



## St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church

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**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.

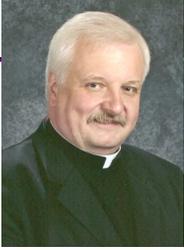
#### ***New parishioners are invited to register:***

- After the 10am Mass on the 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 through the Holbrook Counseling Center of Catholic Charities. To get help, call 312-655-7725 or visit the website at [catholiccharities.net](http://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](mailto: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,

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

With our observance of Ash Wednesday this week, we are officially reminded that we are now in the Season of Lent. Lent is traditionally a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A time when we step back from the ordinary, everyday routines of our lives to make a conscious effort to change our lives and bring ourselves closer to our God. We will be asked to free ourselves from that which separates us from making God central to our lives. We are invited to once again walk with our Lord as He journeys to Jerusalem; a journey that will allow us to make His suffering, death and resurrection a part of our journey of faith and a part of who we are as Christians. We feel and experience Our Lord's love for us as we revisit those events of that first Holy Week and Easter. It is through the Cross that we were saved, and it is through Our Lord's Resurrection that we come to share in eternal life. Throughout this Season of Lent, we will be given many opportunities to reflect on our lives in prayer, sacrifice and fasting.

In this Season of Lent we will be offering a variety of opportunities for personal prayer and reflection. In addition to our weekend liturgies, I would like to invite everyone to join us this Lent for our weekday Masses at 8AM, Monday through Saturday. We will also have a Mass on Thursday nights at 7PM, for those who can not attend our morning Masses.

The traditional Lenten practice of remembering and praying upon the last steps of Christ to His crucifixion are called the Stations of the Cross. We will be offering the traditional Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30PM in the church. Immediately before the Stations of the Cross we will have a Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 5:30PM. Everyone is invited to come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Stations of the Cross will also be prayed at 8:45AM on Tuesdays in the chapel. I hope you will join us for one or more of these Lenten prayer opportunities.

This Saturday, March 16th, Bishop Andrew Wypych, will be joining us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of our parish at special 9:30AM and 1:30PM Masses. I invite everyone to join us for this special liturgy and we ask you to keep the young people of our community in your prayers at this special time in their lives.

Last weekend the Knights of Columbus, Fr. C.C. Boyle Council #4698, me with a check for \$1,745.39 in support of our Religious Education Program for students with special needs. This donation was funded through the generosity of all those who supported the Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation and I also want to thank them for all that they do for our parish. Keep up the good work guys!

If the Queen of Hearts did not come out of her castle on Thursday, we should see the prize pot for the raffle top \$20,000 this weekend. That means if the Queen of Hearts is revealed, the winner would win at least \$10,000. I want to thank everyone for their support of the raffle.

As the prize continues to grow, we anticipate that ticket sales will begin to increase as well. In order to meet this anticipated increase in ticket sales we are in need of additional volunteers to help with the sales of the tickets, both here at the parish and at the Side Street American Tavern. If you can help us, please contact Laura at the parish office.

Have a Great Week!

## MORFOLOGIA KUSZENIA

W Środę Popielcową rozpoczęliśmy Wielki Post. Jest to następna szansa dla każdego z nas, aby po raz kolejny zamyślić się nad sensem życia, jego początkiem i końcem. Okres Wielkiego Postu jest okazją do spojrzenia na siebie w innym świetle, przez pryzmat wiary i dzieła zbawczego dokonanego przez Jezusa Chrystusa. Na początku dzisiejszych rozważań można zapytać, co sprawia, że wielu współczesnych ludzi ma zafałszowany obraz siebie samego, środowiska, w którym żyje, a nawet Boga.

