



*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

6pm - 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

Fourth Sunday of
LENT
March 31, 2019

*“This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found.”*

Luke 15:24

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Parish Mission

St. Stephen is a Catholic community of faith striving to witness to the Gospel. Our Baptism and Confirmation call us to bring Christ's Love to our families, our work places, and our community. Grateful for God's gifts, we seek to nurture those gifts and to give back to the Lord by sharing our time, talent, and material treasure. In all of our parish activities we seek to develop a personal relationship with the Lord who directs our lives and a vision that sees the world with the eyes of Christ and that leads to a commitment to justice. We seek a sense of unity in Christ that leads us to be an open and welcoming people and a sense of joy in being graced by the gifts of God's love.

St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church

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

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

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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.

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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.

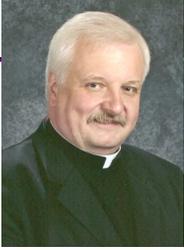
New parishioners are invited to register:

- After the 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.
- By appointment - 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,

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and

love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

As we continue our journey through the Season of Lent, we also find ourselves in the final stages of the RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA process began last fall and will culminate in the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, which will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil. For those involved in the RCIA process their faith journey now intensifies as the initial commitment becomes a deeper commitment to conversion to the Catholic faith. They are now in a period of Purification and Enlightenment during the Lenten and Triduum period (Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil Mass). The relationship with the Catholic community deepens as preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation are anticipated. The aim of this period is to eliminate what is weak and sinful; and affirm what is holy. This period is also intended to enlighten the minds and hearts of the elect with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior.

Rites that are celebrated: the Scrutinies, presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, and preparation rites on Holy Saturday. As the Period of Purification and Enlightenment comes to a close, the Elect and the Candidates are ready to take the final step in the process of conversion, the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass.

This year at our Easter Vigil we will celebrate the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation, for Matt Kramer. You can read more about Matt and his life's journey that has brought him to this point in his life, where is now seeking to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, on page eight of today's bulletin. I ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers as he prepares to receive his First Communion and be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Just a reminder that the Stations of the Cross are offered on Tuesday mornings at 8:45AM and Friday evenings at 6:30PM in English and on Fridays at 7:30PM in Polish. I hope you will join us in prayer.

POTRZEBA JEDNOZNACZNEJ DECYZJI

Trwa okres Wielkiego Postu, jest środek nocy. Ciszę zadumy rozrywa dudnienie i pulsujące kolorowe światła. Z dyskoteki w centrum Krakowa dochodzą śmiechy i pijackie przyśpiewki. Okazuje się, że tak jest prawie codziennie. Właściciel mówi, że większość tych młodych ludzi to katolicy. W rozmowie z dziennikarzem deklarują się jako wierzący. Wielu z nich w Środę Popielcową było w kościele, by „dać się posypać”. Jakże diametralnie skrajne postawy. Na pytanie, czy jedno z drugim się nie kłóci, młoda blondynka odpowiada: „Jestem katoliczką, ale na post i umartwienie będzie czas na starość”. Wielu tańczących deklaruje, że wróci tu jeszcze w najbliższym czasie. Wielki Post jest dla pobożnych, a nie dla wierzących nowoczesnie”. Przecież „wszystko jest dla ludzi”.

Niestety, taki obraz nie należy do wyjątków. Coraz więcej chrześcijan, i to nie tylko młodych, laicyzuje się. Nie traktują okresu Wielkiego Postu jako czasu nawrócenia i powrotu. Nasuwa się więc pytanie: Czy ten powrót kiedyś nastąpi? Dzisiejsza Ewangelia daje na to pytanie odpowiedź. Można zaryzykować twierdzenie, że w każdym z nas jest „coś” z ewangelicznego syna marnotrawnego. Zobaczmy, jakie są warunki owego powrotu.

Kiedy syn marnotrawny roztrwoniał cały majątek i zaczął przymierać głodem, myślał w następujący sposób: „Iluż to najemników mojego ojca ma pod dostatkiem chleba”. W tej refleksji ukryta jest tęsknota za stabilnością i bezpieczeństwem. Człowiek współczesny musi sobie uświadomić, że tylko w Bogu może odnaleźć szczęście, pokój i radość. Współczesnym tabernakulum staje się ekran telewizyjny czy komputerowy. Na wiele pytań próbujemy znaleźć odpowiedź w mass mediach, poradnikach. A przecież odkrycie prawdy, którą jest Bóg, jest tak oczywiste. Syn marnotrawny odkrył ją dopiero po pewnym czasie, kiedy perypetie życiowe pokazały błędy w jego rozumowaniu. Trzeba nam zatem refleksji nad sobą i dojścia do przekonania, że powrót jest potrzebny, a nawet nieunikniony. Święty Augustyn, błędząc i szukając odpowiedzi na pytanie o sens życia, po pewnym czasie zrozumiał, że „niespokojne jest serce człowieka, póki nie spocznie w Panu”.

