



St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr
We are a Stewardship Parish.

*Palm
Sunday*

**Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Matthew 21:9

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

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For those in need...

- Counseling services are available at St. Stephen through the Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities. Appointments with our parish counselor Michele L. Nowak, LCPC, can be made at 312-655-7725.
- For crisis counseling and veteran concerns, please contact Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn at the parish office.
- For parishioners struggling and in need of help, please contact St. Stephen's St. Vincent de Paul ministry through the parish office.
- For those seeking help through a twelve-step program, St. Stephen offers English and Polish support groups. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Mass Times and Sacraments

Daily Mass—Monday through Saturday at 8am

Mass of Anticipation—Saturday at 5pm

Sunday Masses—7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, and 6:15pm in English; 1:00pm in Polish

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.

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.

Communion for the sick, elderly, handicapped, or homebound parishioners can be arranged by calling Fr. Greg at the parish office or Barbara Black at 708-466-9962.

New Parishioner Registration

St. Stephen Parish welcomes all those who wish to register:

- After the 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month
- By appointment on Mondays at 2pm, Tuesdays at 11am, Wednesdays at 8:30am or Thursdays at 6:45pm. Please contact the parish office.

Stewardship: Sharing Our Treasure

Thank you for your continued Stewardship in support of St. Stephen. Please remember that our monthly mortgage payment to the Archdiocese of \$41,500 is paid from our monthly collections. Please consider making electronic donations through Byline Bank or through Give Central. Electronic and online donations can be scheduled at the frequency you choose. For more information, please go to our website www.ststephentinley.com and click on the Giving tab. Also, please consider remembering your parish when preparing your will.

Collections will be available next week.

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	<u>February 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$111,953	\$947,028
Budget	\$117,375	\$1,012,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$5,422)	(\$64,972)

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,
Today we begin Holy Week, our most sacred week as Catholics. We celebrate the central actions of our faith: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, His gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, His Passion and Death on the Cross, and His Resurrection—the actions by which Jesus redeems us and brings us the promise of eternal life. I encourage you to participate as fully as possible in the Holy Week services as we celebrate Jesus' giving of Himself for our salvation.

Holy Week is a time for us as Catholics to grow in appreciation of Jesus' actions that bring us salvation and to grow in living in the spirit of all Jesus has done. That spirit is captured in four words in the great prayer that Christ taught us—words we say many times as we pray "Thy will be done" in the Our Father. Jesus expresses that spirit fully in the words that he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as You will." We will hear these words as the Passion from the Gospel according to St. Matthew is read this Sunday, and they will be echoed in the gospel reading from the Good Friday liturgy from the Gospel according to St. John. This week is a time for all of us to seek to grow in living that spirit in our lives. I invite you to make this short prayer a part of your daily prayer: "Lord, in the choices I make today and in the actions I take today help me to do Your will."

Let me make two suggestions that I believe will enrich the experience of Holy Week for all of us. First, try to spend 10 minutes a day in private prayer each day of this sacred week. You might read the Scriptures that are

read in the liturgies of each day—they are listed elsewhere in this bulletin. You could use the Little Black Books that were available for Lent. You could reflect upon all that Jesus did for us and both thank Him and bring your needs to Him. Use any form of prayer that is comfortable for you. What is important is that we open our hearts to listen to and speak to the Lord. Second, try to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible; these are our Church's liturgies for our most sacred days as Catholics. On Holy Thursday evening at 7:30 PM we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrating Jesus' gift of the Eucharist and His teaching us the way of self giving service by washing the feet of His apostles. On Good Friday at 3 PM, we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion which includes reading of the Passion from St. John's gospel, the veneration of the Cross, and communion. (We will celebrate this same liturgy in Polish at 5 PM.) We will also have the very moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday at 7:30 PM we will celebrate the only liturgy the Church has on Holy Saturday - the solemn Easter Vigil, which includes the ceremony of the light of Christ, a longer Liturgy of the Word, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation for our RCIA group, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Easter Vigil is a very beautiful service; it lasts about two hours and fulfills the Easter Sunday Mass obligation. There is no 5 PM Mass on Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday we have our regular Mass schedule with the addition of a 5 AM Polish Mass. As you attend the liturgies of Holy Week, I invite you to take a small notebook with you and to



