



St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church

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 after the 8AM Mass
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

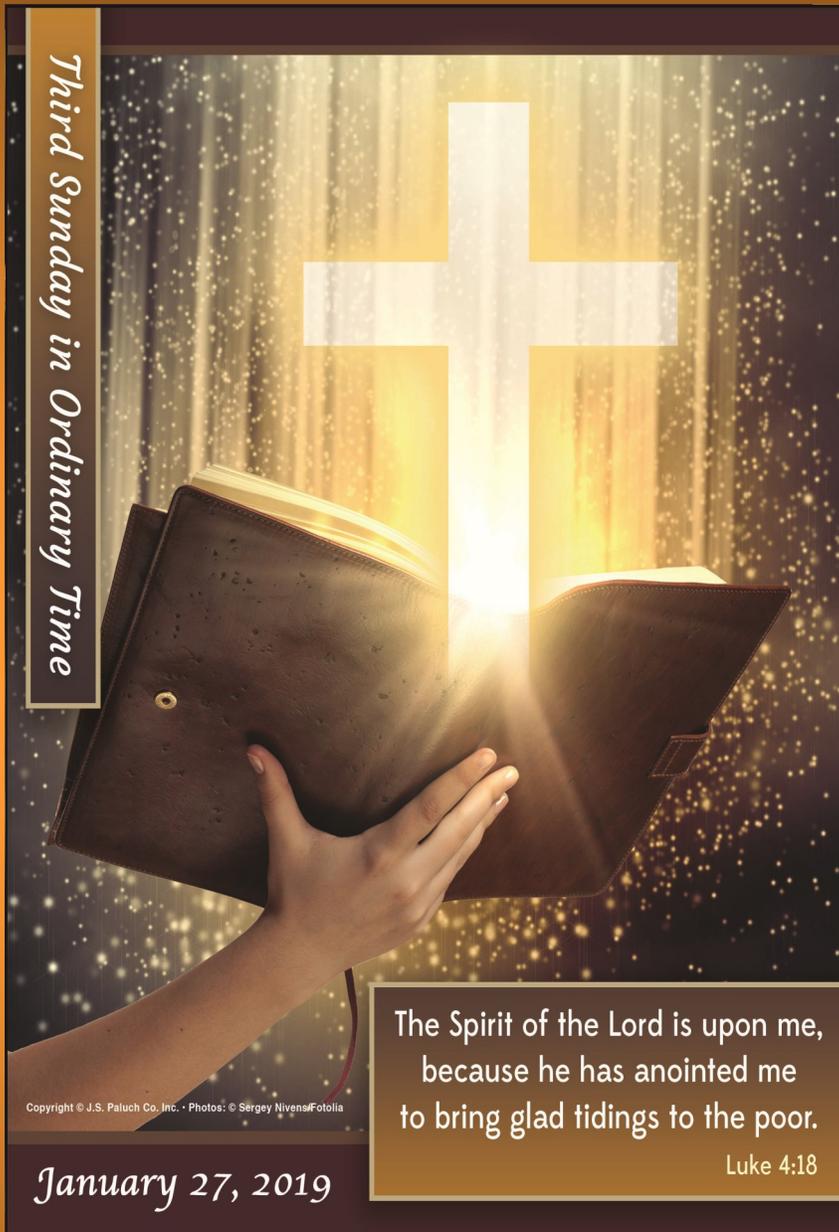
Pierwsza sobota miesiąca: od godz.

7:00-9:30pm

Spowiedź w każdą sobotę od godz.

8:45

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4:18

January 27, 2019

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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www.ststephentinley.com

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

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am—12:30pm and 1–8:00pm | Friday 8:30am—12:30pm and 1-4pm
Saturday Noon—5pm

Religious Education Phone: 708-342-1544

RE Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am—12:30pm and 1pm-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: cjb.school.org | email: info@cjb.school.org

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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 Fr. Tom in the parish office for the necessary preparations. New parishioners are required to register. A baptism preparation class is required to have your child baptized at St. Stephen's.

Communion for the sick, elderly, handicapped, or homebound parishioners can be arranged by calling 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.

