

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish.



Parish Mission

St. Stephen is a Catholic community of faith striving to witness to the Gospel. Our Baptism and Confirmation call 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.

Our Staff

Rev. James Finno, Pastor

Rev. Grzegorz Warmuz, Associate Pastor

Deacons: Robert Conlin Joseph Stalcup
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Parish Office

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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.
- For information about Domestic Violence awareness, services, and prevention, please visit www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



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 Parishioners are invited 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 GiveCentral. 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	Offertory	May Byline Bank
	5-14-2017	Electronic Contributions
Regular Sunday	\$19,194.00	\$11,705.00
Kids	\$32.15	-
Sharing	\$177.00	-
Easter	\$255.00	-
Parish Center	-	\$185.00
Candles	\$460.00	-
TOTAL	\$20,118.15	\$11,890.00

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	April 2017	Year to Date
Actual	\$123,028	\$1,200,581
Budget	\$126,375	\$1,265,750
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$3,347)	(\$65,169)

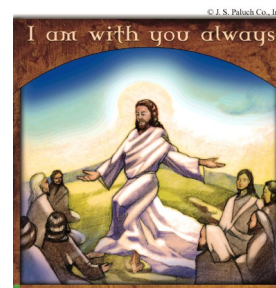
From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,
Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. For many years of my life this feast was celebrated on Thursday, 40 days after Easter, but was changed to Sunday in most dioceses of the United States some years ago to provide emphasis for the feast. In the Scripture readings for today's Mass, one particular image strikes me - the image in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles where the apostles are gazing up at the sky as the ascended Lord disappears and the Angel speaks to them. The image speaks to two complementary dimensions of this feast: wonder at the glory of Jesus' completion of His mission on earth by His Ascension and the call to Jesus' disciples and to us to continue His mission. It's very easy to understand the wonder and awe of the apostles as they gazed up at the sky where Jesus has ascended. The miracle of the Resurrection is followed by Jesus' Ascension back to the Father. Yet with their wonder at the glory of God the apostles must have also felt a bit of fear. With their leader no longer with them, what was to come next? The message of the Angel who asked why they were staring at the sky moved them to the next stage of their growing as disciples of Jesus - taking up the task of continuing the mission of Christ. There is an ancient Christian fable that makes this point. The fable has the Angels greeting Jesus in heaven after the Ascension. After congratulating Jesus on completing His work on earth, they started to express doubts about His followers, that all too imperfect band of disciples and the all too imperfect disciples we are today. The Angels said, "what if they fail - they don't always inspire great confidence. What is the backup plan?" In the

fable Jesus replies simply, "There is no backup plan." The fable makes the point that the work of continuing the mission of Jesus is our work, as true today as it was on the day of the Ascension. That is an awesome responsibility; it can seem as overwhelming to us as it must have been to those first disciples who wondered how they would carry on without the Master. Yet as Jesus commissions His disciples to go forth and to do His work in the gospel reading for today, the final words of St. Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us that "I am with you always until the end of time." Through the Holy Spirit whose coming we celebrate next Sunday on Pentecost and through the Eucharist that nourishes us every time we receive it, Jesus is with us, giving us strength to continue His mission to bring God's love into the world. His Ascension proclaims the hope that sustains us; we are meant to share in the glory of Jesus' eternal home. The Ascension also proclaims Jesus' trust in us to do His work. He has entrusted His mission to each one of us and to us as a community. The Scriptures today remind us of the ongoing presence of Jesus with us, in the Eucharist and in the presence of the Holy Spirit, to sustain us in our mission as Christians.

Today we celebrate the glory of the Lord that is revealed in the Ascension. We celebrate and find strength both in the hope that comes from the Lord's promise of eternal life in which we will share in His glory and in Christ's promise to be with us always as we take up His mission, in our own imperfect human ways, to bring God's love into the world.

Today I want to congratulate all our young people who have graduated from or are graduating from various



schools in these weeks. I also congratulate their parents whose support and guidance have helped them through the years of education. Please keep the graduates in your prayers as they move on to new challenges and new stages of their lives.

Finally, this Memorial Day weekend is a special time to remember and to pray for all those who have given their lives in the service of our nation and to pray for God's protection for those who are currently serving in our armed forces. As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, it is also a time to pray for peace and for a renewed commitment to the finest ideals of our nation and to the sacrifice and effort needed to live those ideals. In his Gettysburg address, commemorating those who perished in the battle of Gettysburg in 1863, Abraham Lincoln said: "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." As we enjoy the Memorial Day holiday, remember to pray in a special way for those who have died in the service of our nation and for a renewed commitment in all of us to live the ideals of our nation.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

From Our Associate Pastor

Polish to English Translation:

Zawsze będę z wami

Obietnica zawarta w podtytule może nam wydać się nierealna, bo jakże zrozumieć te słowa, skoro w naszym życiu niejednokrotnie doświadczamy odejść. Ileż razy spotykamy ludzi, którzy obiecują nam przyjaźń, czasami nawet miłość na wieki. I co? Najczęściej na obietnicach się kończy. Tymczasem ta konkretna obietnica powinna nam utkwąć w głowie jako realna, rzeczywista, bo to, że wstąpił w Niebo, jest dla nas jej potwierdzeniem.

