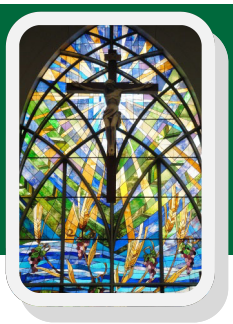


St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

We are a Stewardship Parish

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 8:45am—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

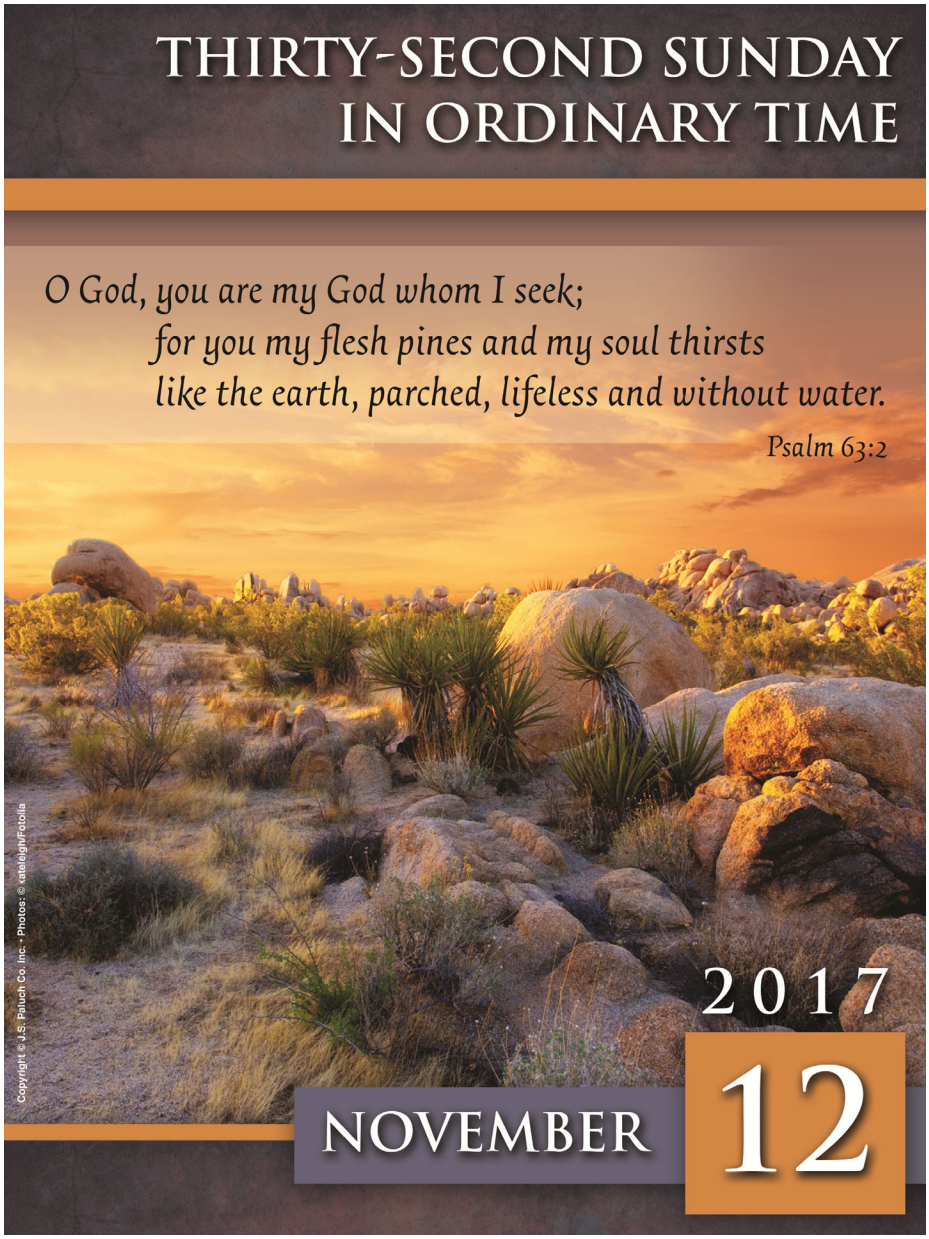
W ciągu całego roku Msza Św. w niedziele w języku polskim jest o godz. 1pm

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

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Parish Office Phone: 708-342-2400 | Parish Office Fax: 708-342-1545
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am—12:30pm and 1–8:00pm | 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

Pastor
Rev. James Finno
Associate Pastor
Rev. Grzegorz Warmuz
Deacons
Robert Conlin
William Engler
Chuck McFarland
Lucasz Pyka
William Schultz
Joseph Stalcup
Pete Van Merkestyn
Kenneth Zawadzki
Administrative Asst. to Pastor
Karen Opyd
Adult Formation
Barbara Black
Maintenance Director
Dave Prete
Music Minister
Mark Gorka
Receptionist
Noreen Galvin
Youth/Young Adult Minister
Kyle Groves
Director of Religious Education
Sandi Morgan
Assoc. Director of Religious Ed.
Leslie Krauledis
RE Administrative Assistant
Joann Buryj
Religious Education Secretary
Patti Parker
CJB Principal
Mary Iannucilli
CJB Admissions Director
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.