write down one thing that the Lord might be saying to you in the words of Scripture, the music, the homily, or whatever strikes you within the liturgy. Trying to write something can help us to focus on listening to the Lord speaking to us in the liturgy. I especially invite you to consider attending the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The reflections on the Stations of the Cross presented by our young people and the inspiring music of our music ministry provide a very moving prayer time on the day we remember Jesus' dying on the Cross for us.

Since we have only the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the Easter Sunday morning Masses at 8:30 AM, 10 AM, and 11:30 AM are especially crowded. We welcome the many extra people who will be present on Easter and invite them to share in the Eucharist often. If you wish to avoid an overflow crowd on Easter morning, I invite you to attend the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday or the 7 AM Mass or 6:15 PM Mass on Easter Sunday.

Let's pray for one another, that this most sacred week of our faith will be a time that brings all of us closer to the Lord who died and rose to bring us life that lasts forever.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

From Our Associate Pastor

Polish to English Translation:

Odpowiedzialność, miłość, posłuszeństwo

Niedziela Palmowa, w czasie której wspominamy triumfalny wjazd Chrystusa do Jerozolimy, jest jakby świątecznie przystrojoną bramą wprowadzającą nas w Wielki Tydzień. To tydzień Męki Pana Naszego Jezusa Chrystusa, w czasie którego kościół kieruje nasze myśli i serca, nasze spojrzenia na Krzyż wiary i nadziei, Krzyż Odkupienia człowieka i świata. Niedziela Palmowa przypomina nam wstrząsające wydarzenia: z jednej strony możemy podziwiać triumfalny wjazd Pana Jezusa do Jerozolimy, z drugiej strony śledzimy tragedię Wielkiego Piątku.

A jednak stało się, rozpoczął się proces powrotu człowieka do Boga. Dzięki Chrystusowi nasze usynowienie nabrało wyrazistości i realności. I to trwa do dziś. Historia, którą poznajemy poprzez czytania z Pisma Świętego, uczy nas realizmu chrześcijaństwa, uczy nas wyczekiwania na to, co ma się zdarzyć, a jednocześnie uczy nas pokory i miłości.

To, co dzisiaj przekazują nam czytania, a szczególnie Ewangelia, to obraz wielkiej tragedii, a zarazem wielkiego poświęcenia Jezusa. To obraz brutalności i obłudy tłumu, a z drugiej strony cierpienia Syna proszącego o zbawienie świata, Matki, na wpół przytomnej z żalu i bólu, uczniów, którzy prawie z obłędem w oczach są świadkami śmierci Jezusa. A równocześnie jest to moment narodzin Zbawienia dla całej ludzkości.

Ewangelia uczy nas także tego, jak Jezus Chrystus określił Eucharystię – nasz pokarm i bilet do życia wiecznego: „bo to jest moja Krew Przymierza, która za wielu będzie wylana na odpuszczenie grzechów. Lecz powiadam wam: Odtąd nie będę już pił z tego owocu winnego krzewu aż do owego dnia, kiedy pić go będę z wami nowy, w królestwie Ojca mego».” (Mt 26,28-29).

Wprowadzając nas już bezpośrednio w klimat Wielkiego Tygodnia, Ewangelia relacjonuje przebieg całego Misterium Męki i Śmierci Pana Jezusa, na każdym kroku podkreślając olbrzymi ciężar odpowiedzialności. Przyjęcie śmierci krzyżowej za nasze grzechy, a 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, aż do Śmierci na Krzyżu.

Trzeba, byśmy zapamiętali trzy ważne słowa: odpowiedzialność, miłość i posłuszeństwo, które spowodowały tak niesamowity zwrot w życiu całej rodziny ludzkiej, zmieniły porządek historii, odmieniły nasz los. Warto się nad nimi zastanowić w przededniu Wielkiego Tygodnia.

