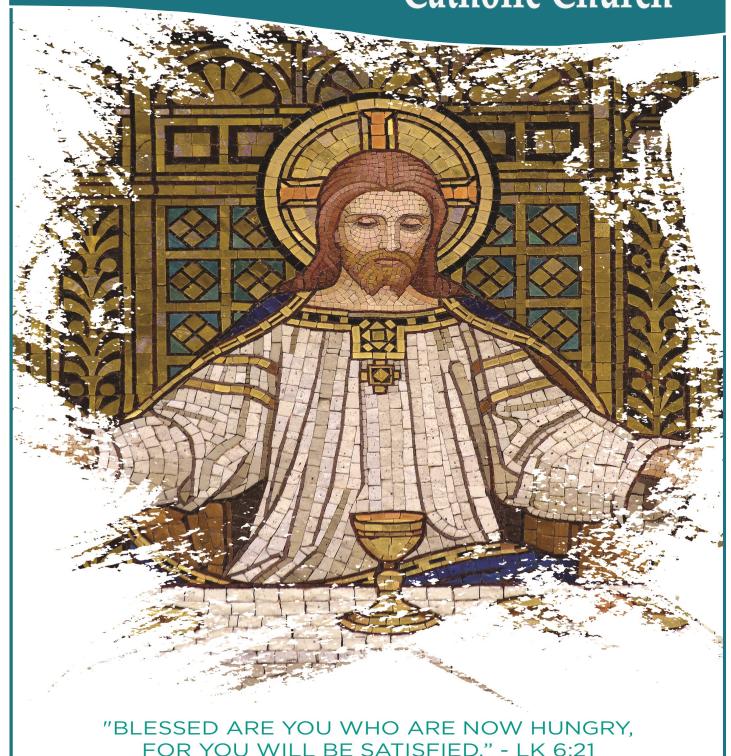
St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 13, 2022

Faith Life

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Mass Schedule

Mass of Anticipation—5pm Saturday in English Sunday Masses—7:30am, 9am, 11:00am in English 12:30pm in Polish

Daily Mass-8am in English

Mass Intentions

The 2022 Mass Book is open. Please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to discuss available dates. Mass intentions can be requested for a deceased person or for a special intention for the living.

Reconciliation—English and Polish

Saturday—4pm to 5pm and First Fridays—6pm to 7pm And by appointment.

Additional times offered during Advent and Lent. Please check the bulletin.

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- 6pm to 7pm— Adoration & Reconciliation in English
 & Polish
- 7pm Mass—Polish

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Thursday 8:30am to 7pm in the Daily Chapel

Rosary

8:30am—Thursday mornings

5:30pm—Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month

Parish Office Phone Number

708-342-2400

Prayer List

St. Stephen publishes a list in the bulletin of those who are in need of healing from our Divine Healer. To be added to our prayer list, please contact Deacon Pete Van Merkestyn.

Ministry of Care

Holy Communion for homebound parishioners can be arranged by calling Barbara Black in the Parish Office at x137.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office if you or a loved one needs this holy sacrament. If this sacrament is needed after office hours, you can still reach a parish priest.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office to make funeral arrangements. Funeral dates and times are dependent upon clergy and church availability.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is a spiritual journey of faith for adults who would like to become Catholic. If you are interested in starting this faith and education process, please contact Barbara Black in the Parish Office at x137.

Sacrament of Baptism

New parishioners are required to register and a baptism preparation class is required. Start the inquiry process at www.ststephentinley.com/baptism-prep

- English baptisms are celebrated at 2:30pm on the first, third, and fourth Sunday of every month.
- Polish baptisms are celebrated at 2:00pm on the second Sunday of the month and during the 12:30pm Polish Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples interested in the Sacrament of Matrimony can start the process by completing the Marriage Inquiry form found on our parish website:

ststephentinley.com/sacrament-of-marriage

Scripture Study

Fridays from 8:45am until 10am—Room 153/Educ. Side

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 14-8 AM

- ♣ Don Daley—Req. by Bern Daley
- ☆ Sam LaMargo—Req. by Family
- S.I. Kathy Foley—Req. by Margaret Wendt

Tuesday, February 15-8 AM

- ♥ Dolores Kulinawski—Req. by Tina Sypniewski
- Clem Hojnacki—Reg. by J. Hojnacki