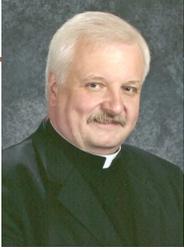
New parishioners are invited to register:

- 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 through the Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities. To get help, call 312-655-7725 or visit the website at catholiccharities.net
- For **Bereavement and Crisis Counseling**, please contact Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn. Appointments will be taken on Wednesdays at 10am, 11am, and 12pm. Please call the parish office or email Deacon Pete at dcnpete@ststephentinley.com to arrange for an appointment.
- 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.

FATHER TOM'S TIDBITS



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as

"lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' Baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week!! We can be very proud of the wonderful Catholic school our parish co-sponsors. Our school, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, continually provides a quality education for the young people of our community. It is truly amazing to see the many wonderful things that go on in our school on a daily basis. In the field of education, many changes in curriculum and programs have taken place. Our children are learning at a faster and more advanced pace than students of a generation ago. There is so much more to cover and so many new and exciting areas for learning that are developing almost daily. During Catholic Schools Week, we take this opportunity to showcase all that Catholic schools are doing across the country. Unfortunately, in the current situation in the media, the only attention Catholic schools seem to receive is when they are being forced to close and that is so unfair. There are so many wonderful things going on in our schools. Catholic schools provide high expectations and daily experiences of faith for students and families. I would venture to guess that there are people here in our community who have no idea that we even have a school, let alone about what is actually going on here. So during this Catholic Schools Week, I ask that you please help us spread the news about our school and the wonderful academic programs we offer. Tell your neighbors, tell your co-workers, tell people you meet in the streets and in the stores, tell everyone about Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School! There is no substitute for a quality Catholic education. The school is extending a special invitation to all of our parishioners to join them, today, Sunday, for a special "Open House" from 1PM until 3PM. I would encourage everyone to stop by and see the many wonderful and exciting things that are going on in our school. If you haven't been in an elementary school in some years, I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how "school" has changed over the years.

I am happy to announce that our parish has been chosen by Catholic Charities as this year's recipient of their "Parish Partner" Award. This award is given yearly to a parish whose dedication has made a significant difference in the lives of the people who Catholic Charities serves. This award is being given to our parish for the partnership we have with Catholic Charities. Throughout the year our parish is involved in many activities in support of the mission of Catholic Charities. The award will be presented to our parish at the annual Catholic Charities "Helping Hands" Dinner on March 9th. More information about the dinner can be found on page nine of today's bulletin.

If the Queen of Hearts was not revealed in the drawing last Wednesday we are now in week three of the raffle. Raffle tickets are available after all the weekend Masses in the narthex, at the parish office, and at the Side Street American Tavern. We need everyone's support to make this raffle successful. All funds raised will be used to pay down the loans on the church and parish life center.

Have a Great Week!

Czytanie Pisma Świętego warunkiem postępu duchowego

Dzisiejsza liturgia słowa ukazuje nam, jak wielką rolę w formacji i reformie ludu Bożego odgrywa czytanie Pisma Świętego. Gdy po niewoli babilońskiej do Palestyny wrócił Ezdrasz – uczonego męża, kapłana i pisarza – wraz z kilkudziesięcią rzeszą repatriantów żydowskich, przekonał się, jak opłakany jest stan nie tylko ekonomiczno-gospodarczy, ale i moralny kraju. Izraelici coraz powszechniej zaniedbywali szabat, bogatsi uciskali biedniejszych, a byli i ta-cy, którzy czcili bóstwa pogańskie, zamiast oddawać cześć swojemu Panu, Bogu prawdziwemu. Widząc ten stan rzeczy, Ezdrasz rozpoczął nawracanie rodaków od systematycznego odczytywania ksiąg Pisma Świętego. Wspomagał go w tym zbożnym dziele Nehemiasz, który w kilka lat po Ezdraszu przybył z wygnania do Jerozolimy. Publicznie przypomniał ludowi słowa Boże, wymagania moralne i nakazy zawarte w Piśmie Świętym. Izraelici w czasie słuchania czytanego Pisma Świętego, widząc jak daleko odeszli od prawa Pańskiego, płakali przejęci szczerym żalem, że wzgardzili słowem Bożym, które miało być dla nich światłością. Podnieśli ręce do góry na znak najwyższej czci i szacunku dla Bożego słowa.

