



*St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr
Catholic Church*

*17500 84th Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois 60487
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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER
27
2019

**The tax collector prayed,
“O God, be merciful
to me a sinner.”**

Luke 18:13

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

Baptisms must be prescheduled and are celebrated every Sunday at 3pm in English and 1pm in Polish. Baptisms can also be celebrated with the Parish Family at one of our weekend Masses. Please contact Fr. Tom in the parish office for the necessary preparations. A baptism preparation class is required to have your child baptized at St. Stephen's. New parishioners are required to register.

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.

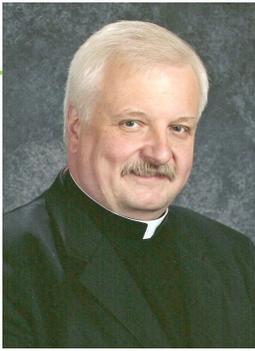
Marriages - St. Stephen's Parish welcomes the celebration of the weddings of both registered parishioners and the children of registered parishioners. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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 **Grief 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's offers English and Polish support groups. Please contact the parish office for more information.
- For information about **Domestic Violence** awareness, services, and prevention, please contact Deacon Bill Schultz at the parish office.



FATHER TOM'S TIDBITS

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel the second parable that Jesus tells addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

This week the Church celebrates two major feasts, All Saints Day on November 1st and All Souls Day on November 2nd. All Saints Day honors the lives of saints and martyrs known and unknown. The celebration of this day expresses gratitude for their unique contributions and sacrifices, and acknowledges their continued spiritual presence in the lives of people today.

In the early church, Christians would acknowledge the anniversary of a martyr's death at the place of martyrdom. Sometimes groups of martyrs suffered death together on the same day. This gave rise to larger commemorations. Over time, the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. This practice is believed to be the origin of All Saints Day.

The Feast of All Saints began in the early centuries as a "catchall," remembering martyrs whose names were not known and who, therefore, did not have their own feast days. It was introduced in Rome on May 13, 610, as the "Feast of All Holy Martyrs" by Pope Boniface IV. It was transferred to November 1st for the universal Church by Pope Gregory IV in 835. By then it included all the saints.

The Feast of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass. Masses for the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at 8AM, 12 Noon and 6:30PM in English and 7:30PM in Polish.

On November 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls, a day in which we remember and pray for all those who have died. The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. All Souls is the day to remember and pray for these faithful departed. Typically, Christians will take this day to offer prayers up on behalf of their departed relatives and friends.

Christians have been praying for their departed brothers and sisters since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead. Praying for the dead is actually borrowed from Judaism.

Next Sunday we will be holding our annual Parish Memorial Mass at 10AM for all our deceased parishioners. At this Mass we will also remember, in a special way, all of our parishioners who have died and have been buried from our church since last November. We will welcome their families as they join us for this Mass. We ask you to remember in prayer all of our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

After the 10AM Mass next weekend we will be serving coffee and donuts in our parish hall. We invite everyone to stop by and join us for coffee and a donut. Come and join your friends and fellow parishioners, who knows you might find a new friend there or renew some old friendships. Everyone is welcome!

With our celebration of Halloween this week, our thoughts will be turning to preparations for Thanksgiving. This year for Thanksgiving, we would like to hold a parish-wide food drive to help the less fortunate, this holiday season. So to make this happen, we will be extending our monthly food drive to include all the weekends leading up to Thanksgiving. I am asking for the participation of all of our parishioners, parish organizations, religious education students and their families, and anyone else who would like to help us in this endeavor. I am asking everyone to bring with them to Mass each weekend, non-perishable food items in support of our Food Drive. Since we come to the altar to share in the Eucharistic Banquet, we will be placing all the food donations around the altar. So, when you bring your donations with you the next four weekends, and place them around the altar, as a sign of our willingness as a faith family to share what we can with our brothers and sisters in need. It is my hope that we can "fill the sanctuary" with food donations that will be shared with those in need. So, as you do your weekly grocery shopping, I ask that you pick up a few extra items each week for our food drive.

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. The next training session in our area will take place on Wednesdays November 13th and 20th. If you can assist us in this ministry, please contact me for more information.

Just a reminder that we are hosting the combined Saint Stephen's/St. Elizabeth Seton, "Trunk or Treat" this afternoon from 3PM until 4:30PM. This event is open to children ages 11 and under. I invite you to join us.

