

# 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday of the month

Informacje Dotyczące Duszpasterstwa w Parafii Św. Szczepana

W ciągu całego roku Msza Św. w niedziele w języku polskim jest o godz. 1pm Pierwszy piątek miesiąca: Spowiedź od

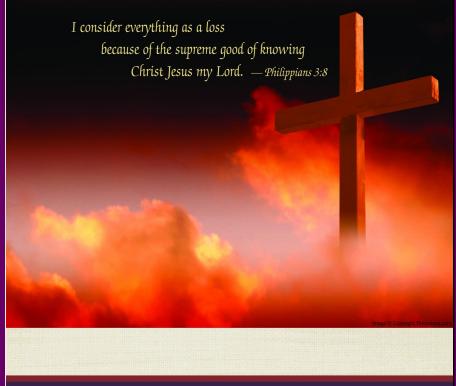
6:30-7:30pm Msza o 7:30pm

Pierwsza sobota miesiąca: od godz.

7:00-9:30pm

Spowiedź w każdą sobotę od godz. 8:45





#### Parish Mission

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

#### St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church

17500 South 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487

www.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 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487

Phone: 708-403-6525 | Fax: 708-403-8621 | web: cjbschool.org | email: info@cjbschool.org

#### Pastor

Rev. Thomas A. Bernas Associate Pastor Rev. Mirek Kulesa Pastor Emeritus Rev. James Finno

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Robert Conlin William Engler Chuck McFarland William Schultz Pete Van Merkestyn

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:dcnpete@ststephentinley.com">dcnpete@ststephentinley.com</a> 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 Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark . Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

This Tuesday we will be offering a special Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7:30PM, in the church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is an integral part of the Lenten and Easter Seasons. If we, as a community, celebrate the loving presence of Christ in the Eucharist, it would be beautiful if we can also celebrate the forgiving presence of Christ in a Communal Penance Service. We beg for God's forgiveness and we receive the grace to forgive one another. If God accepts us as we are, we also accept one another as brothers and sisters. We are inviting and encouraging all parishioners to make time for this penance service. Additional priests will be available to hear individual confessions. We are inviting and encouraging all parishioners to make time for this reconciliation service.

If you have been away from the sacrament for a while, you may worry that you no longer know how to go to Confession. On page eight of today's bulletin there is a brief guide to Confession. I encourage you read it and re-familiarize yourself with the sacrament. And when you do go to Confession tell the priest that it's been a while since you have received the sacrament and ask for help to make a good Confession. The priest will welcome you back and he will be glad to guide you through the ritual. Remember, it is Jesus who is inviting you to "Come back to Him." How will you respond?

Our Lenten journey is nearly complete as we look with anticipation to the glory and joy of Holy Week. Just a reminder that next weekend we will be marking the beginning of Holy Week with our celebration of Palm Sunday. All of us know someone who is not regularly attending Mass on a regular basis. As we enter into the most holiest weeks of the year, I am asking that you invite them to come with you to Mass next weekend.

Often people who have been away from the Church for any period of time, feel uncomfortable coming back on their own. Often an invitation from someone can help them feel more comfortable with returning to the Church. If everyone brought someone with them to Church next weekend, image what a power experience that would be, coming together with our brothers and sisters, around the table of the Lord, to begin our journey through Holy Week to Easter. Who will you invite to join us? Who will you bring with you? As the people triumphantly welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem, let us joyfully welcome our brothers and sisters home next weekend.

#### **Wychowawczy dialog**

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia ukazuje nam w sposób dobitny, że nawet w najtrudniejszych chwilach można znaleźć trafne rozwiązania! Perykopa dotycząca dialogu Jezusa z faryzeuszami i uczonymi w Piśmie jest wzorem dialogu wychowawczego. Odnajdujemy w niej bowiem cechy prawdziwego pedagoga. Cztery z nich decydują o sukcesie wychowawczym.