Dzieje nam współczesne jakże bardzo podobne są do tamtych czasów. I dziś wielu chrześcijan zapomniało o Bożych prawach, żyją na co dzień bez Boga, są chrześcijanami tylko z nazwy. Ezdrasz z Nehemiaszem rozpoczęli reformę ludu Bożego od przypomnienia treści Biblii. Sobór Watykański II także zapoczątkował w ludzie Bożym wielki zwrot ku Biblii. Czy w naszych domach jest Pismo Święte i czy je czytamy? A może zupełnie o nim zapomnieliśmy lub zniechęciliśmy się do jego lektury, gdyż nie bardzo wiemy, jak to robić.

Zastanówmy się dziś, jak powinniśmy korzystać z Pisma Świętego, jak go czytać, aby „żyć Chrystusem”. Wpatrując się w Jezusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii, który przez objaśnienie tekstów natchnionych pragnie uformować nowy lud Boży, rozumiejący sens i znaczenie Bożego powołania i prawidłowo odczytujący zbawcze plany, postanówmy i my nieustannie formować siebie samych w świetle i zgodzie z wymaganiami natchnionych słów zawartych w Starym i Nowym Testamencie.

1. Lektura wytrwała

Roman Brandstaetter, pisarz katolicki pochodzenia żydowskiego, z wielką wdzięcznością wspomina swojego pobożnego dziadka, który w dzieciństwie brał go na kolana i uczył czytania Pisma Świętego. Dziadek mówił mu wtedy, że jest to księga Boża i że w niej znajdzie całą prawdę, znajdzie w niej naukę na wszelkie życiowe sytuacje, odpowiedź na wszystkie pytania i wątpliwości. Te rady pisarz zapamiętał sobie na całe życie i rzeczywiście w Piśmie Świętym znalazł łaskę nawrócenia na chrześcijaństwo, a potem natchnienie do tylu wspinających się ksiąg o umiłowanym Mesjaszu, o Zbawcy, którego tak bardzo ukochał.

Biblia ma być ciągle odczytywana. Pismo Święte nie może być przeczytane ani nawet czytane, musi być ciągle na nowo odczytywane. Za każdym kolejnym czytaniem tekstu biblijnego dostrzegamy jakiś inny, czasami głębszy wymiar, wczytujemy się w ten tekst. Można losowo otwierać Pismo Święte i czytać fragment strony, na której nam się otworzy. Następnie próbujemy sobie odpowiedzieć, co Bóg przez ten fakt lub myśl chce do nas w tym momencie powiedzieć.

2. Lektura pobożna

Przed czytaniem trzeba się gorąco pomodlić, prosząc o światło Ducha Świętego. Następnie, czytając tekst, trzeba wnikać w myśl autora natchnionego, należy sobie zadawać pytanie, co autor chciał napisać, jaką wyrazić myśl czy pouczenie. Ma to więc być czytanie połączone z medytacją. Nie spieszyć się, nie czytać jak jakąś powieść czy gazetę. Reguła benedyktyńska mówi, że mnisi powinni przeznaczać na lekturę Pisma Świętego od 3 do 5 godzin dziennie. Stąd taka duchowość tego zakonu, która od wieków zadziwia świat. A nam mijają dni, tygodnie, a może i miesiące czy lata, i nie bierzemy Pisma Świętego do ręki. Mamy czas na czytanie byle czego, tylko brakuje nam czasu na czytanie Pisma Świętego.

3. Lektura święta

Zniechęciliśmy się do czytania Pisma Świętego, bo często go nie rozumiemy. Stajemy przed świętą księgą, która nosi na sobie znamiona czasów tak odległych od nas i mentalności autorów tak różnej od naszej. Musimy więc pamiętać, że pokorna modlitwa powinna towarzyszyć naszemu osobistemu spotkaniu ze słowem Bożym. Potrzebna nam jest mądrość od Boga. Nawet gdybyśmy ukończyli studium biblijne i mieli dużą wiedzę w tym zakresie, to i tak nie obejdzie się bez oświecenia z góry. Przecież i uczniowie, którzy towarzyszyli Chrystusowi w drodze do Emaus, nie wszystko rozumieli. Dopiero Pan specjalnie „oświecił ich umysł, aby rozumieli Pisma” (Łk 24,45).