Responsibility, Love, and Obedience

Palm Sunday, when we recall the triumphal entrance of Christ to Jerusalem, is like a festively decorated gate leading us into Holy Week. This week is Passion. During this week, the Church directs our thoughts and hearts. Palm Sunday reminds us of the shocking events as Jesus entered Jerusalem and we then follow the events that lead to the tragedy of Good Friday.

The process of the return of man to God begins. Through Christ, our sanctification has become clear and real, and it continues to this day. The story we learn through the Scripture reading teaches us the reality of Christianity. It teaches us to wait for what is to happen and at the same time teaches us humility and love.

What we read today, especially in the Gospel, is the image of the great tragedy and the great sacrifice of Jesus. This is a picture of the brutality and hypocrisy of the crowd. It shows the suffering of the Son asking for the salvation of the world. It shows the Mother in grief and in pain. It shows the disciples as they witness the death of Jesus. This is the moment of the birth of Salvation for all mankind.

The Gospel also teaches us how Jesus Christ called the Eucharist—our key to eternal life: "This is my blood of the covenant, which too many will be poured out for the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will no longer drink of this fruit of the vine until the day I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father "(Mt 26: 28-29).

By introducing us directly to the climate of Holy Week, the Gospel reports the course of the entire Mystery of the Passion and Death of Jesus, at every turn emphasizing the enormous burden of responsibility on Him. Jesus must accept His death on the cross for our sins, and consequently for our salvation. This exemplifies the great Love He has for us and the extraordinary obedience He has to God the Father. This obedience is evident at every moment from the judgment, through the whipping, on the way to Golgotha, and ultimately to His death on the cross.

Today, we need to remember three important words: responsibility, love, and obedience. These three words exemplify the incredible turn in the life of the whole human family. They changed the order of history and changed our destiny. It is worth thinking about them on the eve of Holy Week.

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

W ciagu 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 o godz. 8:45-9:30a.m.

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

Spiritual Life

Week 6	Palm Sunday April 9	Monday April 10	Tuesday April 11	Wednesday April 12	Holy Thursday April 13	Good Friday April 14	Holy Saturday April 15
Reflection For the Day	Jesus is ready to face His destiny. Are we?	The King of Glory is with us, prepare His way.	Jesus and His apostles prepare to celebrate Passover.	Judas betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.	Attend the feast of the Last Supper.	Jesus dies on the Cross.	Tomorrow, Jesus will come in glory.
Suggested Activity	Put palms in a special place in your home.	Help clean the Church.	Bring a treat to our first responders.	What can I do to change my life for the better?	Never turn away from anyone in need.	Fast and abstain. Attend Stations of the Cross.	Have your Easter meal blessed.

Renewing Relationships

The purpose of Lent is to restore relationships. In our prayer, we are to hearken to God's voice speaking to us in our brokenness and to renew our focus on doing God's will in our lives. In our fasting we are to cultivate a new hunger for forgiveness of our enemies and a renewed compassion for those in need. In our almsgiving we are to reach out to those bowed down by pain, failure, and grief, sharing the blessings that God has given us.



Foot Washing

On Holy Thursday, April 13 at the 7:30pm Mass, we will have the traditional Washing of the Feet as part of our service. Adults and children are invited to participate. Please consider signing up. There is a sign up sheet on the ushers' table at the back of the church.

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a prayer originating in the revelations to St. Faustina, is prayed using a rosary and is prayed in the following way:

Opening Prayer: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!
(Repeat 3 times)

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostle's Creed.

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads of the rosary, pray: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

Concluding Prayer: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat 3 times)

Optional Closing Prayer: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



Divine Mercy

St. Stephen will observe Divine Mercy Sunday with Church Benediction, Litany, and Divine Mercy Prayers on Sunday, April 23 from 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Spiritual Life



May is a month of special Marian devotions. The Catholic tradition of May Crowning celebrates and honors our Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven. This year, our May Crowning will take place at the **10 am Mass on Sunday, May 14** after Communion. All parish children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to participate. Our First Communicants are especially encouraged to attend and to wear their Communion dresses and suits.

