

# 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 am—9:30 am*

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your being, with all your strength, and with  
all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

*- Luke 10:27*

*July 10, 2016 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## 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

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**Bulletins:** Email articles to [Ron@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Ron@ststephentinley.com) by noon on Wednesday 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

Robert Conlin, Deacon

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 8:45am—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 06-26-2016

Regular	\$19,333.00
Kids	\$69.92
Sharing	\$486.00
Assumption	\$10.00
Priest Retire	\$40.00
Rosary Group	\$42.50

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.

		Actual	Budget
Last Month	May	\$130,839	\$138,000
Year-to-Date	July 1 - May 31	\$1,351,565	\$1,389,000

## From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

The parable of the Good Samaritan that we hear in the gospel this weekend is probably Jesus' best-known parable. It is easy to understand; it is a challenge to live. Dorothy Day, the American lay woman who was cofounder of the Catholic Worker movement, was a devout Catholic who died in 1980 and whose cause for sainthood is now being considered in Rome. She worked to assist the poor both by feeding and sheltering the needy and by working to make society more responsible to those in need. The more she worked to assist the poor, the more she realized that the most important thing is to love. Her commitment to love and her spirituality that opened her heart to God's love and care for her sustained her in her work. Her words, written in the *Catholic Worker* in June 1946, resonate with the parable that we hear in this week's gospel:

"There is nothing we can do but love, and dear God - please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend."

That love is expressed in our care for those in need. It is also expressed in the way we relate to those we interact with each day. In the April 18 issue of the Jesuit periodical *America*, Fr. James Martin S.J. wrote an article on three rules that an older Jesuit had laid out for getting along in a Jesuit community. As I read them I could see how they can apply to all our efforts to live together, be that in family, church community, civic community, or any group that we

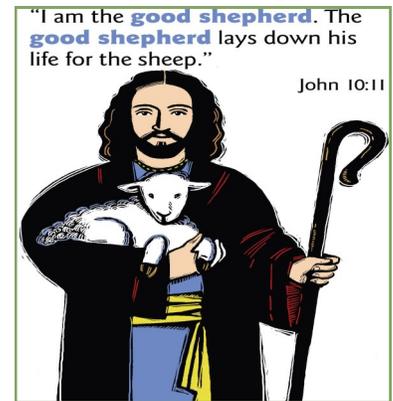
are part of.

The three rules are these:

First, "you're not God." That seems obvious, but recognizing this has a couple of important implications. We are not in charge, so we have to stop acting as if we were. We need to realize we cannot control everything. Also, we don't know everything, so we cannot act as if we do. Following this rule helps us to be calm and to have perspective and humility.

The second rule is "this isn't heaven." Following this rule will help us to reduce the complaining that we do. This rule is important to all of us when things don't work as perfectly as we would like. Think of how frustrated we tend to get if the Internet is slow or traffic isn't moving as well as we'd like or the people we are around are not all that we want them to be. We are reminded to be a little more tolerant because, obviously, we are not yet in heaven.

The third rule is one that could help the quality of all our communications. "Don't be a jerk." It challenges us to be more courteous and charitable in our discussions and dealings with one another. Think of the way people are often spoken of in our political discourse or in electronic communications. Name-calling, maligning people's integrity, and attacks on persons are all too common. Martin suggests three ways to assist our interactions with one another. The first is one of St. Ignatius' maxims in his *Spiritual Exercises*. Ignatius writes: "Every good Christian ought to be more eager to put a good interpretation on a neighbor's statement than to condemn it."



The second is to avoid attacks on the person and focus on the position that is being disagreed with. There is a big difference between "I think that your position is incorrect because..." and "you are a \_\_\_\_\_" (fill in the blank with any of the names we might use about someone with whom we disagree).

The third way to avoid being a jerk is to ask God to help us to see others as God sees them. St. Ignatius invites us to imagine God looking down on all human beings with love, even the person with whom I disagree. We can surely disagree, even strongly, but God invites us not to be a jerk as we do it.

