



# 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Jesus said,

“LET US GO ON  
TO THE NEARBY  
VILLAGES THAT I MAY  
PREACH THERE ALSO.  
FOR THIS PURPOSE  
HAVE I COME.”

Mark 1:38

February 4, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

[www.ststepheninley.com](http://www.ststepheninley.com)

**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: [cjbsschool.org](http://cjbsschool.org) | email: [info@cjbsschool.org](mailto:info@cjbsschool.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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Catholic Charities. Appointments with our parish counselor, Maeve Raphelson, AM, LCWS, 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,

Each first Sunday of the month I give an update on the progress on our parish life center. I am happy to report that the construction is progressing well and is still on target for completion in late April or early May. Later this month, on Saturday, February 24, and Sunday, February 25, all our parishioners will have an opportunity to see the inside of the center at a floor signing event. Parishioners will be able to sign the concrete floor in the parish hall portion of the building and to see the building in an advanced but unfinished stage. The floor signing will be from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Saturday, February 24, and from 2 PM to 3:30 PM on Sunday, February 25. We will have markers to use for the signing. Many of our longtime parishioners remember the floor signing in the church in 2002. We can remember where we signed the floor before the floor finishings were applied. On February 24 and 25, you will be able to enter the parish life center either by the main door to the center or through the education wing. Going through the education wing eliminates any steps to enter the center. Wheelchair access to the center will also come from a ramp to be built on the west side of the center, with a drop off the area alongside the drive into the main parking lot from 175<sup>th</sup> street. This likely will not be completed until we have some consistent warmer weather. We look forward to the weekend of February 24 – 25 when everyone will have the opportunity to get a first look at the inside of our parish life center.

We are also looking forward to the grand opening parish wide event at the center. By vote of our parishioners a few weeks ago, the winning idea was “A Taste of St. Stephen.” This will be a tasting event at which parishioners can enjoy appetizer portions from a wide variety of foods from our multicultural parish. We are forming a group to coordinate this event. If you are willing to help, please see the article on “A Taste of St. Stephen” elsewhere in this bulletin.

It’s hard to believe because it has come upon us so quickly, but Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is only 10 days away on February 14. Our Lenten theme this year is “Lord, guide us on Your path.” There are a number of opportunities for spiritual growth offered here at St. Stephen this Lent. (More information on each is elsewhere in this bulletin.) They include:

- our Lenten Mission on February 26, 27, and 28, led by Fr. Michail Ford, a Dominican priest who helps us here on Sunday;
- the Little Black Books that contain reflections for each day in Lent;
- the Kingdom Weekend Retreat on March 3 – 4;
- faith sharing and discussing groups of “The Journey” program;
- the online *BestLentEver* program that offers daily videos from Matthew Kelly’s Dynamic Catholic group.

We will also offer Stations of the Cross on each Friday evening and Tuesday morning in Lent. I invite everyone to reflect on a personal plan for Lent. I will offer more thoughts on the Lenten season next weekend.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Jay



### Special Bake Sale Next Weekend—We Invite Your Support

On the weekend of February 10/11, parishioners of our parish will be conducting a Benefit Bake Sale after all the Masses in support of Ryszard Swiedrych, our Polish organist, who is facing a difficult time. Treat yourself to homemade cookies or sweets and you’ll be helping one of St. Stephen’s own. Thank you for your support of this Benefit Bake Sale and please keep Ryszard, who has brought so much joy through music to our parish, in your prayers.

## *From our Associate Pastor*

### Odpocznijcie nieco

Wokół Jezusa gromadziły się rzesze ludzi. Spragnieni byli słowa, jakie im Jezus głosił. Przychodzili także, by szukać uzdrawienia duszy i ciała. Jak mówi Ewangelista: „Uzdrowił wielu dotkniętych rozmaitymi chorobami i wiele złych duchów wyrzucił”. Możemy sobie wyobrazić, jak bardzo był zajęty. Ale nie dał się pochłonąć do końca szaleńczej aktywności. „Nad ranem, gdy jeszcze było ciemno, wstał, wyszedł i udał się na miejsce pustynne i tam się modlił”. Wiedział, jak wielu jest jeszcze nieuzdrawionych, że tylu przychodzi do Niego ze swoimi bolączkami, tylu przecież cierpi po dziś dzień, na całym świecie – a jednak usuwał się w cień, aby trwać na modlitwie. Nawet Jezus potrzebował czasu dla siebie, odpoczynku, modlitwy. Potrzebował przede wszystkim kontaktu ze swoim Ojcem i to był sekret Jego ogromnej mocy i skuteczności działania.