Ewangelista Jan zapisał, że "Jezus, nachyliwszy się, pisał palcem po ziemi". Prowokowany przez tłum, Mistrz z Nazaretu zachował spokój i pozwolił przeciwnikom wypowiedzieć wszystkie argumenty. Umiejętność słuchania to pierwsza cecha prawdziwego wychowawcy. Zakłada ona nieraz cichą obecność, nastawienie na odbiór, a także otwarcie się na wypowiadane słowo. Mądrość Jezusa objawia się w omawianym dialogu między innymi przez nienarzucanie własnego zdania. Wiernym naśladowcą tej zasady był we współczesnych czasach Jan Paweł II, o którym mówiło się, że umiał słuchać. Każdy, kto miał możliwość prywatnego spotkania się z Ojcem Świętym, podkreśla jego ogromne pragnienie godnego traktowania słuchacza. Wielu twierdzi, że czuli się przez niego rozumiani i słuchani. To umiejętność ważna i jednocześnie tak bardzo potrzebna we współczesnym, coraz mniej zrozumiałym świecie.

Niestety wielu z nas traci nerwy w spotkaniu z bliźnim, dlatego postawa Chrystusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii jest szczególnie pouczająca. Czytamy bowiem, że "kiedy w dalszym ciągu Go pytali, podniósł się i rzekł do nich". Jezus pokazuje wzorcowy model reagowania na prowokację. Umiejętność odpowiedzi musi być połączona z cierpliwością. Podniesiony głos, zniecierpliwienie czy gwałtowne ruchy eskalują agresję. Dlatego też mądry wychowawca rezygnuje z krzyku, z reakcji afektywnej, ponieważ zdaje sobie sprawę, że jest to środek doraźny, który nie likwiduje problemu.

Cierpliwość staje się coraz bardziej reglamentowanym "towarem". Jakże wielu rodziców, nauczycieli i wychowawców traci cierpliwość oraz wybucha gniewem. Mistrz z Nazaretu afirmuje postawę spokojnej reakcji, która przynosi pożądane efekty. Niedościgłym ludzkim wzorem w tym względzie była św. Teresa z Kalkuty, która umiała z miłością, cierpliwością i ciepłem tłumaczyć, opiekować się i budzić nadzieję w osobach potrzebujących.

Nie można więc zapominać o wewnętrznym spokoju w reakcjach, które – jeśli są wyważone – mogą być efektywne i skuteczne.

Ze sposobem reagowania związane są pytania: co mówić? jak pouczać? jak rozwiązywać problemy? Chrystus i na te wątpliwości odpowiada w sposób wyczerpujący. Święty Jan zapisał słowa Mistrza: "Kto z was jest bez grzechu, niech pierwszy rzuci na nią kamień". Każda odpowiedź byłaby zła. Gdyby Jezus powiedział: "rzućcie kamieniem", oskarżono by Go o brak miłosierdzia. Gdyby natomiast rzekł: "przebaczcie jej", zaszufladkowano by Go jako solidaryzującego się z grzesznikami. Odpowiedź Chrystusa była genialna – przemyślana i pełna roztropności.

Często stoi przed nami dylemat: jak zareagować, co uczynić, aby dobrze kogoś wychować. Roztropność jest tą cechą, która stanowi fundament trafności w doborze metod i technik wychowawczych. Porywczość i brak zastanowienia w wielu rodzinach oraz szkołach powodują jednak skutki odwrotne do zamierzonych.

Mówiąc o cechach wychowawcy, trzeba zwrócić uwagę na jeszcze jeden element. Po odejściu faryzeuszy i uczonych w Piśmie Jezus rzekł do jawnogrzesznicy: "I Ja cię nie potępiam. Idź i od tej chwili już nie grzesz". Mistrz z Nazaretu daje kobiecie szansę. Przebaczenie i ukazanie perspektywy to czwarty element prawdziwego dialogu w wychowaniu. Trzeba jednak zaznaczyć, że przebaczenie nie jest pobłażliwością. Ewangeliczne danie szansy oznacza zaszczepienie wiary w drugiej osobie. To powiedzenie: "Spróbuj zmienić swoje postępowanie, może ci się uda". Współczesny pedagog powiedziałby, że jest to postulat wychowania do autowychowania. Dawanie szansy obejmuje także taktykę niewyręczania drugiego człowieka. W innym wypadku wychowamy tak zwanych inwalidów życiowych, którzy albo będą bezkarni, albo staną się bezbronni wobec napotykanych problemów i niezaradni życiowo.