For me, Martin's insights can apply to most of the areas of life. They seem to be practical ways to love our neighbor as ourselves each day. May we all grow in living the spirit of the Good Samaritan who is praised by Jesus in this weekend's gospel.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

# Parish Life Center Fundraising

**THIS WEEK Tuesday July 12, 2016**

**Culver's Donate While You Dine fundraising event.**



**DONATE WHILE YOU DINE**

Visit the Culver's of Tinley Park on Tuesday July 12th, and we will donate 10% of sales to the St. Stephen's Church.  
Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.  
Please make sure to let your cashier know you are here for the kickback!

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

**Culver's of Tinley Park**  
18248 Sayre Avenue  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
708-444-0004

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## Our Metal Recycling Drive Is Next Weekend

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm—6:15pm**

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank you for your generous recycling donations to date., we have collected \$9,825 through this program which will be used toward our Parish Life Center.

## Basket Raffle Time



St. Stephen will be holding a basket raffle **the weekend of July 16/17** after all the Masses. There will be something for everyone, as we have several baskets from which to choose. Make the sign-up easy on yourself and bring your small name stickers, then just add your phone number. The winners will be called. Proceeds from the basket raffle will go toward the Parish Life Center.

Remember...*alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*



## Change Jar in Narthex

As our parish community works together toward building a Parish Life Center, we want to encourage everyone to get involved, including the children and youth of our parish. Starting this weekend, there will be a large jar in the Narthex for collecting change. Any coins collected will be used towards building our Parish Life Center. What a wonderful teachable moment about the importance of planning and saving as well as partnership. Children, and all of our parishioners, are invited to drop their coins in the jar. .

***Together, we will see that even a small donation can make a big difference.***



# Spiritual Life

## Are You Interested In Becoming Catholic?

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith without making a final commitment? The answer to these questions is the RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process through which men and women enter the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The process is a spiritual journey where adults grow in their relationship with God by learning about Catholic beliefs, practices, and teachings of the Church. They get acquainted with the faith community and participate in public and private prayer, faith sharing, and the observance of feasts, rites, and Sunday Masses.

Our journey at St. Stephen will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 9:30am. Our informal sessions meet every Sunday and give you the perfect opportunity to have all of your questions answered. Clergy members and trained catechists will meet with you and walk with you on your "Journey of Faith".

If you want more information about the process or have any questions, please contact Barbara Black by email at [Barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Barbara@ststephentinley.com) or by phone at (708) 466-9962. We look forward to meeting you and having you join us.



The Holy Family Flowers  
were donated  
in the memory of  
Pat Powers  
for the week of July 10, 2016  
by Dotti Powers

## Confirmation Preparation Classes

This fall we will be offering Confirmation preparation classes for teens aged 15 through 19. The weekly sessions will include learning, sharing, serving, fellowship, spiritual growth and fun! During this time teens will be given the opportunity to learn more about their Catholic faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Confirmation will take place in the early spring when the Bishop comes to St. Stephen.

For additional information please contact Barbara Black at [Barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Barbara@ststephentinley.com) or 708-466-9962.

## Faith Series Book Discussion

We will begin a new series of books offered by the Paulists on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am in the parish offices and will meet for six sessions. The sessions will consist of Scripture readings, essays, discussions, sharing, and times of prayer. The first book in the series is entitled *Deepening Faith*. It is about exploring our connections to God and to each other through the signs of God's love by focusing on the sacraments. The format of the meetings will be very similar to those we did with the Living the Eucharist program in which many parishioners participated. The books will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of July 23 & 24 and July 30 & 31 for \$5 each.

If you would like to start a group in your home please contact Barbara Black at [Barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:Barbara@ststephentinley.com) or 708-466-9962 so additional books can be ordered and available for the participants.



