

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church

*17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois 60487
708-342-2400*

Sixth Sunday **of** *Easter*

*Whoever loves me
will keep my word,
and my Father
will love them,
and we will come
to them and make our
dwelling with them.*

John 14:23

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Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Parish School (CJB)

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Anointing of the Sick—Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one need this 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 parish office.

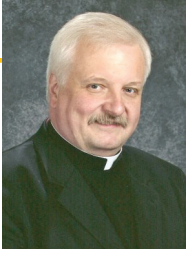
Marriages—St. Stephen's Parish welcomes the celebration of the weddings of both registered parishioners and the children of registered parishioners. Information is available from one of the priests or deacons.

New parishioners are invited to register:

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

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day commemorates and remembers in a special way the men and women who died while serving in the American military. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that: The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country began to celebrate Memorial Day. After World War I, observances also began to honor those who died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Memorial Day is a day for Americans to offer tribute and honor to the heroes who laid down their lives to preserve freedom. Memorial Day is also an event when friends and families gather together and celebrate the holiday.

As we pause and pray for these special men and women this weekend, let us never forget the sacrifices they made so that we can continue to live in freedom. The events of these past several years in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries around the world have brought the harsh reality of men and women dying in the name of freedom and democracy into the forefront of our life experiences. No longer are we sheltered from the reality that was for many years associated with generations gone by. Historical figures are being replaced with the names and faces of men and women of our time who have offered their lives in service to their country and the world. On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for them and ask God to look lovingly upon these valiant men and women to whom we owe so much. May God continue to bless America and our fragile world so that all people can one day live in peace and harmony. Attending Mass on Monday is a great way to remember all those who gave their lives in service to our country. Mass will be celebrated at 9AM here in our church and at 10:30AM in all of our Catholic cemeteries.

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. It is hard to believe that it has been twenty five years since Cardinal Bernardin ordained me to the priesthood, at Holy Name Cathedral, on May 21, 1994. We will gather for a Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday, June 2nd, at 11AM. (Please note the change in time, we are combining the 10AM and 11:30AM Masses.)

I ask you to join me in giving thanks to God for allowing me to serve as a priest for twenty five years, and I give thanks to God for everyone, who has been a part of my life and ministry, these past twenty five years. Through your prayers, support and friendship, you have allowed me to be a part of your lives in so many different ways and in so many different situations. What an honor and privilege it has been, thank you!

Just a reminder that registrations for our Religious Education Program, for the 2019-2020 academic year, are going to be accepted starting next Saturday, June 1st. I encourage all parents to register as soon as possible so that we can have ample time to prepare for the program next year. For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office.

Have A Great Memorial Day!

CZY MIŁUJĘ CHRYSTUSA?



Jakże znamienne słowa kieruje dzisiaj do nas Jezus: „Jeśli Mnie kto miłuje, będzie zachowywał moją naukę [...]. Kto Mnie nie miłuje, ten nie zachowuje słów moich [...]” (J 14,23-24). Żadną miarą nie można przejść wobec nich obojętnie ani ich zlekceważyć, a tym bardziej odrzucić. Każdemu z nas pozwalają bowiem odpowiedzieć w prawdzie na najważniejsze w naszym życiu pytanie: Czy miłuję Chrystusa? Potem zaś weryfikować je codziennie na modlitwie w czasie wieczornego rachunku sumienia. To wtedy, robiąc przegląd całego dnia, mamy możliwość przekonać się, czy naprawdę całym sercem, myślą, każdym słowem i uczynkiem miłowaliśmy Syna Bożego, tak że wraz z Ojcem mógł w nas przebywać i nami się radować. Modlitwa ta pozwala nam również odkryć i przeanalizować przyczyny, które nam w tym przeszkadzały. Jeśli zatem rzeczywiście postanowiliśmy stawiać sobie to pytanie w rachunku sumienia, to warto przypatrzeć się odpowiedziom, jakie na nie dajemy.

