

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish

September 10, 2017—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass of Anticipation

5pm Saturday

Sunday Masses

English:

7am, 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am,
and 6:15pm

Polish:

1pm

Daily Mass

8am Monday through Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Bilingual

Saturdays from 8:45—9:30am

And by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays & Fridays 8:30am—3:30pm

Thursdays 8:30am—6:30pm

Benediction & Divine Mercy

Prayers

Thursdays at 6:30pm

Rosary

7:30pm - 2nd and last Tuesday of the
month

Informacje Dotyczące

Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Św. Szczepana

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

Pierwszy piątek miesiąca: Spowiedź
od

6:30-7:30pm

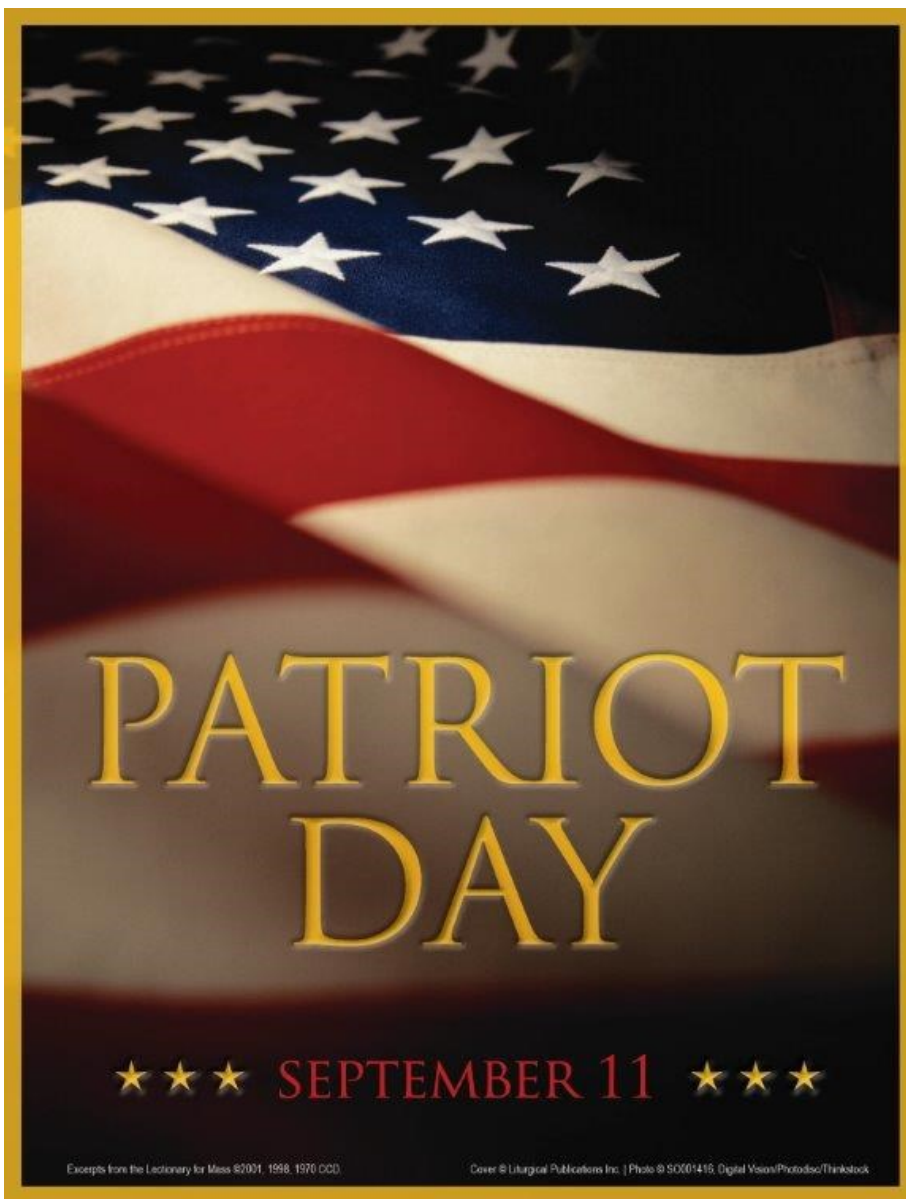
Msza o 7:30pm

Pierwsza sobota miesiąca: od
godz.

7:00-9:30pm

Spowiedź w każdą sobotę od godz.

8:45-9:30am



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.

St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church

17500 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

www.ststephentinley.com

Parish Office Phone: 708-342-2400 | Parish Office Fax: 708-342-1545

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am—12:30pm and 1—7:30pm | Friday 8:30am—12:30pm and 1-4pm
Saturday Noon—5pm

Religious Education Phone: 342-1544

RE Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am—12:30pm and 1-4:30pm | Friday 8:30am—12:30pm
Evenings and weekends by appointment. Please call to schedule.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Parish School (CJB)

9250 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

Phone: 708-403-6525 | Fax: 708-403-8621 | web: cjbschool.org | email: info@cjbschool.org

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Cynthia Labriola Devlin

Anointing of the Sick—Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one needs this holy sacrament.

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. New parishioners are required to register. A baptism preparation class is required if it is your first child baptized at St. Stephen.

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.

Funerals can be arranged through the contact 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.

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.