From Our Pastor

Dear People of St. Stephen,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Spaghetti Dinner on November 3 a very successful evening. Thanks to our religious education staff and religious education board members who coordinated the evening, to the Confirmation class members and to the parents who helped at the dinner, to Toni Rafferty and her helpers who organized the basket raffles, to Bob Page and Bill Sifuentes whose musical talents enriched our evening, and to all who helped out in any way. Thanks to everyone who joined us at the dinner. We look forward to the Spaghetti Dinner in 2018 in the new parish life center.

The parable of the wise and foolish virgins in the gospel today reminds us that the Lord wants us to keep our faith alive every day. The wise virgins were well prepared for their master's return; the foolish ones were not and thus missed the wedding feast. Jesus does not want us to ignore the activities of our daily lives. He does want us to make a place for Him every day. One good description of prayer is "awareness"; in our prayer we make ourselves aware of God's presence with us and hopefully keep ourselves alert to the Lord and His love as we go through the activities of the day.

The spirit of the wise virgins is something that the three goals of the Archdiocese's Renew My Church program seeks to strengthen in us. I wrote about some background to Renew My Church in this space last week. Today I want to review the three goals of the program and to share some thoughts on how our new parish life center can be a help to meet those goals.

- **The first goal of Renew My Church is "making disciples."** Disciples are those who choose to follow Christ, building up their relationship with the Lord through prayer and worship and seeking to live in the spirit of Jesus each day. The parish life center will help us to enrich the various spiritual renewal programs in our parish by the availability of a larger facility for Vacation Bible School, retreats and renewal days, preparation days for Confirmation and First Communion, presentations by speakers, and other programs aimed at enriching the spiritual life of our parish.
- **The second goal is "building communities," strong local parishes and area Catholic communities.** The new parish life center will give us a facility for many community building activities. The large kitchen and hall will enable us to have parish breakfasts and dinners as well as other parish gatherings and will provide much better space for current parish social activities like the St. Joseph day dinner and the Spaghetti Dinner. The youth room and hall that can be used as a gym will make possible many more activities for our young people. There will be opportunities for young parishioners as well as young adults for supervised open gym times and other athletic activities sponsored by parish groups. The youth room will give our teens a place in the parish that they can call their own. The hall will enable us to come together as a parish in a variety of activities that can build up ties among us.
- **The third goal is "inspiring witness," inspiring us as Catholics to bring the joy and love of the Gospel into a world broken by violence, family struggles, addictions, and other problems.** For me, what the new parish life center can enable us to do toward this goal offers great possibilities. We are working with South Suburban Catholic Charities to plan a variety of activities for service for our parishioners. We plan to have each Thursday evening as a time for some service activities. Among the possibilities being discussed - no specific plans are completed - include workshops to assist seniors with Medicare or tax issues, suppers for community members in need, assistance for Catholic Charities veterans' services, a blood drive, a recycling event, and programs to provide assistance to a variety of Catholic Charities efforts. These Thursdays will offer opportunities for service to parishioners of all ages and to families. We are working with Catholic Charities to develop more specifics on these opportunities. Involving parishioners in giving service can both assist people in need and the help build a sense of community among those working together in these efforts responding to the Lord's call to service.

The parish life center is meant to be a center for renewed life in our parish and so help all of us to grow as disciples of Jesus. I ask for your ongoing prayers and support for all these efforts.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay

From our Associate Pastor

Odpowiednie przygotowanie

W różnych sytuacjach w różny sposób czynimy różne przygotowania. Raz odruchowo wygładzamy obrus na stole, kiedy indziej wyciągamy z szafy lepsze ubranie. Są też takie momenty, kiedy nasze przygotowanie przeobraża nas całkowicie, od podstaw. Zawsze jest to czynność związana z oczekiwaniem na kogoś, na coś, na niepowtarzalną chwilę. Czasami przeobrażenie dokonuje nie tylko w nas, ale i w naszym otoczeniu, takich zmian, że nic, co było przedtem, już nie jest takie samo.