My także potrzebujemy kontaktu z Bogiem, aby naładować się Bożą energią, która pomaga pełniej i sensowniej żyć. Dzisiejszy człowiek popada, jak nigdy dotąd, w różnego rodzaju depresje, gubi się w życiu. A to dlatego, że zagubił nierzaz zdolność kontaktu z Bogiem, zastępując go różnego rodzaju „liturgiami”, choćby przed telewizorem, na stadionie czy w galerii handlowej. Wydaje się, że współczesnemu człowiekowi najbardziej potrzeba refleksji, czyli zastanowienia się i rozmyślania nad samym sobą, nad wartością i celem swojego życia, wybiegającym daleko poza ziemię.

Godne podziwu są często nasze poświecenia dla innych. Ale potrzebujemy też troski o samych siebie, chwili odpoczynku, spokoju. Potrzebujemy czasu, aby wznieść myśl do Boga, aby w jego świetle wszystko poustawić w swoim życiu na właściwym miejscu. I pełniej żyć. Gdy tego zabraknie, możemy się zredukować do roli robota, który po zużyciu nikomu nie jest potrzebny. A ponadto może się okazać, że to nasze poświecenie nie wyszło na dobre naszej rodzinie lub też nie doczekaliśmy spokojnej przyszłości.

Jak zauważył Pius XI w encyklice *Mens nostra*, „najcięższą chorobą naszych czasów jest brak refleksji”, która jest „obfitym źródłem zła”. Ta choroba przejawia się w tym, że „człowiek ustawicznie i gwałtownie wylewa się na zewnątrz”, kierowany „nienasyconą żądzą bogactw i rozkoszy”. Człowiek porwany przez „rzeczy zewnętrzne i przemijające”, nie wgląda w swoje wnętrze i nie myśli o Bogu, który jest początkiem i kresem.

Jakże często dzisiejsi ludzie pochłonięci bez reszty zewnętrznymi sprawami, zapatrzeni w obrazy telewizyjne, strony internetowe nie znajdują czasu na to, aby spojrzeć w swoje wnętrze i wsłuchać się w głos Boży, który w nim rozbrzmiewa. Tymczasem ekranu sumienia, na którym człowiek widzi samego siebie, nie zastąpi nigdy ekran telewizyjny. A przecież od naszego wnętrza napełnionego Bogiem zależy doskonałość naszych czynów zewnętrznych. To właśnie w kontakcie z Bogiem odnajdujemy siłę i mądrość życia. Św. Josemaría Escrivá przypomina: „Na pierwszym miejscu modlitwa, potem pokuta, na trzecim miejscu, bardzo 'na trzecim miejscu', działanie.

### *Annual Catholic Appeal*



At Mass this weekend we will hear a message from Cardinal Cupich on the Annual Catholic Appeal. The appeal supports parishes and schools serving poor communities; youth, young adult, campus, and adult religious education ministries; continuing education for seminarians and priests and for lay volunteers and staff serving in our parishes; activities that promote respect for life at all stages; evangelization and liturgical programs; programs for marriage and family ministries; the Chicago Fire and Police department chaplaincies; and assistance for the poor and vulnerable overseas through Catholic Relief Services. Funds raised in excess of our parish goal come back to the parish for use in local ministries. After the Cardinal's message, we will be invited to make a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity in support of the work of our Church is appreciated.

# STEWARDSHIP

February 4, 2018  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.' " MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



## 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](http://www.ststephentinley.com) and at the back of the bulletin.

Collections	1/21/2018
Regular Sunday	\$21,375.00
Kids	\$151.25
Sharing	\$261.00
Christmas	\$280.00
Holy Mother of God	\$70.00
CJBS—Angel Fund	\$10.00
Parish Life Center	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,197.25</b>

## Sunday and Holy Day Collections

	December 2017	Year to Date
Actual	\$164,115	\$797,856
Budget	\$150,000	\$781,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$14,115	\$16,856

## *Spiritual Life*



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

*Hannah Sabina Sullivan*



## *Parish Worship Team*

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 at 708-342-2400 or John and Pat Lisicich at 708-429-1584 for further information.