Czy zatem za miernik świadczący o miłowaniu Chrystusa przyjmujemy nasze przeżycia, myśli lub odczucia, czy też kierujemy się wręcz zaskakującą wskazówką, jakiej On sam nam udziela: „Jeśli Mnie kto miłuje, będzie zachowywał moją naukę”? Jeśli chcemy wejść w głębię tego niezwykle prostego sformułowania, trzeba abyśmy bezwarunkowo uznali Jezusa za nauczyciela i przyjęli postawę pokornych uczniów, otwartych na Jego słowo i pragnących nieustannie zgłębiać Jego nauczanie. Trzeba nam zatem tak słuchać tego słowa, aby móc je dogłębnie rozważyć, a potem pozwolić, by ono całkowicie zawładnęło naszym umysłem, sercem i wszystkim, co nas stanowi; by w ten sposób dokonywała się owa błogosławiona przemiana w naszym skażonym grzechem pierworodnym i wszystkimi upadkami człowieczeństwie.

Czy zatem przyjmujemy światło i mądrość płynące z Chrystusowej nauki? Możemy wszak karmić się nią przez codzienne, wnikliwe i pełne szczerzego zaangażowania sięganie po Jego słowo zapisane w Nowym Testamencie. I to jest ten podstawowy sposób zgłębiania Jego mądrości. A wcielając je w życie, świadczymy, że naprawdę miłujemy Chrystusa. Ale czy tak rzeczywiście jest?

Wiemy, że chociaż w samych początkach chrześcijaństwa Ewangelia nie została jeszcze spisana, a w pierwszych wiekach po Chrystusie umiejętność czytania nie była powszechna, to przecież nawet ci, którzy nie umieli czytać, byli głęboko zanurzeni w to wszystko, co głosił Jezus w czasie ziemskiego życia. Działo się tak dzięki pośrednictwu innych – tych, którzy w swoim życiu radykalnie naśladowali Mistrza z Nazaretu, dając o Nim piękne i pociągające świadectwo. To właśnie święci wskazują nam od wieków, jak powinniśmy podążać za naszym Panem. Oni kochali swojego Pana, więc w całej pełni zachowywali Jego naukę. To dla przykładu Kościół w sposób oficjalny wynosi na ołtarze takich naśladowców Jezusa. Ale przecież doskonale wiemy, że świętymi są nie tylko ci, którzy zostali nimi ogłoszeni, aby byli dla nas świetlanymi wzorami do naśladowania. Z pewnością zdecydowanie więcej jest tych, o których nie wie wielki świat, bo ich życie toczyło się z pozoru tak jak nasze, jednak oni naprawdę umiłowali Chrystusa! To anonimowi święci, którzy przyjęli Jego naukę za swoją i autentycznie nią żyli, a przez to stali się wiarygodnymi świadkami i znakami dla nas.

Tak powinien wzrastać w codziennej świętości każdy chrześcijanin! Zaś przede wszystkim mężczyzna i niewiasta, którzy dają początek rodzinie, aby wychowując dzieci, świadczyli o miłości do Boga. Tą wiarą i miłością Chrystusa, które zostały im zaszczerpane, powinni dzielić się ze swoim potomstwem. I nie chodzi tu wcale o długie rozmowy na ten temat czy prawienie dzieciom „kazań”. Jeżeli rodzice są autentycznie przeniknięci Bogiem i głęboko zanurzeni w Jego naukę, to ta atmosfera będzie odczuwalna w całej rodzinie. Młode pokolenie z pewnością to dostrzeże. Nie trapijmy się zbytnio buntem młodych, którzy czasami odchodzą od praktyk religijnych i wydaje się, że o Bogu zapomnieli. Prawdziwe, rzetelne świadectwo wiary wyniesione z domu rodzinnego zawsze wyda owoc, choć czasem trzeba długo czekać. Przeciw Jezusowi też wielu się buntowało. Jednak ci, którzy chcieli do Niego powrócić, zawsze mieli taką możliwość. Często działo się tak dzięki świadectwu innych. Chrystus pragnie, abyśmy szli taką drogą codziennej świętości i wyznacza ją każdemu z nas w indywidualnym powołaniu. Naszym zadaniem jest spokojnie, z głęboką wiarą zachowywać Jego naukę. Resztę pozostawmy opatrności.