Kościół, którym my sami jesteśmy, chce przypomnieć i dodać nam zachęty, abyśmy w zamęcie codziennych obowiązków nie zapomnieli o dobrym przygotowaniu się na ostateczne spotkanie z Panem. Już słyszę głosy sprzeciwu, aby nie pisać o sprawach ostatecznych, bo to nie miłe, a wręcz smutne. A przecież w życiu wiecznym czeka nas radość i wesele. Jednak aby to zrozumieć i zaakceptować, musimy tu, na ziemi, przejść długą drogę.

Czytania, których słuchamy podczas Mszy Świętych, pokazują nam, jak korzystać z dobrodziejstw opisywanych w Słowie Bożym. Najpierw potrzebna jest nam mądrość, właśnie ta, którą opisuje pierwsze czytanie przedostatniej niedzieli zwykłej przed okresem oczekiwania, przed Adwentem. Idealnie wpisuje się ono w ten właśnie czas przygotowujący nas do Adwentu. Mądrość przeznaczona jest dla tych, którzy jej szukają. Jako Dar Boży służy nam do poznania prawd i misteriów czekających nas i rozmiłowania się w nich. Bowiem: „Mądrość jest wspaniała i niewiędnąca: ci łatwo ją dostrzegą, którzy ją miłują, i ci ją znajdą, którzy jej szukają, uprzedza bowiem tych, co jej pragną, wpierw dając się im poznać. Kto dla niej wstanie o świcie, ten się nie natrudzi, znajdzie ją bowiem siedzącą u drzwi swoich.” (Mdr 6,12-14).

Poszukując mądrości i napełniając się nią, zyskujemy radość z poznawania Słowa Bożego, czyli zamyka się krąg, w którym się znajdujemy. Ponieważ poprzez mądrość poznajemy Słowo Boże, zyskujemy nadzieję, bez której nie ma radości z faktu poznawania wiary i życia w Jezusie Chrystusie. „Jeśli bowiem wierzymy, że Jezus istotnie umarł i zmartwychwstał, to również tych, którzy umarli w Jezusie, Bóg wyprowadzi wraz z Nim.” (1 Tes 4,14). Nie martwmy się śmiercią, bo tutaj tylko uczymy się żyć. Naszym zadaniem jest przejście do życia wiecznego, gdzie zacznie się prawdziwe życie, a to właśnie życie daje nam wiara.

Przejście do życia wiecznego wymaga jednak przygotowania, a przygotowaniem jest nasze życie tu i teraz. W ewangelicznym przekazie słyszymy, co jest ważne w okresie przygotowywania się i oczekiwania. Jeśli dobrze się weń wsłuchamy, to zrozumiemy, jak być roztropnym, czujnym, wytrwałym, gotowym do wyjścia na spotkanie Chrystusa. Dobrze wykorzystane „dziś” przygotuje nas na nasze „jutro”. Lampą zapaloną jest życie ludzkie, które czerpie moc z Krzyża i Zmartwychwstania Chrystusowego. Lampą zapaloną jest serce człowieka oświecone przez wiarę i nadzieję i płonące miłością, którą Duch Święty „rozlewa w naszych sercach” jak oliwę, o której mówi Ewangelia. Lampą zapaloną jest łaska uświęcająca jako stan duszy ludzkiej, jako zadatek życia wiecznego. Bądźmy mądrzy dzięki naszej wierze. Zmierzajmy do życiowego celu z podniesioną głową, ponieważ nasze zapalone lampy mogą rozjaśnić nie tylko nasze życie, ale również życie innych ludzi. Wezwanie Chrystusa w ostatnim zdaniu Ewangelii jest dla nas wszystkich aktualne po wsze czasy: "Czuwajcie więc, bo nie znacie dnia ani godziny." (Łk 21,17)

MARYJO, NAJŚWIĘTSZA MATKO, pomóż nam, abyśmy potrafili na miarę naszych możliwości uczestniczyć w Boskim planie Zbawienia, pomagając innym i sobie.

Proper preparation

In different situations we do different things in different ways. At times we smooth the tablecloth and set formal place settings on the table, at other times we pull better clothes from the closet. There are moments when our preparation transforms us completely from scratch. It is always an act of waiting for someone, for something, for a unique moment. Sometimes the transformation is not only in us, but in our environment, such changes like nothing that was before is no longer the same.

The Church reminds and encourages us to keep in mind the good deeds of preparing ourselves for the final meeting with the Lord. I hear the voices of opposition, not to write about the last things, because it is not nice, but sad. Yet in our eternal life, joy await us. But to understand and accept this, we have to go here, on the ground, to go the long way.