## **Living Stations**

The Branches Teen Ministry is looking for people to help organize and perform in this year's Living Stations performance. We are accepting of any person, ages 9 and up. We are looking for people that are comfortable speaking in front of a crowd. If you are not comfortable speaking, we also have crowd roles to fill as well. We meet Sundays at 4 PM in the church and practice for 1.5 to 2 hours. Schedules are available from the youth minister, Kyle Groves. If you have questions or interest, please contact Kyle Groves at 708-324-2400 x149.

## Spiritual Life



### Discussions on Matthew Kelly's Book *Perfectly Yourself*

**Starts Next Sunday—February 11**

This past Christmas we gave as a gift Matthew Kelly's book *Perfectly Yourself*. Beginning next Sunday, February 11, we will have a series of four discussion sessions on the book (Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11, March 25). Each session will begin at 4:30 PM with a light supper and will conclude in time for the 6:15 PM Mass. We invite you to participate in as many sessions as you wish. Childcare will also be available. **If you plan on attending a session, please call the parish office by the Thursday before the session so we can plan for the food.** The first session will discuss sections One and Two of the book. More copies of the book are available on the tables behind the back pew. Feel free to take one for yourself or to give to someone.

### Journey Sign Ups This Weekend at All Masses

Sign ups for individual "Journey" groups will take place after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by our table in the narthex. We look forward to having you join us on "**The Journey**".



### Old Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

In anticipation of Ash Wednesday, we again ask that you bring your old palms to church so that we may burn them for Ash Wednesday, which is on February 14, 2018. Containers for the palms will be set up in the narthex starting Saturday, February 3 and will be in the narthex through Tuesday, February 13. The palms will be burned after the 8 AM Mass on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, for those who wish to attend the burning ceremony. **Please do not put any plastic bags in these containers.** Thank you for your help in preparing for Ash Wednesday.

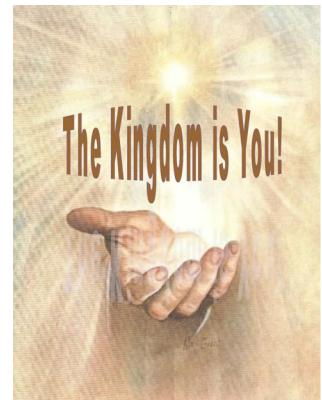
### Make This Your Best Lent Ever!

Join us for the Kingdom Renewal Weekend. It is an informal, faith-sharing weekend presented by St. Stephen parishioners. You will hear the stories of the presenters' faith journeys, join in prayer, have time for personal reflection, and conversation with attendees. You can participate as little or as much as makes you comfortable.

This year's Kingdom Renewal Weekend will take place at St. Stephen Parish on Saturday, March 3 from 7:30am—8:30pm and on Sunday, March 4 from 7:45am—3:30pm. *There is no overnight stay.* All adults (18 years and older; any marital status) are invited to attend.

Registration for the Kingdom Renewal Weekend is now open. Please complete the registration form below and return it along with a \$10 registration fee to the Parish Office to the attention of Barbara Black **by Tuesday, February 27.**

If you have any questions about Kingdom Weekend, please contact Barbara Black at 708.466.9962 or by email at [barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:barbara@ststephentinley.com)



### 2018 Kingdom Weekend Registration Form

Name:

Email:

Best phone number to reach you:

Check if transportation is needed:  To the event  From the event  Both ways

*Please provide emergency contact information for someone (NOT LIVING WITH YOU):*

Name:

Phone number:

Please circle your lunch preference. Choose one.

Sandwich: Turkey Beef

Salad: Grilled Chicken Julienne

*Checks should be made payable to St. Stephen Catholic Church. The fee is \$10 per person.*

## Spiritual Life



### St. Stephen's Lenten Mission February 26 through February 28

Our 2018 Lenten mission will be held from Monday, 2/26 to Wednesday, 2/28 at 7:30 PM each evening. This year's retreat master will be our favorite visiting Dominican Friar, Fr. Mike Ford, O.P. and the theme of this year's mission will be "**Lent: 40 Days of Discovery and Joy.**" Monday and Tuesday evening will be a wonderful mix of prayer, song, and preaching building on a quote from an Ash Wednesday homily of Pope Benedict XVI, "Lent is that season of the Church year when Catholics the world over have the opportunity to embrace the absolute certainty of God's love." Once embraced, that certainty can lead us to a life of love, joy, and service which can last a lifetime. Join us to see how! The mission will conclude with Mass on Wednesday evening.