W dniu, w którym liturgia stawia nam przed oczy Chrystusa czytającego Biblię i wielkiego reformatora religijnego z V wieku przed Chrystusem – Ezdrasza, w dniu, w którym uświadomiliśmy sobie formującą i reformującą rolę Pisma Świętego w życiu Kościoła i każdego chrześcijanina, postanówmy sobie częściej niż dotychczas spotykać się z Bogiem, pochyleni nad świętymi kartami Biblii.

Pamiętajmy też, że od chwili naszego chrztu jesteśmy członkami ludu Bożego, jesteśmy jednym Ciałem Chrystusa. Przypomina nam dziś o tym św. Paweł, jak kiedyś przypominał skłóconym Koryntianom. Jak jest z tą jednością w naszych rodzinach, sąsiedztwie lub parafii? Czy pojednaliśmy się, czy wyzbyliśmy się zawiści i złości?

„Niech ustaną wszystkie gniewy i spory, a pośrodku nas niech będzie Chrystus!”



YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2018

In the past we have automatically sent out year end tax statements if you had requested them in the past. This year, due to changes in the IRS Regulations, most people will not be able to itemize their deductions, due to the fact that the amount of the standard deduction been significantly increased, **so we will not automatically send a tax letter as we have done in the past.**

If you would like a tax statement of your donations to our parish for 2018, we ask you to either write the letters **IRS** on your weekly contribution envelope or contact the parish office at 708-342-2400 or email karen@ststephentinley.com (put 2018 tax letter requested in the subject line). Statements will be available after January 15th.

*We will mail the statements out on a weekly basis.
Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity....Karen.*

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR GROUP

How about getting rid of those doldrums after the Holidays. Join us this Monday, January 28th at 10AM. in the Parish Life Center for a meeting of the Young@Hearts Seniors??



We will play Bingo for cash prizes and have dessert. Plan on having a good time and enjoying some laughs. Should the weather be inclement, you will be notified by phone if the meeting be called off.

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Our parish is participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland.



This non-profit organization directly assists families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid.

We ask that you please fill a Baby Bottle with your spare change, and return it the weekends of February 9th and 10th or February 16th and 17th.

Thank you for supporting The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of volunteers to help with our Cancer Awareness Mass on February 9th, at the 5PM Mass. There are many tasks that need to be done in support of this Mass, so your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

To volunteer, please call the parish office at 708-342-2400.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2019 is being observed in dioceses around the country, this week, January 27th–February 2nd. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.," focuses on the important spiritual, academic and societal contributions provided by a Catholic education firmly rooted in the Truth of the Gospel.

Nearly 1.8 million students are currently educated in 6,352 Catholic schools in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities around the country. Students receive an education that helps them become critical thinkers, strong communicators and active members of society, thus equipping them for higher education, a competitive work environment, and most importantly, living a Christian life of virtue in a challenging society.

"Following Christ's example of loving and serving all people, Catholic schools proudly provide a well-rounded education and have always sought to welcome families of all backgrounds while maintaining our principles and teaching in a spirit of charity," Bishop Barber said.

The observance of CSW began in 1974. Schools and parishes around the country will hold activities such as Masses, open houses, and family gatherings to celebrate the communities they represent.

The week also highlights the educational and community successes of Catholic schools nationwide. Ninety nine percent of Catholic school students graduate from high school and 86 percent of Catholic school graduates attend college. This percentage has been consistent for over 20 years.

This year's theme of Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." and it encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country.

Our schools are teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities. In Catholic schools, are students are learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic Schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent.

a dozen reasons

to choose Catholic Schools



Queen of Hearts Raffle

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE



The excitement of the "Queen of Hearts" Raffle is coming to Saint Stephen. Our "Queen of Hearts" Raffle will begin on the weekend of

January 5th and 6th, with the first drawing being held this Wednesday, January 16th.

The "Queen of Hearts" Raffle is a split ticket raffle with the pot being split between the winner and our parish. The Queen of Hearts raffle puts the 54 cards in a deck, including the two jokers, onto a board face down in no particular order. Then the cards are numbered 1-54. With every chance, a purchaser gets to write a number between 1 and 54 on the ticket. That ticket goes into a drum.

Every Wednesday, a drawing will be held at 8:00PM, at the Side Street American Tavern, 18401 North Creek Drive, in Tinley Park. .

If your ticket is drawn, you must pick the Queen of Hearts on the Raffle board to win the pot. If the winning ticket holder has selected the number that reveals the Queen of Hearts, the winner gets 50% of the available pot.