Dziękując dzisiaj za wiarę, którą zaszczerpili w naszych sercach święci ludzie z naszego otoczenia, prosimy, by Duch Święty, którego Ojciec pośle w imieniu Jezusa, przypomni nam wszystko, czego On nas nauczył (por. J 14,26), abyśmy – zachowując wiernie Jego naukę – byli wiarygodnymi świadkami w naszych rodzinach. Amen.



ZAPISZ DATĘ (OR ZANOTUJ W KALENDARZU)

W niedzielę 2 czerwca na specjalnej mszy o godzinie 11:00 wspólnota Parafii Św. Szczepana będzie celebrować 25 rocznicę Święceń Kapłańskich Księdza Toma Bernasa.

Chcielibyśmy bardzo serdecznie zaprosić Was na tę uroczystość i na poczęstunek po Mszy Świętej w naszym Centrum Duszpasterskim. Mamy nadzieję, że się spotkamy.

Więcej szczegółów wkrótce



I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, ... and appointed me to his service.

Because you have shared in his vocation to the Priesthood through your prayers, friendship and support

You are cordially invited to join

Father Thomas A. Bernas

in celebrating the

Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood

at a

Special Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, June 2, 2019

11AM

Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Church

17500 South 84th Avenue

Tinley Park, Illinois

Reception to immediately follow in the Parish Life Center

Important
Message

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Because of our celebration of Fr. Tom's Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, **we will be combining our 10AM and 11:30AM Masses into a special 11AM Mass, on Sunday, June 2nd.**

We invite everyone to join us for this special Mass of Thanksgiving and for the reception immediately following the Mass in the Parish Life Center. .



FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR MARY IANNUCILLI, PRINCIPAL OF CJB SCHOOL

Mary Iannucilli, Principal of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School (CJB), is "journeying forward" and retiring at the end of the current school year.

CJB cordially invites former and present staff from our sponsoring parishes, fellow parishioners, former CJB teachers and staff, and CJB alumni to attend a Celebration for Principal Mary Iannucilli.

Please join us this Tuesday, May 28th at 12:15pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (9300 West 167th Street in Orland Hills) for an "Onward Journey Mass" followed by a Farewell Reception.

Take a moment to let Mary know what her leadership these past eleven years has meant to you.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please come join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary for our country on Tuesday, May 28th, at 8:30AM outside of our church (weather permitting). All are invited to come join your voices in this powerful prayer for America.

The Patriotic Rosary dedicates one Hail Mary in the traditional rosary to each state of the United States and asks God's protection of and guidance for our country.

The Patriotic Rosary includes intentions for the three branches of our government and our elected officials before each of the decade, a quotation from an historic American leader such as George Washington is read after the reciting of each mystery, and a patriotic song ends each decade of the rosary.

Come and join us as we pray for our nation and our elected officials state by state.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

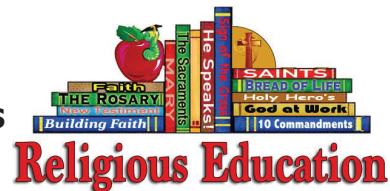
Our Baptismal Preparation Class for the month of May will take place on Thursday, May 30th, at 7PM.

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.



STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 1ST.



Families with children in grades 1-8 may register by coming to the Religious Education Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday from 8:30 to 12:00 p.m., or by going online to the parish website www.ststephentinley.com for the Registration forms for 2019-2020

Completed registration forms may be dropped off in the mailbox on the wall outside the religious education office in the evenings and on weekends when the office is closed.

Registration for all class sessions will be on a **first come, first serve basis**.

Tuition/Fee Rates	June 1 - 30	July 1 to July 31	After August 1st
1 CHILD	\$260	\$290	\$320
2 CHILDREN	\$430	\$480	\$530
3 OR MORE CHILDREN	\$520	\$580	\$640
FAMILY CATECHESIS*	same as above	same as above	same as above
SPECIAL NEEDS CLASS	\$110	\$150	\$180
2ND GRADE & R.C.I.C.	\$60	\$60	\$60
8TH GRADE SACRAMENT FEE	\$75	\$75	\$75

JUNE 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

The feast of Pentecost is celebrated this year on the weekend of June 8th and 9th.

It has become a tradition at St. Stephen's to have the first reading on this feast proclaimed in multiple languages. We are looking for both adults and children to help with the first reading. The children that have participated in the past have been a great success and we would very much like to see them participate again. All ages are invited as long as they can read and speak in a foreign language.