Nie pytajmy, czy, nie pytajmy, w jaki sposób, lecz zadajmy sobie pytanie, czy w to wierzymy, czy otworzyliśmy się na fakt stałej obecności. Bo właśnie to, że Chrystus wstąpił w Niebo, daje nam nadzieję, iż – jeśli uwierzymy – pozostanie z nami, będzie nam towarzyszył, będzie nami kierował i prowadził nas w taki sposób, byśmy ciągle z Nim pozostawali. My zaś mamy świadczyć o Jego obecności, o Jego życiu i Ofierze, która stała się dla nas początkiem nowego życia. Nie dociekajmy, jak się to spełni, lecz – wierząc – bądźmy Jego świadkami, gdyż On tego chce: «Nie wasza to rzecz znać czasy i chwile, które Ojciec ustalił swoją władzą, ale gdy Duch Święty zstąpi na was, otrzymacie Jego moc i będziecie moimi świadkami w Jerozolimie i w całej Judei, i w Samarii, i aż po krańce ziemi». (Dz 1,7-8)

Działania i zamiary Chrystusa doskonale tłumaczy nam w Liście do Efezjan święty Paweł, mówiąc, że to sam Bóg „wskrzesił Go z martwych i posadził po swojej prawicy na wyżynach niebieskich, ponad wszelką Zwierzchnością i Władzą, i Mocą, i Panowaniem, i ponad wszelkim innym imieniem wzywaniem nie tylko w tym wieku, ale i w przyszłym. I wszystko poddał pod Jego stopy, a Jego samego ustanowił nade wszystko Głową dla Kościoła.” (Ef 1,20-22). Sam zaś Pan, Jezus Chrystus, poprzez ustanowienie Eucharystii pozostawił nam po sobie pamiątkę, którą każdorazowo przeżywamy podczas Mszy Świętej. Wniebowstąpienie zaś tylko uświadamiać nam powinno, że On, będąc Bogiem, pozostał z nami, codziennie się ofiarowuje za nas na krzyżu cierpienia, by przebłagać Boga Ojca za nasze winy i grzechy i prowadzić nas do Niego.

My, w ramach Kościoła Chrystusowego, otrzymaliśmy ostatnią naukę: co dalej robić, jak żyć i jak oczekiwać na ponowne przyjście, czyli Paruzję; «Dana Mi jest wszelka władza w niebie i na ziemi. Idźcie więc i nauczajcie wszystkie narody, udzielając im chrztu w imię Ojca i Syna, i Ducha Świętego. Uczcie je zachowywać wszystko, co wam przykazałem. A oto Ja jestem z wami przez wszystkie dni, aż do skończenia świata». (Mt 28,18b-20). Skąd wiemy o ponownym przyjściu? Skąd mamy czerpać tę naukę i jak oczekiwać Tego, który tak nas ukochał? Powróćmy do lektury Dziejów Apostolskich, gdzie w ostatnim fragmencie dzisiejszego czytania znajdują się słowa, które nie są skierowane tylko do Apostołów obecnych przy Wniebowstąpieniu, ale również, a może przede wszystkim do nas: «Mężowie z Galilei, dlaczego stoicie i wpatrujecie się w niebo? Ten Jezus, wzięty od was do nieba, przyjdzie tak samo, jak widzieliście Go wstępującego do nieba». (Dz 1.10-11).

Jezu Chryste w Niebo Wstępujący, daj nam wiarę, wytrwałość i miłość, byśmy mogli innym głosić Twoje Słowa i przygotowywać się do Twego powtórnego przyjścia. Przez Chrystusa, z Chrystusem i w Chrystusie.

I will always be with you.

The promise that Jesus will always be with us may seem unreal because in our lives we hear people say this to us and then our experience is that they leave us. How many times do we meet people who promise us friendship or even sometimes forever love? Then, what happens? Many times the promise is broken and the relationship ends. Yet this particular promise should be fixed in our mind as real. It is real because the fact that He has entered Heaven is an affirmation to us.