Tak więc dzisiejsza Ewangelia jest swoistym instruktażem postępowania z bliźnim. Jakże ważne staje się naśladowanie Chrystusa w budowaniu relacji interpersonalnych. Trzeba jednak pamiętać, że Jezus kocha każdego człowieka, lecz odrzuca obecny w nim grzech. Nikogo nie potępia, ale nie pozwala nikomu grzeszyć, bo jest to zerwanie więzi z Bogiem.

Niech postawa Chrystusa z dzisiejszej perykopy będzie dla nas drogowskazem i jednocześnie wyrzutem sumienia. Warto pamiętać w kontekście nauki Chrystusa słowa Mistrza Eckharta: "Najważniejszą godziną jest zawsze ta obecna! Najważniejszym człowiekiem jest zawsze ten, który akurat stoi przede mną! Dziełem najkonieczniejszym jest zawsze miłość!".

#### **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 naukę 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 czasia przygotowania do Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego.



#### 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 he 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 this 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

#### **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 proceeded 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.

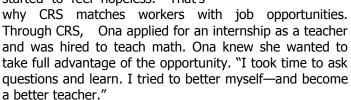
The Stations of the Cross in Polish will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM and on Tuesdays at 8:45AM in the chapel, in English.

#### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

ENCOUNTER ONA

Ona always knew she wanted to be a "shining woman" in her community—and an example to her two young daughters. She studied hard and eventually earned her teaching degree from a university. But in Gaza, jobs are hard to find. Even though Ona had been a good student, she could not find work as a teacher.

"The financial situation was so difficult," Ona says. "I started to feel hopeless." That's



Through her internship, Ona gained the confidence and inspiration to branch out on her own. She saved enough money to open a tutoring center. She now helps students of all ages with their math skills, as well as with other subjects. After one month in business, 41 children had visited her center.

"When people encourage you, you start to think in a more creative way," Ona says.

As she thinks about the future, she thinks of her children. "I hope I can be an example to my daughters. I hope that my daughters can achieve their dreams."

For the last 10 years, there has been a blockade of Gaza's borders preventing Gazans from finding better economic opportunities.

Gaza's unemployment rate of 41 percent is one of the highest unemployment rates in the world.

CRS' work in Gaza has included building transitional shelters, rehabilitating agricultural land, creating child-friendly spaces, distributing household survival kits, providing short-term work opportunities, distributing food and water and offering psychosocial support.

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



#### ST. STEPHEN'S LADIES SOCIAL CLUB BAKE SALE

St. Stephen's Ladies Social Hour Club are holding a bake sale this weekend

All proceeds will be donated

to the St. Stephen's building fund. Your support of the Bake Sale is appreciated.





#### **HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING**

John's Gospel, which we hear on Holy Thursday, foot washing take places at the point where the other evangelists speak about the Last Supper. It's as though John is

emphasizing the fact that Eucharist and service are two sides of the same coin. Nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we are sent out to serve our battered and broken world. So, after the homily, we wash each other's feet.

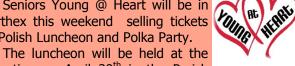
By washing one another's feet, we are fulfilling Jesus' command to love one another as we have been loved by him. This action is not a historical reenactment of what Jesus did 2000 years ago. It is By washing one another's feet, we are fulfilling Jesus' command to love one another as we have been loved by him. It is rehearsal for what you and I strive to do every day: serve one another with love, kindness, and humility.

For many years it has been our custom to invite all who can to participate in this important action. We are looking for twelve volunteers to have their feet washed at part of the Holy Thursday Liturgy. If you are willing to have your foot washed, please signup on the sheet on the ushers table.

If you feel some resistance to washing feet or having your feet washed, you are in good company. So did St. Peter! Yes, it may seem a bit awkward, but it is, after all, what Jesus told us to do.

#### **SENIORS YOUNG @ HEART**

Seniors Young @ Heart will be in the Narthex this weekend selling tickets for the Polish Luncheon and Polka Party.



next meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Parish

Center. Cost is \$15.00. There will also be Bingo before lunch.