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 assistance, please contact the **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 contact Deacon Bill Schultz at the parish office or visit www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

As announced last weekend, we will have a second collection at all the Masses this weekend to assist Catholic Charities USA in responding to the disastrous impact of hurricane Harvey. We have seen a wonderful initial response to the disaster by people throughout our nation. We know that the long-term recovery for the people affected will take months and possibly years. Groups like Catholic Charities USA, working with local Catholic Church groups in all the areas affected, have had and will continue to have a long-term commitment to the people of these areas. I invite your generosity to this collection. (Checks can be made out to St. Stephen and we will send the money collected to Catholic Charities.)

Each September we as a parish reflect upon living as good stewards of God's gifts. Stewardship Spirituality is founded on the truth that all life, all we have, is a gift from God. Four words can summarize the response of a good steward of God's gifts.

Gratitude - we gratefully acknowledge the source of our gifts and blessings through prayer and worship.

Accountability - we seek to use our gifts as the Lord would want us to use them, asking ourselves how would God want us to use our gifts in family life, work life, community life, in all areas of life.

Priorities - our priorities flow from our beliefs. As we make choices, we ask ourselves "What would the Lord want me to do?" and seek to bring Jesus' values into every area of our lives.

Sharing - we give back to God, the giver of all gifts, some of our time, talent, and treasure through our church and other charities.

Our theme for our stewardship renewal this year is "Faith in Action through Time, Talent, and Treasure." Our faith comes alive when we live the spirit of Stewardship. We use the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure as the Lord would want us to use them and thus bring our faith into action. This weekend my article will focus on being good stewards of our time. Next weekend, at all of our Masses, I and a lay speaker will



reflect on Stewardship spirituality and especially on the stewardship of talents. On the following weekend, we will reflect on the Stewardship of our material treasure.

Time is a precious commodity in our culture. Jobs seem to demand more and more of the time of workers. We feel pressure to do any number of things. With all the things that press in on us, we have to choose to do the things that truly are the most important things in life. Families often struggle to find time to have dinner together, an activity that when I grew up (admittedly many years ago in the 1950s and early 1960s) was a given. Yet we all want to give time to our most important relationships - our relationships with those close to us and with God. In our culture this is something we have to choose to do. I encourage you to reflect sometime this week on the time you give to your relationship with God and to your relationships with the people close to you. Building a time for prayer into your daily life and regularly worshipping at Mass each weekend will keep you close to the source of all life - the Lord who can give us the only life that lasts forever. Making time for those closest to you, especially the people we live with, will build up our most important human relationships. Giving some of our time to serving the Lord through our church is one way we can put faith into action through our use of time.

This week our religious education program will begin a new year. Each week we have six sessions - at 4:15 PM and 6 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We need all of these sessions to accommodate the large number of children in our program. If you can give some of your time to assist in the program as a catechist or in other roles, please call our religious education office at (708) 342-1544. Please keep our religious education staff and volunteers and our children in your prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

From Our Associate Pastor (In Polish, followed by English translation)

Miłość zaczyna się w domu

To słowa św. Matki Teresy z Kalkuty. Jednakże z własnego doświadczenia wiemy, że czasami łatwiej porozumieć się z obcymi niż ze swoimi. U obcych można szybciej znaleźć zrozumienie, natomiast trudniej jest wysłuchać narzekań pod własnym adresem w kręgu rodziny.

Tematem dzisiejszych czytań jest miłość bliźniego, ale także przestroga przed zejściem z właściwej drogi, drogi bez grzechu. Izajasz wręcz ostrzega nas, iż jeśli występní (grzeszący) nie zejdu z drogi grzechu, to nie będzie w nich życia. Naszym zadaniem jest takich ludzi przestrzegać i upominać. To ciężkie zadanie, ponieważ w dzisiejszych czasach, trudno być tym upominającym. Łatwiej nam przekazać upomnienie naszym dzieciom, trudniej pozostałym krewnym, natomiast już upominanie kogoś poza rodziną raczej nie wchodzi w grę.

Właśnie na ten temat wypowiada się święty Paweł w liście do Rzymian. Słowami „Nikomu nie bądźcie nic dłużni poza wzajemną miłością. Kto bowiem miłuje bliźniego, wypełnił Prawo. Albowiem przykazania: Nie cudzołóż, nie zabijaj, nie kradnij, nie pożądaj, i wszystkie inne – streszczają się w tym nakazie: Miłuj bliźniego swego jak siebie samego!” (Rz 13,8-9) odpowiada na nasze wątpliwości. Czy jednak za dobro i miłość okazywane bliźniemu otrzymujemy to samo?

Kłótnie i spory należą do codzienności niejednej rodziny, rodzeństwa czy bliskich. Jednoznacznie możemy stwierdzić, że pierwszy krok powinien zawsze należeć do nas, nawet, jeśli wina jest po stronie drugiej osoby. Trzeba się przezwyciężać, zdobywać na odwagę, nie licząc zysków ani strat. Zdarza się, że krytykujemy innych bez uzasadnionej przyczyny. A po co? Lepiej mimo wszystko kierować się wskazaniemi Chrystusa dotyczącymi upomnienia braterskiego „Gdy brat twój zgrzeszy, idź i upomnij go w cztery oczy. Jeśli cię usłucha, pozyskasz swego brata.” (Mt 18,15-16). Tylko jaką naukę możemy jeszcze zaczerpnąć dla siebie z tej przypowieści? Nie oczerniajmy innych, jeśli mamy komuś do przekazania jakiejś uwagi – to w cztery oczy. Nikt nie może żyć w spokoju, jeśli nosi w swym sercu urazę do drugiego.