Refleksja nad powrotem jest jednak niewystarczająca. Syn marnotrawny z pewnością wielokrotnie myślał o swoich błędach, jednak dopiero po pewnym czasie zdecydował, że wróci do ojca. Zatem aby wrócić, trzeba podjąć konkretną decyzję. Wymaga ona odwagi i samozaparcia. Syn marnotrawny jest tak dogłębnie przejęty swoimi przemyśleniami, że przestaje się wahać i wraca.

Współczesny człowiek potrzebuje takich decyzji, choć coraz częściej można zaobserwować brak umiejętności ich podejmowania. Zagubienie wśród wartości i zwlekanie z różnego rodzaju decyzjami są wpisane w pejzaż ludzkiego postępowania.

Oto ilustrujący to zjawisko przykład. W pewnej rodzinie ojciec, pięćdziesięcioletni, zachorował na raka. Kilku lekarzy namawiało go na operację, na leczenie. On jednak zwlekał z decyzją. Doradzali mu sąsiedzi i koledzy: „Nie rób tego, rozgrzebią cię i będzie po wszystkim”. Odwlekał więc operację, a kiedy w końcu zdecydował się na ten ruch, było już za późno.

Syn marnotrawny podjął decyzję o powrocie w momencie, w którym był on jeszcze możliwy. Jest to na pewno wezwanie i nauka skierowana do nas, abyśmy nie zwlekali z decyzją o nawróceniu, o powrocie do Boga, a więc o przemianie.

Kiedy analizujemy przemyślenia głównego bohatera dzisiejszej przypowieści, nasuwa się jeszcze jedna refleksja. Syn marnotrawny myśli o sobie w następujący sposób: „Nie jestem godzien nazywać się twoim synem: uczyni mnie choćby jednym z najemników”.

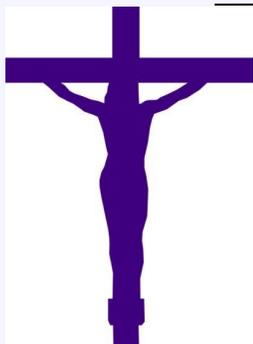
Wie doskonale, że powrót musi być okupiony upokorzeniem, pewną ofiarą. Każdy powrót wymaga wysiłku. Mimo tak upokarzającego scenariusza syn marnotrawny powraca. Jest gotowy na podjęcie wyzwania i decyzji, które bolą. Nawrócenie jest zatem gotowością na ból przemiany.

Popatrzmy chociażby na ludzi pogrążonych w jakimś nałogu. Czy łatwo przestać pić, kiedy czyni się to codziennie? Ile trzeba samozaparcia, aby nie ulec pokusie nieczystej, która drąży serce i umysł? Jakże nieraz trudno opanować nerwy i odezwać się do najbliższych z czułością. Nie ma, niestety, nawrócenia bez osobistego wysiłku. Syn marnotrawny wraca, mając świadomość, że ojciec mimo wszystko go przyjmie.

Chrystus zaprasza i zachęca nas dzisiaj, abyśmy wybrali się z bohaterem ewangelicznej przypowieści w drogę powrotną. Możemy być pewni, że zostaniemy przyjęci. Ta ufność wynika z Bożego miłosierdzia, z wezwania, które zna każdy z nas: „Jezu, ufam Tobie!”. Najpierw potrzeba jednak refleksji nad koniecznością nawrócenia, a później trzeba podjąć decyzję o powrocie i zdecydować się na konkretny wysiłek z tym związany.

Idźmy zatem i wyznajmy: „Ojczy, zgrzeszyłem przeciw Tobie, ale przyjmij mnie!”.

Czy w chwilach trudnych, gdy jest ci ciężko, wierzysz w to?



REKOLEKCJE W JĘZYKU POLSKIM

Uprzejmie informujemy, że rekolekcje w języku polskim w Parafii Św. Szczepana odbędą się dniach 6, 7 i 8 kwietnia i wygłosi je ks. Krzysztof Paluch.