We have translations of the scripture reading available in many languages. Please contact John or Pat at (708) 429-1584, after 5:00 P.M. to let us know the language you speak and your Mass preference.

We have scheduled a practice session for Thursday evening, June 6, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. If you wish to participate but can't make the practice please contact us to make other arrangements.



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our Scripture Study will begin St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Galatians is clearly Paul's most critical letter. The issues he addressed touched the very heart of Christian identity. So please consider joining us as we study and explore Scripture.

We meet on Friday mornings in Room 126 from 8:45 AM until 10 AM. You can join Scripture Study any time. We are a very welcoming group, we learn from each other and from our facilitator and have meaningful, interesting and at times fun discussions. This class is for you whether you are new to Scripture or not.

If you would like more information please contact, Tom Mitus, O.F.S., at 708-479-6980, or e-mail: tomsfo@comcast.net.



MEMORIAL DAY
In observance of Memorial Day,
our Parish and Religious
Education Offices will be closed
this Monday, May 27th.

**Mass will be celebrated
at 9AM in our church.**

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

Tomorrow, Monday, Memorial Day, May 27th, special Field Masses, which will be held at all of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. They are scheduled to begin at the cemeteries at 10:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend the Masses at the Catholic cemeteries.





YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are in need of baked goods for the reception following Fr. Tom's 25th Anniversary Mass next Sunday, June 2nd.

We are looking for baked goods that can be easily served such as cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office next Saturday, June 1st, from 12 Noon to 5PM.

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. After that there will be a waiting list for the trip. 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.



RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE

As part of the "Friday Night Live" Raise the Roof fundraiser, for Cardinal Bernardin School, there will also be a grand raffle. Cost of the tickets are \$20 each and the winner does not need to be present to win.

Tickets will be available after all the Masses in the narthex of our church, starting next weekend. Your support of this raffle is greatly appreciated.

QUEEN OF HEARTS WEEKLY WINNER

Deb Carone - Card #33

Jack of Diamonds - Pot Rolls Over!!!

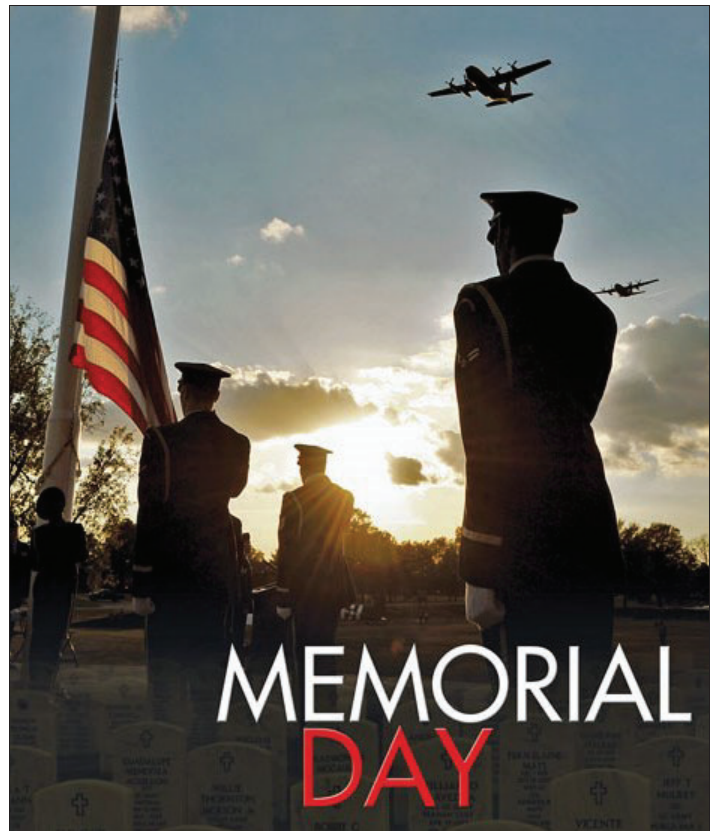
Next drawing will take place on Wednesday, May 29th.

Did you get your tickets yet?