Miłość rzeczywiście zaczyna się w domu. Spór może czasem oczyszczać atmosferę i otwierać nowe perspektywy, a nawet może pogłębić więź. Od obu stron zależy, czy poszukujemy bliskości i pogodzenia się, czy stwarzamy dystans, dochodząc swoich własnych racji. Prośmy w modlitwie, abyśmy w naszych kontaktach międzyludzkich umieli kierować się zawsze prawem miłości, które jest nie tylko wyrazem ludzkiej solidarności, ale także naszym uczestnictwem w samej miłości Bożej.

Love starts at home

Love starts at home are the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. However, from our own experience, we know that it is sometimes not as easy to communicate with strangers as is with our own family.

The subject of today's readings is love for one's neighbor, but it is also a warning to all of us. Ezekiel warns us that if sinners do not repent their sin, there will be no life in them, but if *we* do not speak out about their sin, we are guilty. Our task is to “speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way” (33:7). This is a difficult task because nowadays it is difficult to be this voice of admonishment or to reprimand someone. It is easier for us to teach the warning to our children or even to more difficult relatives, but to remind someone outside of the family of their sins, this is not likely to happen.

It is precisely on this subject that St. Paul speaks in the letter to the Romans. In the words, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Rom 13: 8-9) answers our doubts. But do we receive the same good and love for our neighbor?

Arguments and disputes are a part of many families' daily lives. We can clearly state that the first step to reconciliation should always begin with us, even if the fault is on the side of the other person. You have to overcome and gain courage to express that without worrying about who wins or loses. Sometimes, we criticize others without a valid reason. What for? Better yet, follow Christ's instructions for brotherly advice: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother" (Mt 18: 15-16). What can we draw from this parable for ourselves? Do not go to others if someone sins against you. Go to the one who has sinned against you. No one can live justly in the eyes of Christ if he carries resentment in his heart to another person.

Love really does start at home. Arguments can sometimes clear the air and open new perspectives and they may even deepen the bond. Arguments can be resolved but it depends on whether we are looking for closeness and reconciliation or whether we want to create a distance. Let us pray that in our interpersonal relationships, the law of love, which is not only an expression of human solidarity, but also our participation in God's love itself, can always guide you.

Stewardship



September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.



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. More information on how to make electronic donations is available on our website and at the back of the bulletin.

<u>Collections</u>	<u>8/27/17</u>	<u>August Byline Bank Electronic Contributions</u>
Regular Sunday	\$20,789.00	\$11,370.00
Kids	\$77.24	-
Sharing	\$635.00	-
Assumption	\$112.00	-
National Shrine	\$260.00	-

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$129,069	\$129,069
Budget	\$137,000	\$137,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$7,931)	(\$7,931)

Spiritual Life



The following children recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St. Stephen. Our parish community welcomes these children into our Catholic faith and congratulates their parents, families, and godparents.

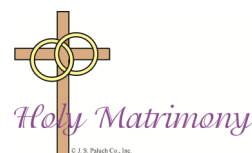
James Edwin Deal

Lucas Roman Kita

Evelyn Rose Ielase

Dylan Matthew Lewis

Sofia Anabelle Napa Mocorro



The following couples recently received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Our St. Stephen Parish community congratulates them on their vocation of Catholic marriage and wishes them a lifetime of joy and happiness.

Janusz and Natalia Pajerski

Dominic and Alyssa Kowalczyk



*Birthday
Blessings*

The Lord leapt with joy the day you were born! Celebrate life! **Birthday blessings** will be offered this weekend at all the Masses.



**Join us for the Patriotic Rosary
on Monday, September 11**

Please join us after the 8am Mass on Monday, September 11 as we recite **The Patriotic Rosary** starting at the St. Francis Statue. We will pray for the President, the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Governors and all Fifty States. We will journey reciting a decade each at St. Francis Garden, The Stations of the Cross, Joseph and Jesus statue, Mary statue, and ending at the Flag Pole. We will be reciting The Luminous Mysteries and handouts will be provided.

Spiritual Life

The Stewardship of Time

One of the most important and valuable gifts given to us by God is time. God and we have expectations on how time should be used. The use of time is based on our stated or unstated priorities. As Christians we develop our time priorities based on our beliefs and values. Among the most important principles are love and service to God, love of family and our neighbor. With this in mind our first priority is God. We are asked to serve God by including Him in all we do. When we do a particular action or spend time in thought is God included? We are asked to serve God by making Him the top priority in our daily lives.

When with our family do we treat our family members with love, respect, patience and understanding? Do we share our faith and live our faith? Do we encourage and help each other? Spending that precious gift of time with family is a top priority. At work, school and other important activities are we patient, respectful and willing to help? Do we follow Christian values always? Are our relationships based on the fact that we are God's children and God loves each of His children? Are we setting our priorities by keeping God first? Are we serving God and His people?

On the weekends of September 16th and 23rd the ministries of St. Stephen will be represented in the narthex to answer questions about their ministry. Stop by and join your fellow parishioners by becoming a member of one of our thirty-eight active ministries! Share some of your time with the people of St. Stephen!