Happy Halloween and All Saints Day!!!!

CZEGO MOŻE MNIE NAUCZYĆ FARYZEUSZ?

Z wielu zakątków Polski słychać niepokojące wieści, że nasi rodacy coraz mniej rozumieją z tego, co do nich dociera. Coraz częściej mówi się o tak zwanym analfabetyzmie funkcjonalnym. Chodzi tu o umiejętność pisania i czytania, ale bez zrozumienia informacji zaprezentowanych w formie pisemnej. Czytamy na przykład instrukcję obsługi, w której rozumiejąc wszystkie słowa, nie potrafimy zastosować się do wskazań w niej zawartych. Skąd bierze się taki problem? Polskie społeczeństwo uzależnione jest od cywilizacji obrazkowej. Wolimy bardziej oglądać niż czytać, słuchać niż poszukiwać sensu przeczytanych słów. Czy jest to jednak choroba dotykająca tylko Polaków? W sondażach przedwyborczych przeprowadzonych kilka lat temu w Stanach Zjednoczonych, a dotyczących kondycji amerykańskiego społeczeństwa, okazało się, że 25 procent dorosłych Amerykanów nie opanowało umiejętności czytania na poziomie piętnastolatka.

Można więc powiedzieć, że analfabetyzm funkcjonalny dotyka coraz więcej ludzi. Ale czy w nas nie ma także analfabetyzmu religijnego? Popatrzmy na faryzeusza z dzisiejszego fragmentu Ewangelii! Czy on cokolwiek rozumiał ze słowa Bożego? Przecież jego modlitwa jest absolutnym zaprzeczeniem zamysłu Pana. Czy ten faryzeusz nie był czasem religijnym analfabeta? Może się więc okazać, że i my czytamy Pismo Święte i nic z niego nie rozumiemy! Czy nas czasem nie dotyka swoisty wtórny analfabetyzm religijny? Owszem, jestem wierzący, ale co z tego wynika...

Idźmy więc dzisiaj śladem Chrystusa i podglądnijmy faryzeusza. Popatrzmy na jego błędy. Czego nie powinno być w naszym życiu w kontekście postawy faryzeusza? Zaczyna się on modlić w następujący sposób: „Boże, dziękuję Ci, że nie jestem jak inni”. W tej wręcz „beznadziejnej” modlitwie zawarta jest bardzo ważna prawda: porównywanie się z innymi może być zgubne. Bóg będzie nas przecież sądził nie z cudzych grzechów, nie porównując nas, lecz z naszych osobistych zaniedbań i wykroczeń. Gdy coraz bardziej zagłębiemy się w porównania, stajemy się pyszni albo zazdrośni. Oba uczucia nikogo z nas nie rozwijają. Wolter pisał przed laty w następujący sposób: „W niebie będziemy się dziwić trzem rzeczom: dlaczego niektórych tu nie ma, dlaczego inni tu są oraz w jaki sposób myśmy się tu znaleźli”. Wolter, choć był daleko od Kościoła, to jednak w tak przewrotny sposób wierzył w Boże miłosierdzie. Czyż nie jest to postawa ewangelicznego celnika? Faryzeusz jednak uczy nas ważnej postawy: porównywanie może być zgubne! Nie patrzmy, kto ma droższy samochód, lepsze wykształcenie, tylko patrzmy na siebie, na swoje błędy i potknięcia, abyśmy mogli je zlikwidować.

Faryzeusz, modląc się dalej, mówi: „Dziękuję Ci, że nie jestem jak zdziercy, oszuści, cudzołożnicy albo jak ten celnik”. Faryzeusz zaczyna porównywać się z gorszymi, zatem „równa w dół”. Przecież każdy z nas znajdzie kogoś gorszego od siebie. Z tego jednak nic nie wynika. Można się porównywać do złodziei, kłamców czy furiantów i okaże się, że jesteśmy wspaniali. Czy to jednak będzie prawda? Drugą więc zasadą postępowania, którą ukazuje dzisiejszy fragment Ewangelii, jest postawa „równania w górę”. Popatrzmy raczej na to, co trzeba jeszcze uczynić, a nie na to, co już czyniliśmy. Można bowiem zachwycić się sobą i powiedzieć: „nic nie ukradłem, nikogo nie zabiłem – jestem dobrym człowiekiem”. Seneka pisał: „Jeśli nie wiesz, do jakiego portu płyniesz, żaden wiatr nie będzie właściwy”. A czy my wiemy, gdzie płyniemy? Gdyby było w nas więcej samozaparcia, świadomości, że można inaczej, lepiej, mniej byłoby rozczarowań i porażek. Nie byłoby też wspomnianego na początku analfabetyzmu religijnego.