W jednym z odcinków popularnego serialu Na dobre i na złe scenarzyści umieścili następujący epizod. Oto do szpitala w Leśnej Górze zostaje przywieziony młody adwokat narzekający na ból brzucha. Był przekonany, że jest to zwykłe zapalenie wyrostka robaczkowego. W jego życiu nie było miejsca na choroby. Nawet w szpitalu przez telefon komórkowy i przenośny komputer zarządzał kancelarią adwokacką. W życiu prywatnym nie miał czasu na nic. Okazało się, że wyniki badań przyniosły hiobową wieść: wykryto u niego nowotwór złośliwy. Zmieniła się wtedy perspektywa; wszystko przestało się liczyć. Autorzy serialu włożyli w usta adwokata jakże oczywistą, a może nawet banalną sentencję, która stała się przesłaniem omawianego odcinka: „Dopiero na operacyjnym łóżku człowiek rozumie, że w życiu najbardziej liczy się życie, a więc zdrowie”. Ten bohater odkrył oczywistą prawdę, choć we współczesnym świecie, tak bardzo przenikniętym pseudowartościami, nie jest to łatwe. Do tej pory był kuszony przez świat mirażami pieniądza, sławy czy seksu. Kiedy więc dziś pytamy Chrystusa, co fałszuje prawdziwy obraz człowieka, świata i Boga, odpowiedź jest jednoznaczna: uleganie pokusie.

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii przedstawiona jest scena kuszenia Chrystusa. Może ona stanowić modelowy przykład działania Szatana, który próbuje sił także z nami. Przyjrzyjmy się więc mechanizmowi kuszenia.

Najpierw trzeba zauważyć, że Szatan kusi Chrystusa na pustyni. Jest to miejsce, które stwarza ekstremalne warunki. To właśnie tam człowiek czuje się wyczerpany, bezbronny, spragniony i głodny. Można zatem powiedzieć, że człowiek kuszony jest wtedy, gdy jest słaby, kiedy nie posiada żadnego systemu immunologicznego. Niestety, sami czynimy siebie bezbronnymi. Nie da się ukryć, że człowiek, który rzadko się modli, nie potrafi przeciwdziałać pokusie. Jakże trudno walczyć z pokusą, gdy łaska uświęcająca jest tylko wspomnieniem. Szatan kusi człowieka, ponieważ jest przekonany o możliwości zwycięstwa.

Tak przecież komuniści próbowali złamać kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego. Odciepli go od ludzi i utrudniali modlitwę. Mieli nadzieję, że gdy nie pozwolą mu kontaktować się nawet z chorym ojcem, prymas wreszcie zacznie współpracować. Zapomnieli jednak, że był on mężem modlitwy czerpiącym z kontaktu z Bogiem siły, które nie pozwoliły ulec pokusie kolaboracji. W ten sposób naśladował Chrystusa odpierającego ataki diabła.

Obserwując w dzisiejszej Ewangelii poczynania Szatana, można także stwierdzić, że jest on bardzo wytrwały. W różny sposób podchodzi Chrystusa, podsuwając wciąż nowe propozycje – pokusy. My, żyjący dzisiaj, jesteśmy permanentnie mamieni wieloma propozycjami. Pokusa gości w naszych sercach codziennie i jest wielokrotnie podsuwana ze wzmożoną intensywnością. Jawi się ona jako dobro albo rzeczywistość, która jest nieunikniona. Przecież bogactwo w dzisiejszej Ewangelii może jawić się jako dobro. I tu jest właśnie pułapka. Wspomniany prymas Polski był kuszony w podobny sposób. Jeśli podpisałby dokument o lojalności, zażegnałby konflikt pomiędzy państwem a Kościołem. Na pozór sensowna propozycja w gruncie rzeczy okazałaby się kompromisem uwłaczającym godności ludzkiej. Chrystus, nie ulegając tego typu pokusom, przestrzegł nas, byśmy umieli rozpoznać prawdziwe zło i dobro. Pokusa często upodabnia zło do dobra.

I jest jeszcze jeden element kuszenia na pustyni. Szatan próbuje w pokusie mówić do człowieka: „Wystaw na próbę swojego Boga – zobaczymy, czy On o tobie nie zapomni!” Taka pokusa przychodzi wtedy, gdy wewnętrznie czujemy się oszukani, opuszczeni, kiedy znienacka pojawia się choroba lub śmierć. Takie odczucia mógł mieć prymas Wyszyński, kiedy prawdopodobnie było, że jego ojciec już nie żyje, a on, kardynał, jest bezsilny. W takich sytuacjach łatwo zwątpić, bowiem wszystko wokoło zdaje się mówić, że to już koniec. Jakże często w naszym życiu przychodzą wątpliwości dotyczące miłosiernego, kochającego i sprawiedliwego Boga. Najczęściej jest to pokusa, która pochodzi od Złego.