Deacon Joe

Day Trip to Marytown

St. Stephen will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to Marytown, the national shrine of St. Maximillian Kolbe, on Friday, September 29th. The cost will be \$50 per person and is all inclusive. The bus will leave the St. Stephen parking lot at 8:00 AM sharp and travel to Libertyville. Upon arrival, the day will begin with a brief history of Marytown while coffee and sweet rolls are served. We will view a chapel video, tour the Kolbe Holocaust exhibit, participate in mid-day prayer, attend Mass, pray the rosary as a group and receive a final blessing. There will be time to walk the grounds, tour the outdoor shrines and rosary gardens or visit the gift shop. The price includes a hot luncheon served in their cafeteria. Our bus will return to Tinley Park by 5:00 PM.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara Black at barbara@ststephentinley.com or 708.466.9962 on or before Friday, September 15th. We hope that you will be able to join us.



Parish Worship Team Welcomes New Members



If you have an interest in enhancing our Worship experience here at St. Stephen's, please consider joining the Parish Worship Team. The Team gathers to plan and enhance our worship experience throughout the liturgical seasons. The goal of the Parish Worship Team is to help parishioners of all ages enrich their spiritual lives by becoming more involved in the parish's liturgies and prayer services.

The group generally meets monthly in the evening to discuss upcoming liturgical celebrations, themes, and generate ideas to address any concerns. No special training or education is required. The Order of the Mass, readings, homilies, prayers, and music selections are not our areas of responsibility. The Parish Worship team members have various backgrounds, but we all share an interest in our Worship. Please consider sharing your time and talent with this ministry so that together we can enrich our faith experience at St. Stephen. Our meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Please consider joining us at this meeting or contact Fr. Jay in the parish office or John and Pat Lisicich at (708) 429-1584 for further information.

Southwest Interfaith Team—SWIFT

SWIFT presents Religion and Science: Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Perspectives on Sunday, September 17. Time: Registration at 2:30pm, program runs from 3pm—6pm. Location: St. Francis Woods, 9201 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Speakers: Dr. Zaher Sahloul (Muslim Perspective); Rev. Clayton Thomason (Christian Perspective); Dr. Carol Gerson (Jewish Perspective.) Donation drive. Bring along personal hygiene or toiletry items to donate to Respond Now. www.swiftinterfaith.org (708) 253-2834



Please join us Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 pm in the Daily Chapel to pray the rosary together.
All are welcome.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated next weekend, Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 at all Masses.

Spiritual Life

High School Confirmation Program

St. Stephen will begin a high school confirmation program on Wednesday, September 27th at 4:15pm for teens in Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior years of high school. The program will meet weekly until the Sacrament is conferred upon the teens on March 10, 2018 by Bishop Kane. Topics that will be covered will help teens relate to being a Catholic in our modern society. Students will discuss elements of the Catholic faith and the significance of moral, theological, and scriptural issues that are a part of every committed and confirmed Catholic's life.

There are three Sacraments in which people become full members of the Catholic Church - Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Confirmation is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and completes the good work that was begun in Baptism and that is continually strengthened in receiving the Eucharist. Students will be required to do service projects and attend a retreat in preparation for the Sacrament. It is also expected that each student will research and prepare a report on the saint name chosen for his/her confirmation name.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Religious Education office or found online at www.ststephentinley.com under the "Education" tab, where the form can be printed and returned to the Religious Education office.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Black at barbara@ststephentinley.com.

St. Francis Dinner: A Request from Your Deacons

The deacons of Chicago will celebrate their annual St. Francis Dinner on October 08, 2017. This event provides an opportunity for our community to come together in fellowship and an opportunity to raise the necessary funding to support the work and mission of the Diaconate Council. Monies raised provide an education fund for deacons and wives, a mutual aid fund for deacons in need, funding for various charities supported by our community, and provide council operating funds.

Our main fundraiser is the Cash Raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or six tickets for \$25. Cash prizes: (1) \$1,000 winner, (1) \$500 winner, (2) \$100 winners and (6) \$50 winners. Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check to Deacon Chuck McFarland c/o St. Stephen Church 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487. Check should be made payable to the "Diaconate Council." If possible, please also include address labels so we can put them on your ticket stubs. Your raffle tickets will be mailed to you.

We are privileged to serve St. Stephen and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your prayers and support are appreciated.

Deacon Chuck McFarland

630-564-4468

Mass of Remembrance

We invite those who have lost children of any age to join us for a special Mass honoring their memory and praying for eternal peace. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 30th at 8:30 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Also joining us will be Nancy Loeffler, author of "The Alchemy of Grief". As a mother, herself, who lost her daughter tragically, she understands grief and will speak about transforming grief through the wisdom of your heart.

Please join us at St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL.



*Join us for breakfast
Saturday, September 16*

St. George parish in Tinley Park will begin the third year of a very vibrant and rewarding program on September 16th for all Catholic men called **That Man is You!** An invitation is being extended to the men of St. Stephen's to participate in this program along with St. George and other neighboring parishes.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) is a program that addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. Men are challenged to grow in their faith while reshaping their hearts to become true disciples of Jesus Christ.

We meet weekly in O'Connell Hall at St. George School on Saturday mornings. Hot coffee, fresh pastries, bagels, muffins, fruit & other breakfast items are available beginning at 6:30 am, along with smiling faces & good conversation. The program begins at 6:50 and our weekly video presentation starts at 7:00, followed by small group discussions related to that week's topic. We always adjourn promptly at 8:00 because we understand that everyone has busy weekend agendas that need our attention. There is no "course fee", but there is an optional program book available for \$10. We only ask that those attending make a free will donation towards defraying the cost of the breakfast items provided.