If you are not present at the drawing, you must declare a numbered card from the board and write the number on your raffle ticket stub. If you do not choose a number or if the number you choose had been previously selected, you will be assigned the lowest available number on the board, (i.e., if the number 1 is available you will be assigned #1, if #1 has been selected already you will be assigned #2, etc.)

If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the pot will roll over to the next week. The pot will continue to build until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. The game could take up to 54 weeks.

If your ticket is drawn and you draw a card other than the Queen of Hearts, you receive \$25.00 in tickets for the following week or if it is a face card you will win \$50.00.

Tickets are sold in a set of 6 tickets for \$5.00. They will not be sold separately. This is a progressive raffle. All raffle tickets will be discarded following the drawing each week and new tickets must be purchased to enter into the following week's drawing. The ticket purchaser must be 18 years of age or older. There can be only one name per ticket. The ticket must contain your name and the card # you choose to pick.

Tickets will be available before and after all the weekend Masses in the narthex of the church. They will also be available at the parish and religious education offices and they will be available at the Side Street American Tavern.

All funds raised through the raffle will be used to help pay down the outstanding debt on the church building and parish life center. Your support of this raffle is appreciated.

CANCER AWARENESS MASS

Are you a cancer patient, survivor, caregiver, father, sister, brother, relative, friend neighbor? Concerned about a loved one or someone you know? Today, there are many men and women whose lives are touched by cancer.

Some have recently been diagnosed, some are in treatment and others are survivors.

We are inviting all survivors of cancer and their families and caregivers, to join us for our special Cancer Awareness Mass as we pray together in community for all those who suffer from cancer, survivors of cancer, and all those who have lost their battle to cancer.

Whatever your situation, you are invited to join us for our Cancer Awareness Mass on Saturday, February 9th, at our 5PM Mass.

A memorial book will also be available to memorialize the names of those who lost their lives to cancer and a balloon launch will take place after the Mass remembering loved ones who have died from cancer.

Members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be present to provide comfort prayer shawls for those whose lives have been affected by cancer.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the parish office at 708-342-2400.



FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

Our monthly Food Drive that will take place next weekend will be in support of neighbor Saint Coletta's. Saint Coletta's is located at 183rd and Crossing Drive in Tinley Park.



St. Coletta's of Illinois, Inc. was created by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, for the specific purpose of providing services in a Christian environment for all children and adults with developmental disabilities and other persons with short-term needs.

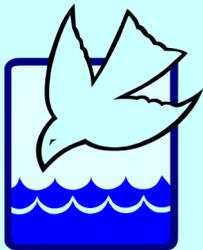
Saint Coletta's is in need of all types of non-perishable food items for their group homes. Any assistance you can give them would be greatly appreciated.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYMS



The Saint Stephen's Men's Club will be hosting Basketball Open Gyms on Tuesday Nights from 7:00PM – 8:30PM, in the Parish Life Center **starting this Tuesday, January 29th.**

Join fellow parishioners, 21 years and older, on in the Parish Life Center for pickup basketball games. \$5 each for all players – Must be 21 years old or older and a parishioner of St. Stephen's Parish. For additional information or contact Men's Club Member - Jim Westerberg (708)-299-2681.



RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT SAINT STEPHEN

We would like to welcome to our parish family these children who were recently baptized here at Saint Stephen.



Milania Vida Rega



Vivian Gawelczyk



MINISTRY OF CARE

Do you know of someone who might be sick or homebound? Maybe it is a friend or neighbor. We are trying to locate those, in our community, who may be sick or homebound. We would like to reach out to them. We have trained Ministers of Care, who are willing to visit with them and bring them Communion.

If you know of someone who is sick and/or homebound, please contact the parish office so we can arrange for a Minister of Care to visit them.

BLESSING OF THROATS

In honor of the feast day of Saint Blase, Bishop and Martyr, we will be offering the traditional blessing of throats after all our Masses next weekend.



IN LOVING MEMORY

On Wednesday, January 9, 2019, our Polish Organist, Ryszard (Richard) Świądrych died after a long battle with cancer.

Richard was born on June 8, 1961, in Szerzynch, Tarnowskie. Ryszard devoted his entire life to music, among which sacral music was a special place.



In the Archdiocese of Chicago he was known in many parishes as an organist and music director.