## New Ways to Honor or to Remember a Loved One



St. Stephen Parish would like to offer our parishioners two new opportunities to honor or to remember their loved ones. Starting this July, parishioners may sponsor the Sanctuary candle or a bouquet of flowers placed in front of the Holy Family statue. The dedicated candle or bouquet may be requested to commemorate a special occasion (e.g. anniversary, baptism, ordination, etc.) or in memory of a departed loved one. Remembrance information (sponsor and those celebrated or remembered) will be published each week in the bulletin if there is a sponsor for that week.

If you would like to sponsor the Sanctuary candle or the Holy Family flowers for a special occasion or for a memorial, please stop by the parish office. Reservations are now open through December 2017. A recommended donation of \$50 is requested. Weekly bouquets will be seasonal, fresh-cut flowers provided by Hearts and Flowers Florist in Tinley Park.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen or Stacy in the parish office at 708-342-2400.

# Spiritual Life

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Bishops, priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion by virtue of their office as ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

When the size of the congregation requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other bishops, priests, or deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, "the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him" thus, known at St. Stephen as Eucharistic Ministers. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence.

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine.

Please consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister at Mass for St. Stephen. Call or email Deacon Ken Zawadzki at (708) 342-2400 ext.136 or [dcnken@ststephentinley.com](mailto:dcnken@ststephentinley.com) for more information.

## Marriage



Banns III Matt Shanahan & Lindsay Bialas

Banns I Eric Cichanowski & Amanda Butler

### Married in 1966 ?

Have you registered for the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass ?

If not, there is still time to register. The Golden Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2:45 pm at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. To register, please call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit [www.marriageandfamilyministries.org](http://www.marriageandfamilyministries.org)

## Serving the Lord *with Gladness*

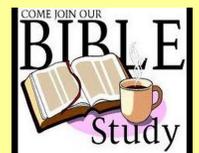
Altar Server Ministry is for boys and girls of the parish in grades 4 and up who have the desire to assist at the Altar of the Lord. Serving at the altar is a calling and like all ministries it is one to which you must remain dedicated. The altar server is a very important part of our liturgical celebrations providing support and assistance to the priest or deacon. When we become part of a ministry to serve God and His people, we make a commitment to serve at Masses and other liturgical services for which we are scheduled. That schedule includes Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, special Masses during the holy seasons of Lent, Easter, Christmas and other liturgical celebrations in the parish such as weddings. It is important to understand that as a minister for the church, you will be needed on a regular basis and are expected to make yourself available for this ministry above all other activities. *If you are involved in other activities that will conflict with serving on a regular basis on either weekends or weekdays, you should think about serving God in some other capacity.* Being able to be dependable is the number one consideration you must make before choosing this ministry.

Scheduling of altar servers is completed after attending an Altar Server Workshop and are held as needed but minimally once per year. All Workshop sessions are in the Church unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry, please contact Deacon Ken Zawadzki (708) 342-2400 ext.136 or email: [dcnken@ststephentinley.com](mailto:dcnken@ststephentinley.com) and inquire about the date of the next New Server Workshop.

## Scripture Study

We meet on Friday mornings in Room 126 from 8:45am until 10am. 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 e-mail at [tomsfo@comcast.net](mailto:tomsfo@comcast.net) or by phone at 708-479-6980.



## ◆ Reminder

The Greeters schedules for July, August, and September 2016 are available in the magazine racks on the west wall of the narthex.

Please remember to pick up your copy.

## Parish Life

### Open CJB School Council Position

The School Council is an advisory leadership group that enables our parish school, the Cardinal Bernardin School, to fulfill its mission. The Council is essential in developing long range plans, giving input regarding school policies and the budget, participating in recruitment, and acting as a public relations and marketing arm of the school. The Council is composed of the principal, the executive pastor, and three members from each of the sponsoring parishes.

Members of the School Council must be registered members of the parish they represent. They need not be parents of students. Members must be at least 21 years old and may not be an employee of the school or one of the sponsoring parishes. Membership on the School Council requires a time commitment of at least one monthly meeting with committee work in between. Each pastor appoints the representatives from the individual parishes. Council members serve a three year term.