All children who participate are asked to bring a flower to present to Mary. The children will process in together at the beginning of Mass and will sit with their families during Mass. After Communion, the children will process to the Mary statue, to crown our Mother Mary. The person crowning Mary will be chosen by lottery from the 7th and 8th graders who sign up. Readers are also needed, so please sign up if you are interested. A lottery for readers will also be held if needed.

Parents whose children wish to participate in our May Crowning Ceremony are asked to complete our online registration form by Wednesday, April 26. To find our online registration form:

- Go to our parish website www.ststephentinley.com
- Click on the “Spiritual Life” tab at the top of the site.
- Select “May Crowning” at the bottom of the Spiritual Life listings. Our online registration form can be found here.
- Please note: Our online form can be used to sign up multiple children at the same time.

A practice for our special ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30pm in church. Readers will be given their readings at the practice.

If you have any questions, please call Karen at 708-342-2400 x138 or email her at karen@ststephentinley.com

We invite all children to participate in our May Crowning Ceremony.

The Sanctuary Candle

is sponsored by Jim and Bobbi Grady
for the week of April 9, 2017.

“We are blessed.”

The Little White Book for Easter

As Christians we will celebrate Easter on April 16th. 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 was written by Bishop Untener of Michigan. The Little White Book for Easter is available in the narthex. Please take one and use it for daily prayer during the Easter Season. A donation of \$1 is requested to pay for the book.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



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Holy Week Schedule

Monday—8:30am to 3:30pm

Holy Thursday – No Adoration or
Benediction

Good Friday—8:30am to 3:00pm



Please remember to return Rice Bowls
to the parish or Religious Education this week.

Easter Traditions



Blessing of Easter Baskets—Holy Saturday, April 15

St. Stephen will hold our traditional blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday. Two services will be held - one at 11:00am followed by the next service at 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, (e.g. biscuits, wine, fruits, vegetables, Peeps, chocolate or other candy), the choice is yours to make. Since St. Stephen has a large Polish representation within the parish, we thought we would share some of the traditional foods found in a Polish Easter Basket 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 Wielkanoczyn 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 it as 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 is used to bless the home, animals, fields and 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.

Recipe for Tomb Biscuits

Rolled Away—These breakfast buns will remind you of Jesus' resurrection.

1 pkg frozen rolls, thawed*

*Substitute Pillsbury Buttermilk Grands

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 then at 350 degrees for 15 minutes until they're golden brown.

Just like the tomb on Easter Sunday,
these buns are empty!

Parish Life

■ Ladies Social Club

Monthly Meeting—On Wednesday, April 19 the Ladies Social Club will hold its monthly meeting at 10am in Rooms 125/126. At our April meeting we will be putting together a small recipe booklet of easy to make dishes. Feel free to bring your favorite recipes, and if you would like, a small sample to share. Please remember that we cannot warm your samples. All ladies of St. Stephen's Parish are invited to join our Ladies Social Club. Come make some new friends and meet an old friend or two.

Bake Sale—The Ladies Social Club is sponsoring a bake sale after all the Masses the weekend of April 29/30. We are asking all our parishioners to help us make our bake sale a success. We appreciate anything you would like to bake! As you prepare your item for delivery, please mark the item "Bake Sale", 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, i.e. sugar free and gluten free, etc., please label those as well. No refrigerated items, please. Baked goods should be dropped off Saturday morning, April 29th. Please leave your items in the kitchen or leave the items on the table in front of the Daily Chapel. If you have any questions about the Bake Sale, please contact Toni Rafferty at 708-478-6937. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Stephen's building fund. Thank you for your help in making our bake sale a success.

■ Ted's Greenhouse Fundraiser

Look for details coming soon about our Ted's Greenhouse Fundraiser. It will run from May 15—June 15.

■ Parish 500 Club

Winners of the Parish 500 Club drawing for the week of April 3rd will be published in next week's bulletin.