W sobotę 6 kwietnia – msza św. z nauką rekolekcyjną o godzinie 7:30 pm, W niedzielę – msza św. z nauką rekolekcyjną o godzinie 1 pm. **PO MSZY ŚWIĘTEJ I GORZKICH ŻALACH ODBĘDZIE SIĘ SPOWIEDŹ PARAFIALNA.** W poniedziałek – msza św. z nauką rekolekcyjną o godzinie 7:30 pm

Serdecznie zapraszamy i zachęcamy wszystkich parafian do udziału w tym świętym czasie przygotowania do Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego.

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.

ST. STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIAL CLUB BAKE SALE Bakers Needed!!!

St. Stephen's Ladies Social Hour Club will be holding a bake sale next weekend, April 6th & 7th, 2019. They are asking for your help, this includes the gentlemen and kids to make this a success by baking for us.

We appreciate anything you would like to bake, just label what the item is, and if it contains any nuts or peanut butter. Also, if you make any baked goods for special dietary needs, i.e. sugar free and gluten free, etc., please label those as well. Please, no refrigerated items.

Items can be dropped off Saturday morning, April 6th. Either put them in the kitchen with a note on them for the bake sale or leave them on the table in front of the Daily Chapel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Hughes on 708 873-3

All proceeds will be donated to the St. Stephen's building fund. Thank you for your help.



OPERATION RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER KUMBA

Waisa didn't spend a single day in school. When she was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do. She helped her twelve siblings at her family's farm. She was responsible for helping her mom sell meat to their neighbors.

Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education—especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop," she says. "Our students will make sure of it." That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. And, through the nutritious lunch that CRS gives to each student every day,

Kumba and her classmates can focus on their studies and not on their hunger. Kumba's favorite subject is math because she likes the challenge. And when she completes her education, she wants to be a nurse. A nurse, Kumba says, helps cure the sick, and if there were more nurses in Sinkunia, those who get sick wouldn't have to leave the town to get healthcare.

Waisa is proud of her granddaughter and continues to work hard to support her. With no shade from the hot sun, Waisa cares for the family's garden, watering eggplants, tomatoes, onions and more to be harvested and sold through the streets of Sinkunia. Kumba helps, too, visiting the garden every day after school.

"I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile, she adds, "I know that educated girls help their parents and their communities."

After a 10-year civil war in the 1990s, CRS projects in Sierra Leone are helping to rebuild the country with a focus on integrating peacebuilding.

Rates of child and maternal mortality are high, levels of education are low, and, despite rich resource endowments and abundant land, more than 60 percent of Sierra Leoneans live on less than \$1.25 a day.

The Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone in 2014 was the worst the world has seen, covering the entire country and causing thousands of deaths. CRS was one of the organizations on the front lines controlling the outbreak.

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.





LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

As part of our Lenten journey we invite you to join us for a special time of prayer reconciliation and healing. Individual confessions will be heard. Come by yourself, come as a family, or invite a friend who has not experienced the sacrament of Reconciliation in some time. Join us as we experience the gracious mercy of God's love! The sacrament of penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend our Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, April 9th, at 7:30PM. Several additional priests will be available to hear private confessions and help us prepare our hearts for the passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Since we will have additional priests available, we encourage everyone to avail themselves of this opportunity to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at his time

UPCOMING VICARIATE V MINISTRY COMMISSION OFFERINGS

Lector Training: Mondays May 13th & 20th from 7PM – 9PM at St. Germaine Parish. This two part workshop focuses on the theology of The Word, the history of the Mass, liturgical language, proclamation skills and the gifts required for liturgical ministry.



Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Mondays May 13th & 20th from 7PM – 9PM at St. Germaine Parish. In Session One there will be a brief overview of the history and theology of the Eucharist. We will also explore the development of the role of the laity in the liturgical life of the Church.

Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences of Eucharist and worship with one another. Session Two will address the call to ministry and what it means to be a Minister of the Eucharist in the Church of today's world.

St. Germaine Parish Center 9711 S. Kolin Avenue in Oak Lawn. Workshops will be held in the Presentation Room. Enter the church off the parking lot and go upstairs. There is an elevator.

Register at least one week prior to the scheduled program. Some workshops require a minimum number of participants in order to be conducted.

To register contact Jeanne Lassandrello at (708) 636-5060 E-Mail: jllass23@yahoo.com or Kathy McNicholas at (708) 388-4004 or kmcnicholas@incarnationcatholic.com

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT



Recently our parish participated in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. The total collected was \$8,180.25. The Woman's Center thanks everyone for your support.