The readings we listen to at Holy Mass show us how to benefit from the blessings described in the Word of God. First, we need wisdom, just the one that describes the first reading of the penultimate Sunday before the waiting period before Advent. It is perfect in this time of preparation for Advent. Wisdom is for those who seek it. As a divine gift, it serves us to know the truths and mysteries that await us and the delight in them. For, "Wisdom is great, and it does not fail: it will be easy for her to see who loves her, and whoever finds her who seeks her, he preaches what she desires, first of all letting them know. He who stands up at dawn will not find it, because he will find her sitting at his door. "(Wis. 6:12).

Seeking wisdom and filling it up, we enjoy the joy of knowing the Word of God, that is, the circle in which we are. Because through the wisdom we know the Word of God, we gain hope without which there is no joy of knowing the faith and life in Jesus Christ. “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." (1 Thess 4:14). Do not worry about death, because here we are only learning to live. Our task is to move to eternal life, where life begins, and that is life that gives us faith.

The transition to eternal life requires preparation, and preparation is our life here and now. In the Gospel message we hear what is important in the time of preparation and expectation. If we listen well to it, then we will understand how to be prudent, watchful, persistent, and ready to go out to meet Christ. Well used "today" will prepare us for our "tomorrow". The lamp is lit by human life, which draws power from the Cross and the Resurrection of Christ. The heart of man is enlightened by faith and hope and burning with the love that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts like the oil of which the Gospel speaks. The liturgy is sanctifying grace as the condition of the human soul, as the burial of eternal life. Let us be wise by our faith. Let's face it, with our head raised, because our lit lamps can brighten not only our lives, but also the lives of other people. The call of Christ in the last sentence of the Gospel is up to us all the time: “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.” (Luke 21:17)

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER, help us to be able to participate in the divine plan of salvation to the extent of our ability, helping others and ourselves.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection—November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

PARISH SUPPORT

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.org More information on how to make electronic donations is available at www.ststephentinley.com and at the back of the bulletin.

Collection information will be available next week.

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	September 2017	Year to Date
Actual	$109,409	$357,840
Budget	$116,000	$371,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	($6,591)	($13,160)

Spiritual Life

Baptism

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

Lucia Kay Berenson

Celebrating Marriage

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.

Giovanni and Ashley Veitkus

"The Little Blue Book" - An Advent Prayer Book

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd which is just around the corner. By the way, "Happy New Year", the first Sunday of Advent begins a new year for the Church based on the Church's calendar. Advent is a time of preparation for and reflection upon the birth of Jesus. To aid in the prayerful preparation for Advent "The Little Blue Book" written by Bishop Untener of Saginaw Michigan offers a brief prayer for each day of Advent. "The Little Blue Book" will be available in the magazine racks on the west wall of the narthex beginning November 19th. Please take one and use it for daily prayer during Advent. A donation of $1 is requested to pay for "The Little Blue Book".

Our Praise Band will lead the music at the 11:30 AM Mass on November 19th.

Exploring Priesthood Weekend

Exploring Priesthood Weekend is a retreat designed to help men discern God's call to Diocesan Priesthood. To be called by God to serve Him as a priest means to have one's soul stirred deep within. Throughout a weekend of prayer, discussions, presentations of Diocesan Priesthood and group interaction, men begin to understand God's movement in their life.

When: January 12—14, 2018 and March 16-18, 2018

Where: Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060

What Happens on These Weekends:

There are practical presentations on:

+ Practical steps to discerning a vocation
+ Values of Priesthood
+ Seminary life, academics, spiritual formation, and Pastoral Ministry
+ Seminarians share their vocation stories

There are several worship opportunities, including the celebration of Mass. Men are encouraged to ask questions, interact with seminarians and priests, pray in chapels, walk the seminary grounds, or use the recreational facilities (pool, gymnasium, weight room). By fully engaging in the opportunities provided on the retreat, men are more able to understand where God is leading them.

For information or to attend, contact:

Father Timothy Monahan, Vocation Director
Phone: 312-534-8298
Email: **tmonahan@archchicago.org**

Spiritual Life

This is a follow up article on Stewardship by Deacon Howard Fischer. It is worth reading and considering.

-Deacon Joe

Fisching Lines….by Deacon Howard Fischer

In my recent article I wrote about stewardship. While some tend to think of "stewardship" as merely a code word for "money," it really is a mindset and a lifestyle built on heartfelt gratitude. If we are authentic disciples, we really have no option but to generously give back to God and to share with our sisters and brothers. We need to give **choice** portions of our time and talent and, yes, of our monetary treasure, not just leftover scraps from our surplus.