Let's not ask how this is real, but rather let's ask ourselves whether we believe it or not. Christ ascended into Heaven and He gives us the hope that, if we believe, He will remain with us, He will accompany us, guide us and lead us in such a way that we continue with Him. We are to bear witness to His presence, His life and the Sacrifice, which has become for us, the beginning of a new life. Let's not dwell on how this presence exists, but rather believe in it and let us be His witness because He wants it: "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1,7-8)

The actions and intentions of Christ are explained to us perfectly in the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, saying that God himself raised "Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things beneath His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church "(Ephesians 1: 20-22). The Lord himself, Jesus Christ, through the institution of the Eucharist, has left us a memorial that we experience during the Mass. Ascension, however, only makes us aware that He, while remaining with us, offers Himself to us daily on the cross of suffering, to appease God the Father for our sins and leads us to Him.

We, the Church of Christ, have received the last teaching: what to do next, how to live and how to expect a second coming. "Go and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you. And here I am with you all the days until the end of the world ." (Mt 28, 18b-20). How do we know He is coming back? How do we learn this and how do we prepare for the one who loved us so much? Let's return to the Acts of the Apostles, where in the last passage of today's reading there are words that are not addressed only to the apostles present at the Ascension, but also, or perhaps above all, to us: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing and gazing into the sky? This Jesus, taken from you to heaven, will come as you have seen Him ascending to heaven. " (Acts 1: 10-11).

Give us faith, perseverance, and love, so that we may be able to preach your Word and prepare for your second coming through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

Spiritual Life



This Monday, Memorial Day, we will follow a holiday Mass schedule with one Mass at 9 AM. The Parish and RE offices will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. May God Bless America!

Spiritual Notes...

- ✚ Join us to pray the **Rosary** as a community of faith on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 PM in the Daily Chapel
- ✚ The **Faith and Inspiration to Hope Prayer Intercessory Prayer Group** meets on Thursday, June 1 at 7 PM in the Daily Chapel.
- ✚ **Pentecost Volunteers Needed**—The feast of Pentecost will be celebrated next weekend at Masses on June 3 & 4. It has become a tradition at St. Stephen to have the first reading on this feast proclaimed in multiple languages. We are still in need of a few adults and children to help with the first reading. All ages are invited as long as they can read and speak in a foreign language. We have translations of the scripture reading available in many languages. Please contact John or Pat at (708) 429-1584 after 5 PM to let us know the language you speak and your Mass preference. We will have a practice session scheduled for this Thursday, June 1 at 7 PM.
- ✚ **Dance for Joy!** - The Liturgical Dance Team at St. Stephen's will be continuing this summer. Please email the church office to sign up at karen@ststephentinley.com
- ✚ The Archdiocese of Chicago will hold its annual **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** for 2017 on Sunday, September 17. If you are married 50 years this year, please keep this date free and watch for more information in the bulletin.
- ✚ The **Praise Band** will lead our music on Sunday, June 18 & 25 at the 11:30 AM Mass.



Stewardship Reflection—May 28

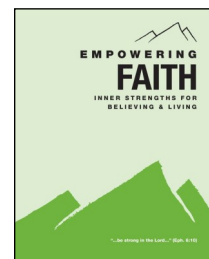
Seventh Sunday of Easter

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Faith Series Book Discussion

We will begin a new book discussion from the third book in the Faith Series offered by the Paulists. The first meeting will take place on Saturday, June 24 at 8:45 AM in the parish offices.



Empowering Faith concentrates on the three theological virtues - Faith, Hope & Love or Charity and the four cardinal virtues - Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, and Temperance. This book promises to help us to understand our lives as empowered by the Holy Spirit through these basic Catholic virtues. The sessions will consist of Scripture readings, essays, discussions, sharing, and times of prayer. Participants will find a way to reflect on their own lives and also to reflect on broader behaviors of society. Discussion of virtues leads to conversation about how disciples of Jesus are called to behave. The books will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of June 10/11 for \$5 each.

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

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Sw. Szczepana

W cięgo calego 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 bliższe informacje proszę dzwonić do biura parafialnego pod numer 1(708) 342- 2400 wew 137

In Gratitude to Those Who Serve or Have Served Our Country

Active Duty Military

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



CPL Nicholas Cascone	Lt. Amanda Griffith	Sgt. Carl Langley	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro	Sgt. Evan Grober	Sgt. Joseph Malone	Major Thomas Walsh
Major Vincent Cesaro	Capt. Michael Gryczka	Capt. Christopher Mazurek	
Capt. Michael Chimienti	Lt. Dan Kniaz	Sgt. Dominic Messina	
PV2 Joseph Clavio	Tsgt. Laura Langley	PFC Matthew O'Boyle	



Memorial Day Field Masses

will be held at the following area Catholic Cemeteries on
Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:30 AM.