St. Stephen currently has an opening on the council. Anyone interested in serving on the Council is asked to contact Fr. Jay by Monday, July 25. We invite your consideration of serving in this important role for our school.

### Moms and Tots

Join us at moms and tots! Moms and tots is a fun, free way to get out with you little one(s) and meet fellow parishioners. Weather permitting, we will meet this coming Wednesday at Arbor Park. Arbor Park is located at Brookside Glen Drive & Newfield Lane in Tinley Park. We meet from 9:30am-11am. New moms, dads, babies, and kids are always welcome. We hope to see you there!



**Mark your calendars!** St. Stephen's parish will once again be holding its annual Christmas in July Food Drive. Please note that paper bags will be distributed the weekend of July 23/24 and food donations will be collected the weekend of July 30/31. More details will be published in next week's bulletin.

**Teens**—We will need your help to pass out paper bags after the Masses and to help collect the bags when they are returned. Details on how to sign up to help will be available in next week's bulletin.

## Youth Education and Formation

### Faith: the Next Generation – Pass It On!

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 1500 children and young people, preschool through grade 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. *At this time, over 300 of these children and young people have no catechist to teach them.* You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin September 12. With classes offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings you are almost certain to find a class to fit your schedule. Adults 18 years and older must become Virtus trained. Tuition discounts are available for volunteers.



If interested or for more information contact [patti@ststephentinley.com](mailto:patti@ststephentinley.com) to fill out a volunteer application. or call 708-342-1544.

### The Last Supper Project—Egg Carton Donations Needed

The Religious Education department is seeking donations of empty gray cardboard egg cartons. Each student will need two egg cartons. The egg cartons will be assembled by our 5th graders to recreate the Last Supper Table. If you have grey cardboard egg cartons you wish to donate please place them in our basket outside the religious education office. We will be collecting until we reach our goal of 410. (No Styrofoam please.) Thank you.

# Community News



## Mother McAuley Alumnae Gathering in Michigan City!

Planning a vacation in SW Michigan this summer? The Mother McAuley Alumnae Association will host a Happy Hour with fellow alumnae, family, and friends at McGinnis Pub in Michigan City, IN, on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Come on out and join us for good company, cocktails, and complimentary appetizers.

Please RSVP to [alumnae@mothermcauley.org](mailto:alumnae@mothermcauley.org) or 773-881-6565. (Address: McGinnis Pub, 227 W. 7th St., Michigan City, IN)

## Pitch Perfect Sing-Along

Join Mother McAuley on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a special screening of *Pitch Perfect!* All 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls (2016-2017 school year) are invited to sing along with the McAuley choruses to their favorite Pitch Perfect songs!

Register online to reserve your seat today!

## Tinley Park 5K Walk & Run

When: Sunday—July 24, 2016

Where: Community Park in Tinley Park

The Get Your Rear in Gear 5K Walk & Run for Colon Cancer Awareness will be held on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at Community Park in Tinley Park and includes a 5K timed run, a kids' fun run and a 5K walk. Please visit [ColonCancerCoalition.org/TinleyPark](http://ColonCancerCoalition.org/TinleyPark) to register or donate.

For additional information, or to volunteer, contact Celeste Hayward at [TinleyParkGYRIG@gmail.com](mailto:TinleyParkGYRIG@gmail.com) or (708) 614-7204.



## Substitute Teachers Needed

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School is looking to increase our Substitute Teacher List. If you are interested in joining our team of subs, please contact Teri Zintak at 708-403-6525 or [tzintak@cjbsschool.org](mailto:tzintak@cjbsschool.org) to obtain a packet of information. Teacher certification is required.

## Attention all St. George Alumni

Reconnect, reminisce, and catch up with fellow alumni! Festivities will start be at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175th St, Tinley Park on **Saturday, August 6, 2016** to start at 4pm with Mass for those who wish to attend, followed by snacks, drinks, & mingling in the school backyard. Take a tour of your former school & find your class picture on the wall! St. George Alumni tee shirts will be sold. There will be a cash bar for those 21 and older. Please spread the word to your former classmates and any alumni you know.

