalsze losy nie tylko Piotra, ale i pozostałych Apostołów. A my, znając historię, znając Pismo Święte, potrafimy wysnuć dla siebie wnioski.

Wybermy z dzisiejszej Ewangelii jeden obraz do medytacji: Pan Jezus rozmawia z Piotrem. Pyta Piotra o miłość. Pyta trzykrotnie, bo Piotr trzykrotnie zaparł się swego Mistrza. Ale Pan Jezus tym trzy razy powtórzonym pytaniem daje Piotrowi łaskę „zmycia” grzechu. Przypomina mu o grzechu, aby uświadomił sobie własną słabość. Piotr wreszcie zrozumiał i zasmucił się. Tym razem wyznał Chrystusowi swoją miłość, odwołując się już nie do własnych emocji, ale do wiedzy Pana Jezusa o nim samym, o jego życiu. Z pokorą powiedział: „Panie, Ty wszystko wiesz, Ty wiesz, że Cię kocham”.

Przedstawiony dialog budzi w nas świadomość naszych własnych słabości, pychy, złej pewności siebie. Pytanie, które Pan Jezus kieruje do Piotra, to także pytania skierowane do każdego z nas. Im większa nasza wina, tym więcej razy Pan Jezus pyta: „Czy Mnie kochasz?” Pomyślmy także, czy to pytanie przekonuje nas o tym, że Pan Jezus potrzebuje naszej miłości, że On sam daje nam miłość i pyta nas o miłość. Czy może ulegamy pokusie, aby sądzić, że jesteśmy niezdolni i niegodni kochać Pana Jezusa z powodu naszych grzechów? Jeśli mamy takie myśli, to wiemy, że jest to kuszenie. Pan Jezus zna nasze słabości, wie, co się w każdym z nas kryje, wie o nas więcej, niż my sami o sobie wiemy. Jednak każdego pyta: „Czy kochasz Mnie?” Co odpowiem? Oby nie była to odpowiedź oparta tylko na emocjach, bo one nie stanowią o istocie miłości. Miłość można budować tylko na prawdzie. Prośmy więc w modlitwie o wewnętrzne przekonanie, że możemy kochać Pana Jezusa mimo naszych słabości.

Jest jeszcze słowo zaproszenia: «Pójdź za Mną!» (J 21,19d). Czyż można na nie odpowiedzieć inaczej niż: tak, Panie, IDE!

Jezu Chryste Zmartwychwstały, wesprzyj nas swą łaską, byśmy zawsze byli gotowi na spotkanie z Tobą i z Twoją Miłością.

## Military Corner



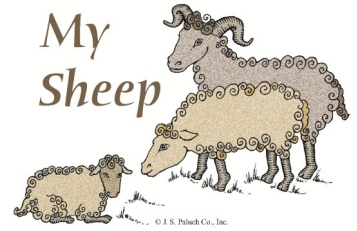
**Please pray for our Military men and women on a daily basis for their safe return.**

Lcpl Nicholas Cascone	Lt. Dan Kniaz	Lt. Cmdr. John Pierczynski
Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro	Tsgt. Laura Langley	Ssgt. Brian Scannell
Major Vincent Cesaro	Ssgt. 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

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- Sun 04-10** Kingdom Mtg—Education Wing | 10:00 AM Family Mass Church  
11:00 AM Parish Reg #125 | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism
- Mon 04-11** RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm | RE Instructional Mass Grade 3  
7:30 PM Financial Planning #126
- Tues 04-12** RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm | RE Instructional Mass Grade 3  
1:00 PM Pastoral Staff Meeting #126 | 7:30 PM Highlanders #170/171/172/173  
7:30 PM Rosary Daily Chapel
- Wed 04-13** RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm | RE Instructional Mass Grade 3  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Moms & Tots #161 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir Church and/or Music Room  
7:30 PM Men's Club #125/126
- Thurs 04-14** 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Daily Chapel with Rosary @ 8:30am  
8:45 AM A & E #167 & Storage Room  
4:30 PM Children's Choir Church  
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Benediction Daily Chapel followed by Divine Mercy Prayers  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Praise Band Church
- Fri 04-15** 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Bible/Scripture Study #126
- Sat 04-16** Baby nursing #153 | Narthex...Ladies Social Club Bake Sale  
Narthex...Young@ Heart | Recycle Metal Drive Church Grounds  
8:30 AM Scripture Reflection #125 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 1st Comm. Pictures 162/163
- Sun 04-17** Baby nursing #153 | Narthex...Ladies Social Club Bake Sale  
Narthex...Young@ Heart | Recycle Metal Drive Church Grounds  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Growing With God #161-167 | 10:00 AM Babysitting #161  
10:00 AM Grade Level Mass Grade 3 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Growing With God Graduation LMR  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Baptism | 3:00 PM Kingdom Reunion LMR