A complete listing of all Memorial Day Field Masses
within the Archdiocese of Chicago can be found at
www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org

Assumption Catholic Cemetery-Glenwood

Celebrant—Rev. John S. Siemianowski

Calvary Catholic Cemetery-Steger

Celebrant—Rev. David J. Simonetti

Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery-Orland Park

Celebrant—Bishop Alberto Rojas

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery-Calumet City

Celebrant—Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery—Alsip

Celebrant—Bishop John R. Gorman

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery -Justice

Celebrant—Archbishop Blase J. Cupich

St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery-Chicago

Celebrant—Rev. Michael P. Ahlstrom

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery-Evergreen Park

Celebrant—Rev. Michael Meany



Serving God's Word to Those Who Have Served

As Americans and parishioners of St. Stephen, we pray for the success and protection of our troops every week. We also pray that the men and women who sacrificed so much recover from any wounds, physical or emotional, that they might have received from service to our country.

If you or someone you love is a service man or woman having difficulty transitioning to civilian life, need VA care, or simply desire someone with whom to talk, please consider giving me a call at the parish office at 708-342-2400. We continue to be committed to the soldiers who have served our nation and have preserved the freedom we enjoy.

Blessings,

Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn

U.S. Marine

Military Memorial Brick Garden



Did you know that St. Stephen has a military memorial brick garden? It is located on the west side of the building in front of the flag pole. Bricks in honor of active or veteran service members are located here. Those interested in honoring a loved one through a memorial brick should contact Karen Opyd at 708-342-2400 x138.

Youth and Education

Branches Teen Ministry

Kyle Groves Youth Minister

- Phone: 708-342-2400 x149
- Email : kyle@ststephentinley.com
- Website: ststephentinley.com
- Online registrations can be found on Branches Teen Ministry pages under the Parish Life tab.

■ *Informational Meeting for NCYC*

THIS Sunday, May 28th from 7-8:15pm, Rooms 125/126

2017 National Catholic Youth Conference

When: November 16-18

Where: Indianapolis Colt's Stadium

Cost: \$200 for hotel, food, and travel

Register online.

■ *Summer Softball Team*

Parish high school students (incoming freshman through outgoing seniors) are invited to join our Summer Softball Team. Signups are online. Registration cost is \$35 per person and will be paid online through GiveCentral.

■ *Car Wash Fundraiser—Sat. June 3 from 9am-2pm*

Support our summer mission trip by bringing your cars to our car wash on this Saturday morning.

■ *Relay For Life—June 3rd*

If you know someone who has had to live and fight with cancer, this will be the event for you. Join us at Tinley Park High School at 2pm. Our team is open to any parishioner.

■ *Attention High School Seniors!* —Youth ministry will be hosting a banquet style night for you at St. Elizabeth Seton on June 11th at 5pm.

■ *Mission Trip*—We still have several openings for our Summer Mission Trip to Harlan, Kentucky. Please contact the Youth Office if you're interested. Sign up and payment for the Summer Mission Trip must be completed by June 15.

**Please RSVP by contacting Kyle Groves
at above email/phone. Thanks!**



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is a Nationally-Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

Am I eligible to attend Cardinal Bernardin School? Where is it located?

CJB is a "regional" Catholic blue ribbon school sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr, and St. Elizabeth Seton. CJB welcomes children from Christian households whose parents are seeking a blue-ribbon Christian educational environment. Tell your neighbors and friends! CJB is adjacent to St. Elizabeth Seton Parish – at 9250 W. 167th Street in Orland Hills.

Do you offer Pre-K and Kindergarten?

Yes! In addition to Grades 1-8, we offer half-day and full-day 3PK and 4PK as well as full-day Kindergarten! The half-day 3PK program is Monday-Thursday. You may select either 7:40a-10:40a (AM) or 11a-2p (PM). Half-day 4PK is Monday-Friday (select AM or PM). Our full-day classes are, of course, Monday-Friday from 7:40a until 2p.

Is there a "Before and After School" Program?

Yes! The Extended Day Program opens at 6:30a and closes when the school day begins; it re-opens at 2:00p and closes for the night at 6:00p. The hourly-rate is \$8/hr for one child; \$10/hr for two or more children. All students may attend the Extended Day Program.

Where and when may I get registration materials? How do I register?

Registration is currently in process; the application is available online at www.cjbschool.org

To register, complete the application and then mail or drop off an *original* birth and baptismal certificate (*originals will be returned*), and a one-time family fee of \$250. For Grades 1-8, include a copy of the most current report card and standardized test scores.

When may I register?

Registration for new families is happening RIGHT NOW. We will continue to accept registrations until all spaces are filled.