QUEEN OF HEARTS WEEKLY WINNER

Tom Pagan - Card #36
Four of Diamonds - Pot Rolls Over!!!
Next drawing will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd.
Did you get your tickets yet?



"BREAKTHROUGH" THE MOVIE



The movie "Breakthrough" opens in theaters April 19th, Easter weekend.

Breakthrough is a film about how the power of faith and love can create hope and sometimes even a miracle.

Breakthrough is based on the true story of Joyce Smith, whose son John fell thru the ice of Lake St. Louis in Missouri. After being pulled from the lake, as John lay lifeless in the hospital for over 60 minutes, Joyce prayed to God for a miracle. Suddenly, her son's heart started beating again. Sixteen days after falling thru the ice and being pronounced clinically dead for over an hour, John walked out of the hospital fully recovered.

We have arranged a private showing for St. Stephen parishioners, friends and family, at the Marcus Theatre Orland Park at 7PM on Wednesday, April 24th.

Cost of tickets \$10 per person. To purchase tickets, please send check payable to St. Stephen Men's Club and mail to Deacon Chuck McFarland, St. Stephen Catholic Church 17500 S. 84th Avenue Tinley Park IL 60477.

Tickets will also be sold in narthex after Masses this weekend and next weekend of March 31st and April 6th. **Tickets will be advance purchase only.**

SENIORS YOUNG @ HEART

Seniors Young @ Heart will be in the Narthex next weekend April 6th and 7th selling tickets for the Polish Luncheon and Polka Party.



This will be held at the next meeting on April 29th in the Parish Center. Cost is \$15.00. There will also be Bingo before lunch.

ARE YOU MOVING?



Every month we receive back many mailings from the post office for parishioners who have moved, either within the parish or out of the parish, and have not notified us.

These return mailings are costly to us. We have to pay the postage to mail them and then a fee to have them returned.

We need your help! If you move, we ask that you notify the parish office in a timely manner. We would want to keep our files as current as possible.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 10:00AM in Rooms 125-126 in the parish office wing. All are welcome to join us at 8:00AM Mass followed by coffee and conversation before we start knitting and

crocheting! Please bring your needles and hooks and share your talent.

If you are interested in learning how to crochet or knit we can help you! This is a wonderful way to meet great people and bring comfort to those in need with our prayer shawls.

At the Cancer Awareness Mass we distributed 37 blessed prayer shawls! If you are unable to attend our meeting, but are interested in creating shawls from home, please contact Dorothy Kuzelka at [708.614.2588](tel:708.614.2588) for information. If you are in need of a shawl please contact Dorothy or call the parish office.

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.

WELCOME
TO OUR
CHURCH



APRIL 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.

TINLEY PARK VILLAGE HALL - AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION



The Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue, will be an early voting

location for Cook County residents for the Consolidated Primary Election on Tuesday, April 2th.

Early voting is being held in the Kallsen Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through Saturday, March 23rd; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24th; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, March 25th to Friday, March 29th; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30th; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 31st; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 1st.

Early voting for Tinley Park residents who live in Will County will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 18th to Friday, March 22nd and Monday, March 25th to Friday, March 29th, at Frankfort Township, 11000 W. Lincoln Highway, Frankfort.

Will County residents who want to vote early on the weekend can do so at the Will County Clerk's Office, 302 N. Chicago St., Joliet.

DISCOVER TINLEY

Mark your calendars! The Tinley Park Community Resources Commission will host the Discover Tinley Community Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 6th, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive.



In addition to being a great chance for the public to interact with local businesses and community organizations, Discover Tinley will feature family-friendly enhancements such as live gardening, fitness, cooking and science demonstrations; a celebrity appearance by Svengoolie and interactive, educational opportunities for children. Other activities will include live music, a magic show, dance groups, a balloon artist, a stilt walker, face painting and much more!



RITE OF ELECTION

Each year, on the First Sunday of Lent, a special liturgy takes place at Holy Name Cathedral. The *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* is one part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA is a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Church for those adults seeking baptism or for those already baptized (in another Christian denomination) who seek full communion in the Catholic Church. The RCIA attends to the spiritual, human and intellectual development of a person through not only catechetical sessions (faith formation) but through special liturgical rites. Through this process, they become connected with the Church in a special way; those preparing for baptism are called *catechumens* while those already baptized in another Christian denomination seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are called *candidates*.