W dzisiejszym drugim czytaniu św. Paweł mówi: „Zaden, kto w Niego wierzy, nie będzie zawstydzony”. Można powiedzieć inaczej: kto zaufa Bogu, nie ulegnie pokusie, podobnie jak Mistrz z Nazaretu. Wielki Post ma być czasem naszego wzmacniania, pogłębiania wiary, ustawiania na nowo hierarchii wartości, abyśmy nie ulegali pokusom. Oby Szatan, który atakuje wtedy, gdy jesteśmy słabi, kiedy zło wydaje się dobrem i gdy przychodzą myśli zwątpienia względem dobroci Boga, nie miał do nas dostępu! Amen.

ks. Janusz Mastalski

## KOLACJA ŚW. JÓZEFA

Nasza doroczna kolacja św. Józefa odbędzie się w sobotę, 23 marca, w parafialnym centrum życia. Drzwi zostaną otwarte o godzinie 18:00, zaś kolacja będzie serwowana o 18:30. Koszt to 15 USD za osobę za osobą dorosłą i 8 USD za dziecko od 5 do 12 lat. Dzieci w wieku 4 lat i młodsze mają wstęp bezpłatny.

W menu między innymi: smażony kurczak, bakłażan z parmezanem, lasagne, włoska kiełbasa i papryka, ziemniaki greckie, polska kiełbasa, sałatka z makaronem, sałatka ziemniaczana i deser. Można przynieść własną butelkę wina. Woda i napoje chłodzące będą dostępne w sprzedaży.

Wymagany jest wcześniejszy zakup biletów. Bilety nie będą sprzedawane przy drzwiach w dniu imprezy. Bilety będą dostępne po wszystkich mszach weekendowych w przedsionku kościoła i biurze parafialnym.



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

As we enter into the Season of Lent, we want to remind you of our Lenten regulations:

- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years old and older, on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. But eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The Season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church observes Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake serious practice of these three traditions.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional Lenten practice of remembering and praying upon the last steps of Christ to His crucifixion, the Stations of the Cross, will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:30PM.

The Stations of the Cross will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross in Polish will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM and on Tuesdays at 8:45AM in the chapel, in English.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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## BAKERY DONATIONS NEEDED



We are in need of bakery items for our upcoming Saint Joseph Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd. Any assistance you can give us would be greatly appreciated.

We ask that you bring your donation to the parish life center before 3PM, on Saturday, March 23rd.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

### ENCOUNTER NORMA

For young families living in the mountains of Guatemala, raising a baby can be hard. Most families grow corn and beans for a living, but a long-standing drought has caused harvests to shrink. There are few job opportunities, which means putting food on the table is a daily challenge. That's why when Norma discovered she was pregnant, she wondered how she would manage. "When I was young, my mom and dad didn't have money to buy much food," she says. "My mom would split one egg among four children." Norma wanted more for her son, Victor.



But at age 20, she didn't have much experience beyond helping her mother around the house. So, she looked for help. She found it in a CRS-sponsored program that teaches young mothers how to raise healthy children, grow nutritious food in small gardens and manage a healthy diet. Plus, CRS provided Norma with food throughout her pregnancy and monthly medical checkups during Victor's first two years of life.

"I learned a lot of beautiful things," Norma says. "I learned how to take care of my boy and what foods to feed him so that he can grow healthy and strong."

Now, Norma is sharing what she learned with others as a "mother monitor." "It makes me proud to share the experience I had and the lessons I learned with other women," she says. It makes Norma proud—and makes her community a better place to raise a family.