FATHER'S DAY PRAYER NOVENA

We are now accepting names of fathers, both living and deceased, who will be remembered in our special Father's Day Prayer Novena. Envelopes for this purpose can be found in your regular envelope packet. Additional envelopes can be found in the narthex.



Heavenly Father, Today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In the words of Sacred Scripture we hear, "There is no greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for a friend." It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you, O Lord, to receive these servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of these great heroes. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue on the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart's desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace. Amen.



RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT SAINT STEPHEN'S

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



Chrissa Mae Poliquit



Olivia Marie Sendera



Thomas Michael Beveridge, Jr.



David Scripnic



Jayden Jerome Ficaro



Trey Kenneth Karczewski

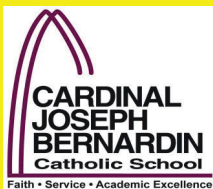


ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED NOW FOR THE FALL

Boys and girls entering fourth grade and up are invited to become an Altar Server. Servers play an important role in our liturgies, and serving allows you to participate in the Mass. Please consider this fun and very important ministry! No experience necessary; we train you, and you will get lots of help.

This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to provide a valuable service to the St. Stephen's community by being a part of our Eucharistic celebrations each weekend and at weddings.

Training begins in July and new servers will begin in September. We can't wait to welcome you. Please contact Fr. Tom at the parish office or at frtom@ststephentinley.com



REGISTER NOW
Limited Spaces Available

**Pre-K 3-year old—Pre-K 4-year old
Kindergarten and Grades 1-8**

**We are a Christ-centered school for
3-year old Pre-K through 8th Grade and
we have been twice-recognized
as an "Exemplary High Performing
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"**

**For information, contact Mrs. Cindy Devlin
cdevlin@cjbsschool.org or 708-403-6525 ext. 127**

**Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School
9250 West 167th Street, Orland Hills, IL 60487
WE ARE YOUR PARISH SCHOOL**

**GIFT BEARERS FOR THE
OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

The offertory procession symbolizes the fact that the gifts of the bread and wine, and the offertory basket, come from the people. The gifts represent the entire congregation, and the people who bring them to the altar emphasize the fact that, "we," the congregation, are asking the priest to take these gifts and to offer them to God in our name.



Our ushers are always in need of parishioner participation in the carrying of the gifts of the bread, wine, and collection to the altar at each Sunday Mass. Many times, the ushers approach people before Mass and are turned down. Would you like to volunteer to be a gift bearer at a Sunday Mass? Singles, couples and even entire families are invited to participate.



FNL
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

A four-parish fundraiser
to benefit CJB School

A special evening
of dinner theater

\$65
PER PERSON

**GENERAL ADMISSION
INCLUDES:**

- Entertainment
- Door Prizes
- Appetizers, Salad, Entrée, Dessert
- Beer and Wine
- Water, Coffee, and Iced Tea

WHEN:

June 14th, 2019
6:30-10pm

WHERE:

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Upton Hall

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IRISH FEST

Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, invites everyone to join them for their 32nd Annual Irish Fest, to be held Friday through Monday, May 24th - 27th.

A Chicago area tradition for all ages, this indoor/outdoor fest not only brings the best of contemporary and traditional Irish headliners, but also features a full carnival with rides, special events for children, Gaelic football and hurling, Irish step dancing competition, theater, pony exhibits, and shopping all surrounded by food, refreshments and great fun at one low price.

With non-stop music, free on-site parking, free carnival rides and early online ticket discounts, Irish Fest at Chicago Gaelic Park has become one of the country's premier musical events with some of the best and brightest talent appearing on stage this year.

Online discount tickets, a complete Irish Fest performance schedule and directions are available at www.chicagogaelicpark.org

TINLEY PARK MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Village of Tinley Park and the Tinley Park Veterans Commission will hold their annual Memorial Day ceremony this Monday, May 27th.

The observance will be held from 10AM to 11:30AM at the General Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza, 18001 South 80th Avenue.

The ceremony will feature patriotic music, short speeches, a wreath-laying ceremony and a gun salute.