Wednesday, February 16-8 AM

- S.I. Jennifer Mikulskis—Req. by Mom
- S.I. Fr. Bob Stuglik—Req. by J. Hojnacki

Thursday, February 17—8 AM

☆ Al Lucci—Req. by Kathy Schmidt

Friday, February 18-8 AM

☆ Marie Schneider—Req. by Mary Ann Foy

Saturday, February 19-5:00 PM

- ♣ Patricia Savage—Req. by Family
- Theresa Manikowski—Req. by Husband
- ♣ John & Jeanette Dygdon—Req. by Family
- S.I. Jennifer Mikulskis—Req. by Mom
- S.I. Blessings for Kagauskis Family

Sunday, February 20

7:30 AM

- S.I. For the People
- S.I. The Dressel Family—Req. by Connie Rice

9:00 AM

- Rich Anderson—Req. by Connie and Jim Walkowski
- ☆ Carole Matthew—Req. by Gail Copley

11:00 AM

- S.I. Natalie Sims—Req. by Margaret Wendt
- ☆ Fred Foltyn—Req. by His Sister

12:30 PM

- S.I. Intencje Zbiorowe
- ☆ Kazimierz Kwiatkowski
- 🕆 Janusz Sochacki—Req. by Family

Uniting Our Hearts in Prayer

FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33 **Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1 **Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-

13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Tip: Daily readings are available and refreshed daily on our parish website <u>ststephentinley.com</u>. To view the daily readings, go to **Today's Readings** under the parish calendar on the home page and click on the day of the week (e.g. Monday of the Sixth week of Ordinary Time).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Tony Calich, Karen Opyd, Bill Nosek, Jim Tebo, Gerald Bernson, and the sick of our parish

Archdiocesan Appeal



Please Make Your Gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Making all things new ...

God's promise and our responsibility

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." This is especially important as many in our parishes have been affected financially by the pandemic. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Annual Catholic Appeal will fund services in our own parish, St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr. If we meet our Archdiocesan goal of \$60,359 then 100% of the money donated above the goal amount will be returned to the parish and will be used towards Youth Ministry and to help offset the cost of the roof replacement that we plan to do this year.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

Save the dates!

- Polish Lenten Retreat: Friday, 3/18, Saturday, 3/19 & Sunday, 3/20 (Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 12:30pm)
- Behold Adoration Event—Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30pm
- English Lenten Speaker, Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.M. -Wednesday, March 30 at 7pm
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour—April 24 at 3pm (Bilingual)

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Rosary Update

The rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet will now be prayed daily in the Church after the 8am Mass, Monday through Friday. All are welcome to join in these beautiful prayers. Rosary will continue to be offered on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at 5:30pm. Exact dates can be found on our online parish calendar or in the "This Week" calendar section of our bulletin.

Old Palms Needed for Ash Wednesday

St. Stephen parish will be collecting old palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 2 this year. Donation boxes will be in the narthex from Saturday, February 19 through Sunday, February 27. Please drop off your donations during this time. We kindly ask you not to put any plastic bags in these containers. Parishioners are invited to attend the palm burning ceremony after the 8am Mass on Tuesday, March 1.

Lenten Reflection Books Available

The "Little Black Book" Lenten reflection books will be available in the narthex, beginning this weekend. Reflections begin February 27, 2022 and end on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. The reflections include daily six-minute meditations on the parables of Jesus. A donation of \$1 per book is recommended.

Visitation of the Seven Churches

During Holy Week, the Last Supper Mass will be celebrated at 7pm at our church. After Mass, as is our faith tradition, St. Stephen will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Following the Lord's Supper, we would like to offer our parishioners a pilgrimage to seven area churches. This faith tradition is known as the Visitation of the Seven Churches and many in our parish still practice this tradition or perhaps remember it from years past. "It is a powerful way to spend time in adoration, meditating on Christ's sacrifice of love for the salvation of souls in preparation for the joy of Easter. There is something special about visiting churches late into the night. It is not just because of the opportunity to visit other parishes, it's because of intentionally seeking Christ to spend time with Him and contemplating the gift of His love" (Today's Catholic.org).