BEST LENT EVER®

## DON'T GIVE UP *chocolate* FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

SIGN UP AT  
[DynamicCatholic.com/40Days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40Days)

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## The Little Black Book

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Once again we have *The Little Black Book* available to help us to walk through Lent by reading the scriptures along with explanations, reflections, quotes and other information. All Catholics are asked to devote more time to prayer during Lent and *The Little Black Book* can be used daily to help us spend time with the Lord. *The Little Black Book* are available in the narthex. Please take one and use it to pray daily during Lent. A \$1 donation is requested to cover the cost of *The Little Black Book* which is based on the writings of Bishop Ken Untener of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

## Parish Life

### Stewardship Renewal Weekend

Our Stewardship Renewal Celebration will take place on February 10/11. We will celebrate our Stewardship at all of the weekend Masses by inviting all parishioners to take part in our Winter Ministry Fair. Following every Mass we will have a ministry sign-up. Our parishioners will have the opportunity to ask questions about our ministries and organizations and then join them if they wish. At tables in the narthex, we will have ministry representatives, table displays, and booklets that explain what each ministry does.

During this renewal weekend we can reflect on the gifts God has given us and how we can share them with our church, our families, and our community. Let us all pray that we will make Stewardship a way of life acknowledging that God is the source of all we have and all we are. By generously sharing our time, talent, and treasure we will be responding to God's call of sharing our gifts with those around us.

Stewardship Sign-Up Weekends provide a great opportunity for us to get to meet new members, share our faith with others and be good stewards for the Lord. Our parish ministries need you to share your gifts and enhance their work. Won't you consider joining a ministry and becoming more involved in our parish community?

***"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them." Romans 12:6***

We hope that you will stop by our Ministry Fair, but we understand if you have to run. You can also express interest in joining one of our ministries by completing the contact form on our website [www.ststephentinley.com](http://www.ststephentinley.com). Click on the "Serve" tab, then on "Ministry Sign Up" which is under the section "Stewardship Renewal." (You can also click on the rotating purple Stewardship Renewal web banner on the main page.) Thank you for your interest!



Save the Date - Sunday, June 24, 2018

11:30am Mass of Celebration

Honoring Father Jay Finna

Upon His Retirement

In Gratitude for His Faithful and Loving Service  
to St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr

Reception to Follow - Parish Life Center



## Parish Life

### Help for One of Our Own

A benefit will be held on Saturday, February 24 from 6pm-10pm at Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th Street, Merrionette Park, IL for Peggy Castro, a parishioner of St. Stephen Parish. Peggy had a massive stroke. The brain injuries she sustained from the stroke caused paralysis on her left side of her body. She is currently in rehab fighting hard to regain the use of her limbs and learning to perform the day-to-day tasks. She will no longer be able to work so the family income has been cut in half. This benefit will help defray the rapidly increasing medical bills the family is incurring.

#### Donations Needed:

We are in need of raffle basket donations, gift cards, monetary donations, sports tickets and/or memorabilia, and silent auction items for the benefit.

#### Event:

All are welcome to attend the benefit event. Tickets to the event are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door for adults 21 and older and \$10 in advance for children 20 and under and \$20 at the door. Your ticket includes a buffet style dinner with all the beer and wine you can drink. Water, pop, and dessert also included.

#### Contact Information:

Please contact Judi Vallejo if you are interested in donating and/or purchasing tickets for the event or if you have any questions.

Email: [valleju7@aol.com](mailto:valleju7@aol.com) Phone: 708-471-6881

Thanking you in advance for your support  
of Peggy Castro and her family.



*St. Stephen Parish*

*St. Joseph Dinner*

*Saturday, March 24*

*Save the Date!*

*More Details to Come!*

### "A Taste of St. Stephen"

Fr. Jay recently announced the winning idea for our grand opening event - "A Taste of St. Stephen". This will be a tasting event where parishioners can enjoy appetizer portions of a wide variety of foods from our multi-cultural parish. We are currently forming a committee to plan and coordinate the event. If you would like to offer your time and talent to the committee, please contact Barbara Black at [barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:barbara@ststephentinley.com) or 708.466.9962.