He has been associated with our parish since 2007. He played at the Polish Masses and services, organized our festive Christmas processions, and directed our Polish Parish Choir.

He was a phenomenal teacher and an unusually patient and caring man. Ryszard not only played music, but also composed music and wrote texts and arrangements.

In May 2017, he lost a wife to cancer and soon after her death his cancer came back. Ryszard was very modest, and in his suffering, he showed great humility. In the past few months, he could not work anymore, although he wanted to continue to play for the glory of the Lord. We will miss him very much. Polish Community in Chicago lost great musician and extremely talented man.

May God grant him eternal rest and may he find a place among the choirs of angels in heaven.

IN MEMORIAM

Z ogromnym żalem zawiadamiamy, że w środę 9 stycznia, 2019 roku, odszedł po ciężkiej chorobie nasz Organista Ryszard Świądrych.

Urodził się 8 czerwca 1961 r. w Szerzynch w województwie Tarnowskim. Ryszard całe swoje życie poświęcił muzyce, wśród której szczególne miejsce zajmowała muzyka sakralna. W archidiecezji Chicagowskiej znany był w wielu parafiach jako organista i dyrektor muzyczny.

Z parafią świętego Szczepana związany był od 2007 roku. Grał na polskich mszach i uroczystościach, przewodził świątecznym procesjom, prowadził chór parafialny.

Był fenomenalnym nauczycielem, niespotykane cierpliwym i konsekwentnym człowiekiem, dzięki czemu chor w naszej parafii może poszczycić się dużym dorobkiem. Rysiu nie tylko odtwarzał muzykę, ale również komponował, pisał teksty i aranżacje. Historia jego życia w ostatnich latach była bardzo tragiczna.

W maju 2017-tego roku stracił żonę, którą również dotknęła ciężka choroba, a wkrótce potem przyszedł nawrót jego choroby. Rysiu był bardzo skromny, a kiedy cierpiał, można było uczyć się od niego pokory. W ostatnich miesiącach nie mógł już pracować, choć bardzo pragnął nadal grać na chwałę Pana.

Będzie nam go bardzo brakować. Polonia Chicagowska straciła świetnego muzyka i niezwykle wartościowego człowieka.



Rev. Tom Bernas
Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr
17500 84th Ave
Tinley Park, IL 60487

Dear Father Tom,

The Board of Advisors of Catholic Charities in the Southwest Region annually recognizes a Catholic parish or lay group or person whose dedication has made a significant difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus taught us that he who commands must become like one who serves. Or, if one wants to be first he must be the servant of all,"

I am very pleased to inform you that Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr have been selected to receive this year's **Parish Partner Award**.

The award will be presented by Monsignor Boland President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago on Saturday March 9, 2019 during our annual Helping Hands Dinner which will be held at the Silver Lake Country Club located in Orland Park, Illinois.

Thank you again and we look forward to honoring you at this year's event.

Sincerely,

Tim Richards
Southwest Regional Advisory Chair
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

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The Catholic Charities Southwest Regional Advisory Board presents their 21st Annual "Helping Hands Dinner & Auction" on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 82nd Avenue in Orland Park.

The event benefits Catholic Charities programs that provide comprehensive services to the poor and disadvantaged in the Southwest suburbs. Reservations are \$75 per person, or a table for ten is \$750. Sponsorships are also available. Please call Christopher Torres at 708-430-0428 for more information or to make reservations.



ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Are you a registered parishioner? Have you been attending Saint Stephen's for a while but haven't yet registered in your own name? Have you been looking for a parish to call your own but haven't made the commitment yet?

What makes a person a parishioner? You are not a parishioner because your parents go here. You are not a parishioner because you went to Religious Education here. You are not a parishioner just because you come to Mass here or were married here.

If you attend Mass here regularly, and if you are an adult (18 or older) Catholic, we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility.

Registering in the parish also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation and formal documentation of your parishioner status is being requested.

To begin the registration process, please contact the parish office at 708-342-2400. We hope that, once you have registered, you will consider the many opportunities to get involved in the parish.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Knights of Columbus, Father C.C. Boyle Council #4698, invites all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 to participate in their Council level competition of the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship **TODAY/Sunday,**

January 27th. The Free Throw Contest will be held at the St. Elizabeth Seton Gymnasium, 9300 West 167th Street, in Orland Hills. Registration begins at 5PM and the competition will begin at 5:30PM. There is no cost to participate in the Free Throw Championship. All participants will have a chance to win raffle prizes.