An important part of the RCIA are the many liturgical rites that are celebrated publicly with the parish community, often at Sunday Mass. Through the celebration of these special rites, the entire parish becomes part of the RCIA process, supporting catechumens and candidates with prayers and words of support, while the catechumens and candidates are slowly integrated into the community throughout the process – even before the celebration of baptism and confirmation. Being initiated into the universal Catholic Church, however, means more than just joining a single parish. The RCIA process reflects this, most especially through the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion*, where the bishop has an opportunity to meet the catechumens and candidates and support them in their journey to the Catholic faith.

In the celebration, which has roots that go back to the 4th century, the godparents of the catechumens testify (by answering questions posed to them) to the efforts the catechumens have taken to prepare themselves for baptism. The godparents – and the entire assembly – pledge their prayers and support for the catechumens. The bishop then *elects* the catechumens to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter. When we think of election, we often think of politics and contests, but this is different. It is an acknowledgement that God has called the catechumen to faith. Now, seeing that the catechumen has cooperated with that call, the universal Church, through the voice of the bishop, “elects” the catechumen to be initiated through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. In a similar way, the sponsors of those seeking full communion in the Church testify to the preparation the candidates have undertaken. The bishop doesn’t “elect” them though since they have already been elected – they are already baptized. Rather, the bishop recognizes their journey thus far and encourages them to continue that journey into the Catholic Church. Through the bishop’s recognition, they are reminded that they are joining a Church that extends beyond their own parish community and they go with the prayers and support of the entire Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION UPDATE



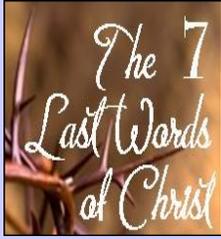
St. Stephen’s Parish extends a hearty congratulations and welcome to Matt Kramer who will be completing his Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil this year. Please continue to keep Matt as he has committed himself to follow Christ more deeply and learn about our faith through our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Matt recently participated in the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral. Matt in your prayers, as he continues his preparation to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Hello my name is Matt Kramer and I am a 23 year old recent college graduate. I attended the University of Saint Francis in Joliet where I was a member of the Baseball team and studied business. I am the oldest to John and Kristin Kramer, and a big brother to Bailey and Jacob. My free time is spent hanging out with family, my girlfriend and her family, and leisure sport activities. I would like to thank them for helping through this new adventure in my life.

During my second year of college I started attending Sunday mass, and I really started to take a liking to it. I have continued to do so at St. Stephen’s. I was fascinated learning about the history and the power that the Catholic Church has. I was baptized when I was a newborn but never pursued religion after that. I was never against it, just was not something that I did not know a whole lot about.

This past fall I decided that it was a good step for me to join the RCIA program with St. Stephens. I was hesitant at first; it was something new for me. I have been taught over the course of the past 8 months about the true meaning and history behind the Catholic Church. It has been a great turning point in my life and has brought a lot of clarity to me. The biggest take away I have learned so far is that no one ever knows his or her path in life, until you are sitting next to God, then you would be able to see it. In this world, life is hard and many people, myself included have a difficult time trying to find the right path. After everything that I have learned, there always is a path and you have to trust the good lord to guide you through it.





PRAYING THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

It is significant that Jesus prayed from the cross. Here he was, experiencing the worst torture a human being can endure, and through it all – he prayed. The prayers of Christ from the cross serve as an excellent model for our praying during this Season of Lent.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Jesus of Nazareth is looking down from the cross just after he was crucified between two criminals. He sees the soldiers who have mocked, scourged, and tortured him, and who have just nailed him to the cross. But is Jesus not also thinking of his Apostles and companions who have deserted him? Right up to his final hours on earth, Jesus preaches forgiveness.

Are you holding bitterness and resentment in your heart? Who has wronged you? Are you struggling to forgive? If you can't bring yourself to forgive them, ask God to do the forgiving for you. Forgiveness is for our own benefit.

Almighty God, to whom your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.

"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Now it is not just the religious leaders or the soldiers that mock Jesus, but even one of the criminals. But the criminal on the right speaks up for Jesus, explaining the two criminals are receiving their just due, whereas "this man has done nothing wrong." Then, turning to Jesus, he asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." What wonderful faith this repentant sinner has in Jesus. This expression offers us hope for salvation, for if we turn our hearts and prayers to Him and accept his forgiveness, we will also be with Jesus Christ at the end of our lives.

We pray for those who are suffering from their own decisions. Rather than judge them, love them. Remember we all need grace, and our past mistakes do not necessarily dictate our future. Focus on the life beyond this life, and how God's love draws us to where we need to be. Trust those who are wandering to God's care.

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised to the repentant thief the joy of paradise, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive your grace in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

"Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son."