## COME, FOLLOW ME... and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

#### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC** APPEAL

All gifts and pledges received during the Annual Catholic Appeal

Commitment weekends have arrived at the Gift Processing Center and will be processed and acknowledged in the next few weeks. This includes gifts of cash, checks and credit cards.

We thank everyone for their support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.



#### **QUEEN OF HEARTS WEEKLY WINNER**

**Dolores Soverino** - Card #29 Three of Diamonds - Pot Rolls Over!!! Next drawing will take place on Wednesday, April 10th. 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 be advance purchase only.

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

Our Baptismal Preparation Class for the month of April will take place this Thursday, April 25th, at 7PM.

We remind all parents planning on having their child/children baptized that they must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism.



To register for the baptismal class, please go to our parish website, ststephentinley.com For more information please contact the parish office, 708-342-2400.



#### MARIST HIGH SCHOOL **BAND CONCERTS**

Marist High School Band will hold two spring concerts to welcome the season. On Saturday, April 13th, the group will perform at 7pm, and again on Sunday, April 14th, at 3pm.

The concerts will take place in

the Marist High School Gymnasium, 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and will be sold atthe-door.



# 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.

#### **MOTHER MCAULEY HONOR ROLL**

We would like to congratulate the following Mother McAuley students, from our parish, for attaining Honor Roll status:

Madeline DuMais, Emily DuMais, Natalie Zampillo





#### **TEEN MISSION TRIP**

SAVE THE DATE - Our Harlan, Kentucky Mission Trip is scheduled for June 23rd through June 29th, 2019.

Our goal is to grow and bring more teens than last year. We have 30 spots open. These spots are first come first serve. Cost of the trip is \$280.00, which includes food, housing, and transportation.

To register and save your spot, you must fill out the appropriate forms and pay a deposit of \$100 to reserve your spot.

For further information, or to have the necessary forms mailed to you, please contact Kyle Groves at: kyle@ststephentinely.com or call 708-342-2400x149.

# 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 chills and the G



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.

The sessions will be held at 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: jlass23@yahoo.com or Kathy McNicholas at (708) 388-4004 or kmcnicholas@incarnationcatholic.com



#### **GATTO'S FUNDRAISER**

Don't forget that this Wednesday night is Saint Stephen's Night at Gatto's, 8005 W. 183rd. St., Tinley Park. Mention St. Stephens to

the server and the Men's Club gets a donation of 20% of the pre tax bill.

All proceeds from these nights go back to the church through ministry donations and needs of the Parish Life Center.

# PORT FOR PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

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#### THE ART OF SELF-LOVE

Monday, April 8th, 9am-12 Noon — Fee: \$25



This experiential workshop includes tools to help you deepen self-awareness and gain new insights on how to more effectively nourish and care for yourself. Through expressive art exercises, journal prompts, and guided meditation you will learn to connect with your inner wisdom to bring more love and compassion into your relationship with yourself. No prior art or writing experience needed. Facilitator: Karen Signore.

Register by contacting 815-464-3880, info@portforprayer.org, or visit their website at www.portforprayer.org.

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

-Rite of Penance, no. 93

- PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession."
- CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- 5 PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

- ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
- PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).
- DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

#### WHAT IS A CHRISM MASS?



On Tuesday of Holy Week, Cardinal Cupich joined by the priests of the archdiocese, will gather to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

At the Mass the Cardinal blesses three oils — the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Infirm and Holy Chrism — which will

be used in the administration of the Sacraments throughout the archdiocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church.

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, that basic food substance for nourishment; as a fuel for lamps; and as a healing agent in medicine. Moreover, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome, beautified one's appearance and prepared a body for burial.

In religious practices, the Jews also used oil to offer sacrifices; to dedicate a memorial stone in honor of God; and to consecrate the meeting tent, the ark of the covenant, the altar of incense, and the altar of holocausts. The use of oil was clearly a part of the daily life of the people.

Sacred Scripture also attests to the spiritual symbolism of oil. To be "the anointed" of the Lord indicated receiving a special vocation from the Lord and the empowerment with the Holy Spirit to fulfill that vocation: Therefore, the symbolism of oil is rich sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication, consecration and sacrifice.