Call for tuition rates and information on financial assistance. All questions may be directed to the Director of Enrollment, Cynthia Devlin, at 708-403-6525 ext. 127...or via email at cdevlin@cjbschool.org

Youth and Education

2017/2018 Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration for Religious Education has begun for the 2017-18 school year. The following are tuition rates for 2017-18. Please stop in the Religious Education Office to register for grades 1-8.

**Register by
THIS WEDNESDAY
for lowest
registration fees.**

FEES ARE PER STUDENT	April 1 to May 31	June 1 to July 31	After August 1st
1 CHILD	\$240	\$270	\$300
2 CHILDREN	\$400	\$450	\$500
3 OR MORE CHILDREN	\$480	\$540	\$600
FAMILY CATECHESIS	same as above	same as above	same as above
SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS	\$115	\$145	\$175
2 ND GRADE & R.C.I.C. SACRAMENT FEE	\$35	\$35	\$35
8 TH GRADE SACRAMENT FEE	\$50	\$50	\$50
4 TH GRADE BIBLE FEE*	\$8	\$8	\$8

Help Needed for Vacation Bible School

Calling all parishioners, we need your help! Our VBS campers are looking forward to an exciting adventure as they spend their VBS week learning they were created by God and built for a purpose!

Adult Volunteers Needed: We continue to be in need of adult volunteers for our camp which runs from Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 from 9 am—12 pm. Please contact Dee Zvejnieks at dee@ststephentinley.com or (312) 608-1587 for more information!

Donations Needed: VBS is seeking donations to help make our camp fun and successful. The following items are on our VBS Wish List. We do ask that you if you would like to make a donation, please purchase the brands listed as they are safe for our campers that have severe food allergies. Donations can be dropped off in the designated location in the narthex or at the Religious Education Office by Wednesday June 14th. Thank you for helping us to keep our kids safe!

- Skinny Pop Popcorn-Original Flavor - (Costco-28 pack box/Target-6 pack)
- Angie's Boom Chick Pop - Sweet and Salty flavor- (Target-6 pack bag)
- Sunmaid brand mini snack raisins - (Target, Jewel, and other grocery stores)
- Ocean Spray brand Craisins - (6 pack boxes at Target/Walmart/Meijer)
- Tostitos Brand Scoops chips
- Chi-Chi's Mild Salsa 48 oz Jugs (Target)
- Chocolate Chex Cereal—Gluten Free
- Vanilla Chex Cereal—Gluten Free
- Cinnamon Chex Cereal—Gluten Free
- Fritos original flavor—Party Sized bags
- Annie's or Kellogg's Brand Fruit Snacks (Mixed Berry Flavor)
- Minute Maid Juice Boxes—Fruit Punch & Apple flavors only
- Honest Kids Juice Boxes—Apple and Grape flavors only
- 5 ounce paper cups
- Paper bowls
- Small peel and stick googly eyes
- Flat sequins
- Yarn in various colors—5 skein
- Buttons and Scrap fabric—various sizes and colors
- Washable School Glue
- Ziploc sandwich bags
- Baking Soda
- White Vinegar
- Balloons (12 inch)
- Marbles
- Rubber Bands
- Gluten-Free Play-doh various colors

Youth and Education

2017/2018 Growing with God

Online Registration is Open

Registration is now open for the first 84 students to enroll in our 2017/2018 Growing with God (GWG) Preschool Sunday School.

WHO? Children, ages 3, 4, and 5/6 (Kindergarten) based on the child's age on October 1, 2017.

WHEN? GWG meets during the entire 10am Mass twice a month from October to April, typically the first and third Sundays of the month.

ACTIVITIES? Children will color, do a craft, sing, and have a snack all while learning the meaning of the Gospel. They hear God's messages at their level while their parents and older siblings attend Mass.

SPECIAL EVENTS? The children sing a song at Mass during Advent, perform an Easter Program, and have a Graduation ceremony.

HOW? Registration online at www.ststephentinley.com. Click on the "Education" tab, then choose Growing with God. Use the "Pay Here" link to pay the \$30 tuition on Give Central and then complete the online registration form.

Volunteer Information:

TEENS: between the ages of 12-18 (entering 7th grade through high school), who enjoy working with small children, and are willing to make a school year commitment.

ADULTS: who enjoy working with small children and willing to be Virtus Trained. All materials and lesson plans are provided for you.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Connie Lambke at connie@ststephentinley.com

Parish 500 Club

Congratulations to the following winners
for the week of May 21, 2017:

- ♦ \$100 Winner, #240 Bernie and Sharon Bentley
- ♦ \$25 Winner, #474 James DeAmbrose

Parish Life

■ Welcoming & Parish Registration

Please join us THIS Sunday, May 28 after 10 AM Mass in Education Wing. All are welcome!