If interest exists in this pilgrimage, we would like to secure a bus for that evening to drive parishioners from parish to parish. We anticipate leaving here after Holy Thursday Mass and returning for our final prayers at St. Stephen by 11:45pm. We would need between 28 and 56 persons to commit in order to secure the bus. We expect the cost to be no more than \$10 per person. If you would be interested in participating in this Holy Thursday pilgrimage, please contact the parish office at 708-342-2400. You will be asked for your name, phone number, and email, if you have one. We will then be in contact if there is enough interest in this Holy Thursday pilgrimage.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

SECOND READING:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

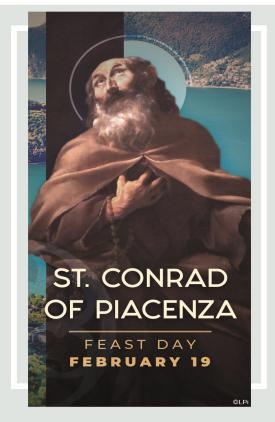
Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,

Bishop; Valentine's Day

Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order





Saint of the Week

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make res-titution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PLANTED NEAR WATER

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun.

That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water

Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

HOW CAN A PRIEST COUNSEL PEOPLE ABOUT MARRIAGE WHEN HE HAS NEVER BEEN MARRIED?

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need

personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon.

Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.



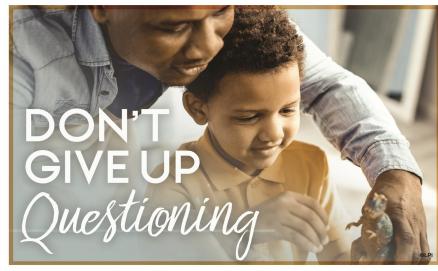
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for



answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions,

holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." - Lk 6:21

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Msza Święta: w każdą niedzielę o godz. 12:30 pm

SAKRAMENT POKUTY I POJEDNANIA: soboty od godz. 4-5 pm

Pierwsze piątki miesiąca od godz. 6-7 pm

ADORACJA NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO SAKRAMENTU: od poniedziałku do czwartku od 8:30 am

(po zakończeniu Mszy świętej) do 7 pm w kaplicy oraz w pierwsze piątki miesiąca od 6-7 pm

Nabożeństwo Pierwszych Piątków Miesiąca:

• Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu od godziny 6:00 pm.

Sakrament Pokuty i Pojednania 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Litania do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa

Msza Święta w języku Polskim 7:00 pm

Mówimy po polsku

W poniedziałek lub środę w godzinach

od 9am - 12:30pm

można porozumiewać sie w języku polskim w naszym biurze parafialnym. Zapraszamy

Odwiedzenie Chorego oraz Sakrament Namaszczenia Chorych:

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym. W każdym przypadku poważnej choroby lub wypadku należy wezwać księdza. Komunia Święta oraz/lub oleje święte zostaną udzielone chorym na żądanie.

Sakrament Chrztu Świętego:

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu rejestracji i wypełnienia form.

W drugą niedzielę miesiąca o godz. 2pm oraz w czwartą niedzielę miesiąca podczas Mszy świętej. We wszystkich innych sprawach, bardzo prosimy o kontakt z Biurem Parafialnym.

Sposoby wspierania duszpasterstwa parafii pw. Św. Szczepana Diakona i Męczennika:

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Intencje na Msze Św. na rok 2022

Zachęcamy Państwa do składania intencji na Msze Św. na rok 2022 . Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym od poniedziałku do czwartku w godz. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. W piątki od 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1 pm - 4:30 pm. W soboty biuro parafialne jest czynne od godz.9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Obowiązek noszenia maski na twarzy podczas pobytu na terenie kościoła

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Wspomnienie Świętego Walentego, biskupa i męczennika - 14 luty



Walenty był biskupem Terni w Umbrii. Wiadomości o nim są dość skąpe i niejednoznaczne. Żył w III w. i był kapłanem rzymskim. Tam w czasie prześladowań (Klaudiusza II Gota), wraz ze św. Mariuszem i krewnymi, asystował męczennikom w czasie ich procesów i egzekucji. Wkrótce sam został pojmany i doprowadzony do prefekta Rzymu, który przeprowadził rutynowy proces polegający na wymuszaniu odstępstwa od Chrystusa. W tym celu kazał użyć kijów. Ponieważ nie przyniosło to oczekiwanego rezultatu, kazał ściąć Walentego.