St. George Church is located at 6707 W. 175th Street in Tinley Park, just east of Oak Park Avenue. To find O'Connell Hall, drive to the south end of the parking lot and look for the **TMIY** sign near the center doors of St. George School.

Please join us and make some new friends! No dues, no long-term commitments, no evening committee meetings, and no requirement to be there every week. Just come whenever you can! Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there.

Human Concerns

PADS Ministry to the Homeless Volunteer Needs

In October, we will begin our 12th season of PADS Ministry to IL. We will again serve the first two Friday each month of the PADS season, which runs October thru April.

On Site Volunteer Needs: Our regular volunteers normally serve one shift each month and our substitute volunteers serve when a regular is unable to serve. Volunteers can be individuals, couples, families or friends. (Children serving with parents should be 13+.)

Shifts are as follows: First Shift: 6:30 PM-11 PM. Second Shift: 11 PM-3 AM. Third Shift: 3 AM -7 AM. Fourth Shift: 5 AM-8 AM.

Food Team Volunteers: We are also in need of cook team volunteers who will normally prepare one dinner course for 25 people each month. Food would then be delivered to St. Stephen or to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

Other Volunteer Needs: Someone to shop for supplies one Friday each month and deliver the supplies to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Matteson at 6:30 PM. You would be reimbursed from PADS account. Also, someone to pick up laundry on Friday afternoon and deliver to St. Lawrence O'Toole Matteson by 6 PM.

If you are interested in joining PADS Ministry to the Homeless or have questions, please call Deacon Chuck at (708) 620-8436.



Archdiocese of Chicago Hurricane Harvey Emergency Appeal

On August 26, Hurricane Harvey, a powerful Category 4 storm, made landfall along the Gulf Coast of Texas, causing several deaths and injuries, and bringing catastrophic flooding and property damage to the area. Catholic Charities USA is working to provide emergency relief and support to those affected by the devastation. Please consider donating to support our brothers and sisters in the midst of their suffering. **A second collection will take place at parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago this weekend for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.** Thank you for your prayers.

To find prayers, ongoing updates, and to donate, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/harvey

Parishioners may also go to the St. Stephen website www.ststephentinley.com and click on the Hurricane Harvey web banner on the home page for a direct link to the Archdiocesan Emergency Appeal web page.

Announcing, the St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family



In a joint effort to advocate for the prevention of Domestic Violence, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr and St. Elizabeth Seton parishes have formed a new ministry— ***St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family***. Our role model St. Monica is someone who understands what it means to be a victim and is turned to by many looking for support and encouragement. She is known to be a “compassionate companion” for those who suffer abuse of any kind; victims of abuse, those troubled with addictions, difficult marriages, verbal abuse, etc. This new ministry is open to all who have a calling to help prevent Domestic Violence through awareness and promotion of available services.

Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity of this new ministry is encouraged to attend our upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness and Training event on Saturday, October 7th from 9am-1pm, in the Parish Life Center at St. Elizabeth Seton, 9250 West 167th Street, Orland Hills.

Reservations are required as space is limited. To register for this event, call either parish office by October 3: St. Stephen 708-342-2400; St. Elizabeth Seton 708-403-0101.

PLOWS Council on Aging

Urgent Need for Home Delivered Meals Drivers

You can change a life. PLOWS Council on Aging, a non-profit senior agency, has an immediate need for dependable volunteers to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. Routes available in Orland Park, Orland Hills, Tinley Park, Palos Park, Palos Heights, Hickory Hills, and Bridgeview. Driver commitment is only 2-2½ hours per week—no nights, no weekends. Drivers must have their own car and be insured. A stipend is provided to defray gas costs. Pre-packed meals are distributed from the PLOWS office, 7808 College Drive, 5th floor, Palos Heights. Call 708.361.0219 for details.

Respite Available for Family Caregivers

Family or friend caregivers for persons over 60 years who are overwhelmed and need a break from their caregiving duties may be qualified for Respite. The Respite program offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. This program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance, and meal preparation; however it does not provide medical assistance.

PLOWS coordinates this program for seniors living in any suburban Cook County town within the townships of Palos, Lemont, Orland, or Worth. A simple phone call to PLOWS, 708-361-0219, is all it takes to get the registration process started. A Federal grant funds this program and may provide up to 80 hours of respite per year. An hourly contribution is requested, though a family will not be denied service if they are unable to contribute.

Youth and Education



Children's Choir Starts This Thursday September 14

Calling all singers! Registration is now open for any interested 2nd through 8th graders interested in singing in the St. Stephen Youth Choir during the 2017/2018 school year. The Youth Choir practices on Thursdays from 4:30pm—5:30pm starting Sept. 14th. Singers have the option this year of joining fall season, spring season, or all year. A calendar will be handed out at the first practice. The Youth Choir sings at Family Masses, certain grade level Masses, and at other church events throughout the year. To register, please go to www.ststephentinley.com and click on the yellow web banner on the home page that says Youth Choir. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Sluis, Youth Choir Director at ksluis@cjbschool.com



Kyle Groves
Youth and Young Adult Minister
St. Stephen and St. Elizabeth Seton
Email: kgroves@steseton.com
Phone: 708-403-0101

Branches Youth Ministry Open Gym

- Drop-in every Thursday from 7pm-8pm
- Starts in September for 6th grade and up
- @ St. Elizabeth Seton

Church Basketball League

- Starts in September for all High School Students
- @ St. Elizabeth Seton

First High School Ministry Night

- September 10th after 6:15pm Mass
- @ St. Stephen in Large Meeting Room.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Retreat for persons 18-39

- September 16th, 17th, 18th in Culver, IN
- Contact Kyle for more information

Gospel of Matthew Bible Discussion Group

- Wednesdays at 7:00pm @ St. Elizabeth Seton
- First date is September 27th
- Please RSVP.