Then he said to the disciple: "This is your mother."

Jesus and Mary are together again. What sorrow must fill Mary's heart, to see her Son mocked, tortured, and crucified. The good son that He is, Jesus is concerned about taking care of his mother.

Are you so consumed with your own pain that you are neglecting those closest to you? What do your dearest loved ones need from you? Do you know how they're doing? Pray for them. Love them deeply. Show them your concern.

O Blessed Savior, who in your hour of greatest suffering expressed compassion for your mother and made arrangements for her care, grant that we who seek to follow your example may show our concern for the needs of others, reaching out to provide for those who suffer in our human family. Hear this our prayer for your mercy's sake. Amen.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

One is struck by the anguished tone of this expression. This cry is from the painful heart of the human Jesus who must

feel deserted by His Father and the Holy Spirit, not to mention his earthly companions the Apostles. Jesus feels separated from his Father. He is now all alone, and he must face death by himself.

Jesus completely lives the human experience as we do, and by doing so, frees us from the clutches of sin.

Where and when do you feel rejected and forsaken? Remind yourself that we are never alone. In the darkest valley, God is with us.

O Lord, I call for help by day, and in the night. Listen to my prayer. My soul is troubled. Lord, do not hide your face from me.

"I thirst."

Jesus is now in shock. The wounds inflicted upon him in the scourging, the crowning with thorns, losing blood on the three-hour walk through the city of Jerusalem to Golgotha, and the nailing upon the cross are now taking their toll.

This passage implies there is more than just physical thirst. Jesus also thirsts in a spiritual sense. He thirsts for love. He thirsts for the love of his Father, who has left him unaided during this dreadful hour when He must fulfill his mission all alone. And He thirsts for the love and salvation of his people, the human race.

O blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the water of life that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by your love and mercy, leading us to bring this same relief to others. Amen.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

These words are Jesus' recognition that his suffering is over and his task is completed. Jesus is obedient to the Father and gives his love for mankind by redeeming us with His death on the Cross. The phrase "It is finished" carries a sense of accomplishment. When Jesus died, He "handed over" the Spirit. Jesus remained in control to the end, and it is He who handed over his Spirit.

What needs finishing in your life? What have you begun, but not completed? What is God's calling for you – his unique mission? Are you following it? If not, what stands in the way?

O Lord Jesus Christ, who finished the work that you were sent to do, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining your witness, O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Jesus was obedient to His Father to the end, and his final words before his death on the Cross was a prayer to His Father. His own mission and that of His Father on the Cross: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

What do you need to release into God's hands? Have you been trying to control outcomes and other people? Let them go. Release them into the hands of your loving Father. Are you concerned about your future? Your past? Are you confused about your present situation? Are you struggling emotionally? Spiritually? Relationally? Physically? Surrender all to God.

Father, into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we, too, following his example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus who gave his life for us all. Amen.



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
Be Reconciled in Christ – We give thanks that God never loses hope in us.						
March 31st	April 1st	April 2nd	April 3rd	April 4th	April 5th	April 6th
God has reconciled us to himself through Christ.	My God, forever will I give you thanks.	God is our refuge and our strength.	The Lord is near to all who call upon him.	Those who believe in the Lord will have eternal life.	The Lord delivers us from our troubles.	Our Lord God saves the upright of heart.
Lent is half over; how are you doing on your Lenten goals?	Make a special visit to church today.	Trust God to help you reconcile with others.	Keep an active prayer list to remember those in need.	Pray for world peace.	Be Jesus to someone and lighten their burden today.	Practice forgiveness.



**LENTEN PARISH MISSION:
PRAYING, STORYTELLING AND DINING
WITH JESUS**

Sunday, April 7/8/9, 7pm
With Guest Speaker, Art Zannoni
St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th Street,
Orland Hills, IL

Lent is a time for prayer and listening to the stories that Jesus left behind, the Parables, and a time for celebrating the Eucharist. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus provides us with a model for praying and living through fellowship and the stories he left behind. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills, invites you to join us at 7pm each night: April 7th (Praying with Jesus), April 8th (The Stories Jesus Left Behind), and April 9th (Breaking Bread with Jesus). guest speaker, Arthur Zannoni, will explore all of these themes in the Gospel of Luke and how they challenge us. Hospitality will be offered following our final evening. All are welcome. For information, please call Claudia Nolan, 708-403-0101, x102.