■ 2017 White Sox Outings

Join us for an evening or two of White Sox baseball. These games are open to all members of St. Stephen along with their family and friends. Ticket sales will end when all tickets are sold or 30 days before game.



Game 1: Thursday, July 27—Sox vs Cubs 7 PM Game Time. Upper Deck Seats Section 538. Rows 9 to 16. Cost \$40 per seat without bus, \$50 per seat with bus. Bus will leave St. Stephen at 5:30 PM.

Game 2: Saturday, August 26—Sox vs. Tigers 6 PM Game Time. Lower Deck Seats. Section 149 Rows 33 to 37. Cost \$40 per seat without bus, \$50 per seat with bus. Bus will leave St. Stephen at 5 PM.

To order tickets, please make check payable to St. Stephen Men's Club and send with your name, cell phone number, and email address to Deacon Chuck McFarland c/o St. Stephen Church, 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487. Also include note advising how many tickets you are ordering for each game and whether you will take bus to game. Please call Deacon Chuck McFarland at 708-620-8436 with questions.

■ Ted's Greenhouse Fundraiser

If you are shopping at Ted's Greenhouse in Tinley Park between now and June 15, please bring in one of our fundraising flyers that were previously published in the bulletin. (Don't have one? Look on our website www.ststephentinley.com under the Parish Life Tab for a copy.) St. Stephen gets a 20% rebate from your net purchase when you use the flyer!

■ Savers Donation Drive

Please mark your calendars for our one-day event on Saturday, August 12th. A Savers Truck will be on site to collect all your unwanted, but in good condition, books, household items, and clothing. St. Stephen gets paid by the pound for everything we collect! Clean out a closet or two or perhaps a storage locker and help St. Stephen earn money for our Parish Life Center! What an easy way to support your parish. We will be publishing lists of what can be donated in future bulletins. We do ask that anything that is donated be boxed or bagged. The tighter and more we can pack in the truck, the more we earn!

Second Annual "Roof Fest"

Buy Your Event & Raffle Tickets in the Narthex Next Weekend - June 3/4

On Friday, June 16th, the sponsoring parishes of our Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School are coming together to hold our second "Raise the Roof" fundraiser and party. The fundraiser will help to replenish the \$215,000 that was borrowed to pay for the unplanned repairs to the walls and windows of the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School building in the summer of 2015. All our parishes are committed to replenishing this money. The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School is our parish school, and this party presents a wonderful opportunity to get together with parishioners from all four sponsoring parishes to celebrate our faith community. It is also a way to continue to build relationships in our "Renew My Church" parish grouping.

To help repay this loan, we are holding a cash raffle. We plan to sell 1,000 tickets at \$100 each. People can also buy partial/shared 20% tickets for \$20. Prizes [pro-rated based on reaching our 1,000 ticket sales goal] are:

- First Prize: \$20,000
- Second Prize: \$5,000
- Third through Twelfth Prizes: \$1,000 [each]

At this year's "**Raise the Roof**" party - a fun evening for adults filled with fellowship, a DJ, food, drinks, and dancing—we will draw the winning tickets. To purchase raffle tickets, please complete the form below and return it to the parish. This year our party will have a "**Hawaiian Luau**" theme and feature a pig roast. We will be serving roast pork as well as chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert. An inexpensive cash bar [\$2.00 for wine or beer, \$1 for pop or water] will be offered. Party tickets are \$20 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Here are all the event particulars: **Date: Friday, June 16, 2017. Time: 6:30– 10:30pm Location: In-doors at the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Life Center, 9300 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487. Admission to the "Raise the Roof" party is \$20.00 per person, with a cash bar.** Raffle and party tickets are available in the Parish Office and will be on sale in the narthex after all Masses the weekends of May 20/21 and June 03/04. Please join your fellow parishioners from the four sponsoring parishes - St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr – for a wonderful summer evening. We look forward to seeing you at "**Raise the Roof**" on June 16th!

God Bless,

Fr. Jay Finno

Winner is responsible for all applicable taxes. Winner need **not be present to win.*

***Must be 21 and older to attend "**Raise the Roof**".*

Please return this form with your payment to St. Stephen Parish, 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park IL 60487

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Number of Raffle Tickets \$100 Each _____ Number of "20% Shared Raffle" Tickets: \$20 Each _____

Number of "Roof Fest Party Tickets": \$20 per person _____

Please Make Checks Payable to St. Stephen Parish.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Human Concerns

If you or your family are struggling, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry may be able to 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.

Monthly St. Vincent DePaul Food Collection Next Weekend—June 3/June 4

Your generosity to our food drive is greatly appreciated! Please drop off your non-perishable items in the narthex before or after Masses. Household products and gluten-free items are welcome, too!