Nutritious food is necessary for a dignified life. If none is available, families may be forced to migrate. Facts to consider: Population: of Guatemala is 15,460,732 and the size of Guatemala is 108,889 square miles; slightly smaller than Pennsylvania

■ Guatemala has the highest population of all the countries in Central America, as well as the youngest—almost half of the population is under the age of 19.

■ CRS has been providing humanitarian assistance in Guatemala since 1963, supporting food security, nutrition, health, agriculture, education, disaster risk reduction and emergency response programs.

■ CRS Guatemala works with YouthBuild, which provides employment, education and leadership opportunities to young people.

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more information.





## SAINT JOSEPH DINNER

Our annual Saint Joseph Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 23rd, in our Parish Life Center. Doors will open at 6PM and dinner will be served at 6:30PM. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person for adults and \$8 for children 5 to 12. Children 4 and under are free.

The dinner will include: Fried Chicken, Eggplant Parmesan, Lasagna, Italian Sausage & Peppers, Greek Potatoes, Polish Sausage, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, and Dessert. Bring your own bottle of wine. Soda and water will be available for purchase.

Advance purchase of tickets is required. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Tickets for the dinner are available after all

the weekend Masses in the narthex of the church and in the parish office.

For more information, please contact Theresa at 708-522-4340.

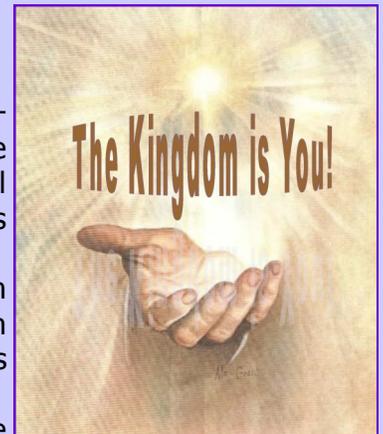
## Make This Your Best Lent Ever!

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 30th from 7:30am - 8:30pm and on Sunday, - March 31st, 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 Friday, March 22nd.**

If you have any questions about Kingdom Weekend, please contact Barbara Black at 708.342-2400 x 112 or by email at [barbara@ststephentinley.com](mailto:barbara@ststephentinley.com)



### 2019 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.

Sandwich: Turkey Beef OR Salad: Grilled Chicken Julienne

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

# LENT Pray + Fast + Give



## RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT SAINT STEPHEN'S



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



*Carter Michael Hilbert*



*Ava Jean Golick*



*Taylor Marie Anderson*



*Mae Eloise Pumfery*



*Leonardo Joseph LoCullo*



*Andrzej  
Capiak*



### QUEEN OF HEARTS WEEKLY WINNER

**Joanne Grac** - Card #14

Ace of Spades Pot Rolls Over!!!

**Next drawing will take place on**

**Wednesday, March 13th.**

**Did you get your tickets yet?**

### AMAZON SMILE

We would like to thank everyone who designated Saint Stephen's as the recipient of the Amazon Smile Program. We received a check \$53.43 for the fourth quarter of last year.



### ST. STEPHEN MEN'S CLUB

The St. Stephen Men's Club will be holding its next meeting at Gatto's Restaurant on March 13th at 7PM. For this special meeting, we are asking all attendees for a \$15 donation to help offset the cost of the meeting.



New members are welcome to attend. Dues for the club are \$15 per year. For more information, email Curt Beringer at [curtberinger12@gmail.com](mailto:curtberinger12@gmail.com)



## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR

Through the six weeks of Lent, we encourage you to use this devotional calendar to prepare for Christ's death and resurrection. The Parish Worship Team is providing our parish with daily suggestions throughout the Season of Lent, as suggestions to help make this time of Lent a time of preparation for Easter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Put the Lord at the Center of Your Life – Listen to God’s Call to Live a Holy Life</b>						
<b>March 10th</b>	<b>March 11th</b>	<b>March 12th</b>	<b>March 13th</b>	<b>March 14th</b>	<b>March 15th</b>	<b>March 16th</b>
No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.	Let my words and thoughts find favor with God.	Give us this day our daily bread.	Return to the Lord with your whole heart.	Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.	Turn away from sin and you shall not die.	Blessed are those who follow the Law of the Lord.
Resolve to spend some time in prayer every day of Lent.	Let all of your words and thoughts be loving.	Be aware of how God is blessing you throughout the day.	Smile at each person you meet today.	How will you serve the Lord today?	Surprise others with random acts of kindness.	Pray for our young people being confirmed today.