Given this heritage, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals. The Oil of Catechumens is used in connection with the Sacrament of Baptism. In the current baptismal liturgy, the priest offers the prayer of exorcism and then with the Oil of Catechumens anoints the person to be baptized on the chest, saying, "We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior; may He strengthen you with His power, Who lives and reigns forever and ever."

Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens following a prayer of exorcism may also take place during the period of the catechumenate on one or several occasions. In both cases this anointing symbolizes the person's need for the help and strength of God to sever the bondage of the past and to overcome the opposition of the devil so that he may profess his faith, come to baptism and live as a child of God.

The Oil of the Infirm is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. St. James wrote, "Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the priests of the Church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his".

In the early Church, a priest (or several priests)

would bless this oil at the time it was to be used, a tradition that has been retained in the Eastern Churches.

However, in the Latin Rite, at least since the time of the Middles Ages, priests have used oil blessed by the bishop. Presently, the priest, anointing the forehead of the person, says, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit," and then anointing his hands, says, "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." Another body part may also be anointed if the hands are not accessible or if there is another particular need.

Finally, Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. In the Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. This oil is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character. The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the cardinal breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the sacraments for which it is used. The concelebrants at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands toward the chrism as the Cardinal says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their bishop they share "in the authority by which Christ Himself builds up and sanctifies and rules His Body," the Church.

In Baptism, right after the actual Baptism in the present rite, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrism, saying, "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life. Amen."

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Sacred Chrism is also used in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with Chrism, the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

Finally, Holy Chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church. Here the bishop anoints the altar, pouring Holy Chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. It is recommended that the bishop anoint the entire altar. After anointing the altar, he anoints the walls of the church in places marked by crosses.

As the Cardinal blesses these three oils at the Chrism Mass next week, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these Sacraments. Let us also pray for our Cardinal and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parishes, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.





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		
Hope in the Lord – We give thanks that God never loses hope in us.								
April 7th	April 8th	April 9th	April 10th	April 11th	April 12th	April 13th		
Go now, and sin no more.	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.	All who come to Christ will live forever.	O Lord, you are exalted above all	Seek to serve the Lord constantly.	Praise the Lord, for He has saved us from our enemies.	Make yourself a new heart and a new spirit.		
Start anew today and try to let go of a past hurt.	a firehouse or	Is there someone you can encourage to return to church?	atheists may	Visit someone who is lonely.	•	Say a special prayer for the clergy.		



#### **WORLD VISION GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER**

Every child deserves clean water! Clean water changes the lives of the children who receive it. Children have better health, improved nutrition, and many can go to school, instead of spending most of their day, getting water.

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The Southwest Christian School, in Tinley Park, 171st and 84th Avenue, will be one of the many host sights around the world.

can learn more about the event at teamworldvision.org/team/SCCSTP or you can contact Tony Gabrielse at 708-429-7171, with any questions.



#### THE WORD MADE CLEAR

Scripture? Check out The Word Made Clear, a website dedicated to studies on each Gospel and the Biblical Roots of the Mass. Creator of the site, Rev. James P. McIlhone, is the Director of Biblical Formation for the Archdiocese

of Chicago.

Visit www.wordmadeclear.net to listen to Fr. McIlhone's audio presentations on the Gospels

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

#### **Tomato Asparagus Salad**

1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed 4 c. torn romaine

4 romaine leaves 1/3 c. fat-free

Italian salad dressing

10 cherry tomatoes, halved

2 T. grated Parmesan Cheese

In a large saucepan, cook asparagus in boiling water for 5-6 minutes or until crisp-tender. Place in ice water to stop cooking.

Line an 11 x 7 x 2 pan with romaine leaves.

Top with torn romaine. Arrange asparagus over the romaine, top with tomatoes. Pour dressing over all. Sprinkle with cheese. Chill for 1 hour. Yield: 6 servings

#### **Vegetable Cheese Soup**

9 oz. pkg. au gratin potato mix 15 oz. can corn, drained

2 ½ cups water 2 cups milk

16 oz. pkg. pasteurized process cheese spread, cubed 14 1/2 oz. can tomatoes with chilies

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.