Many people recoil strongly at even the hint of discussing money in connection with religion. My hunch is that we know we fall short of what's needed/expected and don't like being challenged to greater generosity and less self-indulgence. Money is not something "dirty" that is incompatible with "holy" stuff. Holy things are not just "pie in the sky." Our use of money is where the rubber of our faith meets the road. Indeed Jesus spoke of the use of money and possessions in more than half of his parables and more frequently than he spoke of any topic other than the Kingdom of God.

Money represents the tangible fruits of our labors and the use of our God-given talents. As such, money completely belongs in any discussion about what we must offer to God and others out of gratitude for what we ourselves have received. Nor can we section off our lives into those parts where we allow God to be engaged and those parts where we deny him access. Everything we have, every dimension of our lives – including our financial activity – must be measured against our relationship with God. Nothing is "off limits."

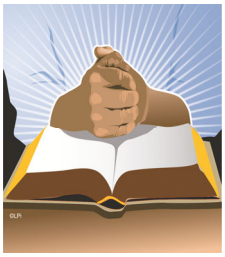
Money is undeniably a potent force in our world and in our personal lives. We pour the majority of our waking hours into earning it, saving it and spending it. It certainly shouldn't be taboo to discuss finances in the context of our communal existence as the People of God?! We are a giant family and we need resources to function. We need money to pay for lights and heat and repairs and staff members. If we are to thrive in works of charity, evangelization and faith formation, as disciples of the Lord you and I must nurture the financial well-being of our extended Church family in the same manner as we watch over our personal finances and save for our children's education.

Frankly, we Catholics need to do a better job of stepping up to these responsibilities. On average, U.S. Catholic households donate only about 1.2% of their income to the Church. Protestants donate at 2-4 times this level. If our relationship with God and our membership in his family are truly important, then we need to back that up with our money. And our charity should include not only the Church, but also reach out to the many worthwhile charities. All of God's children should be cared for. No category of religion, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, etc., can be left out. You and I need to see this as a primary obligation, not just something we toss spare pocket change at.

If you are not already doing so and are not enduring severe economic hardship, embrace further steps towards the biblical practice of tithing. Based on this principle from Scripture, we are encouraged to work towards giving 5% of our income, time and talent to our parish, 1% to the diocese and 4% to other charitable causes. Please prayerfully consider increasing your weekly contribution by $10 or more. Most of us spend this kind of money on all sorts of non-essentials every week but these funds would produce a major benefit for the mission of Christ and for the financial health of our parish.

Having been richly blessed by God, each one of us needs to consider how we can grow in gratitude and generosity. To the many, many people who so graciously share your time, talent and treasure with us, we are indeed very thankful for your generosity.

Scripture Study



Scripture Study is happy to announce we will soon be studying the Gospel of Matthew. A wonderful time to get to know Jesus, His life, works and words more fully in the inspired Word of God through His Evangelist Matthew. So please join us as we study and explore Scripture. We meet on Friday mornings in Room 126 from 8:45AM until 10AM. You can join Scripture Study any time. We are a very welcoming group, we learn from each other and from our facilitator, and have meaningful, interesting and at times fun discussions. This class is for you whether you are new to Scripture or not. If you would like more information please contact, Tom Mitus, at 708-479-6980, or e-mail: **tomsfo@comcast.net**

Spiritual Life

Thanksgiving Day Mass—Everyone is invited to celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass with our St. Stephen parish community at 9am on Thanksgiving morning. Please join us as we come together to give glory and thanksgiving to God.

Food Blessing—We invite everyone who comes to our Thanksgiving Mass to participate in our annual Thanksgiving food blessing. It is appropriate to ask the Lord to bless our Thanksgiving dinner, for all our gifts are from the Lord. Please bring non-perishable items such as bread, rolls, wine, etc. Items will be blessed after the Mass.

Offertory—It is our parish's tradition to donate our Thanksgiving offertory collection to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry here at St. Stephen. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This ministry has helped numerous parish and local families in meeting their basic needs of rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and food support when they find themselves in difficult or emergency situations. Please contact Deacon Ken Zawadzki at 708-342-2400 for more information or if you are in need of help.

Prayer for Veterans
Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember
those who gave of themselves
to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid
those who have given aid and protection
to us and others both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes
for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we be always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life
to free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

Please keep the following active duty military from our parish who serve our nation in your prayers.

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

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

St Julie Billiart Catholic Church is hosting their annual Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 1:00pm in the St Julie Billiart Parish Hall (located adjacent to the Church). St Julie Billiart Catholic Church is located at 7399 W 159th Street, Tinley Park.