**SINCE MEATLESS FRIDAYS ARE WITH US, HERE ARE SOME RECIPES TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR MEALS. PLEASE ENJOY.**

### Vegetable Cheese Soup

9 oz. pkg. au gratin potato mix      2 ½ cups water      15 oz. can corn, drained  
 16 oz. pkg. pasteurized process cheese spread, cubed  
 14 ½ oz. can tomatoes with chillies      2 cups milk

Combine potato mix with cheese sauce packet, corn, tomatoes and water in a large saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 – 25 minutes, stirring often. Add cheese and milk; cook and stir until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

### Shrimp and Corn Chowder

¼ to ½ cup onion, chopped      ½ cup cream cheese, softened  
 1 to 2 Tbl. butter      8 oz., can corn, drained  
 1 ½ cup uncooked small shrimp, peeled      1 ¾ to 2 cups milk  
 2 - 10 ¾ oz. cans cream of potato soup      pepper to taste

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook onion and garlic in butter just until tender. Slowly blend in soup, milk and cream cheese; add shrimp, corn and pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until shrimp are cooked and pink, stirring occasionally. Makes about 6 servings.

### Mac and Cheese

16 oz. pkg. ditalini or other small pasta, cooked and divided  
 2 lbs. extra sharp Cheddar cheese, cubed and divided plus extra shredded cheese, optional  
 2 – 16 oz. cans whole tomatoes, drained and divided      salt and pepper to taste  
 Buttered bread crumbs

Mix together pasta, cheese and tomatoes. Placing in a lightly greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Sprinkle with the extra shredded cheese if desired and then top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Serves 6.



### THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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#### 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?

Did you know that demographic studies estimate that more than 1/3 of all Catholics are **not** registered in a parish? **If you are not registered in our parish, please consider doing so.** Also, please encourage your friends and family to register!

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.



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March 10, 2019  
First Sunday of Lent

" I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10) This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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### Collections 3-3-2019

Regular Sunday	Collection Numbers
Sharing	
Parish Center	Not Available at
Christmas	Press Time
<b>Total</b>	

### Sunday and Holy Day Collections

		Fiscal
<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$108,285	\$941,282
Budget	\$120,000	\$1,015,000
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$11,715)	( \$73,718)



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Taking action to protect God's great gift to us,  
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—Pope Francis

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## Meetings/Events

### Sunday, March 10th

- Baby Nursing Room #154
- Narthex—Queen of Hearts Raffle Ticket Sales after all Masses
- 9:30am—11:30am—Meet & Greet PLC
- 10am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word Educ. Wing
- 3:30pm—Living Stations Practice #125/126 & Church
- 7pm—Youth Ministry Youth Room

### Monday, March 11th

- RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm
- 10am—Ladies Social Club #125/126
- 4pm—8pm Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 7:30pm—Confirmation Practice Church
- 7:30pm—Financial Planning #126

### Tuesday, March 12th

- RE 4:15-5:30pm; 6-7:15pm
- 8:45am—Stations of the Cross Daily Chapel
- 10:30am—Moms and Tots #156
- 4pm—8pm Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 6pm—Youth Ministry Youth Room & Bible Study
- 7:30pm—Confirmation Practice Church

### Wednesday, March 13th

- 4pm—7pm Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 8pm—Queen of Hearts Drawing—Side Street American Tavern

### Thursday, March 14th

- 4:30pm—Children’s Choir Church
- 5pm—Catholic Charities Meals Program PLC
- 4pm—8pm - Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 6pm - Youth Ministry Youth Room & PLC (Open Gym)
- 6:30pm - Benediction—Daily Chapel
- 7pm—Mass (English)—Daily Chapel

### Friday, March 15th

- 8:45am—Scripture Study #126
- 4pm—8pm—Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office
- 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross (English) Church
- 7:30pm—Stations of the Cross (Polish) Church