Joyful Again Widowed Ministry

Do you find yourself wondering how long it takes before things begin to look better? How to move forward with your life? Then consider attending one of the retreat/workshops being held this summer for widowed men & women.

Join the Joyful Again Widowed Ministry on July 1 & 2 at St. Julie's in Tinley Park. For more information please:

- visit www.joyfulagain.org
- e-mail us at: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
- Call us at 1-708-354-7211.



The Shawl Ministry will be in the Narthex after all the Masses next weekend. Please stop by our table if you or a loved one is in need of a Prayer Shawl. Our shawls are handmade with love and are available without cost.

Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

St. Stephen Parish has started a new ministry to raise awareness, educate, and support those affected by Domestic Violence. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, June 11 at 4 PM in Rooms #125/126. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in supporting our efforts or with questions can contact Deacon Bill Schultz at 708-342-2400 or email him at denbill@ststephentinley.com



Community

■ Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Group

A Mass & Healing Service will be held on **Monday, June 5 at 7:30 pm** at Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor. The church is located at the corner of Flossmoor Road and Leavitt Ave. in Flossmoor. All are invited to attend and receive individual prayer for their requests. (Wheel Chair Accessible) IJP holds a Mass and Healing Service the first Monday of every month of the year & a Mass & Prayer Meetings all other Monday Evenings at 7:30 pm. Please call Bettyann Hall at 708-799-1234 with questions.

■ "Salute To Old Glory" Free Concert & Program

The Knights of Columbus, Crusader Council, is sponsoring its 15th Annual Salute to Old Glory on **Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm**. The program features a special World War II Radio Program Skit, back by popular demand. It also features American and Patriotic Music with the Ron Smolen Orchestra. The program will now be held at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St. (beside the Finnegan Center) in Orland Park. The Program goes on - RAIN OR SHINE - If it rains we will move inside.

■ Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

Would you consider doing something Heroic in 2017? Like running a marathon? Join our Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Heroes team for the sold-out Oct. 8 Bank of America Chicago Marathon and transform the life of an abused child in Chicago. Spots are going quickly with training about to kickoff. You must **sign up by June 20**. Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887. By joining our Heroes team, you will make it possible for us to provide a safe home, emotional healing, and academic opportunities for children who have suffered abuse, neglect, poverty, and abandonment. Hebrews 12:1 calls us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us." Is this your race? Join us as a Mercy Home Hero, where we believe "No distance is too far to save a child."

Sign up here: <https://www.mercyhome.org/bank-america-chicago-marathon/>

Or contact Jim Harding at jimhar@mercyhome.org or 312-738-9381.

■ Help Wanted: Hiring CNAs



Are you a compassionate, caring CNA? The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart are seeking applicants for two part-time CNA positions in their assisted living center at 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Candidates may inquire and apply by calling Karen Hannon at 815-464-3860.

■ Domestic Violence Outreach

On **Monday, June 12 at 7 pm**, St. Christina Parish will host Ms. Lana Blitstein, Domestic Violence Educator from Pillars, accompanied by a domestic violence survivor at: 1005 S. Homan Ave, Chicago, IL 60655

An RSVP to lmcmeel@stfrancis.edu is requested.

Parish Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	May-28	11:00 AM	Welcoming & Parish Registration	LMR & #158/159
		3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baptism	Church
		7:00 PM - 8:15 PM	NCYC Info Night	#125/126
Monday	May-29	Parish & RE Offices Closed		
		9:00 AM	Memorial Day Mass	Church
		7:00 PM	White Week	Church
				
Tuesday	May-30	7:00 PM	Polish Litany to Our Lady	Daily Chapel
		7:00 PM	White Week	Church
		7:30 PM	Highlanders	#170/171/172/173
		7:30 PM	Rosary Daily	Daily Chapel
Wednesday	May-31	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Moms and Tots	#161
		7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Adult Choir	Church
		7:00 PM	Polish Litany to Our Lady	Daily Chapel
		7:00 PM	White Week	Church
Thursday	Jun-1	8:30am- 6:30 PM	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Ro-sary	Daily Chapel
		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	#125/126
		6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Benediction, then Divine Mercy Prayers	Daily Chapel
		7:00 PM	Pentecost Practice	Church
		7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Praise Band	Church
		7:30 PM	SWIFT	#125
Friday	Jun-2	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Daily Chapel
		8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Scripture Study	#126
		6:30 PM	1st Fri Mass (Polish)	Church
Saturday	Jun-3		Baby Nursing	#153
		All Masses	Raise the Roof event and raffle ticket sales	Narthex
		All Masses	Narthex...Shawl Ministry	Narthex
		All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive	Narthex
		9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Branches Teen Ministry Car Wash	Parking Lot
		2:00 PM	Relay for Life	Tinley Park High School
		7:00 PM	1st Sat Mass (Polish)	Church
Sunday	Jun-4		Pentecost	
			Baby Nursing	#153
		All Masses	Raise the Roof event and raffle ticket sales	Narthex
		All Masses	Narthex...Shawl Ministry	Narthex
		All Masses	St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive	Narthex
		3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Baptism	Church
				