The Boy and Girl winner of each respective age group will progress on to District, Regional and State level competitions. Participants must furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Registrations are being accepted online at <http://www.knights4698.org/>

For more information please email Jeff Johnson at jjorlandpark@aol.com

Did you know where the Queen of Hearts is?



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STEWARDSHIP

January 27, 2019 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
(Nehemiah 8:10)*

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

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 the back of the bulletin or on our website www.ststephentinley.com

<u>Collections</u>	1-13-2019
Regular Sunday	\$17,538.50
Sharing	\$20.00
Christmas	\$186.0
Mary, Mother of God	\$53.00
Total	\$17,797.50

<u>Byline Electronic Collections</u>	1-2019
Regular Sunday	\$9,618.00
Parish Life Center	\$45.00
Total	\$9,663.00

GIVING GREENER

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore?



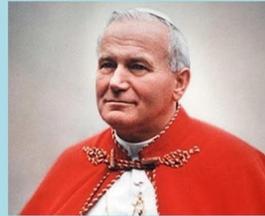
Online Giving

You can give greener by using our Online Giving Program. Simply go to our parish website at ststephentinley.com. You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.

Creation Care Corner

*Taking action to protect God’s great gift to us,
Mother Earth*



*“...human beings frequently seem to see no other meaning in their natural environment than...consumption.”
— Pope John Paul II*

THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Reduce acquisition. The sum total of all our daily purchases has a massive impact on the environment. The associated destruction of nonrenewable resources, the global warming emissions and industrial toxins from manufacture and transportation of “stuff” really adds up. Examine what you really need, where it comes from, and whether it needs to be a “new” purchase. Pope Francis urges us to live more simply, and to be mindful of our impact on and interdependence with nature.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE VALUABLE

We have always known that the many parishioners who volunteer to serve in our various parish organizations and ministries are most valuable. Now we have confirmation. Based on the average hourly wage, experts currently estimate that one hour of volunteer time is worth \$17.55.



Thanks to Our Volunteers!

However, to us your volunteer time is **invaluable**. Through the gifts of time and talent that our parishioners so generously share we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our parish! Your time is worth everything to us!

Meetings/Events

Sunday, January 27th

- Baby Nursing Room #153
- Narthex—Queen of Hearts Raffle Ticket Sales after all Masses - Narthex
- 3pm—Baptism
- 3:30pm—Living Stations Practice #125/126 & Church

Monday, January 28th

- Young @ Heart Senior Meeting 10AM - PLC
- Religious Ed 4:15—5:30pm; 6-7:15pm
- 4pm—8pm Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

Tuesday, January 29th

- Religious Ed 4:15—5:30pm; 6-7:15pm
- 10:30am—Moms and Tots #156
- 4pm—8pm Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 6pm—Youth Ministry Youth Room & Bible Study
- 7:30PM - Rosary - Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, January 30th

- Religious Ed 4:15—5:30pm; 6-7:15pm
- 4PM - 7PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 7PM - Parish Choir Practice - Church
- Queen of Hearts Drawing - Side Street American Tavern

Thursday, January 31st

- 8am—2:30pm Confirmation Retreat PLC, Education Wing, Church
- 4:30pm—Children's Choir Church
- 4pm—8pm—Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 5PM - Catholic Charities Meals Program
- 6pm - Youth Ministry Youth Room & PLC (Open Gym)
- 6:30PM - Benediction - Daily Mass Chapel

Friday, February 1st

- 8:45am - Scripture Study #126
- 4pm—8pm—Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 6:30PM - First Friday Polish Mass & Confessions
- 8PM Polish A.A. Meeting - Room #161

Saturday, February 2nd

- Baby nursing #153
- Narthex—Queen of Hearts Raffle Ticket Sales after 5PM Mass - Narthex
- 8:00AM - A.A. Meeting - Room 158-159
- 12pm—5pm—Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- Food Drive for Saint Colletta

Greeter Schedule February 2nd - 3rd

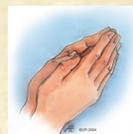
Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
Berger, Mary	O'Donnell, Jim	Meyrick, Bob	Sims, Natalie
Coughlin, Jean	Simosky, Flo	Meyrick, Dorothy	Szymanski, Jackie
Lacerna, Julie	Stephens, Kathy	Williams, Anna	Witry, B. J.