All Veterans and their families are welcome. There is no charge for this event. No registration is required.

America's White Table

The table honors the men and women who served in America's Armed Forces.
The table is round to show our everlasting devotion and concern for our fallen and missing comrades.
The cloth is white symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.
The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life and the blood that was shed, and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith and await answers.
The vase is tied with a red ribbon symbol of commitment and continued determination to account for our missing.
A slice of lemon on the plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in foreign land.
The salt is to remind us of the tears endured by those missing and their families who still seek answers.
The black napkin is a reminder of the isolation, deprivation and cruel fate of those who are missing.
The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.
The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share today with us.
The chair is empty and titled, they are not here, and will remain so until they return or are accounted for.
"You are not forgotten so long as there is one left in whom your memory remains."
-Author Unknown

Parish Life

SCRIP Gift Card Sale
Weekend of December 2
and December 3

Tis the season of giving! The SCRIP Program from our parish school—Cardinal Joseph Bernardin—will be selling gift cards for local and national merchants at all the Masses the weekend of December 2 and 3. Save yourself the hassle of running from store to store this holiday season or trying to find that perfect gift for that hard to buy person. Save time, gas, and avoid the lines of holiday shopping. **SCRIP gift cards are the very same cards you would purchase at the store.** Gift cards are safe and easy to use without the threat of identity theft.

Gift cards for over 200 retailers and restaurants, including Jewel, Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Marcus Theaters, VIP Nails, Ulta, Lumes, Red Lobster, and many, many more will be available for sale. Our Visa, Discover, and American Express cards do not have any activation fees. Assorted $5 and $10 stocking stuffer cards will also be sold. **Please use the green order form which will be inserted into the November 19th bulletin. (They will also be available for pick one up on the ushers' tables or in the parish office after that Sunday.)**

An additional benefit of this program is that you can earn rebates for each card purchased. These rebates can be applied to yourself, St. Vincent de Paul, the Parish Life Center, Religious Education tuition, or any Catholic school tuition.

Payments may be made by cash or check only. If you have any questions about the program, or would like to order a large quantity of one merchant, please contact Corinna Pytel prior to November 22 at 708-478-0710.

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WEEKEND

- Our Parish Metal Recycling Drive is next weekend:
  Saturday, November 18 from 4:30pm—6:15pm
  and Sunday, November 19 from 7:30am—1pm

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- **Ladies Social Club** Meeting— Monday, November 13th at 10 AM in Rooms 125/126. Ladies, join us for a pleasant hour of coffee and fellowship. Please consider joining us to meet some new friends and bring an old friend or two. Phil from the singing duo Phil & Amy will be coming to explain all about the daily and overnight trips that they offer. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the information.

- The **St. Stephen Men's Club Wreath Sale pick-up** will be on Saturday, November 25 from 9:30am to 11 am. Wreath orders will be available for pick up by the garages in the parking lot. Please make sure you mark your calendar for the pick up if you ordered wreaths!

- Recently our Parish's Religious Education students and their families donated a large amount of cleaning supplies to be sent to Texas, Louisiana and Puerto Rico to help clean up following the recent hurricanes. The cleaning supplies were placed in large buckets and are now on their way with help of a group of Chicago Deacons who have made shipping arrangements. Thank you for sharing with those in need. May God continue to bless you.

-Deacon Joe

Golden Rule:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

People in the hurricane zones have lost everything... They've lost their homes and their possessions - they've even lost their schools! The 8th Grade Class of Cardinal Bernardin School has reflected and prayed and we've decided that we had to do something to reach out and help some of these people and we've created a service project to do that.

While we can't help everyone – we found someone who needs us! St. Francis of Assisi School in Houston, Texas lost their school building and with it all of their books, technology and supplies! We adopted St. Francis of Assisi School as our sister school and we are raising money to help them put their school back together.

We've designed a pretty cool shirt and we will be selling these after all Masses on November 11th and November 12th.

For just $10 you can buy a shirt and help change a life. A small donation for a HUGE act of kindness, charity and hope!

ALL profits from our T-Shirts sales will go straight to our brothers and sisters at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School in Houston!

Help Us Live the Golden Rule!

Human Concerns

St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family (Open to Parishioners)

General Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday November 28th, 2017 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: St. Elizabeth Seton Parish's "Cornerstone" at the Northeast Corner of 167th St. and 94th Ave., Orland Hills (Newly dedicated the Fr. Gubbin's Scripture Center)

Limited seating is available (50 people).