#### 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 Want to learn more about 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 email information@stcolettail.org or visit https:// www.stcolettail.org/volunteer to learn more about us. We appreciate your help!



#### April 6, 2019 5th Sunday of Lent

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."(Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.



#### **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

<b>Collections</b>	3-31-2019
Regular Sunday	\$20,066.00
Sharing	\$228.00
Misc. Collections	\$60.00
Total	\$20,354.00

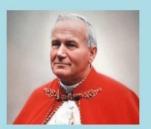
#### **Sunday and Holy Day Collections**

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<u>2018-2019</u>	February 2018	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



"...human beings frequently seem to see no other meaning in their natural environment than... consumption."

— Pope John Paul II

#### WEEKLY 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.





#### **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.

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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, 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

#### Monday, April 8th

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

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

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ladies Social Club #125/126 7:30 PM Finance Committee #126 7:30 PM Polish Mission Church

#### Tuesday, April 9th

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

7:30 PM Lenten Reconciliation Service

#### Wednesday, April 10th

Men's Club Fundraiser Gatto's Restaurant 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 11th

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Adoration of Blessed Sac Daily Chapel with Rosary @ 8:30am

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

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Children's Choir Church



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

**Caroline Neubauer** 

5:00 PM Catholic Charities Meals Program PLC

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Ministry Youth Room

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

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

#### Friday, April 12th 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish Office

8:45 AM - 10:00 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 13th

Baby Nursing #153

#### **Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales**

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

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM English Communion Pictures #166/167

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

#### Sunday, April 14th - Palm Sunday

Baby Nursing #153

#### **Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Meet and Greet PLC 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Living Stations Practice - Church & #125/126



#### 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.

### Greeters Schedule April 13th - 14th

5PM - Julie Lacerna, Dolores Soverino, Mary Tafoya

8:30AM - Eileen Tyrrell, Mike Tyrrell, Jeanne Upreti

10AM - Chris Losey, Mark Losey, Anna Williams 11:30AM - Joan Beck, Julie Gilligan, Seana Gilligan



# **Mass Intentions**

#### Sunday, April 7th

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

#### Monday, April 8th

Thomas Biedron Mr. and Mrs. P. Ledebuhr 8:00 am Jan Czaiewski Henry Czajewski

Walter George Hildebrandt, Sr. Family

Evelyn Novak

#### Tuesday, April 9th

8:00 am Ed & Gale Fus Maurice Mahoney Gunner Sorenson Colleen McClintock Helen Gniewek Eugenia & Chester Swieton

#### Wednesday, April 10th

Jack & Judy Regan 8:00 am Friends Joanne Chess Julie Lacerna Tim Monahan Mom & Dad

John Ziomek

#### Thursday, April 11th

8:00 am John Granat

All Souls in Purgatory Elisa 7:00 pm Family James Hart Dick Lindenmeyer Debbie Grober

Friday, April 12th

Thomas Grill Noreen Galvin 8:00 am John Sobol, Sr. Karen Opyd

Joanne Chess St. Stephen's Ushers

#### Saturday, April 13th

8:00 am Purgatorial Society

> Joseph Pratl Coleman Family Concetta Cochrane Edith Formusa

5:00 pm Stella Opyd Children & Grandchildren

Walter & Eleanore Fistek Family

Kaminski Family Janet Kaminski Anna O'Driscoll Keith & Sharon Grill Jim Dwver Marilvn Dwver Lawrence Fitzgerald Joe & Sue Cosentino

#### Sunday, April 14th

7:00 am Carol Power Gerald Power Parishioners of St. Stephen 8:30 am Barb Onak Bob and Nancy Belling **Hugh Twomey** Family 10:00 am Grace Scalise Pauline Cotrano Mr. & Mrs. Dobersztyn Toni Rafferty Dick Lindenmeyer Roger & Janet Dougles 11:30 am Debbie Conley Dcn. Chuck & Terese McFarland John & Stella Engel Tom & Gladys Mikos Tom & Gladys Mikos Stanley & Mary Mikos 1:00 pm Jozef Kowalczyk Family Marion Kummer Bette & Paul Wells 6:15 pm Edna McDonnell Roy & Mary Ann Fornek



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

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#### 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.

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