Ewangelista daje nam dzisiaj jeszcze jedno ważne wskazanie. Chrystus, komentując postawę faryzeusza, mówi: „Každy, kto się wywyższa, będzie ponizony”. Co oznacza wywyższanie się? To nic innego jak nieodpowiednie patrzenie na siebie, myślenie o sobie: jestem super, a inni są źli. Trzecia zasada postępowania w przeciwdziałaniu analfabetyzmowi religijnemu brzmi następująco: trzeba mieć odpowiednie patrzenie na siebie. Potrzebna jest odpowiednia samoocena.

Z jednej strony trzeba likwidować tryumfalizm, a z drugiej – defetyzm (wszystko na nic, nic nie da się już zrobić). Bardzo trafnie analizował omawianą postawę Pascal, gdy pisał: „Jeśli chcesz, aby mówiono o tobie dobrze, to nie mów tego sam”. Jeżeli chcemy, aby nas chwalono, wcześniej nie chwalmy się sami. Nie domagajmy się pochwał, bo to jest pycha. Gdy nie zastosujemy powyższych zasad, staniemy się analfabetami religijnymi, tak jak przydarzyło się to faryzeuszowi.

Dzisiejszy fragment Ewangelii zaczyna się od słów: „Jezus powiedział do niektórych, co ufali sobie, że są sprawiedliwi, a innymi gardzili”. Jezus zwrócił się do konkretnych ludzi, tych, którzy nie zrozumieli przesłania Bożego.

Pomyśmy, która z postaw jest bardziej bliska naszemu życiu: celnika czy faryzeusza...





ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is a special feast day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day on the Catholic calendar (usually, though not always, the date of their death), not all of those feast days are observed. Saints who have not been canonized—those who are in Heaven but whose sainthood is known only to God—have no particular feast day. In a special way, All Saints Day is their feast.

All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored.

By the late fourth century, this common feast was celebrated in Antioch. In the early centuries, this feast was celebrated in the Easter season, and the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, still celebrate it then, tying the celebration of the lives of the saints in with Christ's Resurrection.

The current date of November 1st was instituted by Pope Gregory III when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1st.

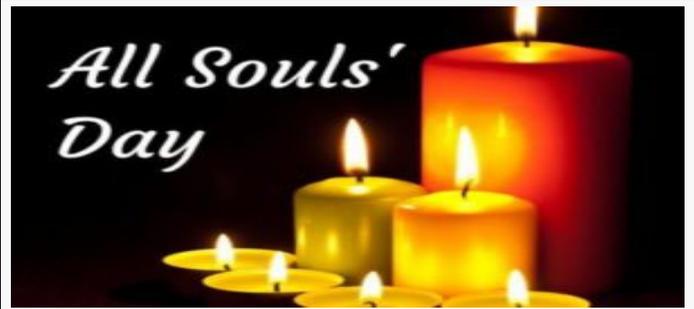
In English, the traditional name for All Saints Day was All Hallows Day. (A hallow was a saint or holy person.) The vigil or eve of the feast, October 31st, is still commonly known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween.

The Feast of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass. Masses for the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at 8AM, Noon, 6:30PM in English; and at 7:30PM in Polish.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night.



ALL SOULS DAY

Often overshadowed by the two days preceding it, Halloween (October 31st) and All Saints Day (November 1st), All Souls Day is a solemn celebration in the Roman Catholic Church commemorating all of those who have died and are now in Purgatory, being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed, and being made pure before entering into the presence of God in Heaven.

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the faithful departed; one for the priest's intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

While All Souls Day is now paired with All Saints Day (November 1st), in the tenth century, the celebration had been moved to October and sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo of Cluny decreed that it should be celebrated on November 2nd in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. Over the next two centuries, other Benedictines and the Carthusians began to celebrate it in their monasteries as well, and soon the commemoration of all the Holy Souls in Purgatory spread to the entire Church.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.

Mass for All Souls Day will be offered on Saturday at 8:00AM in English and 7:30PM in Polish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

It has been a custom here at St. Stephen's to put out a Book of Remembrance prior to the Feast of All Souls for those who wish to write the names of their dear ones to be remembered at our All Souls Mass.