To be added to the email list or ask questions about any event, please contact Kyle Groves.

2017/2018 RE Registration Still Open—Please remember to register your children. Registration information and forms can be found on our website www.ststephentinley.com under the “Education” tab. Please stop in the RE office to register for grades 1–8. Our office hours are listed on the inside cover of the bulletin. Questions? Please contact the RE Office at 708-342-1544.

Religious Education Tuition Rates	
FEES ARE PER STUDENT	After August 1st
1 CHILD	\$300
2 CHILDREN	\$500
3 OR MORE CHILDREN	\$600
FAMILY CATECHESIS	same as above
SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS	\$175
2 ND GRADE & R.C.I.C. SACRAMENT FEE	\$35
8 TH GRADE SACRAMENT FEE	\$50
4 TH GRADE BIBLE FEE*	\$8

RE Catechists Still Needed—Over 1500 children and young people, preschool through grade 8, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. With classes offered Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons and evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, “The children have taught me as much as I have taught them!” We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin September 11. If interested or for more information, please contact patti@ststephentinley.com

Growing with God—Online registration is now open for our 2017/2018 Growing with God Preschool Sunday School. This program runs October through April twice a month during the whole 10am Mass. There are volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. Register online at www.ststephentinley.com Look under the “Education” tab, then select Growing with God or click on the GWG web banner. Our 2017/2018 GWG calendar is also available online.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Lambke at connie@ststephentinley.com

Calendar Dates for Religious Education—To view the complete school year calendars please go to the St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr website www.ststephentinley.com then click on “Education,” then on “RE Calendars”.

Date	Time/Location	Event/Activity
September 11, 12, 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:15pm & 6pm • Church 	Classes begin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1-8
September 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm • Church 	Special Needs Classes begin

Parish Life

All Are Invited to Hear About Personal Safety

The St. Stephen's Ladies Social Club is inviting everyone from the parish to join us on Monday, September 11 at 10 AM in rooms 125/126. We will have a guest speaker from the Cook County Sheriff's Department who will speak about personal safety and security issues. This is a timely subject that impacts all members of our parish. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Men's Club Golf Outing

The St. Stephen Men's Club is sponsoring a golf outing at Willow Run Golf Course on **September 23**. The shotgun start is at 9 AM. The cost is \$65 for 18 holes of golf, a riding cart, and a hotdog and drink at the turn. After all the golf is done, there will be food in the clubhouse and prizes will be awarded.

Please contact Jim Skupien to save a spot in the outing. You can contact him at jskupien@comcast.net or call (708) 429-7324.

Join the Moms and Tots Ministry!

Welcoming all Moms (Dads, caregivers, etc!) and your children to join our fun-filled group! Each Wednesday we meet from 11am-12pm for play time for the little ones and some socialization for the Moms! On nice days we meet at a park and when the weather gets chilly we will move our fun indoors. Moms and Tots is a great way to get out and have some fun with your little one while meeting other great families from St. Stephens! Come out next Wednesday to enjoy these last beautiful days of summer with us. If you have any questions or would like to join our next meeting please reach out to Elizabeth at pleskunas.elizabeth@gmail.com

Metal Recycling—Next Weekend

Our parish's monthly metal recycling drive is next weekend. Hours are Saturday, September 16 from 4:30pm -6:15pm and Sunday, September 17 from 7:30am-1pm. Money earned from this drive is put towards our Parish Life Center. Please call Andy Deluca at 708-606-3755 to arrange for pickup if you have items that are too large, such as patio furniture, washers/dryers.

Savers Drive Results

A great big THANK YOU to all the parishioners who participated in our Savers Collection Drive. At the drive, we heard such great stories about neighbors gathering from neighbors and families reaching out to other family members to collect donations. Thanks to your hard work, we earned \$2,982.95 towards our Parish Life Center. (And doesn't it feel great to have a little more room in your closets and cabinets?) Here's what we collected: 9,898 pounds of soft goods (i.e. clothing, bedding, etc.); 9,533 pounds of hard goods (household items, etc.) and 2,504 pounds of books. Total = 21,935 pounds collected. Great job everyone!

Seniors Young @ Heart



Calling All 55+ Seniors!

How about joining us at a Seniors Young @ Heart meeting on Monday, September 25th at 10am in the large meeting room. We will have a "Goodbye Summer Lunch" of hot dogs, chips and drinks. Bring a friend or two, even if they are from another parish—all are welcome! We have fun and always go home with a smile.

Seniors Young @ Heart Registration

You may sign up early to avoid the long lines in September. Dues are \$15 a year. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check payable to "Seniors Young @ Heart", and mail to St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church or place in the collection basket at Mass. Attention: Andrea Adams.