Please remember our parishioners who have died and have been born into eternal life.

Richard "Dick" Lindenmeyer, Jerome Kaffel,

Peter Dotto



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 the Parish Office. Parishioners who are hospitalized and in need of Pastoral Care should contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions



Please pray for those who are sick and in need of healing from our Divine Healer:

Time Intention

Requested by:

Monday, January 28th

8:00am	Toni Rafferty	Dave & Shirely Newquist
	A.T. O'Grady	Ken & Pat Weissmann
	Ruth Rychetsky	Mr & Mrs Rychetsky

Lily Acosta
 Maria Ariza
 Kristen Baldyga
 Kristen Caldwell
 Peggy Castro
 Joanne Chess
 Mike & Sharon Clavio

Rex Knapp
 Margaret Kulpinski
 Howard Kuzelka
 Dawn Leslie
 William Moser
 Susan Naccarato
 Dave Newquist
 Tim O'Connell

Tuesday, January 29th

8:00am	Theresa & Byron Grober	Family
	Patricia Barkauskas	Kristyn Koss
	Gloria Renderman	Bern Daley

Dan Clausen
 Karen Cole
 Matt Creen
 Joanne Chess
 Ken Dellorto
 Mary DeSuno
 Bridget Dougal
 Francis Foley
 Rich Frain
 Kathleen Gallegos

Stacie Pavalon Lentz
 Rosemary Pagliero
 Pearl Paul
 Deacon Pablo Perez
 Joseph & Sandra Piccolo
 DorisAnn Ramirez
 Joy Renje
 Joe and Joan Ricciuti
 Joe & Terri Schulte

Wednesday, January 30th

8:00am	Tim Newquist	Family
	Robert S. Kowal	Jim & Violet Kowal
	Andrea Adams	Diane Przybylski

Thursday, January 31st

8:00am	Sam LaMango	Lucy LaMango
	Jerry & Elizabeth Gill	60th Wedding Anniversary
	Jean Dobersztyn	Diane Przybylski

Bill Galvin
 Sharon Grill
 Sgt. Evan Grober
 Ryan Grybas
 Larry Hersh
 Arlene Kezon
 Steve Kizaric

Don Schmidt
 Gene Skowronski
 Chester Sterczek
 Rachel Swallow
 Louis Tassone
 Stella Wiederski
 Michael Wilkins

Friday, February 1st

8:00am	Norbert W. Brasky	Dolores Michalski
	Intention of Mary Olson	Jean Coughlin
	Glorai Renderman	Kathy Carroll

Saturday, February 2nd

8:00am	Purgatorial Society	Mr & Mrs Grzeskowiak
	Patricia Trevino	Joe & Joan Risciutti
5:00pm	Risciuti Family	Dygdon Family
	John & Jeanette Dygdon	Carolyn & Jay Goodrich
	Bernard Shedor	Mr & Mrs Valderrama
	Andrea Adams	McFarland Family
	Richard Bryar	Van Merkestyn Family
	David Engler	

Sunday, February 3rd

7:00am	Ed Rice	McFarland Family
	Parishioners of St. Stephen	
8:30am	John Mirecki, Sr.	John & Chris King Family
	Michael McGrath	Tony & Rox Pantano
10:00am	Gibbons & McLean Families	McLean Family
	Jane Cleveland	Noreen Galvin
11:30am	Don Bryar	Jim & Fran Cull
	Toni Rafferty	Julie Laserna
1:00pm	Jean Dobersztyn	Piatek Family
6:15pm	Intention of Mary Tafoya	Jean Coughlin
	Robert Engler	Van Merkestyn Family

Please pray for those from our parish who are on active duty in the military And serving our country



Lt. Michael Balcerzak	Capt. Michael Gryczka
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. Dylan Conover	Sgt. Matthew O'Boyle
LCMR Amanda Griffith	Lt. Elizabeth Ernst-Signore
Jacob Elliott USN	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
Sgt. Evan Grober	Major Thomas Walsh

Ways to Support the Ministry of St. Stephen Parish

- **GiveCentral**—Through www.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.

Don't forget to get your "Queen of Hearts" Tickets!!!

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