This book will be on the Baptismal Font side of Church beginning this weekend and will remain available through the Feast of All Souls, November 2nd.



PARISH MEMORIAL MASS

Next Sunday, November 3rd, at the 10AM Mass, we will be holding our Annual Memorial Mass for all our deceased parishioners and benefactors.

At this liturgy, we will remember in a special way all those parishioners who have died in the past year and had their funerals here at Saint Stephen's. We are inviting all their families to join us for this special Mass. A candle will be lit and carried in procession in memory of each deceased person buried from our parish.

Everyone is invited to attend this special liturgy as we remember all of our brothers and sisters who have been born into eternal life.

ALL SOULS TABLE OF REMBRANCE

All Saints Day, November 1st, and All Souls Day, November 2nd are times to remember all our deceased loved ones.

We will be setting up Tables of Remembrance in our church for the month of November. We are inviting all of our parishioners to bring a framed picture or pictures of your departed family members or friends and place them on our Tables of Remembrance This includes all those who have died in the past year or in previous years. Pictures will be placed on the Tables of Remembrance starting next weekend.



We ask that you please print the name of your loved ones and your name and phone number on the back of the picture, so that they can be returned to you.

Pictures can be dropped off at the parish office this week or you can bring them to the sacristy next weekend.

Also, the Book of the Names of the Dead will be by the Holy Family; feel free to write the names of your departed family members and friends there so we can remember them in prayer during November.



ST. STEPHEN MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Once again this year, the Saint Stephen's Men's Club will be selling Christmas Wreaths and assorted evergreen decorations.

They will be accepting pre-orders this weekend, October 26th and 27th, before and after all our weekend Masses. Orders can be paid by cash or by check made payable to the St. Stephen's Men's Club.

Wreaths will be available for pickup on Saturday, November 30th.

All proceeds of the sales will be used to continue to furnish the Parish Life Center. Your support of the wreath sale is appreciated.

For additional information, contact Curt Beringer at curtberinger12@gmail.com

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with ORLAND TOWNSHIP HEALTH SERVICES

ORLAND TOWNSHIP FLU SHOTS

Orland Township will be here TODAY/Sunday, October 27th, from 8AM until 12 Noon to provide walk-in (no appointment necessary) flu shots for anyone 3 years of age or older. Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) will also be available at the Orland Township Flu Shot Clinic to adults 18 years of ages or older.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers for our weekend and Holy Day Masses here at St. Stephen's.



The role of Eucharistic Ministers seems simple enough: to minister the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembled faithful. In reality, the role of each Eucharistic Minister is to draw faith from the people of God to become more and more like the Body and Blood of Christ.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in ministering Christ's body and blood to the People of God. Parishioners are needed to administer the Eucharist at all Masses, including Holy Day Masses. The schedule is flexible. Training leading to certification is required and provided.

The next training session in our area will take place on Wednesdays, November 13th and 20th, from 7PM until 9PM, at Incarnation Church, 5757 West 127th Street, in Crestwood.

If you can assist us in this ministry, please contact Barbara Black or Fr. Tom for more information.



Lt. Michael Balcerzak
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Capt. Michael Chimienti
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YOUNG @ HEART MEETING

Our Seniors Young at Heart Group offers individuals 55 and over the opportunity to come together to socialize with friends. A variety of activities are planned throughout the year - entertainment, speakers, spiritual reflections, etc. All seniors are invited to join in the fun. The Seniors Young @ Heart Group is starting up for the new year. The next meeting will take place this Monday, October 28th, at 10:00AM, in the Parish Life Center.

All members are encouraged to attend, and new members are always welcome! Hope to see you there!!!

CARDINAL BERNARDIN SCHOOL ATHLETICS MASS

The four supporting Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Parishes, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr, are inviting all students and athletes to participate in a combined Mass at 10:30AM, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 15050 South Wolf Road, Orland Park, on Sunday, November 10, 2019.

This combined school/parish Mass will be the first of four liturgies, one at each supporting Parish, for the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School to unify as one athletic program celebrating "the source and summit of Christian Life and the Liturgy, the Eucharist. There will be a section of The St. Francis of Assisi Church designated for the students from Cardinal Bernardin School and their families. Your attendance is greatly encouraged to strengthen our faith as one.