### Ladies Social Club

On Wednesday, February 12 at 10 AM in Rooms 125/126, the St. Stephen's Ladies Social Club will hold our February meeting, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, please check with the office. A member from the fire department will be our guest speaker. Feel free to join us for a pleasant hour of coffee and fellowship. Come join us to make some new friends and meet an old friend or two. All women of St. Stephen's Parish are invited to join us for our Ladies Social Club.

### A Note from Cardinal Bernardin

CJB would like to sincerely apologize for two oversights in our "Bernardin Beacon" newsletter which was mailed in early January.

*2017 Giving Society Members Blue Ribbon Club (\$250-\$499):* Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Alejo for their very generous donation and matching gift from KMPG!

*Alumni News:* The following CJB alumni from the Class of 2013 were named Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement—Corey Granko and Taylor Hickey. CJB is proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2013 and we wish them continued success in all future endeavors.

### Men's Club Parish Life Center Fundraiser

Our St. Stephen's Men's Club has teamed up with the SimpleQpons Fundraising coupon book to help with the cost of the Parish Life Center. Each book costs \$20 (\$10 to Parish Life Center) and are good until December 31, 2018. These books are currently available in the main office for purchase. Coupon books will also be sold by the Men's Club after Masses the weekends of February 10/11 and February 17/18. Books sell for \$20 and 50% of each book sold goes back to the church. They are filled with over 90 local businesses offering BOGO and 1/2 off deals. The sale ends February 25.



## **Confirmation Service Project for Our Veterans and the Homeless.**

### **Can you help?**

#### ***What is the project?***

In preparation for Confirmation, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr and St. Elizabeth Seton parishes will participate in a service project to benefit the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno, the St. Leo Veterans Campus in Chicago, and PADS Ministry to the Homeless. This project involves the gathering of travel size toiletries and other easily carried personal essentials for these guests. Our students will collect and gather these items and then meet at the end of February to organize and package them.

#### ***How you can help:***

If you would like to support this service project, please consider donating items from the suggested list below. Some of these personal care items you may already have in your homes, otherwise they can be purchased for a dollar or so at discount stores or other retailers in the health and personal care departments.

***Due to health care policies, all personal care items must be new and unopened.***

#### ***When to bring in your donations:***

Items will be collected in boxes in the narthex up through Friday, February 23. Please put your items in a plastic bag and mark it with the words "Service Project." If you have any questions about this project, please contact the RE Office at St. Stephen's at 708-342-1544 or please see Deacon Bill Schultz or Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for helping us to serve the veterans and the homeless.



#### **Suggested Travel Size Items :**

Baby Powder	Life Saver candy	<b>Optional Items:</b>
Bottled water	Lip balm	Hand warmers
Cheese/Cracker - snack size pkgs.	Mouthwash	McDonald's Gift Cards
Combs	Safety razor (Bic type)	New gloves
Dental floss	Shaving gel or lotion	New socks
Denture cream	Tissues - Pocket Size Packages	New stocking caps
Deodorant bar soap	Toothbrushes	New t-shirts
Face and hand moisturizer	Toothpaste	Rain ponchos
Hand sanitizer	Zip lock bags	Purses (gently used ok)
		Totes (gently used ok)

Seventh grade students interested in participating in this service project can sign up online via SignUp Genius through our website [www.ststephentinley.com](http://www.ststephentinley.com)

## *Human Concerns*

### **Prayer Shawl Knit and Crochet Ministry**

Prayer Shawls will be available in the narthex after Masses February 3/4 for anyone in need of comfort and prayers. There is never a cost for these gifts of love which have been blessed. Materials are provided through generous monetary and new yarn donations.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 1 at 10 AM in Rooms 125-126. For more information, please call Dorothy at 708-614-2588.

### **Helpful Outreach for People seeking Employment (HOPE) Ministry**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 6 at 7 PM in the St. Elizabeth Seton O'Mara Hall, 9300 W. 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills.

**Speaker:** Lee Junkans, a former corporate recruiter and executive career coach is the speaker.

The HOPE Employment Support Ministry is open to everyone. All of our services, to both job seekers and employers, are free of charge. Our monthly meetings consist of networking, resume review, guest speakers and open forums. Need a resume tuned up? Send your resume to Lee Junkans at [ajunkans@aol.com](mailto:ajunkans@aol.com) and then come to the next meeting to receive feedback and discuss suggestions.