Arthur Zannoni is an award winning free-lance writer, scripture scholar, teacher, theologian, workshop leader and consultant in the area of Biblical studies and Christian-Jewish relations. He earned his Master's Degree in Theology from the University of San Francisco and did his Doctoral studies at Marquette University, specializing in Biblical studies. Zannoni taught on the faculty of the School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas from 1984-1991 and in its Murray Institute from 1991-1994. He is editor of *Jews and Christians Speak of Jesus*, and co-editor of the best seller *Introduction to Jewish Relations*. In addition, Zannoni is the author of *Tell Me Your Name: Images of God in the Bible* and *Tell Me Your Story: The Parables*.

Since meatless Fridays are with us, here are some recipes to help you plan your meals. Please enjoy.

Old-Fashioned Potato Soup

8 potatoes, peeled and cubed 1 tablespoon butter
 ½ cup flour 4 ¼ cups milk, divided 1 egg, beaten
 Salt & pepper to taste

In a large stockpot, combine potatoes and 4 cups milk, season with salt and pepper. Heat mixture over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. In a medium bowl, blend together butter and flour; add egg and remaining milk. Drop by teaspoonful into potato mixture. Cover and cook additional 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serves 4.

Salmon Delight

1 ½ lb. salmon fillet 2 tablespoons butter, melted
 14 round buttery crackers, crushed 1 cup mayonnaise
 Pat salmon dry with a paper towel. Spread butter in a 13 x 9 baking pan; place salmon in pan skin-side down. Spread mayonnaise over salmon in a thin layer; sprinkle with cracker crumbs until well coated. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until crumbs turn golden. Slice into serving positions. Serves 4.

ST. COLETTA'S TAG DAYS

St. Coletta's is calling on our wonderful friends and volunteers to help us with our 2019 St. Coletta's Tag Days! The dates will be Friday April 12th and Saturday April 13th at various Jewel and Walt's stores located in the Orland, Tinley Park, New Lenox, and Palos area.



We need volunteers for 2-hour shifts between 9am to 5pm at any store location of your preference. Smocks, candy and jugs will be provided.

Your volunteer help will ensure a future filled with opportunities for the clients that we serve. Please e-mail information@stcolettail.org or visit <https://www.stcolettail.org/volunteer> to learn more about us. We appreciate your help!

STEWARDSHIP

March 31, 2019
4th Sunday of Lent

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."
(Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

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

Collections	3-24-2019
Regular Sunday	\$17,712.00
Sharing	\$324.00
Misc. Collections	\$20.00
Total	\$18,056.00

Sunday and Holy Day Collections

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

Creation Care Corner

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



"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and it's human roots, concerns and affect us all."
— Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Every appliance comes with two price tags: the purchase price and the cost of operating the product. ENERGY STAR certified appliances help consumers save money on operating costs by reducing energy use without sacrificing performance. Reducing energy use can reduce fossil fuel emissions that warm the planet. Choosing energy-efficient ENERGY STAR products can save families up to 30 percent or \$400 a year. Go to www.energystar.gov for more information.



Online Giving

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVERS

We would like to thank the families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office.

Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Laura, in our parish office, or go to our online giving site givecentral.org

Meetings/Events

Sunday, March 31st

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

10:00 AM Family Mass Church

3:30 PM - Living Stations Church & #125/126

Monday, April 1st

Instructional Mass Gr. 7 Daily Chapel

Class Sessions RE 4:15-5:30pm/6-7:15pm

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

6:30 PM - Confirmation Mystagogia PLC

7:00 PM Parish Worship Team #125

Tuesday, April 2nd

Instructional Mass Gr. 7 Daily Chapel

Class Sessions RE 4:15-5:30pm/6-7:15pm

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

8:45 AM Stations of the Cross (English) Daily Chapel

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Moms & Tots Rm #156

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Room Open & Bible Study Youth Room

7:30 PM SVDP #126

Wednesday, April 3rd

Instructional Mass Gr. 7 Daily Chapel

Class Sessions RE 4:15-5:30pm/6-7:15pm

8:30 AM - 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Adult Choir Church/Music Room

8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Thursday, April 4th

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Daily Chapel with Rosary @ 8:30am