The student/athletes attending are encouraged to display their school pride by wearing their Cardinal Joseph Bernardin athletic uniform as well as the parents/guardians, coaches, and staff.

The upcoming parish liturgies at the other three parishes will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

We hope everyone will join together for this combined parish liturgy.



PARISHWIDE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year we are going to be sponsoring a parish-wide food drive this Thanksgiving Season. We are asking all parishioners and all parish groups and organizations to help with this food drive.



Donations of all kinds of non-perishable food items are desperately needed. We are asking everyone to bring a donation with them every weekend until the weekend of Thanksgiving.

All donations should be brought up and placed in the sanctuary around the altar so that we can surround the altar with gifts of our love and help those in need with food this upcoming holiday season.

So, the next time you are at the grocery store, please pick up an additional item or two and bring it with you to Mass each weekend. Help us "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Open my mind so I can learn about You;



Cut off the top

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.



Clean out the inside

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;



Cut two eyes

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.



Cut a nose

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;



Cut two ears

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.



Cut a mouth

Let Your light shine in me so others can see.



Place a candle inside

MY HAPPY LITTLE PUMPKIN SHOWS HOW MUCH GOD LOVES ME!



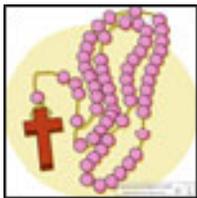
MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do you or does someone you know play an instrument? There are special times in our liturgical year, (Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and other liturgical celebrations,) when adding instruments to the liturgy makes a glorious praise to our God.

This is not a weekly commitment. You can play as often as you want or just an occasional Mass. Violin, viola, cello, double bass, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, flute, clarinet, oboe, sax, harp, guitar, and drums are needed.

If you are high school age or older, play any of these instruments and would like to use your talent to serve the Lord, please contact David Boyle, our Music Director, at david@ststephentinley.com or call him at 708-342-2400.





ROSARY AND PRAYER SERVICE

"Let us learn to pray more in the family and as a family."

With these words, the staff of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to a day of faith, visitation, gratitude and prayer honoring your loved ones at our Catholic Cemeteries.

On Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00PM, everyone is invited to gather as a community of faith in the interment chapels of our Catholic Cemeteries, where we will join together for a Prayer Service as your beloved are remembered in the recitation of the rosary. Your personal intentions will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful.

In addition, you will find the names of all those who have been buried within the cemetery from mid-October 2018 through mid-October 2019, memorialized on banners in each of the chapels. These banners will be displayed in the chapel during the recitation of the rosary and in the offices during the entire month of November.

Also, a "Memorial Remembrance Book" will be available in which you may write the names of your deceased loved ones. After the Prayer Service, the book will be available on the counter in each of the offices for you throughout the coming year for any additional names you would like us to remember in our daily prayers. This book will then be carried in procession and placed on the altar at our Field Masses on Memorial Day.



Men's Club 2019 Bags Championship

Congratulations to Jim Westerberg and Terry Liegh, who are this year's winners of the 2019 Men's Club Bags Championship.

MEN'S CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

The St. Stephen's Men's Club is sponsoring a Movie Night on Monday, November 25th, at 7PM, at the Marcus Theatres in Orland Park.

The featured movie is, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." In the movie, Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer (Emmy winner Matthew Rhys) is assigned to do a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbor.



The cost of this private showing is \$10 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available in the narthex starting next weekend. Tickets must be purchased before November 10th.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Saint Stephen's Children's Choir is an opportunity for kids to glorify God in a fun way by using their unique gifts and talents to be music ministers for our parish masses.



St. Augustine once wrote, "To sing is to pray twice." The choir's time together making music is rooted in prayer. The repertoire that they sing consists of a variety of songs that exposes children to various musical time periods and cultures within the Catholic tradition.

The goal of the Children's Choir program is to teach children the language of music and artistic expression within the context of a Catholic Christian community of faith, which includes active and regular participation in church liturgies. Children from the parish from second grade to eighth grade, are welcome to join.

The Children's Choir will rehearse weekly in the church on Thursdays, starting November 7th, from 4PM until 5PM.

The Children's Choir will sing two Sundays a month, at the 10AM Mass. The choir will also sing at the Christmas Eve Children's Masses, during Holy Week and Easter, and other special occasions.

Students in grades 2 through 8 are encouraged to join the choir. The first weekly rehearsal will be on Thursday, November 7th, in the music room.