All community residents are invited to attend.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Adult Altar Servers (men and women) are needed to serve at the 7AM Sunday Mass and at funerals. The Adult Altar Server Ministry seeks to prayerfully support the celebrant at the 7AM Sunday Morning Mass and at Masses of Christian Burial. The server works to ensure that the vessels and articles needed for the Eucharistic celebration are properly placed and properly returned to their place in preparation for the next Mass. The altar servers assist the celebrant to ensure that the liturgy is a sacred moment in the lives of the faith community.

Your help in this ministry is needed, and greatly appreciated. If you are interested in becoming an adult server or need more information, please contact Laura at the parish office. Training will be provided.



MEMORIAL BRICKS

St. Stephen Parish has several memorial brick gardens on the grounds of our parish. You can make an ordinary brick extraordinary by personalizing it with your name or the name of a loved one, to be placed in the walkways around the parish grounds.



Parishioners have ordered brick pavers for a variety of reasons.

- To memorialize a cherished person or loved one who has died.
- To honor a religious occasion, such as a child's Baptism, Holy Communion, or Confirmation.
- To celebrate a milestone, such as a wedding or anniversary.

Memorial Bricks can be placed:

- On the west side of our Church entrance, where our Mother Mary is honored with a statue and a brick garden.
- On the east side of our Church entrance, where St. Joseph, with a young Jesus, is honored with a statue and a brick garden.
- Near the flag pole, by the education wing, where we have a brick garden honoring those who served in the military.
- Near the St. Francis statue on the south side of the grounds, where we have a pet brick garden.

We are about to place an order for new, additional bricks. The cost of an engraved brick paver is \$100. This price includes three lines of engraving.

To order and purchase an engraved brick, please stop by the Parish Office. If you have a question about engraved bricks, please contact Laura Uher in our Parish Office.



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STEWARDSHIP

May 26, 2019 - 6th Sunday of Easter

*"...do not let your hearts
be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

PARISH SUPPORT

Sharing Our Treasure

Thank you for your continued Stewardship
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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

05-19-2019

Regular Sunday	\$17,838.39
Easter	\$725.00
Sharing	\$56.00
Mother's Day	\$684.00
Misc. Collections	\$18.00
Parish Center	\$10.00
Total	\$19,331.39

ACH & GIVE CENTRAL Donations

APRIL 2019

Byline Bank	\$9,213.00
Give Central	
Sunday Collections	\$18,282.50
Easter	\$1,570.00
Building Fund	\$1,084.00
Parish Center	\$765.00
Sharing	\$165.00
Misc. Collections	\$285.00
Total - Give Central	\$22,151.50

Creation Care Corner



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue." —Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Encourage Elected Officials to Take Action

Legislators want to hear from their constituents on issues.

- Contact your legislator about a particular Creation care issue by phone, letter, email, fax, or social media.
- Be brief, concise, specific. Let them know you are a constituent. Tell your legislator what effect you think a particular issue or bill, if it becomes law, will have on you, your children, or community.
- Cover only one issue per call or letter. Also suggest a course of action. It's important to be polite.

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Join our efforts. Call 708 508 3111.



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

Greeters Schedule June 1st - June 2nd

5PM - Joan Beck, Mary Berger,
Jean Coughlin
8:30AM - Tom Mitus, Jim O'Donnell, Flo Simosky
11AM - Mark Losey, Anna Williams, Pauline Cotrano,
Judy Kluchins, Charlene Mueller, Lynn Packert



Meetings/Events

Sunday, May 26th

Baby Nursing #153

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Meet and Greet PLC

3:00 PM Baptism

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

Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day

Mass at 9am

Parish & RE Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 28th

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

Parish Office

8:30 AM Patriotic Rosary - Outside

10:30 AM Moms & Tots Rm #156

6:00 PM Rosary Daily Chapel

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

Youth Room

Wednesday, May 29th

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

Parish Office

7:00 PM Adult Choir Church/Music Room

8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Thursday, May 30th

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

Parish Office

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

5:00 PM Catholic Charities Meals Program PLC

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Benediction Daily Chapel followed by