Stało się to 14 lutego 269 roku.

Pochowano go w Rzymie przy via Flaminia. Brak bliższych wiadomości o nim nie przeszkodził w szybkim rozwoju jego kultu. Jego grób już w IV w. otoczony był szczególną czcią. Nad grobem papież Juliusz I wystawił bazylikę pod wezwaniem św. Walentego. Odnowił ją później papież Teodor I. Bazylika wraz z grobem św. Walentego stała się prawdziwym sanktuarium i jednym z pierwszych miejsc pielgrzymkowych. W ciągu średniowiecza kult Walentego objął całą niemal Europę. W średniowieczu na terenie niemieckim Święty był wzywany jako orędownik podczas ciężkich chorób, zwłaszcza nerwowych i epilepsji. Na Zachodzie, zwłaszcza w Anglii i Stanach Zjednoczonych, czczono św. Walentego jako patrona zakochanych. W związku z tym dzień 14 lutego stał się okazją do obdarowywania się drobnymi upominkami.

W ikonografii św. Walenty przedstawiany jest jako kapłan w ornacie, z kielichem w lewej ręce, a z mieczem w prawej, także w stroju biskupa uzdrawiającego chłopca z padaczki. www.brewiarz.pl

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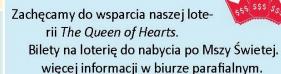
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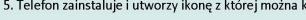


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Wiele rodzin w naszej parafii wkrótce otrzyma list od Kardynała Cupicha z prośbą o złożenie zobowiązania finansowego na rzecz Kwesty Katolickiej. W imieniu tych, którzy korzystają z posług duszpasterskich, parafialnych i otrzymują pomoc finansową z funduszy Kwesty, dziękujemy Państwu za Wasz dar. Prosimy o jak najszybsze odesłanie swojej odpowiedzi. Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka stwarza wspaniałe możliwości odpowiedzi na wezwanie, aby: "Odnowić wszystko... Boża obietnica i nasza odpowiedzialność". Jest to szczególnie ważne, kiedy wiele naszych parafii zostało finansowo dotkniętych skutkami pandemii. Dlatego zachęcamy do złożenia ofiary bez względu na jej wysokość, aby wesprzeć tę inicjatywę. Poza wspieraniem dzieł duszpasterskich i programów w całej Archidiecezji, Kwesta Katolicka finansuje również posługi, które służą wielką pomocą duszpasterstwu naszej parafii.

Adoration Testimonies from Across the Country

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Adoration testimony from a young woman, who has recently come back to the Church and has started weekly Adoration: "It continues to amaze me that I stayed away from Church and my faith as long as I did. But I am even more amazed and overjoyed at how great it feels to be back. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament has been such a comfort to me. I feel that he takes me in His arms and looks after me each and every day. I just love to pour out all my joys and sorrows and problems to Him and I feel He listens and takes care of everything for me. It gives me a great serenity and peace when facing the daily chaos of life and living"

Adoration testimony from a busy sceptic, but not anymore! "I have for many years resisted the call or invitation to be involved in Eucharistic Adoration. I didn't see any great advantage in it and anyway I felt I was too busy. Adoration has been going on in this Parish for 10 years or more. My life was taken up with work, sporting activities, and holidays. I never had a spare moment. Suddenly I faced a crisis in my life and when all else failed I dropped into our church to ask for help. Adoration was in progress with a few people present. On the way out I was approached by this man who asked me if I would commit to an hour a week for about a month and fill in for him while he was on vacation. After some persuasion on his part, I agreed. This was the best decision I ever made. It was the first time in years that I experience peace in my life, and I wanted more of this. When the month passed, he came to thank me and suggested I commit for an hour of my own. I agreed to give it a try. Seven years later I am still doing an hour a week. It has made such a difference in my life. I now go to mass regularly and have a much greater love of the Mass and much more interested in it. The crisis, bit by bit disappeared. I am still very busy at various things but the hour in Adoration seems to help me to have a clearer head and do things more effectively and efficiently. I now realize after all these years that the busier you are the more you need the Lord and one of the places to find Him is in the Adoration Chapel.