For more information about the Children's Choir, please contact David Boyle, our Music Director, at david@ststephentinley.com or 708-342-2400.



EMAIL COMMUNICATION

Recently we have been experimenting with using the internet and email to send out parish information to our parishioners. We have the capability to send out important notices and information to our parishioners and families quickly and efficiently. Email communications are also good for the environment.

As we begin to explore this method of communication, we need to work at updating our email contacts for our parishioners. In the test emails, we found out that we have a significant number of emails that are either incorrect, have been changed, or are missing completely.

If you have not received any emails or notices from us in the past few weeks, then we probably have an incorrect or missing email address for you. If this is the case, we ask that you call the parish office and give us your correct email address.





WHAT IS A SAINT?

On November 1st the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. While many of us can name a laundry list of saints, and we know many of their life stories, do you really know what a saint is?

Saints, broadly speaking, are all people who follow Jesus Christ and live their lives according to His teaching. Catholics, however, often use the term more narrowly to refer especially to holy men and women who, by persevering in the Christian Faith and living extraordinary lives of virtue, have already entered Heaven.

The word saint comes from the Latin *sanctus* and literally means "holy." Throughout the New Testament, saint is used to refer to all who believe in Jesus Christ and who followed His teachings.

Saint Paul often addresses his epistles to "the saints" of a particular city and the Acts of the Apostles, written by Paul's disciple Saint Luke, talks about Saint Peter going to visit the saints in Lydda.

The assumption was that those men and women who followed Christ had been so transformed that they were now different from other men and women and, thus, should be considered holy. In other words, sainthood always referred not simply to those who had faith in Christ but more specifically to those who lived lives of virtuous action inspired by that faith.

Very early on, however, the meaning of the word began to change. As Christianity began to spread, it became clear that some Christians lived lives of extraordinary, or heroic, virtue beyond that of the average Christian believer. While other Christians struggled to live out the Gospel of Christ, these particular Christians were eminent examples of the moral virtues and they easily practiced the virtues of faith, hope, and charity and exhibited the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The word saint, previously applied to all Christian believers, became more narrowly applied to such people, who were venerated after their deaths as saints, usually by the members of their local church or the Christians in the region where they had lived, because they were familiar with their good deeds.

Eventually, the Catholic Church created a process, called canonization, through which such venerable people could be recognized as saints by all Christians everywhere.

Most of the saints whom we refer to by that title (for instance, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or Pope Saint John Paul II) have gone through this process of canonization. Others, such as Saint Paul, Saint Peter and the other apostles, and many of the saints from the first millennium of Christianity, received the title through acclamation - the universal recognition of their holiness.

Catholics believe that both types of saints (canonized and acclaimed) are already in Heaven, which is why one of the requirements for the canonization process

is proof of miracles performed by the deceased Christian after his death. Such miracles, the Church teaches, are the result of the saint's intercession with God in heaven. Canonized saints can be venerated anywhere and prayed to publicly, and their lives are held up to Christians still struggling here on earth as examples to be imitated.

The practice of adopting patron saints goes back to the building of the first public churches in the Roman Empire, most of which were built over the graves of martyrs. The churches were then given the name of the martyr, and the martyr was expected to act as an intercessor for the Christians who worshiped there.

Soon, Christians began to dedicate churches to other holy men and women - saints - who were not martyrs. Today, we still place some relic of a saint inside the altar of each church, and we dedicate that church to a patron. That's what it means to say that our church is St. Stephen.

Patron saints of churches, and more broadly of regions and countries, have generally been chosen because of some connection of that saint to that place - he had preached the Gospel there; he had died there; some or all of his relics had been transferred there. As Christianity spread to areas with few martyrs or canonized saints, it became common to dedicate a church to a saint whose relics were placed in it or who was especially venerated by the founders of the Church. Thus, in the United States, immigrants often chose as patrons the saints that had been venerated in their native lands.

By the Middle Ages, the practice of adopting patron saints had spread beyond churches to "the ordinary interests of life, their health, their family, their trade, their maladies, and perils, their death, their city and country. Thus, Saint Joseph became the patron saint of carpenters; Saint Cecilia, of musicians; etc. Saints were usually chosen as patrons of occupations that they had actually held or that they had patronized during their lives.