Our Praise Band will sing at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, April 23 and Sunday, April 30

■ Seniors Young @ Heart—April Luncheon

Seniors interested in purchasing tickets for our April 24th Luncheon can do so by calling Bernie Valderrama at 708.444.7949. Luncheon tickets are \$14 and must be purchased through Bernie by April 14th to insure that enough food will be ordered. Pre-purchased tickets are required to participate in the luncheon. Our April luncheon menu includes: Marsala Chicken over Fettucini Pasta, Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Green Beans Almondine, Rolls and Butter, and dessert. Entertainment will be a Trivia Game and a Nominating Committee for our May election will be appointed.

■ **Spring Cleaning?** St. Stephen Parish will be holding a Savers Drive on Saturday, August 12. You will be able to donate all your unwanted, but in good condition, clothes, household items, and books to our drive. If you can, please hold donation items until then. Otherwise, please remember that clothes donations are always accepted in the St. Vincent de Paul drop off boxes on our grounds.

St. Stephen Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners who registered during the month of February. We are so glad you are here!



Douglas and Carol Eklund
Catherine Galas
Sara Johnson

Daniel and Shayla Kezon
Tara Litko
Timothy and Shanno Mikus
The Provancal Family

Sheree Anne Reyes
Thomas Schergen
John Sullivan

Youth and Education

Branches Teen Ministry

Kyle Groves Youth Minister 708-342-2400 x149

kyle@ststephentinley.com

Mission Trip—July 2-July 8

Join fellow teens from St. Stephen and St. Elizabeth Seton on our Summer 2017 Mission Trip to Harlan, KY. Registration is handled online. To register, go to www.ststephentinley.com, click on Parish Life/Branches Teen Ministry. Details about the trip and an online registration form can be found there. There is enough space on our Mission Trip to take 30 high school teens and young adults. This is first come, first serve, so register soon if you are interested in participating.

Summer Softball League

Registration for our Teen Softball League will be posted online on the Branches Teen Ministry web page after Easter. Incoming freshmen and high school students can sign up.

On the Horizon...

Information about the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis from November 16-19 will be shared after Easter. Save the dates!



WE ARE YOUR SCHOOL !

The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is currently accepting applications for enrollment for Grades 3PK- 8.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Labriola Devlin, Enrollment Director at cdevlin@cjbschool.org or 708-403-6525 extension 127

CJB graduates Kelly Calcagno, Mary Kate Gurka, Alena Pedroza, Katharine Pytel, Nicole Todd, and Natalie Zampillo were on the Mother McAuley High School honor roll for third quarter. Congratulations!

Human Concerns

Are you struggling and in need of help ?



Please contact our parish office at 708-342-2400, ask for the SVdP hotline, and leave a message when you are connected to the voicemail box. Be sure to leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached. Someone from our SVdP ministry group will contact you.

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

Confidentiality & compassion are the cornerstones of our ministry.

The Collection from Holy Thursday will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Parish Ministry.

Registration information for the following programs will be published in our Easter Bulletin:



Summer Vacation Bible School

June 19—June 23



Growing with God

2017/2018 School Year

Human Concerns

- **PP Vigil in Orland Park**

There will be a prayer vigil at the Orland Park Planned Parenthood from 3pm to 4pm on Friday, April 28. Participants will gather along the public right-of-way extending from 14470 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Parking is available in the Orland Chateau lot, 14500 S. LaGrange Road, but please park in the back.

- **Ignatian Volunteer Corps**

Men and women, age 50 and older, have the opportunity to engage in direct, hands-on service with the materially poor while growing in their Christian faith through personal and shared reflection. IVC members commit to 600 hours of service per year (2 days/week, Sept.-June) and participate in a comprehensive spiritual formation program in the Jesuit tradition including monthly community meetings, individual spiritual reflection, and retreat experiences.