Divine Mercy Prayers

7:00 PM - Baptismal Preparation Class

Friday, May 31st

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

Parish Office

8:45 AM Scripture Study #126

8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Saturday, June 1st

Baby Nursing #153

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

Narthex...St. Coletta's Food Collection

8:00 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

Sunday, June 2nd

Baby Nursing #153

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales

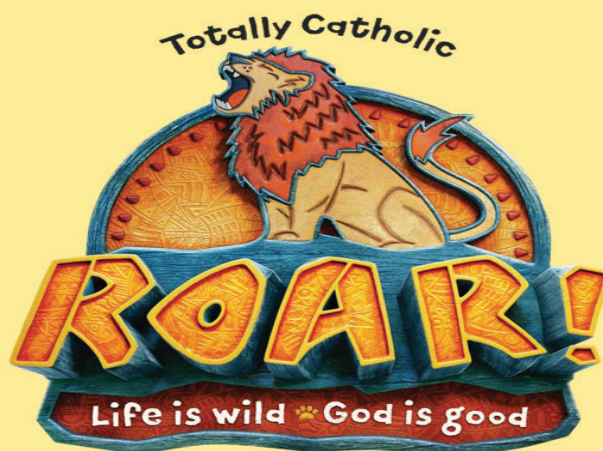
Narthex...Saint Coletta's Food Collection

11:00 AM Father Tom's 25th Anniversary Mass/Church -

followed by reception in PLC

12:00 PM Polish choir practice #156

3:00 PM Baptism



SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School

June 17th-22nd - 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Mass Intentions



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

Sunday, May 26th

7:00 am	Michael P. McGrath Parishioners of Saint Stephen	Tony & Rox Pantano
8:30 am	Walter Hildebrandt, Jr. Jackie Baker	Family RoseAnne Spedale
10:00 am	Edward Valek Joan Baulos Dick Lindenmeyer	Hallberg Family Jack & Bridget Hallberg Sr. Altar Servers
11:30 am	Charles Healy Mary Rita Wish	Family Judy Carone Family
1:00 pm	Walter & Mary Wozniak	Haynes Family
6:15 pm	Maryanne Lis John & Stella Engel Stanley & Mary Mikos	Family Tom & Gladys Mikos Tom & Gladys Mikos

Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day

9:00 am	Betty Staniszewski Joseph Reihel	Family Family
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Tuesday, May 28th

8:00 am	Don Daley Brigitte Mercado Purgatorial Society	Bern Daley Family Deanching Family
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Wednesday, May 29th

8:00 am	Dr. Bruce Milkint Nora McSweeney Debbie Freeman	Karen Opyd Mike & Mary Moran Waiter Family
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Thursday, May 30th

8:00 am	Andy & Mary Sarkady Ray Field Riley, Jr.	Family Alvin Paul
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Friday, May 31st

8:00 am	Linda Kalva Natalie Sims	Prayer Shawl Ministry
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Saturday, June 1st

8:00 am	Thomas Grill	Karen Opyd
5:00 pm	John & Jeanette Dygdon Stacie Pavalon-Lentz Patricia Muckian William Shreen Steven Booth Patrick M. White	Dygdon Family Family Helen Zimmerman Joseph Karczewski Chase Family Josephine Devine

Sunday, June 2nd

7:00 am	Michael P. McGrath Parishioners of Saint Stephen	Tony & Rox Pantano
8:30 am	Jean Nemitz Richard Bryar Ron Schaefer	Greg & Cathy Hannan Karen Opyd Father Jay Finno
11:00 am	God's Blessings for Fr. Tom Bernas on his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Helen Meteisis Thomas Rogan Mr. & Mrs. Carl Boscarino Toni Rafferty	Pauline Cotrano Family Family Hughes Family
1:00 pm	Ron & Sandy Rivard	Haynes Family
6:15 pm	Georgie Ann Maloney Eileen Tess	Tony & Rox Pantano Family

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



We pray for those engaged to be married

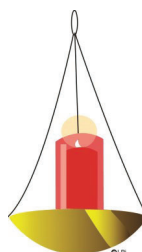
Justin Bowles & Morgan McDermott - III

James Panozzo & Jessica Tucker - II

Daniel Hanzie & Dawn Kelsey - II

Alan Zamazal & Katelyn Calhoun - I

Sean Hahn & Kaitlyn Scinto - I



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- **GiveCentral**—Through www.GiveCentral.org parishioners can make automatic donations at the time and frequency they choose. Donating through GiveCentral is a way to simplify your giving and is environmentally 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 are available on our website.

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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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