The same is true of patron saints for diseases, who often suffered from the malady assigned to them or cared for those who did. Sometimes, though, martyrs were chosen as the patron saints of diseases which were reminiscent of their martyrdom. Saint Agatha, who was martyred c. 250, was chosen as the patron of those with diseases of the breast since her breasts were cut off when she refused marriage to a non-Christian.

Catholic devotion to the saints is our way of showing respect and admiration for the memory of those men and women who chose to surrender their will, and sometimes their lives, to serve God and his Church.

Saints are ordinary people - some married; some remained single; and some entered religious life. They are imperfect people who, because of their faith, persevered where others gave up and endured much more for the sake of Christ.

All Holy Men and Women, pray for us!



First Responders Appreciation Mass



STEWARDSHIP

October 27, 2019 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.



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Regular Sunday	\$16,017.00
Sharing	\$65.00
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All Souls/All Saints	\$90.00
Seminary Appeal	\$10.00
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<i>Dum Dums</i>	<i>Nestle Goobers</i>
<i>Good & Plenty</i>	<i>Nestle Raisinettes</i>
<i>Hershey Kisses</i>	<i>Nestle Sno Caps</i>
<i>Hershey's Milk Chocolate</i>	<i>Reeses Peanut Butter Cups</i>
<i>Hershey's Dark Chocolate</i>	<i>Ring Pops</i>
<i>Hershey Skor</i>	<i>York Peppermint Patties</i>



GIVING GREENER

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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

November 2nd - November 3rd

5PM - Jean Coughlin, Julie Lacerna, Mary Tafoya

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

10AM - Anna Williams, Pauline Cotrano, Linda Giroux

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



Meetings/Events

Sunday, October 27th

Men's Club Christmas Wreath Sale - Narthex
Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Orland Township Flu Shots
Large Meeting Room
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Queen of Hearts Sales Parish Office
10:00 AM - Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 AM - Confirmation Rite of Enrollment Mass
10:00 AM - Growing with God Preschool Program
3:00 PM - Baptism
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Trunk or Treat - Church Parking Lot

Monday, October 28th

Religious Education Classes 4pm & 6pm
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts Sales Parish Office
10:00 AM Seniors Young at Heart Meeting - PLC

Tuesday, October 29th

Religious Education Classes 4pm & 6pm
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts Sales Parish Office
6:00 PM Rosary Daily Chapel (English)
7:00 PM Rosary Daily Chapel (Polish)

Wednesday, October 30th

Religious Education Classes 4pm & 6pm
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts Sales Parish Office
8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Thursday, October 31st

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 Sales Parish Office
5:30 PM Meals Program PLC

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Benediction Daily Chapel followed by
Divine Mercy Prayers
7:00 PM RCIA #106

Friday, November 1st - All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation - All Saints Day Mass Times -
8 am, Noon, 6:30 pm (English); 7:30 pm (Polish)
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Parish Office
8:45 AM - Scripture Study #126
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Al-Anon Polish #153
8:00 PM AA Pol #161

Saturday, November 2nd

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales
8:00 AM - AA #158/159
11AM & 1PM Parent & Student Reconciliation Formation
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales Parish
Office
7:00 PM 1st Sat Mass (Polish) Church

Sunday, November 3rd Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Narthex...Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales
10:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 AM Growing with God Preschool Program
10:00 AM Parish Memorial Mass with refreshments after
Mass
3:00 PM Baptism



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Welcome! We are happy you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It takes place within the context of the church community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming part of The Catholic Faith or if you are a Catholic who needs to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, this is the place for you.

Who is RCIA for?

The RCIA is for adults who are interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. This would include anyone who is not baptized, or a person who was baptized into another faith denomination and would like to become Catholic. It is also for baptized Catholics who have not received the Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation.

What is RCIA?

The Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is one that models the process of conversion and is marked by different stages and rites (ceremonies).

The process is for non-baptized adults (catechumens) and baptized Christians (candidates) to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. RCIA is first and foremost an opportunity for people to develop or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. During this process each participant will learn about the doctrine of the Catholic faith, and have opportunities to get questions answered. If they should desire, a person may enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

If you are ready to begin the process of learning more about becoming Catholic, please contact our parish office. You will be contacted by a staff member who will meet with you to determine the next steps for you. Since everyone's situation is different, the individual circumstances and sacramental needs of each person will be assessed. This is what determines the process to be followed and the time frame involved.