Thank you, Andrea Adams, Corresponding Secretary

Seniors Young @ Heart Registration

Name: _____

Phone with
Area Code: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Drury Lane Trip

St. Stephen's Young @ Heart Club invites you to come along to see the play *42nd Street* on Wednesday, December 6th at Drury Lane. Tickets go on sale at the meeting on September 25th. All are invited to join our group.

Price is \$85 per person, includes transportation, lunch, and show.

Any questions—contact Joan Kapala at 815-534-5111.

ST. STEPHEN'S 2017 5K Run/Walk To Help Those in Need



REGISTRATION FORM

Race Date and Start Time:
Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 A.M.

Event will be held rain or shine

Race Location: St. Stephen's Church | 17500 South 84th Ave | Tinley Park, IL | 60487

Registration Fees:

Pre-Registration \$25 all ages

Race Day Registration \$35 all ages

Race Day Registration & Packet Pick Up . . . September 16, 2017 s 7:00 to 8:30 A.M.



Registration form & entry fees can be mailed or delivered to St. Stephen's at address above.

Checks should be made payable to: **St. Stephen Men's Club.**

Online registration available, see back for details.

T-shirts given to all registrations received by August 22, 2017.

For registrations received after August 22, 2017, T-shirts will be given as long as supplies last.

Award Categories:

• Top Award to Top Male and Female Finishers

• Awards to Top Three Male and Female Finishers in each of the following age categories:

☐ 9 & under ☐ 10 – 14 ☐ 15 – 19 ☐ 20 – 24 ☐ 25 – 29 ☐ 30 – 34 ☐ 35 – 39 ☐ 40 – 44
☐ 45 – 49 ☐ 50 – 54 ☐ 55 – 59 ☐ 60 – 64 ☐ 65 – 69 ☐ 70 – 74 ☐ 75 – 79 ☐ 80 & above

Water will be provided before and after 5K, as well as at first and second mile markers.

Fresh fruit, bagels, rolls and juice will also be provided after race.

Monies raised will help support our ministries to those in need including:
PADS Ministry to the Homeless, Catholic Charities Meals Program, St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Teen Group Mission Trip, Tinley Park Food Pantry

Paper registration forms can be found at the back of church on the ushers tables.

Or you can register directly online via our website www.ststephentinley.com

Look under "Support," then "Fundraising," then 5K to Run/Walk to Help Those in Need.

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting/Event (Location)</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, September 10	Baby Nursing (#153) Run for the Cross Sign Up (Outside Church) Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church to Education Wing) Baptism (Church) Teens God's Love of Creation (LMR)	All Masses 10:00am Mass 3:00pm—4:00pm 7:00pm
Monday, September 11	Ladies Social Club (#125/126) Religious Education Safe Environment Grade 8 (Daily Chapel) Opening of Building Meeting (#126)	10:00am—12:00pm 4:15—5:30pm, 6:00-7:15pm 4:30pm and 6:15pm 7:30pm
Tuesday, September 12	Religious Education Safe Environment Grade 8 (Daily Chapel) Highlanders (#170-173)	4:15—5:30pm, 6:00-7:15pm 4:30pm and 6:15pm 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 13	Men's Club Fundraiser—Gatto's Religious Education Safe Environment Grade 8 (Daily Chapel) Race Meeting	All Day 4:15—5:30pm, 6:00-7:15pm 4:30pm and 6:15pm 5:30pm
Thursday, September 14	Men's Club (#125/126) Arts & Environment (#167/179) Children's Choir Praise Band (Church) RCIA (#125/126)	7:30pm 8:45am 4:30pm—5:30pm 7:00pm—9:00pm 7:00—8:30pm
Friday, September 15	Scripture Study	8:45am—10:00am
Saturday, September 16	5K Run for the Cross Baby Nursing (#153), Catechetical Sunday, Stewardship Weekend	5:00pm Mass

Greeter/Counters Schedule—September 16/17

Ministry	Sat 5 PM	Sun 7 AM	Sun 8:30 AM	Sun 10 AM	Sun 11:30 AM	Sun 1:00 PM	Sun. 6:15 PM
Priest	Fr. Jay	Fr. Jay	Fr. Greg	Fr. Greg	Fr. Jay	Fr. Greg	Fr. Jay
Deacon	Dcn. Lucasz	Dcn. Bill S.	Dcn. Pete	Dcn. Ken	Dcn. Bob	Dcn. Joe	Dcn. Joe
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 Terri Buckley Natalie Sims Joan Beck		
Counters	9/17—Team #4			9/24—Team #1			

Parish 500 Club

Congratulations to the following winners for the week of September 4, 2017:

\$100 Winner—#98 John and Karen Fuerst

\$25 Winner—#385 Joanne Czerwicz

Change of address or phone number?

If you are a registered parishioner, please let the parish know if you have a change in your address, telephone number, or email address. Just fill out the form below and drop it in a collection basket. By providing this information, you help the parish to keep our records accurate for the purpose of mailings, email communications, etc. and in return, our costs down for postage,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

This is a ☐ Home Phone ☐ Mobile Phone (Check one.)

Email: _____

etc. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please check all that apply:

☐ New phone ☐ New Address ☐ New email Or:

☐ Please remove our name from the parish register, we will be moving.



Next event 9/13/17

St. Stephen Men's Club
Dine-In or Carryout
2- & 4- Wednesdays
of the month
15% Donation (before tax)
Present this coupon
to your server.