Please RSVP to [llabriola@stgeorgeschool.org](mailto:llabriola@stgeorgeschool.org)



## Worth Days

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with the Worth Park District on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Gale Moore Park. Enjoy free ice cream, sponsored by Diane's Place in Palos Heights, play games and more. This is a free, family event. Gale Moore Park is located at 109<sup>th</sup> and Nordica.

Also...

The Worth Park District is excited to announce that our mega passes are now on sale for the annual Worth Days Fest happening August 25-28. Passes are \$50 prior to the fest at 11500 S. Beloit. For a complete line up of events including entertainment by Infinity and American English, please visit our website at [www.worthparkdistrict.org](http://www.worthparkdistrict.org) or for further information call 708-448-7080.

**Orland Township Back-To-School Health Fair** will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm at 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue. Free dental screenings and discounted cleanings; \$20 school and sports physicals; free immunizations (eligibility requirements apply); free Plusoptix mobile vision screenings; and scoliosis screenings. Free admission; however, proof of residency and immunization records required. No appointment necessary. For additional information, call 708-403-4222.

# Human Concerns

South West Interfaith Team

## SWIFT INTERFAITH PICNIC



Sunday July 24, 2016

### St. Vincent de Paul



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. *Confidentiality and Compassion are cornerstones of our SVdP ministry*

*In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise."*

### The Women's Center

The Women's Center is in urgent need of 6 single and 7 double baby strollers. We are also in need of baby swings. It would be a great help if you would be able to deliver these to us. For drop off addresses, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.



Join us for an afternoon of fun!

<p><b>When:</b> Sunday July 24 – 1:00 to 5:00pm  <b>Where:</b> Peace Memorial Church Grounds  <b>What:</b> Barbeque, games for kids of all ages, fun!  <b>Who:</b> SWIFT Congregation members &amp; their invited Guests</p>	<p><b>Food, Fun, Games</b>  <b>Service Hours Available</b></p>
<p><b>Please Bring With You:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A side-dish (salad, pasta, anything) ... enough for your family &amp; a little bit to share</li> <li>Dessert ... enough for your family &amp; a little bit to share  <b>(NO ALCOHOL)</b></li> </ul> <p>Provisions are made for Dietary Requirements of all Faith Groups (Halal/Kosher/Vegetarian etc)  Hamburgers – Hot Dogs – Buns – Pop: Provided by SWIFT!</p>	<p>Sign up with the SWIFT Representative Kathy  708-987-6785  Head-count needed by July 18<sup>th</sup></p>
<p>Peace Memorial Church  10300 W. 131<sup>st</sup> St, Palos Park  For Information / Rain cancellation, please contact Mohammed Nofal  <a href="mailto:mnofal@op-pc.org">mnofal@op-pc.org</a>  (708)253-2834</p>	<p><b>Free Will Offering*</b></p> <p>*There are no tickets to purchase for this event. However, you may drop off any amount you wish at the Picnic in the Free Will Offering box to help with SWIFT expenses and programs.</p>

[www.SWIFTinterfaith.org](http://www.SWIFTinterfaith.org)



"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

### Portiuncula Center for Prayer

#### Dates/Time:

**Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 pm (Dinner) to Sunday, July 31 Noon (Brunch).** Registration from 3:30-5:00 pm; Opening Session at 7:00 pm. Fee: \$350 (includes private room, meals, and individual spiritual direction) A six day retreat may be arranged concluding on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional fees will apply.

**Single-Day Option—July 28, 29, 30 from 9:00 am–5:00 pm.** Fee: \$60 per day includes spiritual direction and lunch. The Directed Retreat promises an environment that fosters silence, solitude, prayer, rest, and renewal as you find yourself surrounded by the beauty of St. Francis Woods.