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

8:30 AM - Shawl Ministry #125/126

4:30 PM - Children's Choir Church

6:00 PM - Youth Ministry Youth Room & PLC

6:30 PM - Benediction Daily Chapel followed by Divine Mercy Prayers

7:00 PM Mass (English) Daily Chapel followed by Rosary

7:00 PM - SWIFT #125/126

Friday, April 5th

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

8:45 AM - Scripture Study #126

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (English) Church

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross & Mass (Polish) Church

8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Saturday, April 6th

Baby Nursing #153

Narthex...Ladies Social Club Bake Sale

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

Narthex...Seniors Luncheon Ticket Sales

Narthex...St. Coletta Food Collection

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM AA #158/159

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

7:00 PM 1st Sat Mass (Polish) Church

7:30 PM Polish Mission Church

Sunday, April 7th

Baby Nursing #153

Growing With God Rms 161-167

Narthex...Ladies Social Club Bake Sale

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

Narthex...Seniors Luncheon Ticket Sales

Narthex...Saint Coletta Food Collection

10:00 AM Grade 7 Mass Church

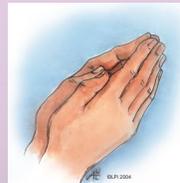
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Polish choir practice #156

1:00 PM Polish Mission Church

3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Living Stations Church #125/126

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Ministry Youth Room

Prayer Requests



Parishioners' names will be read at Mass for four weeks and listed in the bulletin for 60 days. 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.



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

**Carolyn Kinder, Rose Marie Felice,
Joanne Chess, Daniel Groves,
Carolina Neubauer, John Sobol**

Greeters Schedule April 6th - 7th

5PM - Joan Beck, Mary Berger,
Jean Coughlin

8:30AM - Tom Mitus, Jim O'Donnell,
Flo Simosky

10AM - Anna Williams, Pauline Cotrano, Linda Giroux

11:30AM - Natalie Sims, Jackie Szymanski, B.J. Witry



Mass Intentions



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

Sunday, March 31st

7:00 am	Toni Rafferty	Mr. & Mrs. P. Dickman & Family
8:30 am	John A. Mirecki, Sr. Michael P. McGrath	John and Chris King Family Tony and Rox Pantano
10:00 am	Rose M. Ippolito Sylvia McCarthy Dick Lindenmeyer	Pauline Cotrano Sheila Kenny Noreen Galvin
11:30 am	Lillian Pritchard Byron Grober	Karen McConnell Son & Family
1:00 pm		
6:15 pm	Nancy Dunne Carmella L. Canino	Amy Hull Carter Family

Monday, April 1st

8:00 am	Jimmy, Bobby & Kathy Kelley	Dad
	Thomas Grill	Emily Johnson
	Stephanie Musielak	Dianne Przybylski

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:00 am	Lucille Costello	Fred & Luanne Frus
	Joseph Abraham	Tiby Joseph
	Joe Piccolo	Sandra & Michelle

Wednesday, April 3rd

8:00 am	William Emmett Powers	Mike & Mary Moran
	Joan Relihan	Mike & Mary Moran
	Francis Buckley III	Karen Opyd

Thursday, April 4th

8:00 am	Bernard Shedor	The Yanko Family
	Lucille Costello	Mary Proper
	Int. of Shawl Ministry	Karen Opyd
7:00 pm	Mary Morreale	Caroline Diorio
	Jeannie Mattel	Virginia White

Friday, April 5th

8:00 am	Joseph Piccolo	Carole Colin
	Richard DeJohn	John & Kathleen Lyons
	Peter Dotto	Sr. Altar Servers

Saturday, April 6th

8:00 am	Purgatorial Society	
	Paul Lukiw, Jr.	Sr. Altar Servers
5:00 pm	Salzman & Nolan Families	Ricciuti Family
	John Carroll	Family
	John & Jeanette Dygdon	Dygdon Family
	Stacie Pavalon-Lentz	Family
	Patricia Muckian	Helen Zimmerman
	Joanne Chess	Dianne Przybylski

Sunday, April 7th

7:00 am	Donald W. Bryar	Opyd & Dickman Families
8:30 am	Thomas Biedron	Patricia Reyen
	Luke & Mary Marren	Family
10:00 am	Dorothy Conroy	McLean Family
	Gibbons & McLean Family	McLean Family
	Fred Ahrens	Barb O'Connell
11:30 am	Lloyd Eichwald	Julie Johnson
	Toni Rafferty	Keith & Sharon Grill
1:00 pm	Henry Podlasinski	Bridget Podlasinski
6:15 pm	Theodore Kozakowski	Carol Thomas
	John Ziomek	Evelyn Novak

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



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PV2 Joseph Clavio	Capt. Christopher Mazurek
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LCMR Amanda Griffith	Lt. Elizabeth Ernst-Signore
Jacob Elliott USN	LCDR Marilyn Walsh
Sgt. Evan Grober	Major Thomas Walsh



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- **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.

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