### Saturday, March 16th

- Baby nursing #153
- 9:30am and 11am—Confirmation Church, Educ. Wing, #125/126
- Narthex—Queen of Hearts Raffle Ticket Sales after 5PM Mass
- 12pm—5pm—Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office



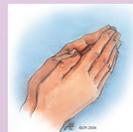
## Greeter Schedule March 16th-17th

Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10 AM	Sunday 11:30 AM
Soverino, Dolores	Tyrrell, Mike	Meyrick, Bob	Sims, Natalie
Tafoya, Mary	Upreti, Jeanne	Meyrick, Dorothy	Szymanski, Jackie
Beck, Joan	Mitus, Tom	Williams, Anna	Witry, B. J.



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

**Angeline Garcia**



### 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.

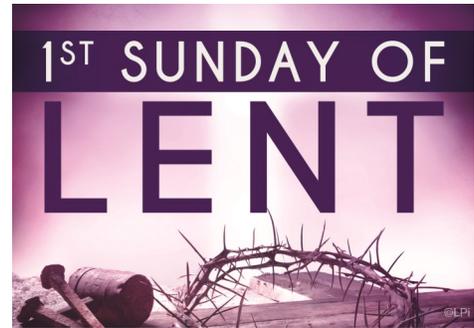
# Mass Intentions



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

Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Monday, March 11th</b>		
8:00am	Paul Mikula David Engler	Bugos Family Rev. James Finno
<b>Tuesday, March 12th</b>		
8:00am	Purgatorial Society Hans Mosch Dick Lindenmeyer	RE Staff Bern Daley
<b>Wednesday, March 13th</b>		
8:00am	Barb Onak Julia Nielsen Mary Ann Murray	Emily Johnson Rispoli Family Grandchildren
<b>Thursday, March 14th</b>		
8:00am	Robert Niedoborski John Lynch	Janet Kaminski A friend
7:00pm	Anna Englebrecht Helen & Andre Porento	Family Family
<b>Friday, March 15th</b>		
8:00am	Patricia Barkauskas Diane Shourek Int. of St. Vincent DePaul	Biel Family Mary & John Sokol Opyd & Dickman Families
<b>Saturday, March 16th</b>		
8:00am	Raymond Schuda Paul Lukiw, Jr. Jimmy, Bobby & Kathy Kelley	Mulica Family Adult Altar Servers Mom
5:00pm	Jim Dwyer Eileen Sullivan Father Tom Purtell Evelyn Seban Int. of Mary Rita Wish Int. of Stacie Pavalan-Lentz	Marilyn Dwyer Adult Altar Servers Tom & Eileen Krippel Walter & Patricia Barr Judy Carone Family Family
<b>Sunday, March 17th</b>		
7:00am	Ed Walsh St. Stephen Parishioners	Family
8:30am	Hugh Twomey Alexander Norella	Family Deanching Family
10:00am	Douglas Adams Sablick & Vasek Families Tom Roos	M/M Richard Lindenmeyer Vasek Family Barb O'Connell
11:30am	Paul Tomaskovic Toni Rafferty	Family Keith & Sharon Grill
1:00pm	Stanistawa & Jan Kmiecik Za Dusze w Czysęcu Cierpiące	Family
6:15pm	Joseph Witkowski Patrick Sheehan	Family Murphy Family

Maria Ariza	Rex Knapp
Kristen Baldyga	Howard Kuzelka
Kristen Caldwell	Dave Newquist
Peggy Castro	Tim O'Connell
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Karen Cole	Deacon Pablo Perez
Matt Creen	Joe and Joan Ricciuti
Joanne Chess	Joe & Terri Schulte
Ken Dellorto	Don Schmidt
Bridget Dougal	Natalie Sims
Bill Galvin	Rachel Swallow
Sharon Grill	Louis Tassone
Larry Hersh	Michael Wilkins
Steve Kizaric	Helen Zimmerman



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



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- **GiveCentral**—Through [www.GiveCentral.org](http://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](http://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](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.

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