Employers and HOPE Alumni: We ask that you please share job openings with us. Send your staffing needs to Fred Zeilner at [fredzeilner16@gmail.com](mailto:fredzeilner16@gmail.com) and they will be distributed to those who attend our monthly meetings.

### **A Note from the Tinley Park Food Pantry**

*Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen Parish,*

*Thank you for your monthly donation of food to the Pantry over the past year. We are grateful for all the support we receive from our local community in our effort to provide food for need neighbors.*

*Food distribution to the needy people of Tinley Park and Orland Hills takes place every Wednesday from 8:00 am through 1:30 pm. We currently are serving approximately 55 families per week.*

*Thanks again for remembering us so that we could be partners with you in serving those who are in need.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Chuck Okresik, President*

*Tinley Park Food Pantry, Inc.*

### **Creation Care Team**

Pope Francis puts a bright spotlight on being less wasteful and emphasizes care for creation with his encyclical "Laudato Si". In this writing the Pope recognizes that the environment is becoming seriously degraded and calls upon Christians to be mindful of our connection to nature, to be cautious about participating in the disposable society, and to strive to be better stewards of the environment. This encyclical is an urgent challenge to all Christians to better protect our common home, Mother Earth., God's blessed gift to us.

Over the last decade, there has been gridlock on government action to protect the environment. It somehow got really politicized. But Francis is telling us is that it is not a political matter; it is the social justice matter, because if left unchecked, we will experience an environmental crisis that will disproportionately impact the poor, who will be least able to cope with the environmental changes that are coming as the earth continues to warm.

The urgency of this issue is an opportunity for the parishes in our area to emulate what hundreds of other parishes are doing across the country - to create a Creation Care team. The team will reflect on Church teachings, educate ourselves on the issues, and take action both individually and in community outreach to make a meaningful difference. We will conduct these activities in a nonpartisan and respectful way. We can be a force for positive change in the world and are called to take the next step in our efforts to do this. This is a challenge to us by Pope Francis. We invite you to consider joining our Creation Care team. The group will meet monthly, with our first meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 7 PM, in the Gubbins Center at the corner of 167<sup>th</sup> Street and 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

### **February Gathering—St. Monica Ministry of Compassion to the Family**



On February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, the St. Monica Ministry of Compassion for the Family asks all interested in helping to raise awareness of the problem of Domestic Violence to join in a prayer service hosted by/at:

St. Christina Catholic Church  
111th & Christiana/Homan, Chicago, IL.

There will be a guest speaker from the Crisis Center for South Suburbia along with a victim who will share her experience with the community that is gathered followed by a prayer service. Refreshments to follow.

This event will be our February general gathering.

## Meeting/Event Calendar

### Sunday, February 4

- Baby Nursing (#153)
- Narthex—Journey Book Sign Up; Prayer Shawl Ministry; SVDP Food Collection, Veterans Collection
- All Masses—Blessing of Throats/St. Blaise
- 10:00am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Church to Ed. Wing)
- 10:00am—Growing with God (#162-167)
- 12:00pm—Polish School Practice (#158/159)
- 3:00pm—Baptism

### Monday, February 5

- 7:30pm—Parish Worship Team Meeting (#125)

### Tuesday, February 6

- 6:00pm—Fr. Jay Retirement (#126)
- 7:30pm—Highlanders (#170-173)
- 7:30pm—SVDP (#126)

### Wednesday, February 7

- 11:00am—Moms and Tots (#161)
- 7:00pm—Adult Choir (Church/Music Room)

### Thursday, February 9

- 8am—1pm: Confirmation Retreat, Education Wing
- 8:45am—Arts and Environment (#167 & 179)
- 1pm—2:30pm: Confirmation Retreat (Church)
- 4:30pm—Children’s Choir (Church)
- 7:00pm—Praise Band (Church)



### Friday, February 9

- 8am—1pm: Confirmation Retreat, Education Wing
- 8:45am—Scripture Study (#126)
- 1-2:30pm—Confirmation Retreat (Church)
- 7pm—Polish Confirmation Practice (Church)

### Saturday, February 10

- Baby Nursing (#153)
- Narthex—Stewardship Weekend, Veterans Collection
- 8:45am—B. Black Book Study (#126)