Please visit www.ivcusa.org/chicago for more information or contact Ruth Terry at 708-334-7987 or

Ruth636@comcast.net

- **The Women's Center**

We are in need of 7 infant car seat/carriers, 5 older child car seats (all less than 7 years old), 6 toddler beds, 4 strollers, 3 double strollers, 4 walkers, 5 fixed side cribs, 5 high chairs, 4 bassinets, 4 umbrella strollers, 3 pack n plays and 3 swings.

If a pick-up by a volunteer is needed or for more information please call 773-794-1313.

Community

- **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Group**

A Mass & Healing Service will be held on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 pm. (Wheel Chair Accessible) The church is located at the corner of Flossmoor Road and Leavitt Avenue in Flossmoor. All are invited to attend and receive individual prayer for their requests.

For more information call Bettyann Hall at 708-799-1234.

Community

- **Divine Mercy Novena**

Queen of Martyrs Parish, located at 10240 S. St. Louis Ave. in Evergreen Park, will be holding a Divine Mercy Novena in its Adoration Chapel on April 14 - April 22 each day at 3:00 PM. They will also have a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on April 23. Starting at 2:30PM, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Divine Mercy Prayers followed by Mass at 4:00 PM .

- **Portiuncula Center for Prayer**

Portiuncula Center for Prayer, 9263 W St. Francis Road in Frankfort is offering the program Walking the Labyrinth Accompanied by Singing Bowls on Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8pm. Fee \$25. For more information, please visit their website at www.portforprayer.org or call 815-464-3880.

- **St. Laurence High School Alumni Mass**

St Laurence High School, located at 77th St. and Central Ave. in Burbank, will gather on Saturday, April 29 to honor their deceased alumni. Fr. Norm Trela will begin Mass at 4:30pm in the library. For more information, please contact Ed Kozak at 708-458-6900 ext. 244.

- **Earn \$\$\$\$ for St. Stephen's Parish!**

Have lunch or dinner at Gatto's on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month and help in raising funds for St. Stephen's parish. The parish will receive 15% of the before tax cost of your meal. Please present this coupon to your server or ask your server to write St. Stephen's Men's Club on your bill.



St. Stephen Men's Club

Dine-In or Carryout

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

of the month

15% Donation (before tax)

Present this coupon to YOUR server

Next Dates:

Wednesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 26

Parish Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	Apr-9		Baby Nursing	#153
		10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of The Word Church	Church
		10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Growing With God	#162-167
		11:00 AM	Welcoming & Parish Registration	LMR & #158/159
		2:00 PM	Lamentations	Church
		3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baptism	Church
	4:00 PM	Living Stations - Full Dress Rehearsal	Church & 125/126	
Monday	Apr-10	4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm	RE Classes	Education Wing
		8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Daily Chapel
		7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church
		7:30 PM	Financial Planning	#126
Tuesday	Apr-11	4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm	RE Classes	Education Wing
		8:45 AM	Stations of the Cross (English)	Daily Chapel
		7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church
		7:30 PM	Highlanders	#170/171/172/173
		7:30 PM	Rosary	Daily Chapel
Wednesday	Apr-12		Men's Club Fundraiser Gatto's Restaurant	Gatto's
		4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm	RE Classes	Education Wing
		9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Moms and Tots	#161
		7:30 PM	Living Stations Church with readings, etc. full rehearsal	Church
Thursday	Apr-13		*NO ADORATION OR BENEDICTION	Daily Chapel
		8:30 AM	Decorating Church	Church
		11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Church
		4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Children's Choir	Church
		7:30 PM	Holy Thursday...Mass of the Lord's Supper (bi-lingual)	Church
		8:30—Midnight	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass	Chapel
Friday	Apr-14		Parish & RE Offices Closed at Noon	
		8:30 AM	Decorating Church	Church
		8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Scripture Study	#126
		9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Daily Chapel
		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
		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
Saturday	Apr-15		Baby Nursing	#153
		8:30 AM	Decorating Church	Church
		8:30 AM - 10:15 AM	The Journey	#126
		11:00 AM	Basket Blessing Church	Church
		12:00 PM	Basket Blessing Church	Church
		5:00 PM - 11:00 PM	RCIA Reception	LMR
	7:30 PM	Easter Vigil (bi-lingual)	Church	
Sunday	Apr-16		Baby Nursing	#153



Please see our Holy Week Schedule elsewhere in the bulletin for Easter Sunday Mass times.