Prayers of the Faithful



9/10 Sunday

7:00am	Joe Onak	Karen Opyd
8:30am	Thomas Rogan	The Family
	Mary A. Marren	The Family
10:00am	Mary Beth Vasquez	M/M Ron Maeder
	Francesca Campione	Michela Campione
11:30am	Kenneth Chapski	The Family
	Vincent Bucci	The Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czystcu Cierpiące	
	Karl Cislak	Wife
6:15pm	Robert Neumann	Dianne Przybylski
	Dolores Rickman	June Lucas

9/11

8:00am	Patricia and Hugh Cunningham	Frank Clark
	John Bard	Sr. Altar Servers

9/12

8:00am	Agnes Manny	Janet Kaminski
	Frank Spiczak	Dorothy Spiczak

9/13

8:00am	Julia Wegner	Ted Wegner
	Purgatorial Society	

9/14

8:00am	Ray Norville	Bill and Carol Kovach
	Byron Grober	Bern Daley

9/15

8:00am	Richard White	Adult Altar Servers
	T.J. Daly	Noreen McCarthy
	Janice Kent	Sr. Altar Servers

9/16

8:00am	Fannie Zurawski	M/M Rychetsky
	Robert Roeper	Family
	David Robinson	Lesniewski Family
5:00pm	John Catanzara	Family
	The Zimmerman Family	-
	Jim Dwyer	Marilyn Dwyer
	Tim Newquist	Karen Opyd
	Helen and Emre Szajkovics	Pam Franckowiak

9/17

7:00am	Joe Onak	Shawl Ministry
8:30am	Robert Obiala	The Family
	Mary Everett	Maureen Kapanowski
10:00am	Int. for M/M Ed Rydzewski for their 68 th Wedding Anniversary	
	Lowell Adams	M/M R. Lindenmeyer
11:30am	The Sablick and Vasek Families	Vasek Family
	Mary Beth Vasquez	Jack and Peg Harkins
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czystcu Cierpiące	
	Francesca Campione	Michela Campione
6:15pm	Judith Regan	M/M L. Lonero
	Thomas Henaghan, Jr.	Rosalee McGiynn

For those who are sick and in need of healing from our Divine Healer:

Martin Bennet	Ed Jenkins
Kathie Brosius	Frank McFarland
Don Bryar	Dave Newquist
Joanne Chess	Timmy O'Connell
Karen Cole	Helen Oheir
Matt Creen	Dan Opyd
Avery D'Bow	Deacon Pablo Perez
Ken Dellorto	Ed Rice
Pat Dickman	Marek Rudzki
Karen Dillon	Truman Rudzki
Bill Dunlap	Edward Rydzewski
Kate Engler	Nicole Siedschlag
Caleb Fasano	Rachel Swallow
Bill Galvin	Richey Swiedrych
Theresa Gorecki	Donna Watzke
James Hart	Kelly Weiss
Larry Hersh	

And for all for whom our parish is asked to pray.

For the active duty military from our parish who serve our nation:

L/Cpl Benjamin Brasher	Lt. Dan Kniaz
Capt. Anthony J. Cesaro	Tsgt. Laura Langley
Major Vincent Cesaro	Ssgt. Carl Langley
Capt. Michael Chimienti	Sgt. Joseph Malone
PV2 Joseph Clavio	Capt. Christopher Mazurek
Lt. Amanda Griffith	PFC Matthew O'Boyle
Sgt. Evan Grober	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
Capt. Michael Gryczka	Major Thomas Walsh

For those who have passed, may perpetual light shine upon them:

Robert Haas, Dolores Preston
Maria Stoklosa, Thomas Walsh Sr.

For those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Banns III:	William Collins & Nina Solorio
	Joseph Albano & Lauren Cain
Banns II:	Brandon Murphy & Dawn Pezutter
	James Paul & Jenny Boers
	Marek Szczech & Katarzyna Kwapien
Banns I:	Casey Maher & Kristina Bailly

Prayer requests: Parishioners' names will be read 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. To be added to our prayer list, please contact Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn at the Parish Office. Parishioners who are hospitalized and in need of Pastoral Care should contact the Parish Office and/or Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn.

Ways to Support the Ministry of St. Stephen Parish

- **GiveCentral.org**—Through GiveCentral.org, parishioners can make automatic donations at the time and frequency they chose. Donating through GiveCentral is a way to simplify your giving and is environmental friendly. Signing up only takes a few minutes. Go to our parish website www.ststephentinley.com and click on the Donate Now button at the bottom of the page. Donations through GiveCentral are processed via your credit card or bank card and at the frequency you choose.
- **Electronic Donations**—St. Stephen accepts electronic donations through Byline Bank. To begin this method of donating, you will need to complete and sign the authorization form and attached a voided check, and bring the items to the Parish Office. The authorization form is located on our website under Support/Sunday Giving.
- **Envelopes**—Registered parishioners can also choose to receive weekly envelopes. Envelope packets are mailed out every other month.
- **Wills and Trusts**—Please consider remembering St. Stephen Parish through your will or trust. Details area available on our website.

Bulletin Submissions

If your parish group or ministry would like to submit a bulletin article, please send your submissions to the following email address: bulletin@ststephentinley.com Our deadline for submissions is the Wednesday, 11 days prior to the bulletin's publication date. Please include a contact name, email address, and phone number when making a submission. For questions about the bulletin, please contact Communications Coordinator, Stacy Zampillo at the parish office at 708-342-2400.