For more information about our RCIA Program, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 27th

7:00 am	Steven Booth Parishioners of Saint Stephen's	Cole Family
8:30 am	Luke & Mary Marren Elmer J. Bucek Roy McGrath	Family Elaine Bucek Maury & Sheila McNulty
10:00 am	Jean Dobersztyn Jean Dobersztyn Thomas Leoni 30 th Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Terri Schulte	St. Stephen's Men's Club Mary Anne Whooley Teri Healy
11:30 am	Frannie Wawrzaszek Guy Conlin	Jennie Freed John & Karen Dillon & Family
1:00 pm	Jerzy Budny	Henry Czajewski
6:15 pm	Virginia Owen Ann Vidinich	Family Family

Monday, October 28th

8:00 am	Estrella Norella Byron Grober H. M. Johnson	Deanching Family Meghan & Josh Family
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Tuesday, October 29th

8:00 am	Souls & Purgatory Society David Newquist	Bern Daley
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Wednesday, October 30th

8:00 am	Leo Manny Purgatorial Society	Janet Kaminski
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Thursday, October 31st

8:00 am	Kathy Kelley Thomas O'Brien	Kelley & Guzzo Family Bern Daley Family
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Friday, November 1st—All Saints Day

8:00 am	John & Kunegunda Cwekala Betty Staniszewski	Opyd Grandchildren Zampillo Family
12:00 pm	Louis Rychetsky Blessings for Ridge & Yadron Families	Mr. & Mrs. Rychetsky
6:30 pm	Walter Hildebrandt, Jr. Theresa Besse	Family Grady Family
7:30 pm		

Saturday, November 2nd - All Souls Day

8:00 am	Henry W. Michalski Joseph Latka Don Schmidt	Dolores Michalski Burns Family Lenczycki Family
5:00 pm	O'Brien & Daley Family H. R. Johnson Baiamonte Family Pumo Family Bucceri Family	Bern Daley Family Family Family Family Family

Sunday, November 3rd

7:00 am	Steven Booth	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Doyle
8:30 am	Elizabeth & Joseph Persin Guy Conlin	Barbara Black Deacon Chuck & Terese McFarland
10:00 am	Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors of Saint Stephen Parish Halina Kelso-Leonard Howard Kuzelka Edward Slotabec	Family Elaine Lindenmeyer Roeper Family
11:30 am	Bill & Toni Rafferty & Mary Sheila Nash	Ann Hughes Family
1:00 pm	Maria Paluzzko Halina Tylka	Henry Czajewski
6:15 pm	Tony Cimino Ray Rebmann & John Kunhart	Family Theresa Gamino



Please pray for those who
are sick and in need
of healing from our
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Mary Pat Bekta
Eileen Krippel
Ruth Pomaszewski
Terry Ryan
Marie Zabrocki



PRAYER REQUESTS

Parishioners' names and those of their immediate family members will be read at Mass for two weeks and listed in the bulletin for another two weeks. 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.

After the second two weeks, all names will then be added to the Parish Petition Book, which is presented at each Mass.

To be added to our prayer list, please contact Deacon Pete in the Parish Office.



As a Parish Family we pray for those
who have been called from this life
to eternal life in Christ.

Veronica Vobowsky



We pray for those engaged to be married

Jordan Van Gilder & Ashley Schaffer - III



Weekend Masses: Saturday, 5PM and Sunday, 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 11:30AM, & 6:15PM. 1PM in Polish
Daily Mass 8AM - Monday through Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays starting at 8:30AM and by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays 8:30AM - 6:30PM and Fridays 8:30AM - 3:30PM
Benediction & Divine Mercy Prayers - Thursdays at 6:30PM
Rosary 6PM - 2nd and last Tuesday of the month in English - 7PM every Tuesday in Polish

W ciągu całego roku Msza Św. w niedzielę w języku polskim jest o godz. 1pm
Pierwszy piątek miesiąca: Spowiedź od 6:30PM-7:30PM - Msza o 7:30pm
Pierwsza sobota miesiąca: od godz. 7:00-9:30pm

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 choose. Donating through GiveCentral is a way to simplify your giving and is environmentally friendly. Signing up takes ONLY a few minutes. Go to our parish website www.ststephentinley.com and click on the Donate Now button at the bottom of the page.
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- **Electronic Donations**—St. Stephen's accepts electronic donations through Byline Bank. To begin this method of donating, you will need to complete and sign the authorization form and attach a voided check and bring the items to the Parish Office. The authorization form is located on our website under Support/Sunday Giving.
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