Mass Intentions

<u>5/28</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Requested by :</u>
7:00am	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Albert Nowicki	The Fraszczak Family
8:30am	Lucy Osty Richard Spindler, Sr	Heather and Jerry Murphy
10:00am	Betty Staniszewski Francesca Campione	Betty & Verne Reinche Chris & Mark Losey Michela Campione
11:30am	Rose McNamara Brendan Buckley	Bridget Boyle Bridget Boyle
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Sabina Plucinska	Janusz Dziatakiewicz
6:15pm	Peter Horkan Mary O'Donnell	Adult Altar Servers Jim O'Donnell
<u>5/29</u>	<u>Monday - Memorial Day</u>	
9:00am	Fr. Scott Thelander John Dillon, Sr	Donor Mary Ann Dillon
<u>5/30</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	
8:00am	Ed Truty Rudy Espiritu, Sr	Rose Zaidan & Family Vicky Deanching & Family
<u>5/31</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	
8:00am	Fr. Robin Kwan Margaret Bradbury Edward Dugan	Donor Bob & Nancy Belling Regina Dugan
<u>6/1</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	
8:00am	Purgatorial Society Judith Dwyer John Garrity	The Scott Family Jane, Gayle, Liliana Kick
<u>6/2</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
8:00am	Ann Marie Kieltyka Frank Zeiger Ramy Bryar	The Orawiec Family Jerry & Liz Gill The Family
<u>6/3</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
8:00am	Tim Newquist Loren Davidson	Bob & Nancy Belling St. Vincent de Paul Members
5:00pm	Steve & Joe Yanko John & Jeanette Dygdon 50th Anniversary Don & Kathy Schmidt Tim Newquist Robert Coulter	The Family The Dygdon Family Maureen Keating John & Kathleen Supple
<u>6/4</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	
7:00am	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace Douglas Bohadlo	The Apple Dentistry Family
8:30am	Donald Smith Mary A. Marren	Joan & John Romanowski The Family
10:00am	M/M Joseph Lindenmeyer Francesca Campione	M/M R. Lindenmeyer Michela Campione
11:30am	Pat & Carl Boscarino Thomas Owens	The Family Bridget Boyle
1:00pm	Za Dusze W. Czyscu Cierpiace The Wozniaks	The Haynes Family
6:15pm	Rosemary Maus Lucille Cusack	Adult Altar Servers Adult Altar Servers

Pray For Our Sick

Martin Bennet	Eileen Krippel
Tammy Burns	Helen Michalik
Joanne Chess	Dolores Michalski
Karen Cole	Joey Moylan
Matt Creen	Dave Newquist
Ken Dellorto	Nathan Parry
Dylan Dryer	Rob Pursel
Bill Dunlap	Marek Rudzki
Bill Galvin	Nicole Siedschlag
Agnes Gorman	Rachel Swallow
Larry Hersh	Donna Watzke
Rex Knapp	Kelly Weiss

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

Mary Beechy	Malgorzata Swiedrych
Margaret Bickham	Philip Vitha
Diane Gignac	Wieslaw Wrobel
Dan King	

Weekly Readings

Sun	Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16
Mon	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tues	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
Thur	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21
Sat	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized

Lucas William Bajer
Reilly Bre Kreun
Evander James Hughes
Bengamin Kawiecki
Patrick George O'Malley IV
Drew Violet Schau
Cassidy Marie Vitucci

Wedding Banns

Marriages	Matthew & Monica Englehart
Banns III	Brian Hoffenkamp & Lauren Reilly
Banns II	Marek Cios & Kathleen Zapotoczny
Banns I	Stawros Stefanu & Krystyn Katsibubas

Celebrant, Deacons, Greeters, and Counters Schedule

Date	Ministry	Sat 5 PM	Sun 7 AM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun 11:30 AM	Sun 1 PM Polish
6/4	Greeters	Mary Berger Mary Tafoya Peg Schmidt Jean Coughlin		Mary Ellen Kut Michael Kut Eileen Tyrrell Mike Tyrrell	Kathy Cunningham Sean McCauley Chris Losey Mark Losey	Theresa Buckley Judy Kluchins Natalie Sims Joan Beck	
	Counters	6/4	Team #1	6/11	Team #2		

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