Our Special Guest Speaker: Crisis Center for South Suburbia Representative to enlighten our group with their Programs and Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For over 35 years, CCHD has funded community and economic development programs that build strong communities through the participation of low-income leaders and a focus on the root causes of poverty.

CCHD invests in the dignity of the poor by providing essential grants to community-based projects. CCHD funds organizations that work to address the root causes of poverty with seniors, youth, immigrants, people with disabilities and low-wage workers in Cook and Lake Counties.

All successes are only possible through the generosity of parishioners. Because we are good and grateful stewards of God given gifts, we gratefully share our blessings for the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The collection will be taken on the weekend of November 18/19 in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As a parish we will no longer have an actual second collection for this need, but as a parish we will send a contribution based on previous years' contributions. So we ask you to increase your regular donations which become part of our parish's donation to the CCHD and other eliminated second contributions.

The work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is important and they are grateful for our financial help.

Community

■ **Gifts That Give Twice! Saturday, November 18/Sunday, November 19 @ St. Elizabeth Seton**

Light a candle of hope this Christmas with the Social Action Ministry of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, as they transform their church hall into a Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Craft Fair store on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9am to 7pm, and Sunday, Nov.19, from 8am to 1pm. Just in time for the holidays, you will find hundreds of treasures including scarves, bags, toys, home accents, jewelry, candles, wall décor, baskets, ornaments, table top, spa and skincare, teas, coffees, chocolates, music, musical instruments, knits, and more – all created by artisans from developing countries around the world and marketed by Ten Thousand Villages, one of the oldest Fair Trade non-profit organizations. Fair trade proves that greater justice in world trade is possible. For this to happen, fair wages must be paid and safe working conditions provided. Your purchase can create new possibilities for those living in need by alleviating poverty through trade rather than aid. The middle man does not consume the profits. Stop by to browse and enjoy free samples and refreshments. St. Elizabeth Seton Church is located at 9300 W. 167th St. in Orland Hills, IL. Questions? Call the parish office at 708-403-0101, x 107, or for information on Ten Thousand Villages please visit **www.tenthousandvillages.com**

■ **Breakfast with A Cup of Spirituality**—Saturday, November 18, from 9am–10:45 am in the Assisi Center at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd, Frankfort. Breakfast will begin at 8:45am. The presentation after the breakfast is entitled: *"Finding 'The Mass' in the Book of Revelation."* We will look at the vision of John in The Book of Revelation and seek out references that can pertain to the celebration of the Mass. The donation for the morning is $15.
To make reservations call 815.464.3886 or email: **marilyn.renninger@presencehealth.org**

■ **Save the Date**—Knights of Columbus, Fr. C. C. Boyle Council, is once again hosting their annual Comedy Night Show. The date is Saturday, February 24, 2018. This year's main act will feature Rocky LaPorte. Rocky has been on the Tonight Show, Last Comic Standing, Comedy Central, Cheers,and Evening At The Improv. Tickets are $40/person and include the Show, dinner, soda, beer and wine. We have sold out the last 2 years, so start making plans now with family and friends for a wonderfully entertaining evening. Ticket sales will begin in December. If you have any questions please call Don at 708.532.8653 or by e-mail at **Viper009dc@gmail.com**

Meeting/Event Calendar

Sunday, November 12
- Baby Nursing, #153
- Narthex—Hurricane T-Shirt Sale
- Teens NCYC HYPE at St. Francis
- 10am—Grade 3 Mass (Church)
- 11am—Parish Welcoming & Reg. (158/159 & LMR)
- 2pm—Kingdom (#125/126)
- 3pm—Baptism
- 4pm—Living Stations (#125/126)

Monday, November 13
- 10am—Ladies Social Club (#125/126)
- 10am—Seniors Young @ Heart Board Meeting (#153)
- 6pm—Special Needs (#167)
- 7:30pm—Financial Planning (#126)

Tuesday, November 14
- 7:30pm—CJB Advisory Council (#165)
- 7:30pm—Highlanders (#170-173)

Wednesday, November 15
- 7pm—Adult Choir (Church/Music Room)
- 7:30pm—K. Mulica (LMR)
- 7:30pm—RE Board Meeting (#153)

Thursday, November 16
- Teens—NCYC Indianapolis
- 4:30pm—Children's Choir (Church)
- 7:00pm—Baptism Prep (LMR)
- 7:00pm—Praise Band (Church)

Friday, November 17
- Teens—NCYC Indianapolis
- 8:45am—Scripture Study #126

Saturday, November 18
- Teens—NCYC Indianapolis
- Baby Nursing #153
- Narthex—Christmas T-Shirt Sale
- Recycle Metal Drive (Church Grounds)
- 8:30am—B. Black Book Study (#126)