If you would like to share your story on the impact Adoration has had in your life or have questions, please contact Margaret at mmwendt@comcast.net. Your testimony can be inspiring to many people who are thinking about committing to Adoration.

Further details about Adoration at St. Stephen are available on our website www.ststephentinley.com/adoration

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Shares a Thank You Note Received

VILLA INFANTIL FEDERICO OZANAM

Chilca, January 26, 2022

Dear St. Stephen St. Vincent de Paul Conference,

The Villa Infantil Federico Ozanam is a residential assistance center located in the district of Chilca, province of Cañete, department of Lima, Peru; created in 1976 by Vincentian volunteers who began to provide help to the residents of the district of Chilca affected by the earthquake that occurred years



ago, and seeing that there were many abandoned and orphaned children, they decided to start up the project of a shelter whose main function would be to care for less protected children, and this is how the Villa Infantil Federico Ozanam shelter was born.

The Villa Infantil Federico Ozanam shelter works in direct coordination with the Ministry of Women and vulnerable populations, since this entity is the one that determines if the children are in family, moral and material abandonment and in turn determines the protection measures that are applied. You must provide each child who is admitted to our shelter.

The multidisciplinary team consists of 3 tutors who accompany them 24 hours a day and whose functions are: to provide daily food, family care, guide them in virtual education and Catholic formation; a social worker who monitors the children's social environment, their health and their reintegration into society; and a psychologist who works on the emotional part and directs the different therapies that each child must follow to be better every day.

The year 2021 was a year marked by covid-19 and different bio-safety protocols were issued to prevent the spread of the virus and so we thank God that no child or team member was infected with covid-19. Education in 2021 was virtual and thanks to the donations of computers, laptops and cell phones, and to the fact that the internet service operator was changed and connectivity was improved; the children accessed a virtual education without difficulties.

The food provided to the children is of the highest quality, and they receive 3 daily meals such as breakfast, lunch and dinner; In addition to the fruits that accompany them in the morning and/or in the afternoon, a water filter was purchased, which purifies the water up to 99% and converts salt water into potable or drinkable water.

One of the functions as a shelter is the reintegration of children into society when they turn 18 years old, and for that reason adolescents from the age of 15 have been enrolled in makeup, manicure, massage, etc. courses; all this so that when they leave the shelter, they can perform in any of the courses learned.

For these reasons, we want to thank God for allowing us to carry out this work of love and we want to thank the members of the St. Stephen Conference, who with their economic donations can support the expenses of food, clothing and footwear, salaries of the multidisciplinary team, basic services of water, electricity, gas, telephone and internet, cleaning supplies, mobility, etc; necessary to be able to improve the quality of life of our sheltered children and to be able to make the children who deserve it happy.

We are going to pray that you and your relatives have good health, have success in your life and receive many blessings from God and that you never forget that there are children in Chilca who are very grateful for your donations; and indicate that we are aware that without them, this great work of love could not be carried out.