For more information, please call 815-464-3880 or visit [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)



### Counselor Available

Michele L. Nowak, LCPC, is available to provide counseling to individuals and couples right here at St. Stephen parish! She is a staff member of The Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities. Blue Cross / Blue Shield accepted. Those without insurance are eligible for sliding scale fees based on income & number of dependents.

Appointments can be made by calling 312-655-7725. The first session is free for all who are members of St. Stephen.



# Polish Ministry

## Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

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

-**Pierwszy piątek miesiąca:** Spowiedz of 6:30-7:30pm Msza o 7:30pm

-**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**

### Rób jak Jezus

Słowo to zarówno słowa ludzkie, te zwykle w kolejce, na przystanku, w pracy czy w szkole, jak i to, którego słuchamy w Kościele, to ważniejsze, od Boga, poprzez Ducha Świętego wypowiedane przez Jezusa Chrystusa, a wcześniej przez Proroków. To właśnie takie Słowo słyszymy co niedzielę, a niektórzy nawet codziennie. To Słowo otuchy, nadziei, ale także przestrogi.

Księga Powtórzonego Prawa na samym wstępie podpowiada nam, jak wykorzystać Słowo, które jest dla nas przeznaczone: „jeśli będziesz słuchał głosu Pana, Boga swego, przestrzegając jego poleceń i postanowień zapisanych w księdze tego Prawa; jeśli wrócisz do Pana, Boga swego, z całego swego serca i z całej swej duszy. Polecenie to bowiem, które ja ci dzisiaj daję, nie przekracza twych możliwości i nie jest poza twoim zasięgiem.” (Pwt 30,10-11). To słowa dające nam nadzieję, a zarazem wskazujące nam kierunek naszej drogi. Czy postąpimy zgodnie z nimi, czy będziemy działać po swojemu, to nasz wybór.

Ale pamiętać musimy, że wszystko, co nas otacza, z czym się spotykamy, z czym mamy do czynienia, to dar Pana Stworzenia dany nam w dzierżawę, byśmy tym darem dobrze gospodarowali. Pamiętać też powinniśmy o tym, że dzięki Chrystusowi zyskaliśmy coś, co nas wiąże, gromadzi we wspólnocie – to Kościół, którego On jest Głową, „bo w Nim zostało wszystko stworzone: i to, co w niebiosach, i to, co na ziemi, byty widzialne i niewidzialne, czy Trony, czy Panowania, czy Zwierzchności, czy Władze. Wszystko przez Niego i dla Niego zostało stworzone.” (Kol 1,16).

Rozpoznanie tego, kto jest naszym bliźnim jest znacznie prostsze, aniżeli nam się wydaje, jednakże musimy pamiętać o jednym głównym przykazaniu, które dało nam Prawo i Bóg, a które przypomina nam Jezus w tej Ewangelii, podczas rozmowy z uczonym w Prawie : „Jezus mu odpowiedział: «Co jest napisane w Prawie? Jak czytasz?» On rzekł: Będiesz miłował Pana, Boga swego, całym swoim sercem, całą swoją duszą, całą swoją mocą i całym swoim umysłem; a swego bliźniego jak siebie samego. Jezus rzekł do niego: «Dobrześ odpowiedział. To czyn, a będziesz żył». Lecz on, chcąc się usprawiedliwić, zapytał Jezusa: «A kto jest moim bliźnim?».” (Łk 10, 26-29).

Boże, daj nam zdolność rozpoznawania Twego Słowa, byśmy potrafili zobaczyć w drugim swego bliźniego, byśmy zdołali zagospodarować dobro, które przekazujesz wszystkim oczekującym tego dobra.