## 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 [smmullin@aol.com](mailto:smmullin@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](mailto: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
4/17	<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr Greg	Fr Greg	Fr Tim Guthridge	Fr Jay	Fr Jay	Fr Greg
	<b>Deacons</b>	Dcn Bill S.	Dcn Chuck	Dcn Chuck	Dcn Pete	Dcn Joe	
	<b>Greeters</b>	Jean Coughlin		Mike Tyrrell	Anna Williams	B. J. Witry	
		Mary Tafoya		Eileen Tyrrell	Chris Losey	Charlene Mueller	
		Tom Mitus		Amparo Hughes	Mark Losey	Theresa Buckley	
		Joan Beck		Danny Hughes	Kathy Cunningham	Natalie Sims	
	<b>Counters</b>	4/10	Team #1	4/17	Team #2		

## Mass

<u>4/10</u>	<u><b>Sunday</b></u>	<u><b>Requested by :</b></u>
7:00am	For the People Delores Sarna	The Family
8:30am	Marie Balestri Hugh Twomey	Al & Natalie Barcas Celia Twomey
10:00am	Irene Concialdi Maury Kane	Mark & Chris Losey The Family
11:30am	Donald Thurston Jerry Healy	Jackie Czochara The Bara Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Karolina & Woicek Cislak	Daughter-in-Law
6:15pm	Henry Kozarewicz Bridget Bottom	Family of Bruno & Stella Opyd Bridget Boyle
<u>4/11</u>	<u><b>Monday</b></u>	
8:00am	Cynthia Burns Toni Twarok	Pat Panici Pam & Mario Marr
<u>4/12</u>	<u><b>Tuesday</b></u>	
8:00am	Thanksgiving for Diloy & Puray Families Roger Johnson, Jr.	Emily Johnson
<u>4/13</u>	<u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	
8:00am	Stella Opyd Brigid Bottom	Children & Grandchildren Mike & Mary Moran
<u>4/14</u>	<u><b>Thursday</b></u>	
8:00am	Adolfo Sumera Joan Maura Riordan	Connie Sumera Mike & Mary Moran
<u>4/15</u>	<u><b>Friday</b></u>	
8:00am	Joseph W. Brasky Purgatorial Society Bernice Bernier	Dolores Michalski The Gochuica Family
<u>4/16</u>	<u><b>Saturday</b></u>	
8:00am	Dennis Connors Jim Stephans	Helen Laka R.E. Staff
5:00pm	Walter & Eleanor Fister Rosaro Mazza Gerald Donato Bridget Tarpey Libia Caffarello	The Family John & Ida DeJohn Charlene & John Busa Bridget Boyle Michelle Caffarello
<u>4/17</u>	<u><b>Sunday</b></u>	
7:00am	For the People Linda Stromek	The Family
8:30am	Eddie Walsh Loretta Werr	Maeve The Family
10:00am	Sablick & Vasek Families Jack Kapala	The Family The Family
11:30am	Geraldine Bahwell Ronald Skarzynski	The Waiter Family Friends of Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Jozef Kowalczyk	
6:15pm	Lee LeCopte Maureen Tucker	Virginia White Greg and Cathy Hannon

## Pray for our Sick

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

Mon	Acts 6: 8-15/ Ps 119: 23-24. 26-27
Tues	Acts 7: 51 -- 8: 1a/ Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6
Wed	Acts 8: 1b-8/ Ps 66: 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a
Thur	Acts 8: 26-40/ Ps 66: 8-9. 16-17. 20
Fri	Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2
Sat	Acts 9: 31-42/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-15
Sun	Acts 13: 14. 43-52/ Ps 100: 1-2. 3. 5

## Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Shaelyn Ann Flisk Gavin John Frantz Kacper D. Jagoda Patrik A. Plis	Camden Michael Ruesch Vivian Adelle Scanland Cole Jackson Sperti
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