### Sunday, February 11

- Baby Nursing (#153)
- Narthex—Stewardship Weekend, Veterans Collection
- 10:00am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Church to Ed. Wing)
- 11:00am—Parish Welcoming & Registration (LMR & 158/159)
- 12:00pm—Polish Choir Practice (#156)
- 2:00pm—Kingdom Veterans Meeting (#125)
- 3:00pm—Baptism
- 4:00pm—Living Stations (Church & Sacristy)
- 4:30pm—Book Discussion (LMR)

Greeters' Schedule—Weekend of February 10/11, 2018							
	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
Deacon	Dcn. Ken	Dcn. Pete	Dcn. Bill E.	Dcn. Bob	Dcn. Bob		Dcn. Bill S.
Greeters	Mary Tafoya Joan Beck Jean Coughlin Dolores Soverino		Tom Mitus Jim O’Donnell Mike Tyrrell Eileen Tyrrell	Pauline Cotrano Linda Giroux Pauline Cotrano Anna Williams	B.J. Witry Lynn Packert Judy Kluchins Natalie Sims		

### Parish 500 Club

Congratulations to following winners of the Parish 500 Club Raffle for the week of January 29, 2018.

\$100 Winner: Bernard M. Scott #42

\$25 Winner: Gary and Denise Markovich, #300

*Congratulations*

### 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

### Mass Intentions

Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>		
7:00am	For the Parish Janice Stirn	RE Staff
8:30am	Joshua Cook Rachel Marie Lullo	Fisher Family Parents
10:00am	Thomas Rogan Joseph Castro	Family Carrabota Family
11:30am	John Lynch Weslej & Kowo/Cislak	Margie and Paul Toman Wife and Mother
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czysćcu Cierpiące	
6:15pm	Larry Jorsch James Mitchell	Barb and Ed Bara Cassidy Family
<b>Monday, February 5</b>		
8:00am	Patrick Hoffman Gerri Barns	Carol and Bill Kovach Sr. Altar Servers
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>		
8:00am	Robert Black Agnes Gorman Anna Gabalewicz	Barbara Black Maeve Walsh Chary Gabalewicz
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>		
8:00am	Lyle Spiczak Robert Obiala	Dorothy Spiczak The Family
<b>Thursday, February 8</b>		
8:00am	Julia Wegner Joseph G. Reihel	Ted Wegner Sr. Altar Servers
<b>Friday, February 9</b>		
8:00am	Purgatorial Society Sandra Prete Richard Sterling	St. Stephen RE Staff Adult Altar Servers
<b>Saturday, February 10</b>		
8:00am	Norbert J. Brasky Maura Folan	Delores Michalski Gilda Caceres
5:00pm	Edward and Mary Cannin Marlene Frejlich Sandra Prete Joseph Castro Lucille Hughes John Lachat	Mary Tafoya Family Dcn. Chuck & Terese McFarland Supple Family Jean Coughlin Mary E. Crean
<b>Sunday, February 11</b>		
7:00am	For the Parish Michael Janda	Dolores Yankielux
8:30am	Stanley Mitus Joe Onak	Tom Mitus
10:00am	Ellen Adams Jozef Orawiec	Frank and Mary Werr M/M R. Lindenmeyer
11:30am	Ginny LoConte Tammy Burns	The Family Young Family
1:00pm	Za Dusze w Czysćcu Cierpiące Mary Wozniak	Staff of St. Stephen Family
6:15pm	Christopher Cascone Joseph Tomasik	Joseph Cascone Leonard and Gail Rags

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

Martin Bennet	Sharon Grill
Kathie Brosius	Larry Hersh
Don Bryar	Karen Judycki
Peggy Castro	Rex Knapp
Joanne Chess	Paul Kubinski
Karen Cole	Dave Newquist
Dorothy Conroy	Deacon Pablo Perez
Matt Creen	William Reed
Ken Dellorto	Joe and Joan Ricciuti
Bridget Dougal	Ed Rice
Dylan Dryer	Bently Starek
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Ella Gibson	Richey Swiedrych
	Kelly Weiss

And for all those 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
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Jeanne Graham	Margaret Norris
Shirley Hanko	Ken Schoeling
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- **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 attach 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](mailto: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 Stacy Zampillo, Communications Coordinator, at the parish office at 708-342-2400.

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