## Military Corner



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

CPL Nicholas Cascone

Sgt. Evan Grober

Capt. Christopher Mazurek

Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro

Capt. Michael Gryczka

Sgt. Dominic Messina

Major Vincent Cesaro

Tsgt. Laura Langley

PFC Matthew O'Boyle

1st Lt. Michael Chimienti

Ssgt. Carl Langley

LCDR Marilyn Walsh

Lt. Amanda Griffith

Sgt. Joseph Malone

Major Thomas Walsh





Mass

Pray for our Sick

<b><u>7/10</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by :</u></b>
7:00am	For the People Stanley & Lena Janasek	The Family
8:30am	Warren Ecklund Marilyn Skowronski	Carol Murray M/M Harold Lewis
10:00am	M/M R. O'Brenski Maury Kane	M/M R. Lindenmeyer The Family
11:30am	Frances Gallagher John P. Coughlan	The Bird Family The Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Francesca Campione Anna Czyszczon	Michela Campione Kathy Sagula
6:15pm	Julie Doyle and Family Patricia Hastings	Margaret Wendt The Fisher Family
<b><u>7/11</u></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	
8:00am	Dee Dee Padecky John Catanzara	Dcn Pete & Jan Van Merkestyn The Family
<b><u>7/12</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	
8:00am	Carol DeJoris 64th Anniv for Pat & Dottie Power	St. Joseph Table Team Members
<b><u>7/13</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	
8:00am	Henry Michalski Thomas Rogan	Dolores Michalski The Family
<b><u>7/14</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	
8:00am	Ann Daley Adolfo Sumera Sandra Lafauce	Bern Daley & Family Connie Sumera The Family
<b><u>7/15</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	
8:00am	Lottie Fornek Betty Judycki Tom Ceska	M/M D. Johnson Kristine Opyt Sr. Altar Servers
<b><u>7/16</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	
8:00am	Roberta McNamara Purgatorial Society	Kristine Papa
5:00pm	Linda Stromeck Julia Minnick Julia Wegner Raymond Hanik Helen Porento	The Family Marilyn Dwyer Ted Wegner The Family Linda & Dennis Drozd
<b><u>7/17</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	
7:00am	For the People Jeanne Tierney	Mary Jeanne & Jerry Pazin
8:30am	Lauren Mandel Fred Twarok	Tony & Roxanne Pantano Pam & Mario Marr
10:00am	Ronald Lindenmeyer Joe & Mary Luelsdorff	M/M R. Lindenmeyer Joe & Janice Dorff
11:30am	Gail Clancy Ed Haberkorn	Adult Altar Servers Joan Enright
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Francesca Campione	
6:15pm	Mary Hall Susan Olson & Family	Michela Campione The Frossard Family Margaret Wendt

Gerry Barnes Julie Barth Arlene Beavan Bill Beavan MaryJane Bourgeois Kathie Brosius Tammy Burns Billy Callaghan Maureen Ceska Joanne Chess Thomas Connors Helen Connors John Cornwall John Czerniak Ida DeJohn Pat & Kathy Dickman Janice Dorff Joe Dorff Barbara Dougherty Larry Fitzgerald Stephen Fugger Bill Galvin Caroline Grady Fran Grousnick Larry Hersh Pete Horkan	Craig & Bobi Jorsch Bill Keating Anna Kelly Roy & Marlene Mayer Joe Mc Corry Joey Moylan Gerri Mulhall Dave & Tim Newquist Barb Onak Rochelle Peters Katie Pierczynski Robert Rasmussen Gerri Rasmussen Joe & Joan Ricciuti Marek Rudzki Betty Ruzich Mary Lou Schoettler Nicole Siedschlag Michelle Soverino Rachel Swallow Joseph Tierney Elizabeth Tyminski Michael Vasek MaryBeth Vasquez 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

Sun Dt 30: 10-14/ Ps 69: 14. 17. 30-31  
 Mon Is 1: 10-17/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17  
 Tues Is 7: 1-9/ Ps 48: 2-3a. 3b-4. 5-6  
 Wed Is 10: 5-7. 13b-16/ Ps 94: 5-6  
 Thur Is 26: 7-9. 11. 16-19/ Ps 102: 13-14ab  
 Fri Is 38: 1-6. 21-22. 7-8/ Is 38: 10. 11  
 Sat Mi 2: 1-5/ Ps 10: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Leo James Giovanini  
 Raymond Fred Hadac IV  
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