Thank you very much and many blessings





<u>Day</u>	Start Date	Start Time	<u>Event</u>	Location
Sunday	FEB 13	All Masses	2022 Annual Catholic Appeal Announcement Weekend;	Church
			Marriage Blessing	
	FEB 13	All Masses	Little Black Books Available; Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales	Narthex
	FEB 13	10:00 AM	RE Classes	Ed. Wing
	FEB 13	11:00 AM	Grade 1 Class Mass	Church
	FEB 13	3:00 PM	Baptisms in Polish	Church
MonThurs.	FEB 14-FEB 17	8:30 AM - 7 PM	Adoration	Chapel
Monday	FEB 14	10:00 AM	Seniors Young @ Heart Monthly Meeting	PLC
	FEB 14	4:15 PM	RE Classes 4:15/6:00	Ed. Wing
Tuesday	FEB 15	10:00 AM	Ladies Social Club	PLC
	FEB 15	3:00 PM	CJB Athletics - Basketball practice	PLC
	FEB 15	7:00 PM	Events Committee Meeting	Room 169
Wednesday	FEB 16	4:15 PM	RE Classes 4:15/6:00	Ed. Wing
	FEB 16	7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Church
Thursday	FEB 17	8:30 AM	Morning Rosary	Church
	FEB 17	12:00 PM	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales	RE Office
	FEB 17	7:00 PM	Parish Finance Council	Room 125/126
	FEB 17	7:00 PM	Polish AA	Room 153
	FEB 17	7:00 PM	RCIA - Youth Room	Youth Room
Friday	FEB 18	8:30 AM	Scripture Study	Room 153
	FEB 18	12:00 PM	Queen of Heart Ticket Sales	RE Office
	FEB 18	4:00 PM	Set Up for Meal Program	PLC
	FEB 18	5:00 PM	SSDM Carry-Out Meals Program	PLC
	FEB 18	7:00 PM	English AA	Rm. 174
Saturday	FEB 19	9 AM &12 PM	First Communion Retreats	PLC
Sat/Sun.	FEB 19	All Masses	2022 Annual Catholic Commitment Weekend	Church
	FEB 19	All Masses	Collection of Palms; Queen of Hearts Ticket Sales;	Narthex
			SVDP Food Drive	
Sunday	FEB 20		No RE Classes	
	FEB 20	10:00 AM	Meet and Greet/Parish Registration after 9 AM Mass	PLC
	FEB 20	11:00 AM	Growing with God	PLC
	FEB 20	12:30 PM	Polish Baptism	Church
	FEB 20	2:30 PM	Baptism	Church



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Capital Improvement	\$235.00
Church in Latin America	\$138.00
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Angel Fund 2nd Collection	\$3,073.00

Parish News

Events Committee Notice—New Meeting Added: Tuesday, February 15 at 7pm in Large Meeting Room. Please contact Theresa Gamino at theresa@ststephentinley.com with questions.

Meet and Greet—Please join us next weekend for our Meet and Greet event on Sunday, March 20 after the 9am Mass in the Parish Life Center. Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. New parishioners can register at this time. All are welcome! Come for coffee and stay for conversation!

Tax Letters—Tax letters have been sent out to those who meet the tax criteria. If you donate through Give Central, you can get your letter from Give Central directly by contacting them or going through their website. If you have not received an expected tax letter and would like one, or have any other questions concerning your tax letter, please send an email to castro@ststephentinley.com with the subject line of Tax Letter. Thank you.

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Raffle donations needed:

- Gift cards in any amount, to any location (dining, gas, retail, etc.) to be used as part of a special raffle.
- New opened items that can be used for basket raffles (wine, liquor, etc.).
- Please bring items to parish office during regular business hours.



Questions?

Please contact Theresa Gamino at

theresa@ststephentinley.com

or call and leave her a message at the parish office at 708-342-2400.

Seniors Young at



February Monthly Meeting

- Monday, February 14 at 10 am in the Parish Life Center
- Movie Day featuring some old time silent movies
- Hot dogs, chips & popcorn served at no charge
- New members welcome. Yearly fee is \$15.

March Monthly Meeting

- Monday, March 14 at 10 am in the Parish Life Center
- Activity—Bingo! You can buy six sheets for \$5.
- Lunch—White Castle Hamburgers at no charge.
- · Register at February's meeting

Knights of Columbus Comedy Show

Saturday March 12th, 2022



- O'Connell Hall at St. George
- Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner starts about 7 PM.
- Seating and tickets limited. Tickets—\$45 per person
- Tickets include the show, dinner. and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Ticket holders cannot bring alcohol in. Snacks permissible.

For tickets and information please use the KC website: *knights4698.org.*

If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at 708-247-6387 or email him at: *rpmertens@comcast.net*. You may also contact Don Clark at 630-461-6541 if attempts to contact Rob are unsuccessful.

We look forward to seeing you again after a year off for a fun filled evening.

BEYOND DIVORCE

Divorced and Hurting? Divorce is painful and often shattering. Divorce does change every aspect of a person's life. If you would like help in managing these changes join us St George in mid-February. St George will be offering a 10-session study/discussion group using the book *Divorce and Beyond*. Those who suffered a divorce are invited to register. The group will meet on a day to be determined at our first meeting, February 22 at 7pm. Call now to reserve your place for *Divorce and Beyond*.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Joe Truesdale from St. George at 708-614-0286

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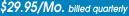
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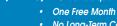


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