Sunday, November 19
- Teens—NCYC Indianapolis
- Baby Nursing #153
- Recycle Metal Drive (Church Grounds)
- 10am—Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church to Education Wing)
- 10am—Growing with God (#162-167)
- 3:00—Baptism
- 4:00—Living Stations (#125/126)

Greeter/Counters Schedule—November 18/19

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
Deacons	Dcn. Chuck	Dcn. Bob	Dcn. Bob	Dcn. Bill S.	Dcn. Bill S.	Dcn. Bill E.	Dcn. Bill E.
Greeters	Mary Berger		Jim O'Donnell	Chris Losey	Judy Kluchins		
	Mary Tafoya		Tom Mitus	Mark Losey	Jackie Szymanski		
	Joan Beck		Amparo Hughes	Dorothy Meyrick	Theresa Buckley		
	Jean Coughlin		Danny Hughes	Bob Meyrick	Terri Buckley		
Counters	Team #1						

Parish 500 Club

Congratulations to our first winners of the 2017/2018 Parish 500 Club Raffle.

$500 "Bonus" Drawing on Friday, November 3.

#402—Bob Zamzow

Week of November 6, 2017:

$100 Winner—#242, Jerome Jablonski, Jr.

$25 Winner—#454, J. Grady Construction

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday —11/12

7:00am	Patrick Harty	Melanie Forgala
8:30am	Loretta Zwolinski	Adult Servers
	Thomas Rogan	Family
10:00am	Stanley & Irene Tomczyk	M/M Jack Leonard
	Sandra Prete	Mark and Chris Losey
11:30am	Int. of Ron & Marie Maeder - 45th Wedding Anniv.	
	Allan (A.J.) Nicholas	Sakellaropoulous Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czyśćcu Cierpiące	
	Cislak & Juraszek Families	Leona Cislak
6:15pm	Lorraine Pudelek	Family
	Patty Litton	Eleanor Kotan, Nancy Smith and Joe Palermo

Monday—11/13

8:00am	Mary Beechy	Davies Family
	Tim Monahan	Mom and Dad

Tuesday—11/14

8:00am	Sandy Prete	Barbara Black
	Ramy Bryar	David Prete

Wednesday—11/15

8:00am	Bill Bula	The Clausen Family
	Bonnie Clausen	Evelyn Novak

Thursday—11/16

8:00am	Purgatorial Society	
	Mary Beechy	Karen Opyd

Friday—11/17

8:00am	Achille Perfetti	Family
	Julia Wegner	Ted Wegner
	Esther Gutierrez	The Deanching Family

Saturday—11/18

8:00am	Joseph and Lucille Pacocha	Family
	Patrick Durkin	Fr. Jay Finno
5:00pm	McLean & Gibbons Families	McLean Family
	Joy Hartke	-
	James McAuley	Family
	Bonnie Clausen	Mike and John Vlosak
	Loretta Zwolinski	Adult Servers

Sunday —11/19

7:00am	Judith Regan	M/M. L Lonero
8:30am	Hugh Twomey	Celia Twomey
	Mary A. Marren	Family
10:00am	Tim Fisher	Karen Opyd
	Loren Davidson	St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
11:30am	Frank Nowobilski	Maxine Nowobilski
	Byron Grober	Arts & Environment
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czyśćcu Cierpiące	
	Joseph & Stella Witkwska	Family
6:15pm	Richard Toye	Judy Toye
	Thomas J. Henaghan, Jr.	Rosalee McGlynn

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

Lily Acosta	Karen Judycki
John Barham	Jim Knawa
Martin Bennet	Ziggy Klimavicius
Gerry Bernsen	Rex Knapp
Kathie Brosius	Jeff Kummer
Don Bryar	Adeline Lence
Peggy Castro	Frank McFarland
Joanne Chess	Dave Newquist
Karen Cole	Timmy O'Connell
Matt Creen	Deacon Pablo Perez
Avery DeBow	Daniel Reilly
Ken Dellorto	Donnatte Rizzo
Bill Dunlap	Marek Rudzki
Kate Engler	Nicole Siedschlag
James Felmon	Bruce Spengler
Jeffery Fox	Rachel Swallow
Bill Galvin	Richey Swiedrych
Theresa Gorecki	Therese Wabi
Olivia Grober	Donna Watzke
Larry Hersh	Rev. James Watzke
	Kelly Weiss

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

This weekend, our service members' names are listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

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

Banns III:	Brian Burke & Jennifer Meyer
Banns II:	Kevin Lingle & Kathleen Moster

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

John M. Bisachy
Rita Secor

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.

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