Mass Intentions

<u>4/9</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Requested by :</u>
7:00am	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Delores Sarra	The Family
8:30am	Fornek & Wojtkowski Family Hugh Twomey	Carol Fornek Celia Twomey
10:00am	Halina Kelso-Leonard Francesca Campione	The Family Michela Campione
11:30am	Frank Nowobilski Mary G. Gilligan	Maxine Nowobilski Jim & Mary Gibbons
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Carl Cislak	Wife
6:15pm	Linda Everet Patrick Malone	Dcn Chuck & Terese McFarland The Family
<u>4/10</u>	<u>Monday</u>	
8:00am	Diane Hartman Joan Rudzki	The Papa Family Deacon Joe & Linda Stalcup
<u>4/11</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	
8:00am	Roger Johnson, Jr. Purgatorial Society	The Family
<u>4/12</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	
8:00am	Stella Opyd John & Stella Engel & Stanley & Mary Mikos	Children & Grandchildren Tom & Gladys Mikos
<u>4/13</u>	<u>Thursday - Holy Thursday</u>	
<u>4/14</u>	<u>Friday- Good Friday</u>	
<u>4/15</u>	<u>Saturday - Holy Saturday</u>	
<u>4/16</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

Lily Acosta	Rex Knapp
Julie Barth	Chuck Mc Farland
Arlene Beavan	Helen Michalik
Mary Beechy	Joey Moylan
Kathie Brosius	Dave Newquist
Tammy Burns	Dana Nosek
Joanne Chess	Anna Plecki
Thomas Connors	Joe & Joan Ricciuti
Bob & Sheila Dickman	Mary Lou Schoettler
Joe Dorff	Nicole Siedschlag
Janice Dorff	Rachel Swallow
Bill Dunlap	Joseph Tierney
Bill Galvin	Michael Vasek
Caroline Grady	Kelly Weiss
Larry Hersh	Ken & Patricia Weissman

And for all for whom our parish is asked to pray

Parishioners' names will be kept on the prayer list at Mass for four weeks and listed in the bulletin for 60 days. Immediate family members are asked to call after four weeks if you wish to still have the name read at Mass.

Names of non-parishioners who are immediate family members of our parishioners will be read at Mass for two weeks and listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

Please Pray for Our Deceased

Philomena King

Weekly Readings

Sun	Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7
Mon	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tues	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thur	Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a
Fri	Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16
Sat	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Zeke Wayne Lembke
Zachary Joseph Ligammari
Nathan Nicholas Pytell

Weddings

Banns I Samer Hatar & Rasha Alnimri

Date	Ministry	Sat 5 PM	Sun 7 AM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun 11:30 AM	Sun 1 PM Polish
4/16	Deacons Greeters	None Mary Tafoya Mary Berger Jean Coughlin Peg Schmitt	Dcn Joe	Dcn Ken Bob Ridge Barb Ridge Helen Klimek Helen Zimmerman	Dcn Bill E. Pauline Cotrano Anna Williams Dorothy Meyrick Bob Meyrick	Dcn Bob C. Joan Beck B.J. Witry Lynn Packert Alyssa Corona	
	Counters	4/16	Team #2	4/23	Team #3		

Military



Please pray for the well-being and safe return of all our military men and women, including:

CPL Nicholas Cascone	Lt. Amanda Griffith	Tsgt. Laura Langley	Sgt. Dominic Messina
Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro	Sgt. Evan Grober	Ssgt. Carl Langley	PFC Matthew O'Boyle
Major Vincent Cesaro	Capt. Michael Gryczka	Sgt. Joseph Malone	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
Capt. Michael Chimienti	Lt. Dan Kniaz	Capt. Christopher Mazurek	Major Thomas Walsh